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Tarot Class

WEEK 2

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Two Sets of 10 create pairs & ties to minors

- 1s Beginnings
- 2s Duality/Polarity
- 3s Growth
- 4s Stability
- 5s Disruption
- 6s Harmony
- 7s New Growth
- 8s Mastery
- 9s Dynamic Energy
- 10s Completion

MAJOR ARCANA

- * Major energy in a reading.
- * Spiritual energy in a reading
- * As above to the Minor's so below.
- * Fool's Journey aka Hero's Journey



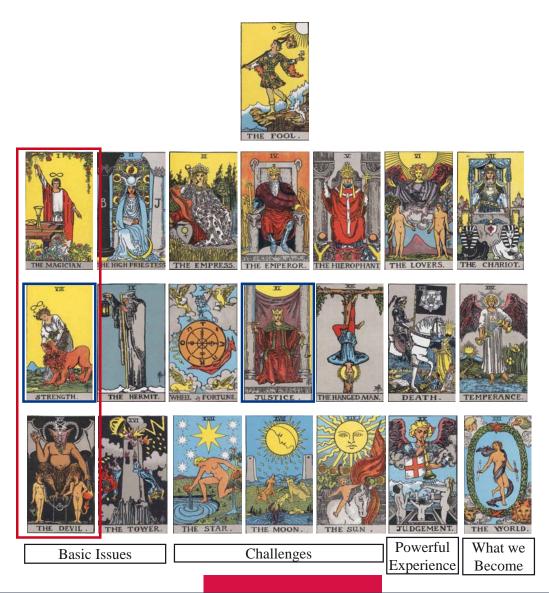


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Three Sets of 7

CREATES TRIADS

- 3x7, 7 is a number of completion, astrology was based on the 7 planetary bodies, 7 pillars of wisdom, 7 heavenly palaces, etc.
- Three levels: Conscious, Unconscious, Superconcious.
- 1-7 outer problems and life concerns
- 8-14 self-knowledge and transformation
- 15-21 the cosmos, beyond self
- Columns linked as triads and also follow a pattern.



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Fool

- * Classic meaning: Madness
- * Waite's meaning: Folly, mania, extravagance, etc.
- * **Modern meaning:** Innocence, potential, new beginnings
- * Reversed meaning: Foolish, mad, immature
- * Astrological: Uranus
- * Elemental: Air
- * **Notes:** Historically has been places as 1, between Judgement and the World (Kaballah), and at 22

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1 Magician

- * Classic meaning: Married man or Trickster
- * Waite's meaning: Skill, diplomacy, male significator
- * **Modern meaning:** Power, manifestation, creates change
- * **Reversed meaning:** destruction, untapped potential
- * Astrological: Mercury
- * Elemental: Earth or Air
- * Notes: Some see Air as associated with Mercury connected to Gemini and power of the mind or Earth as associated with Mercury connected to Virgo and power of manifestation

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2 High Priestess

- * **Classic meaning:** Pride, idolatry, high priestess
- * Waite's meaning: Secrets, mystery, unrevealed fortune
- * **Modern meaning:** Intuition, premonition, perception
- * Reversed meaning: deceit, secrets
- * Astrological: Moon
- * Elemental: Water

* **Notes:** This was originally the female pope or Papess, some say Waite changed to the High Priestess but even in the late 1700s some had already seen her this way.

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3 Empress

- * **Classic meaning:** The Queen, female political power
- * Waite's meaning: Fruitfulness, action, initiative
- * **Modern meaning:** Fertility & creativity, mother
- * Reversed meaning: Sterile and barren
- * Astrological: Venus
- * Elemental: Earth
- * Notes: This was originally seen as more of the female power in relation to the emperor, whereas now we often see more of the Mother Earth concept which we could argue is the Queen of Earth.

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4 Emperor

- * **Classic meaning:** The King, male political power
- * Waite's meaning: Stability, power, protection, authority
- * **Modern meaning:** Authority & government, father
- * Reversed meaning: Passive, agressive
- * Astrological: Aries
- * Elemental: Fire

* **Notes:** People often struggle with the warfare aspect of the emperor which the Golden Dawn actually emphasized compared to more historical look at development.

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5 Hierophant

- * Classic meaning: The Pope or Jupiter
- * Waite's meaning: Marriage, alliance, servitude, mercy & goodness
- * **Modern meaning:** Tradition, convention, Institution
- * Reversed meaning: Non-conformity
- * Astrological: Taurus
- * Elemental: Earth

* **Notes:** It is interesting to consider the disruptive number of 5 associated with tradition and institution.

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6 Lovers

- * Classic meaning: Love, choice between vice & virtue
- * Waite's meaning: Attraction, love, beauty, trials overcome
- * Modern meaning: Passion, Partnership, choice
- * Reversed meaning: Temptation or discord
- * Astrological: Mercury, Gemini
- * Elemental: Air

* **Notes:** Traditional decks often show a man needing to make a choice between two women (sometimes vice versa), one older and one younger and sometimes naked.

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7 Chariot

- * Classic meaning: Journey, Crimes of the Iron Age
- * Waite's meaning: Providence, war, triumph, vengeance
- * **Modern meaning:** Willpower, confidence, control
- * **Reversed meaning:** Turbulence, going the wrong way
- * Astrological: Moon, Cancer
- * Elemental: Water
- * Notes: NA

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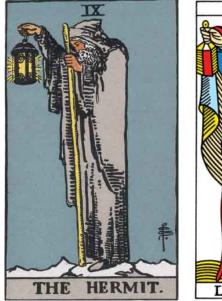


8 JUSTICE

- * Classic meaning: Justice
- * Waite's meaning #11: Justice, equity, vindiction
- * **Modern meaning:** Fairness, justness, clarity vs emotions
- * Reversed meaning: Bias, injustice
- * Astrological: Venus, Libra
- * Elemental: Air

* **Notes:** Justice as 8 speaks to committeent to truth before the Hermit, at 11 it stands at the middle of the Fool's journey.

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9 Hermit

- * **Classic meaning:** Old Man, sage looking for justice
- * Waite's meaning: Prudence, circumspection, treason
- * Modern meaning: Wisdom and mentorship
- * Reversed meaning: Ignorance
- * Astrological: Mercury, Virgo
- * Elemental: Earth
- * Notes: NA

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10 Wheel of Fortune

- * **Classic meaning:** Injustice of the fickle goddess Fortuna
- * Waite's meaning: Fortune, success, elevation, luck, happiness
- * Modern meaning: Destiny and turning points
- * Reversed meaning: Unrest, misfortune
- * Astrological: Jupiter
- * Elemental: Fire

* Notes: NA

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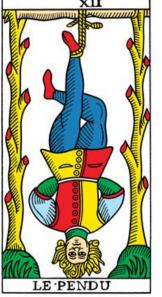
11 Strength

- * Classic meaning: Violence or Fortitude
- * Waite's meaning #8: Power, energy, action, courage
- * **Modern meaning:** Compassion, fortitude, inner balance
- * Reversed meaning: Brutish, fractured
- * Astrological: Sun, Leo
- * Elemental: Fire

* **Notes:** In older decks Fortitude comes to the aid of Prudence by vanquishing the lion which represented the uncultivated land.

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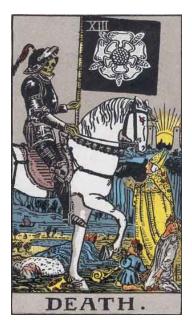




12 Hanged Man

- * Classic meaning: Traitor, betrayal.
- * Waite's meaning: Wisdom, circumspection, discernment, trials, sacrifice
- * **Modern meaning:** Self-sacrifice, suspension grace
- * **Reversed meaning:** Persecution, selfishness
- * Astrological: Neptune
- * Elemental: Water
- * **Notes:** There is a very big switch between classical definitions and modern ones, the Golden Dawn notes it as enforced sacrifice which seems to stand at the middle.

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13 Death

- * Classic meaning: Death
- * Waite's meaning: Ending, mortality, destruction, corruption
- * **Modern meaning:** Transformation, mortality, suffering
- * Reversed meaning: Conclusion, ending
- * Astrological: Mars/Pluto, Scorpio
- * Elemental: Water
- * **Notes:** Often in classic decks the Death card remains unnumbered.

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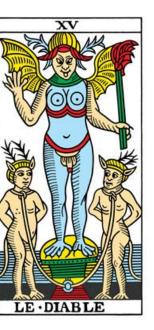


14 Temperance

- * Classic meaning: Time, Temperance
- * Waite's meaning: Household economy, moderation, frugality, management
- * Modern meaning: Balance, attunement
- * Reversed meaning: Excess
- * Astrological: Jupiter, Sagittarius
- * Elemental: Fire
- * Notes: NA

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15 Devil

- * **Classic meaning:** Anger, the devil, human nature enslaved
- * Waite's meaning: Violence, vehemence, fatality
- * Modern meaning: Bondage, temptation
- * Reversed meaning: Defeat, release
- * Astrological: Saturn, Capricorn
- * Elemental: Earth
- * Notes: NA

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16 Tower

- * Classic meaning: House of God, man and woman expelled sometimes by fire or sword
- * Waite's meaning: Misery, indigence, adversity, calamity, unforeseen catastrophe
- * Modern meaning: Sudden fall, catastrophe, act of nature
- * Reversed meaning: Same
- * Astrological: Mars
- * Elemental: Fire
- * **Notes:** Often shows a royal person with a crown and a peasant showing it happens to all.

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17 Star

- * Classic meaning: Gift
- * Waite's meaning: Hope, expectation, bright promieses
- * **Modern meaning:** Hope, optimism, inspiration
- * Reversed meaning: Pessimism, negativity
- * Astrological: Saturn, Uranus, Aquarius
- * Elemental: Air
- * Notes: NA

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18 Moon

- * **Classic meaning:** Night, creation of moon and animals (wild and domesticated)
- * Waite's meaning: Hidden enemies, danger, darkness, terror, deception, occult
- * **Modern meaning:** Reflection, changes, imagination
- * Reversed meaning: Risk, uncertainty
- * Astrological: Jupiter, Neptune, Pisces
- * Elemental: Water
- * Notes: NA

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19 Sun

* Classic meaning: Day, creation of sun and the union of man and woman

* Waite's meaning: Material happiness, fortunate marriage, contentment

- * Modern meaning: Attainment, celebrity, glory
- * Reversed meaning: Disorientation
- * Astrological: Sun
- * Elemental: Fire

* Notes: NA

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20 Judgement

- * Classic meaning: Angel, wedding, creation of man
- * Waite's meaning: Change of position, renewal outcome
- * Modern meaning: Awakening, rebirth
- * Reversed meaning: Misinterpretation
- * Astrological: Pluto
- * Elemental: Fire or Water

* **Notes:** There is question on the elemental association for if Pluto is associated with Vulcan the god of Fire, then fire; if associated with Scorpio, then water.

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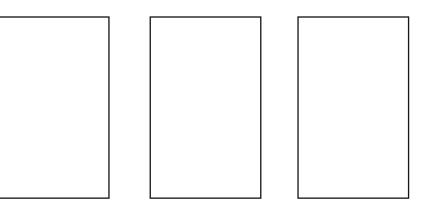


21 World

- * Classic meaning: Long journey, the universe
- * Waite's meaning: Assured success, recompense, voyage, flight, change of pace
- * Modern meaning: Fulfilment, completion, masterpiece
- * Reversed meaning: Hiatus, unfulfilled
- * Astrological: Saturn
- * Elemental: Earth

* **Notes:** The woman here is often noted as being a hermaphrodite coming the High Priestess and the Magician.

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MAJORS READING

- * Pull three cards
- * Card 1: Where are you coming from?
- * Card 2: What is the doorway forward?
- * Card 3: Where you are headed?