

## Reasoning behind choosing these cards

### **Chariot** - Control

The chariot, with horses trying to pull in different directions, is a difficult vehicle to operate. A formula 1 race car has similar characteristics, being constantly on the edge of spinning out of control. This card prominently features the driver reigning over the vehicle. Only a cool driver confident in his abilities can control the wild beast that will drive him to victory.

### **Death** - Transition

The ball player has spent his time on the field winning, losing, having fun. But now he needs to give up his position to a new player. He has hung up his cap and is walking off the field towards a new experience, which from the glimpse seen through the exit portal, is a whole different thing indeed.

### **Devil** - Ambition

Oh how they so desperately desire that treasure, each pulling as hard as they can. But no matter how much they try, they will never get the satisfaction. They just need to let go, as there is nothing preventing them from leaving this dark room and going out into the sunny fresh air.

### **Emperor** - Manliness

Athena is the perfect embodiment of the archetype. Protective of her dependent, assertive in her knowledge, brave in the face of adversity, and bold in her demeanor.

### **Empress** - Womanliness

The image is replete with symbology. The smiling barefoot mature pregnant mother adapting the apple tree roots into lounge beside her varied ripe harvest. She has a mirror so she can tactfully arrange her attractive necklace of seeds and garland of beautiful flowers. In the sunny scene are a rabbit, sliced pomegranates, wheat, pretty butterflies, and swallows gracefully whirling in the distance.

### **Fool** - Adventure

Walking out onto the field for the first time, there is great excitement, but also inexperience. The rookie doesn't know what balls he will be pitched, but his body language shows he is up to the challenge. The opposing teams catcher and the ruling umpire both watch him keenly to see how he will perform.

### **Hanged Man** - Introspection

Up, down, right, left, male, female, black, white. Everyone in this image is forcing themselves to take a time out, and consider things from an unaccustomed perspective.

### **Hermit** - Contemplation

This fellow is reminiscent of a house inspector. Solitarily with his flashlight-like wand, he is thoroughly examining all the nooks and crannies. His face clearly shows that his mind is processing deeply.

### **Hierophant** - Tradition

Sitting upon his throne-like chair beside established works of wisdom and etiquette, the learned old keeper of the keys passes on the doctrines to the attentive young students at his feet.

**High Priestess** - Research

The librarian is contemplating an ancient tome while sitting upon a chair shaped like the crescent dawning moon. The knowledge lying behind the library doorway is obscured, but available for research.

**Judgement** - Summation

Having worked hard to meet the expected standards, the nervous potential courtesan stands before the unreadable nobleman, courageously awaiting and willing to accept whatever his judgement will be.

**Justice** - Adjustment

Although beautiful, the flowers tendrils are slowly toppling the columns. Clearly perceiving the need for adjustment, Themis unhesitatingly prunes them away, returning the columns balance and stability.

**Lovers** - Relationship

Frigg loves her husband Odin, but she also loves beautiful things. Here she is being tempted with a gorgeous necklace made by a master dwarf craftsman. The choice? She may have it if she spends a night in the dwarves bedchamber. Will she do it? Odin may not be watching, but his raven knows.

**Magician** - Expression

You can see in his face that this decorator has the confidence to take various unrelated objects, and through sheer willpower and desire, cleverly combine them into a stunning integrated environment.

**Moon** - Confusion

Under the creative light of a full moon, upon the sea of intuition and delusion, the autonomous pirate ship is being tossed about and drawn onto a new course by a fantastic madness.

**Star** - Hope

While quietly recovering on the banks of a still water, a star of promise shines brightly in the distance.

**Strength** - Restraint

These powerful tigers know that they could bite off your face at any moment. But this desire is being quelled by the ladies gentle coaxing, and for now they are content just to be petted.

**Sun** - Clarity

Things at the moment are sunny side up! The loving young wife has just surprised her husband with his favorite breakfast, which will give him the energy he needs to lucidly tackle his challenges at the office.

**Temperance** - Synthesis

Into the mixing bowl go various elements, that while too strong on their own, will form a tasty blend.

**Tower** - Destruction

The eye in the sky has now turned its gaze upon this imposing edifice. Comprehending it as a fallacy, the tower, and all who are a part of it, are being cast down.

**Wheel of Fortune** - Luck

The man is the wheel, and at the moment the wheel is offering a time of good fortune.

**World** - Graduation

Dancing forth from the womb, the integrated person displays their earned diploma. All the elements of air, fire, earth, and water are on full display, awaiting the graduates arrival.

**King of Swords**

Exhibiting his intellectual prowess through a game of chess, the judgemental king critiques each move.

**King of Wands**

The charismatic king with banner unfurled heroically strides off to a new experience.

**King of Pentacles**

Amongst his treasures, the testy king decked in jewelry and fine robes, makes his dictates known.

**King of Cups**

The smiling caring king lounges comfortable while immersed in pleasant pleasures.

**Knight of Swords**

Focused entirely upon the lofty goal, the knight charges like the wind directly at it.

**Knight of Wands**

With a pioneering spirit, the knight explores the dry landscape.

**Knight of Pentacles**

Solidly in the valley, the knight stubbornly holds his ground.

**Knight of Cups**

Beside the stream, the idealistic knight irresistibly presses forward against his challengers.

**Page of Swords**

It is Spring in the East. In the Morning, High atop the mountains, the mind of the inquisitive page is lost in the clouds.

**Page of Wands**

In Summer in the Dry South, the versatile page makes a Midday switch to compose a piece of music.

**Page of Pentacles**

It is Autumn in the West. In the Evening, with the sun Low on the horizon, the page stands barefoot on a solid rock, totally committed to crafting this new treasure.

**Page of Cups**

At Midnight during a Wet Winter in the North, the page has creatively designed a fish styled outfit.

**Queen of Swords** (Izanami)

The independent queen is more than capable of achieving solutions by thinking for herself.

**Queen of Wands** (Cleopatra)

The confident queen knows that she can shine in whatever challenge might await.

**Queen of Pentacles** (Nokomis)

The practical queen with impressive necklace is more than competent at taking charge of business.

**Queen of Cups** (Guinevere)

The intuitive queen knows that her feelings will always give her the insight she needs.