

MINOR ARCANA

THE 56 PIP CARDS



THE PIPS

56 little secrets



ABOUT THE PIPS

THE 56 CARDS OF THE MINOR ARCANA ARE WHAT GIVE THE TAROT THE UNPARALLELED DEPTH THAT HAS KEPT PRACTITIONERS COMING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR GUIDANCE AND DIVINATION. THE SMALLER SECRETS TELL US ABOUT THE SUBTLETIES OF MUNDANE LIFE.

SOME TAROT READERS WILL SAY THAT THE MINOR ARCANA AREN'T AS IMPORTANT AS THE MAJOR. I BELIEVE THIS IS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT PERCEIVE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ESOTERIC NATURE OF THE PIP CARDS. IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING, THE MINOR ARCANA REPRESENTS THE MICROCOSM OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE WHERE THE MAJOR ARCANA REPRESENTS THE MACROCOSM INHERENT IN HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS.

THE SUITS



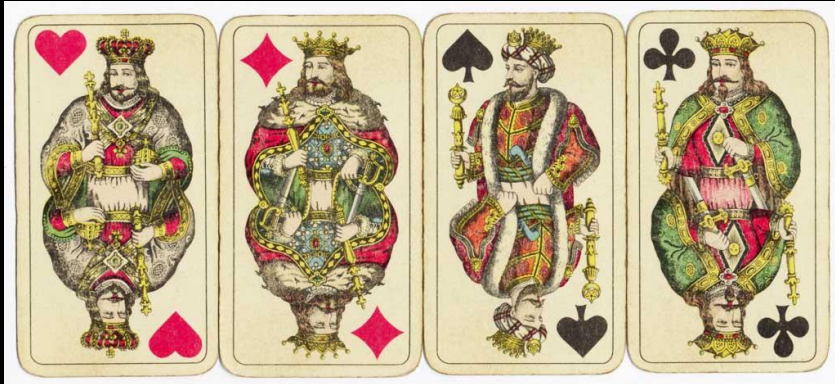
THE FOUR SUITS

The Minor arcana is divided into four suits that give you 3 distinct tools that help you to weave your intuition into a relatable and understandable message for yourself or your client.

The cards themselves are not accurate or inaccurate, they are simply a neutral tool that you use to provide guidance and insight.

The three distinct tools in the Minor Arcana are

- ELEMENTS
- SYMBOLS
- SIGNS



THE ELEMENTS



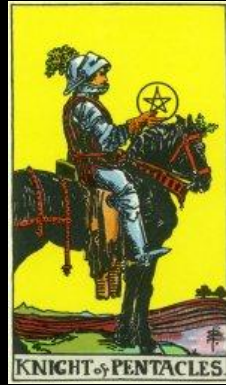
KEY INGREDIENTS

The four elements of the natural world are represented in the Minor Arcana. Each element represents a facet of human expression and awareness while also corresponding to a suit or set of related cards.

Using the 4 elements as an associative memory tool you will be able to easily draw on your memory to interpret the meanings of any given card within the suits.

- FIRE - WANDS- ACTION, CREATIVITY
- EARTH - PENTACLES - SECURITY, RESOURCES
- AIR - SWORDS - THOUGHT, COMMUNICATION
- WATER - CUPS - EMOTION, INTUITION

THE COURT CARDS



THE PEOPLE CARDS

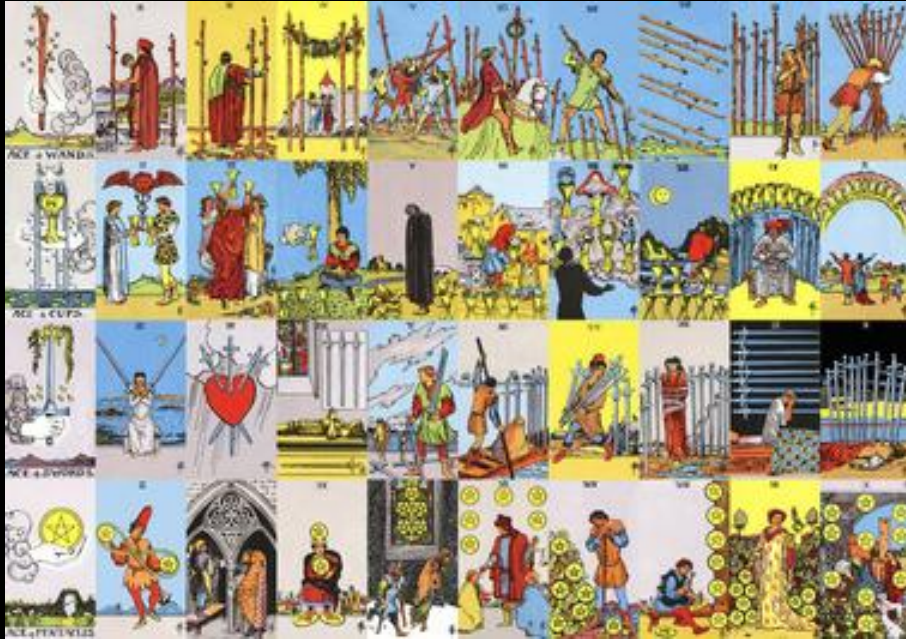
When Tarot was first introduced the pictures reflected the culture of their time. By traditional Tarot readers standards the court cards do indicate gender of a person. However within our modern culture gender isn't confined to the strict roles of the past.

For our purposes we will look at the court cards as primarily indicating the Character of energy as opposed to the literal binary gender identities of the past.

This by no means dilutes or changes the messages contained within the cards. Rather it gives us additional tools to define the nature of a person's character with more permissive and inclusive terms.

- PAGES - YOUTHFUL & EXPRESSIVE
- KNIGHTS - LOYAL & ACTION ORIENTED
- QUEENS - EMOTIONAL & INTUITIVE
- KINGS - LOGICAL & RATIONAL

THE NUMBERS



THE PIP'S

Numerology, Astrology, Hermetic Kabbalah and so much more, the pips draw on several esoteric and metaphysical traditions in order to provide a frame work for you to create clear and reliable communication between the higher self and the physical world

METAPHORS AND ALLEGORY

The Tarot delivers it's wisdom in terms of universal human experience. Most people will at some point in some way experience what is depicted in these cards. There is no need for special occult or metaphysical knowledge required to understand the metaphors drawn in these pictures. All one needs to do to understand the spiritual meaning is to relate to the mundane experience in the physical world that the card depicts.

When looking at the cards, try to find an experience in your life that you can associate with the character depicted - this is another associative memory trick!

REVIEW

KEY SYMBOLS

- FIRE
- EARTH
- AIR
- WATER
- PEOPLE
- SYMBOLS
- SIGNS

CORE CONCEPTS

THE MINOR ARCANA IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SUITS WITH 3 DISTINCT TOOLS THAT WORK TO PROMPT YOUR INTUITION AND HELP YOU TO SHARE THE MESSAGES YOU RECEIVE IN A RELATABLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE WAY FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR CLIENT.

THE COURT CARDS ARE BEST TO BE INTERPRETED WITH THE ENERGY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUIT AND THEN SECONDARILY WITH GENDER.

WHEN LOOKING AT THE CARDS, TRY TO FIND AN EXPERIENCE IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU CAN ASSOCIATE WITH THE CHARACTER DEPICTED - THIS IS ANOTHER ASSOCIATIVE MEMORY TRICK!



THE 4 ELEMENTS

NATURE IN THE CARDS



THE CARDS IN NATURE

The Forces of Nature In Tarot



ABOUT THE ELEMENTS

THE TAROT ACKNOWLEDGES MANY THINGS ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCE AS HUMAN BEINGS INCLUDING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WE INHABIT. BOTH FROM A LITERAL AND METAPHORICAL PERSPECTIVE THE 4 ELEMENTS INFLUENCE THE MODE OF EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS THE CHARACTER.

THE SYMBOLIC VALUE OF EACH ELEMENT CANNOT BE OVERSTATED AS IT DECRIES MUCH ABOUT THE CHARACTER OR NATURE OF ANY GIVEN CARDS MEANING.



FIRE

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION:
Aries, Leo & Sagittarius
Masculine energy

ELEMENTAL SYMBOLOGY

FIRE

SUIT: WANDS - Drive, initiating, forward momentum, describes the will, fuel that can be used for sustenance or or destruction. Represents spirit.

Cards that contain fire symbols including the salamander, lightning that causes fire, sun symbols and cards associated with this element all share the characteristics of creativity, force of will and passionate drive.

Fire dominant cards indicate a level of motivated effort. The person or situation is often directed by passion and the desire for independence. There is also a innovative or inventiveness to this energy.

FIRE

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POSITIVE QUALITIES

Daring, enthusiastic, leadership, pioneer, energetic, swift, spontaneous radiant, magnetic, generous, industrious, independant, loyal, family oriented, visionary

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

Fear of rejection, touchy, impatient, combative, paranoia, headstrong, egocentric, melodramatic, authoritarian, self-deceit, arrogance,

EARTH



ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION:
Taurus, Virgo & Capricorn
Feminine energy
Summer

ELEMENTAL SYMBOLOGY

EARTH

SUIT: PENTACLES - Foundations, practicality, mundane life, resources of a physical nature, physical body, establishments

Earth deals in all things natural, abundant, steady and practical. When Earth symbols like mountains, roads & pathways, and vegetation show up in the cards this indicates matters involving resources.

Very physical in nature, Earth dominate cards often relate to resources like money, possessions and ownership. When Earth dominated cards show up it is always an indication that personalities or events are of a slower moving, methodical and practical energy

EARTH



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POSITIVE QUALITIES

Firm, practical, legacy, profession, stable, reliable, domestic, fertility, finances, abundance, prosperity, traditional, grounded, nurturing, fair, consistent, wealth management

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

Self doubt, laziness, barren, rigid, neurotic, fatalistic, lack, scarcity, authoritarian, workaholic, health issues, pettiness, selfish bad with money



AIR

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION:
Gemini, Libra & Aquarius
Masculine energy
Winter



ELEMENTAL SYMBOLOGY

AIR

SUIT: SWORDS - Thoughts, intellection, communication. The mental body. Scattered energies. Sudden changes, inventiveness

Air symbolizes mental energy and expression. Symbols include clouds, trumpets, wind and of course swords. Air energy is very dispassionate and unbiased. Logical and linear thought are influencing the personality or event.

Air dominant cards indicate that action is needed or in progress. Power and unseen forces are at play.

AIR



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POSITIVE QUALITIES

Excellent communication, bright, rational, sociable, youthful, harmonious, cooperative, artistic, decisive, unbiased, quick witted, clarity of thought

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

Chaos, conflict, nervous, overly opinionated, cold, scattered, fragmented, impulsive, argumentative, shallow, gossipy, mental overload, lies, deception,

WATER

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION:
Cancer, Scorpio & Pisces
Feminine energy
Spring

ELEMENTAL SYMBOLOGY

WATER

SUIT: CUPS - intuition, the **subconscious**, **feelings and emotion**. **Reflection**. **Illusion**. Sometimes warped perceptions.

Seen in all the cards that contain **emotional or psychic energy**, water represents that which is felt as opposed to seen or physically experienced.

In water dominant cards, always ask the querent to feel or sense energy as opposed to intellectually assessing. It also indicates there is a **psychic component** to the situation or personality.

WATER



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POSITIVE QUALITIES

Compassionate, empathic, sensitive, thinking with the heart rather than the head, psychic, intuitive, visions, dreams, flexible, mutable, magnetic

NEGATIVE QUALITIES

Unclear, murky, confused, overly emotional, Jealous, unreliable, destructive expression, compulsive, suspicious, obsessive

REVIEW

ELEMENTS

- **WATER** - EMOTION & INTUITION
- **EARTH** - FINANCE AND MUNDANE MATTERS
- **FIRE** - CREATIVITY, INITIATIONS, FORCE OF WILL
- **AIR** - THOUGHT, IDEAS & COMMUNICATION

KEY CONCEPTS

THE FOUR ELEMENTS OFFER MORE THAN METAPHORS FOR ASPECTS OF OUR PHYSICAL WORLD REPRESENTED IN TAROT. THE FOUR ELEMENTS SHOULD ALSO BE USED TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE ENERGY IN ANY PARTICULAR CARD. YOU CAN AND SHOULD USE WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT HOW THE ELEMENTS CORRESPOND

TO THE PIP CARDS TO HELP YOU INTERPRET THEM.

ALSO THE FOUR ELEMENTS ARE FANTASTIC TO USE FOR ASSOCIATIVE MEMORY TOOLS TO HELP YOU RECALL THE MEANING AND MODE OF ENERGY IN THE CARDS.

