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The Court Cards

The court cards which belong to each of the four suits of the minor arcana represent certain character traits and personality types, and also aspects of our lives that can be depicted and understood through the archetypal meanings of specific human qualities.

The titles of the Court Cards can vary, however the most traditional and widely used names in each suit are, the Page, the Knight, the Queen and the King, although in some packs, the Page is changed to the Knave. Other packs use the titles of Prince and Princess, Queen and Knight, and some of the more contemporary packs use the family titles of Father, Mother, Son and Daughter as alternatives.

Each of these cards embodies not only character types and personality traits, but also indicate the degree to which an individual, either the seeker in the reading or someone in the seeker's life and/or situation, has consolidated and embodied the learning of these particular personality traits within their personal stage of development or within the stage of development in the situation that they are enquiring about at the time of the reading.



The Suit of Cups and the element of Water.

Within the flow of the Court Cards in the Suit of Cups we see the emergence and the stages of love.

The Page.

Key words

- Creativity and possibility.
- The birth of the self.
- The birth of something new that will need to be nurtured in order to come into fruition.
- This card can indicate a need for the seeker to focus on themselves to create a new phase in their lives.
- On occasions this card can indicate the birth of a child.
- Someone arriving in the seeker's world who opens a doorway of possibility.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate a connection with someone who is particularly narcissistic or toxic, creating some aspects of sabotage, usually for the seeker of the reading.

It can also indicate that the seeker themselves is dealing with their own narcissistic qualities and tendencies.

The Knight.

Key words

- A knight in shining armor.
- Falling in love.
- A messenger.
- A creative proposal or artistic proposition.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate someone who has rushed into something without realistically assessing the practicalities or reality of the proposition.

In reverse this card can also indicate that someone is potentially pressurizing the seeker into entering some kind of endeavor or project.

The Queen.

Key words

- The feminine world of feelings.

- A woman who knows her own depths and is in tune with her emotions.
- Compassion and emotional connectedness.
- Fearlessly pursuing love and listening to one's heart.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that seeker, or someone within the seekers life or entering the seekers life, is bound or trapped by their unconscious feelings and by their emotions.

It can also suggest a situation that is creating some kind of emotional overwhelm. The seeker may be surrounded by FOG... fear obligation or guilt.

The King.

Key words

- The primary drive to connect through love and to form relationships.
- The seeker of the reading is discovering new depths of empathy and compassion.
- Someone arriving in the seeker's world who is deeply empathic and compassionate.
- A relationship based on the strength of a strong emotional bond with a meeting of heart and soul.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that the seeker of the reading is deeply empathic and offers healing to others, and yet struggles to embrace and embody the healing that they need for themselves.

Likewise in reverse, this card may indicate someone entering or present within the seekers world who is able to manipulate through the inappropriate use of emotions.



The Suit of Wands and the element of Fire.

Within the flow of the Court Cards in the Suit of Wands we see the emergence and the stages of creative potential and the manifestation of desire.

The Page.

Key words

- The early beginnings of a creative opportunity/relationship.
- Exciting news.
- Looking ahead.
- A messenger.
- Excitement and passion ignited.
- Desire.
- New opportunities.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that a project or relationship is lacking in passion or struggling to get started or move forwards in some way.

It can also indicate procrastination.

The Knight.

Key words

- Determination.
- This card can indicate the arrival of someone in the seekers life who brings direction and motivation, often a fire sign.
- Adventures.
- Someone who believes in good luck.
- Optimism.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that the seeker is struggling to break free from a situation or relationship. It may be that they are being blocked by someone who is actively and determinedly inhibiting their progress, or it may be that they themselves are blocked through some internal perspective or limiting belief.

The Queen.

Key words

- The feminine qualities of the lioness within.
- A loyalty of the heart.
- Warm, consistency and dependability.
- Able to sustain a vision.
- Imagination and magnetism.
- Full of warmth and life.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate the presence of someone with jealous tendencies, displaying deceit and infidelity.

The King.**Key words**

- A man of the world.
- Success.
- Entrepreneurism.
- A true leader.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that the seeker is being maneuvered or manipulated in some way, or indeed on occasions, is themselves the manipulator.



The Suit of Swords and the element of Air.

Within the flow of the Court Cards in the Suit of Swords we see the emergence and the stages of psychological growth in the realms of the mind.

The Page.

Key words

- The beginnings of independent thinking.
- Playfulness.
- The energy of the trickster.
- Playground rules.
- Can indicate spitefulness and actions without thought.
- Gossip and drama.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card will almost always indicate some aspect of the negative side of the energy of this character. We all have the capacity to become involved or drawn into spiteful gossip and drama. In reverse this card suggests that some sort of underhanded or below the belt activity is taking place in the seekers life.

The Knight.

Key words

- Sudden changes.
- Unexpected events.
- Disruption and turbulence.
- Responsibility versus adventure.
- Something external happens to cause seeker to have to respond.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card will almost always indicate change of the disruptive nature. In reverse it would suggest that the seeker might struggle with these changes, however it is always valuable to recognize that sudden events creating change do so with purpose.

The Queen.

Key words

- Unswaying.
- Aloofness.
- High ideals.
- A strong independent woman.

- Clarity of thought and an ability to hold one's direction.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that the seeker is being immovable or holding onto their ideals so tightly that they have disconnected from feeling and the ability to be compassionate and negotiate.

In reverse this card can also indicate a need to hold firm boundaries, to stand one's ground in the face of direct challenge.

The King.

Key words

- Leadership.
- Use of our mind over and above our emotions.
- This card can indicate a need to weigh things up and view the situation through the lens of mental capacity and strategy.
- Sometimes this can indicate an individual with profound mental gifts and a capacity to innovate to change in the world.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate an inability to weigh something up and arrive at a clear direction.

In reverse, the seeker may find themselves shrouded in FOG, fear obligation and guilt, unable to find a solution to their problem or discover and form of mental clarity and direction or peace of mind in seeking to resolve their situation.



The Suit of Pentacles and the element of Earth.

Within the flow of the Court Cards in the Suit of Pentacles or Discs, we see the emergence and the stages of physicality and growth.

These cards relate to our health and our wealth.

The Page.

Key words

- A card of promise.
- Seeds have been sown, new beginnings initiated however nurture and further work is required.
- Care and gentleness are needed to bring the promise into fruition.
- Energy is available to be used in the building of things.
- Energy is available to look after the physical and sensual needs of the body.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate that the seeker needs to take time to manage the pragmatic practical elements and aspects of their life.

In some instances, this card in reverse can indicate someone who has an attitude of expectation without having to do the necessary work to bring a goal into fruition.

The Knight.

Key words

- An earthy phase of life approaches.
- Take your time, do not be in a hurry, be steady in your endeavors.
- Grounded.
- Hard-working.
- Reliable and solid.
- Consistent.
- Honest and trustworthy.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate the presence of someone in the seekers life who is unreliable and untrustworthy, or indeed that the seeker themselves is either untrustworthy or has lost trust in themselves.

The Queen.

Key words

- Feminine strength.
- Ownership of desire.
- Sensuality.
- Self-care.
- This card can indicate the presence of someone in the seekers life who is grounded, kind and generous.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate someone coming into the seekers life, or indeed the seeker themselves who lacks generosity and is unable to share.

This card can therefore indicate underlying anxiety and tension as a result of deep insecurities and a lack of a sense of self.

The King.

Key words

- Midas, the King of ambition.
- Be careful what you wish for.
- This card can also indicate someone who is particularly good at managing money.

In Reverse.

In reverse, this card can indicate someone who is driven by money and has lost sight of those aspects of life that matter on an emotional, psychological and spiritual level.

In reverse this card can also indicate some aspect of corruption that is taking place in or around the seekers life.