



The Number Cards

“Your vision will become clear only when you look into your own heart. The one who looks outside dreams, while the one who looks inside awakens.” —Carl Jung

There are four suits of number cards:

Earth/Pentacles/Disks: Represent anything having to do with the physical world/energy, anything materialized, money, physical body, health, career, health, resources (including computers), security, stability, safety, and matters of physical manifestation here on Earth.

Water/Cups/Bowls: Represents the emotional world, feelings, relationships, and connections. Fluidity is represented as part of this element, as well as counseling, addictions, and sensitivity. Matters of the heart rule the Water element in tarot.

Air/Swords/Wind: Represents thoughts, words, and mental processing including linear thinking, judgements, new ideas, and solutions, as well as thoughts, words, and all forms of communication. This element can indicate change or control. It is also a symbol of responsibility, conflict, and power.

Fire/Wands/Staffs: Represents creativity, inspiration, spirituality, and sexuality. This suit is super-charged, embodying all that we feel or sense, but cannot touch. Just like fire, this suit is fearless and at times, impulsive. The energy of fire is not sustainable—it is hot, inspired, and lively, often leading you in a new creative or intense personal direction.

Wild Card: Some decks will have one additional card that is sometimes called the Wild Card or Universal Message... or as I jokingly call it, the *Go Fish* card. This is where you look to the cards around it and feel into the energy of the card to discern its meaning. It's critical you put your mind in neutral and feel your way.

General Characteristics of the Suits

Earth Element

The Earth element in tarot refers to matters of the physical world/energy. This suit represents something earthy, tangible, solid, dense, or steady. Money, physical body, health, career, resources (including computers), security, stability, safety, and matters of physical manifestation here on Earth are all embodied by this suit.

Water Element

The Water element is the symbol of the emotional world—feelings, relationships, and connections. Fluidity is represented as part of this element, as well as counseling, addictions, indecisiveness, and emotional as well as energetic sensitivity. Matters of the heart are ruled by the Water element in tarot.



Air Element

The Air element represents action and mental processing—including linear thinking, judgment, new ideas, and solutions, as well as thoughts, words, and all forms of communication. This element can indicate change or control. It is also a symbol of responsibilities, conflict, and power.

Fire Element

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Aces

Aces hold similar energy and power as the Major Arcana, so pay close attention when they appear in a reading. They pack a punch! Aces bring a message of abundance, creativity, originality, forcefulness, and independence. The Universe is saying YES to you because something new is going on/about to begin. Forward progress is yours for the taking.

On the downside, the Ace may indicate a delay or resistance to your own change or opportunity.

Ace of Earth

Prosperity and Earthly blessings abound with the Ace of Earth card. The Earth element represents money, physicality (health and well-being), stability, security, reputation, and resources. A new opportunity, such as a house, job, promotion, car, or even pregnancy, is around and available to you—something you can touch.



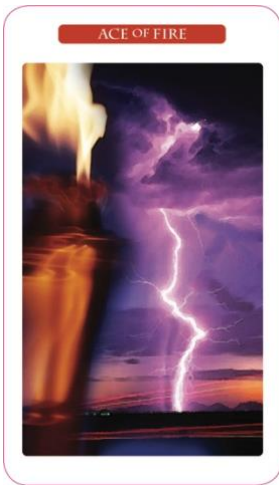
Ace of Water

Someone new is coming in. You may have already met this person or are about to. This is a significant connection. The Water element represents your emotional world, often centered around connections. Do not limit this special connection to strictly romance. This person may also be a teacher, friend, business partner, or significant client. [This connection is one of the heart](#) and has a charge to it that feels like you've known this person, even though you may have never met before. This union will teach you a beautiful lesson about love and lift your spirit. When coupled with the Temperance or Empress/Queen of Earth card can be pregnancy.

Ace of Air

The Ace of Air represents mental clarity, intellect, and communication. The Ace says there's been a change in your thinking—a mental paradigm shift—perception and understanding that enables you to move forward with a clear feeling of certainty. You may have had a Eureka moment and are inspired to put your idea into motion. This influence may also come from outside, i.e., you're being moved by your company, new book, speaking engagement, etc. [At first, this change may make you feel uncomfortable, but in time, you will see it is for the best.](#)





Ace of Fire

The Ace of Fire is a Lightning Bolt card. **Something very big is happening:** a new creative energy in the arts— a charged inspiration, a spiritual insight. Its energy cannot be denied. This is also the “hot sex” or a fling card—not typically sustainable or easily resisted. It may indicate a very special bonding that is exciting, but it is not intended to be lasting. Whatever it is, it may be “out there” for you.

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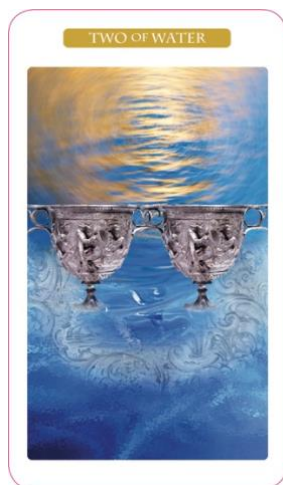
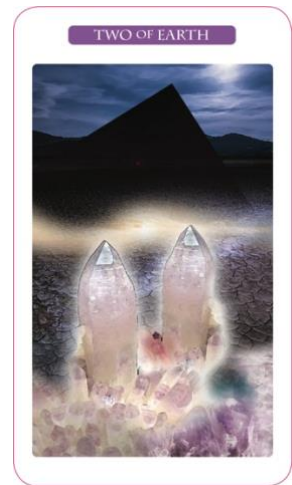
Twos

The Two is an indication of the beginning step. Twos are a message of balance, partnership, and cooperation. Gentle, harmonious partnerships are around you. These can be romantic or business-like in nature. Twos remind us to stay versatile, adaptable, and receptive.

On the downside, they can also mean you are stuck and unable to move on from the Ace energy. You may be feeling overwhelmed or spread too thin to be able to accomplish anything. You can also be feeling frustrated that something is not happening as planned or promised.

Two of Earth

Two of Earth brings the message of balance, adaptability, and change. While sometimes you may never feel wholly fulfilled or comforted by a deep sense of mastery, rest assured your ability to be flexible is one of your gifts. Stay tuned-in to your balance—your physical and financial needs, so you can continue to adapt and adjust to the changing path of your journey. This is not the time to get singularly focused. This could just be the beginning part of a journey, after the initial takeoff.

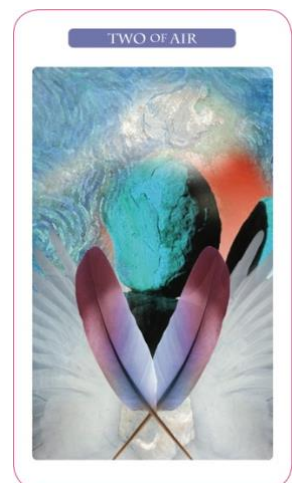


Two of Water

The Two of Water brings this message: Pay attention to who is in your vibration that is looking for your attention. This person often has a connection to you as the Two of Water is a partnership card—representing sharing, feelings, emotions, and union. This may be romantic in nature, but also could be a deep friendship or business partner. There could be the promise of reconciliation and balance of a past relationship that has undergone a challenge, so keep your heart open. If inverted, it could mean co-dependence.

Two of Air

The Two of Air represents a time in your life when things seem stuck. There's no forward action available, and things are chaotic, not logical, or there's no solution. Instead of spinning out on finding a solution or trying to move things forward, slow down your mind, and just be present. Start noticing others, listen for what's going on instead of being singularly focused. You'll find your way forward, but it's just not time yet. Be patient and redirect your attention to something more productive to find balance within.





Two of Fire

Two of Fire represents feeling stuck, indecisive, and hesitant. Now is not a time to push—you've been stopped for a reason. Take advantage of this phase and try to get value from its stillness instead of exhausting yourself by pushing forward without success. Become more receptive and allow spiritual and emotional guidance to come to you and flow through you. That's how you'll find the answers and the opening you seek.

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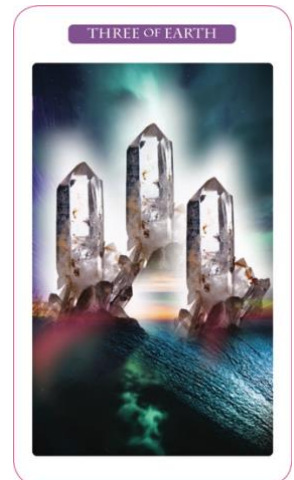
Threes

Threes represent divine connection, creative energy, and joyful expression. Connect to your creative artistic or musical gifts—allowing your inspiration, muse, and imagination to guide you. Enjoy the process and share these gifts with kindness and confidence.

The downside to the Three is you can feel stuck, lose balance, or veil your gifts from others. You can be disagreeable and argue with those around you, which results in you isolating yourself from people.

Three of Earth

Three of Earth appears as validation for your chosen good work or project you are pursuing. This is a sign of verification your work, skill, or efforts are solid, and you are progressing forward. You may receive public acknowledgment in the form of an award or promotion. Continue to focus your energy and efforts and ride this momentum forward, for you are doing an excellent job and are on the right path. And you still have plenty of work ahead. If inverted, you are worrying too much about your work, health, and/or money.

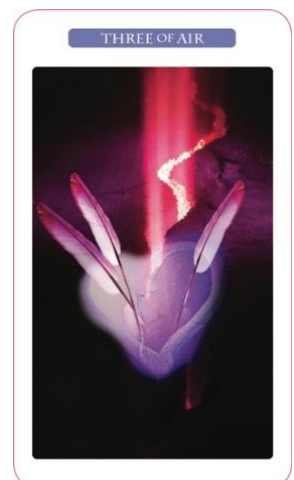


Three of Water

The Three of Water says, “Let’s Have a Party!” Joy is around you in abundance. Now is not the time of concern, just go in the flow of this joyfulness and enjoy being carefree. If there’s a new relationship in your life, this validates its worthiness and significance. This card also indicates an upcoming invitation to celebrate, such as an engagement or wedding (not typically your own). Keep your dancing shoes on! Just say, Yes! If inverted, watch out for too much fun, being out of balance, or an addiction.

Three of Air

The Three of Air represents deep grieving. There are times in life when we experience heartache, pain, and emotional suffering. Miscommunication, negative patterns, and focusing on the hurt you’ve experienced recently have caused a soul-ache that feels inescapable. If you are in mourning (because it can mean heartache due to loss), do it on a timeline and get on to acknowledge the joy the Three offers. Seek professional therapy or counseling as support if you are stuck focusing on the hurt and pain and being critical of others. Three also may indicate concern for a loved one’s health.



THREE OF FIRE



Three of Fire

Ignition! The Three of Fire represents acknowledgment and celebration of your creative or spiritual journey so far. It's taken the energy to start on this new course and to come into your own. You feel like there is nothing you can't do, and nothing is going to stop you. This is a very positive time. Move forward with clarity, believe in your abilities, acknowledge your talents, and embrace the future that is yours for the asking. If inverted can mean too much pride that can be dangerous on the path.

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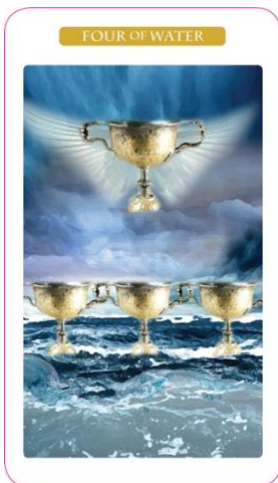
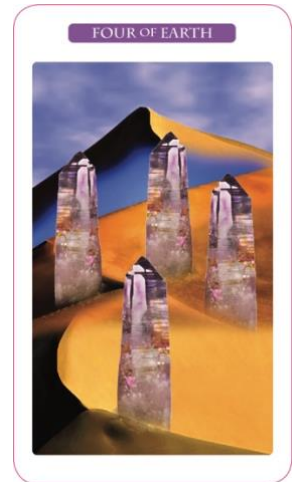
Fours

Fours represent stability, practicality, and loyalty. Four energy is very grounded, steady, patient, service-oriented, trustworthy, and dignified.

The Four's downside is that you can be caught up in the details, repressed, dogmatic, crude, stern, dogmatic, and even jealous of everyone else having too much fun.

Four of Earth

Four of Earth represents stability and brings the message to stay steady and focused as you continue with your work. However, you may want to explore whether you are clutching to what you currently have due to fear or scarcity. This possessiveness and fear can bring exactly what you fear to your door, so let go of the control and know that you have enough—because you do. You may not have all you need yet, but you have a solid foundation to build upon. Settle in and settle down. Continue to work hard and keep your energy open to all opportunities and allow things to flow as they will, even if they are not going as quickly as you want.



Four of Water

Four of Water invites stability, steadiness, and trustworthiness into a relationship or friendship. If you feel a settling in your relationship, celebrate this stability instead of bristling against your perception of monotony. Consider whether you are worried someone may be less than trustworthy—may be gossiping about you? Be mindful of your situation, and take note—is it you that can't see the truth that is there, or is some outside influence interfering or influencing a relationship negatively? Maybe you are so rigid in your feelings that you can't get what you need or see what's there.

Four of Air

The Four of Air is a meditation card asking you to get centered; find and claim your serenity. Suspend your relentless thoughts and reasoning go deep within to let go and put some belief or paradigm that no longer serves you to rest. Call in more patience and trust. Let go of a grudge and forgive someone so that you can move forward in peace. Release the trap of right or wrong. Choose serenity. This is a time of respite and reprieve.



FOUR OF FIRE



Four of Fire

The Four of Fire represents taking a commitment to the next level in a relationship, spiritual practice, or artistic endeavor. Your journey has gone from generating a path to finding stability and building upon your strong foundation. You have embarked upon a successful journey with a lot of hard work, so now is the time for a short (creative) celebration.

Look forward to an invite to a wedding, graduation, or special celebration marking progress and achievement of some kind. This could also be a wedding card—more of a bachelor party—very male.

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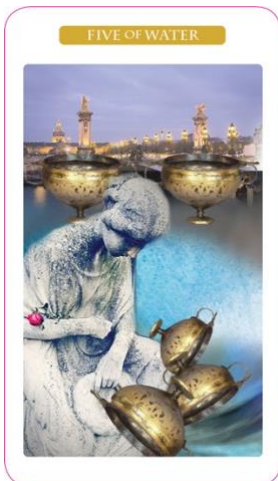
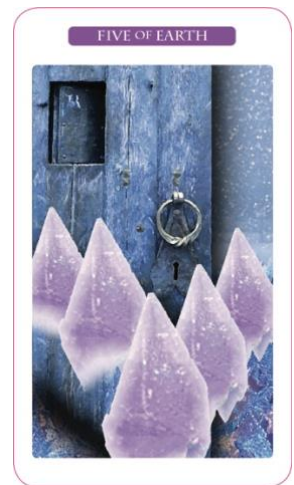
Fives

Fives represent an external challenge. Their appearance in a reading indicates life is about to get interesting, often in the form of hardship, stress, or conflict from the outside. Do not let this worry you, for this external challenge will bring freedom, variety, adaptability, adventure, and propel personal growth.

The downside of the Five is it can indicate scarcity, confusion, fear, mismanagement of something or someone, and even physical abuse.

Five of Earth

The Five of Earth announces an external challenge. Things have been lost or mismanaged due to carelessness, misinformation, or irresponsibility, and you now feel a lack of security or stability. Scarcity and fear lead to anxiety and worry, so while you are currently going through a challenge, use this message as a springboard toward re-evaluating, learning, and then moving forward, [perhaps on a different path](#) or with other resources and people around you. Be aware of physical and financial challenges (bankruptcy) now and monitor your stress levels. Ask for help from people with expertise.



Five of Water

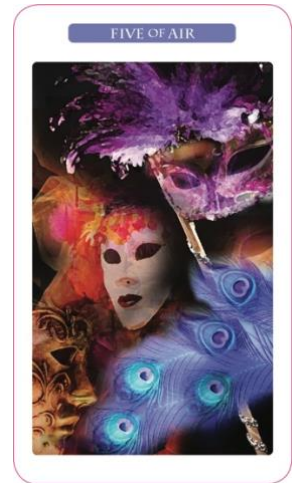
Fives represent an external challenge, and the Five of Water represents the loss of a relationship or connection. You may be on a rollercoaster of emotions, lacking consistency and attachment. This relationship may be salvageable, for there's always hope—there is one cup standing, so there's the possibility of future reconnection. In the meantime, do not focus on loss or betrayal. This can be heartbreaking. Take time to mourn what was and the loss of your dream, then get on with the adventure.

Five of Air

An intensity of mental stress can take many forms. The Five of Air is a warning of deception and betrayal, often of one's true self. This is the energy of "just because you feel paranoid; it doesn't mean they are watching you and judging you." It brings the message to be versatile and adaptable and focus on possibilities and the adventure—not just what's in front of you right now.

[Learn how to set limits so you can avoid further arguing, strife, and abuse.](#)

Meditation is challenging at this time and valuable if you are able.



FIVE OF FIRE



Five of Fire

The Fire of Fire appears in a reading when you are challenged for your choices. You have reached a place of confrontation of your inner soul standards in your relationship, creations, or spiritual practices. Defending yourself unnecessarily leaves you exhausted and depleted emotionally and spiritually. **Remember, you have free will and the freedom to make your choices.** Get rest. Set boundaries. Remember also that you are going to be responsible and accountable for your actions. It is time to stop the internal conflict and inconsistency that has led to constant stress and turmoil. Use these challenges to relaunch you on a life path of deep integrity.

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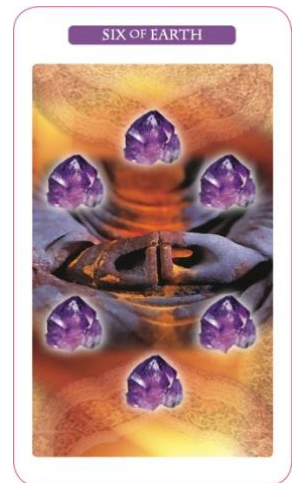
Sixes

Six represents healing, harmony, sacredness, regrouping, and momentum building. The six energy covers a variety of emotions and issues, such as love, home, family, and personal responsibility in matters of the heart, stability, and balance. Six cards remind us to be tender-hearted, understanding, and look at life with a balance of sweetness and justice, and to adjust our lens accordingly.

The Six's downside represents holding on, anxiety, worry, egotism, cynicism, unbending, having too much pride, or being incomplete.

Six of Earth

Six of Earth represents the energy of generosity, karmic balancing, and healing. This is a card of “give and take.” What you put out comes back to you. There is a balance in life, and when we are balanced with our commitments and delivery, there is enough for everyone. Perhaps someone owes you money or a promised outcome, or you are indebted to them. Either way, the time is now to “settle up.” Expect blessings; give blessings. Find your balance and place in this cycle. This will lead to greater prosperity, stability, and keeping the karmic balance even and peaceful.

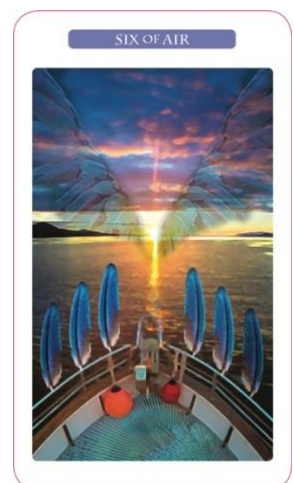


Six of Water

Recovery and emotional healing are being offered, so be open to it. Be gentle with yourself now and take time to rejuvenate—purge the old. Surround yourself with beloved things—cultivate feelings of peace from within. An old friend is coming to visit you to support and comfort you at this time. Be childlike in your receptiveness, especially if it is someone new, as they will be very right for you at this time.

Six of Air

The Six of Air brings the much-needed message of healing, regrouping, and karmic balancing. It is time to come to terms with certain duties and obligations and accept the outcome. Feel the promise of harmony, re-evaluate, resolve, and move on. It can also be a physical move. The insight will smooth the way toward regaining one's dignity. Allow your true spirit to rise.





Six of Fire

The Six of Fire represents a time in your life when things have evened out. You may be experiencing a taste of success and yet are not quite sure if it's brought you joy. Perhaps too much sacrifice was made to achieve the success you are currently experiencing? Use that as a lesson to learn how to find and keep your balance going forward as you continue to expand and grow.

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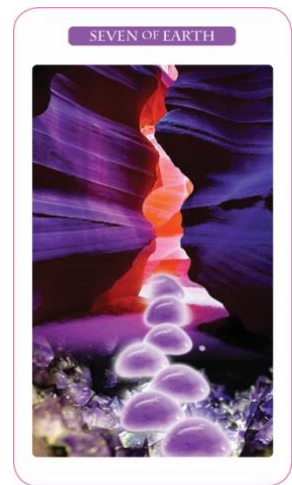
Sevens

Sevens represent an internal challenge and going deep within. This “dark night of the soul” card and its energy is asking you to have inner faith and trust and to allow space for introspection so that your innate wisdom can be heard. Refinement of your needs can only come from inner reflection, so be protective of your space and energy. Get down to fundamentals. Be silent and do the inner work required to make the best decisions at this time.

The downside of the Seven card can represent a melancholy, coldness, even aloofness to your surroundings. You may be passive-aggressive, confused, nervous, or guarded. You may let your inner demons and insecurities go wild.

Seven of Earth

The Seven of Earth represents the dark night of the soul—an internal challenge that requires your attention. Pull your energy back into your own well-being and practice self-awareness as the key to self-preservation and long-term health and wellness. This card represents security and issues, but not exclusively a money issue. Redefine “failure and success” outside of societal confines by identifying your physical, financial, professional, and family needs. Your solid vision of your needs in these areas illuminate the runway the Universe will use to land your desires in the most useful form.



SEVEN OF WATER

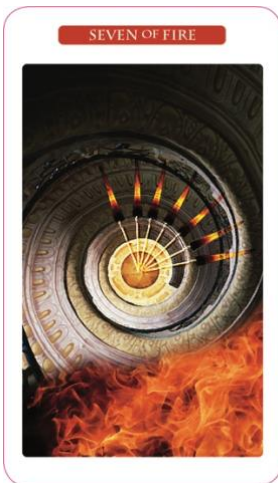


Seven of Water

This card says you are in emotionally turbulent waters, unable to manage your own well-being, or see what it is you need. This card indicates you may not be getting your needs met in a relationship, so take the time for introspection and go inward and check in with your higher self. Your inner world is unstable, so it is time to face that you are not emotionally satisfied. The help of a therapist may be in order to guide you back to balance. This is not about what someone did to you, it's about how you are managing what someone did to you. Self-forgiveness is a crucial lesson with this card to move forward.

Seven of Air

The Seven of Air represents dysfunctional rescuing; you have got to set boundaries. Are you carrying a burden that is not yours, to begin with? Time to step away and save yourself. Wipe yourself clean, speak the truth. You may be trying to help, but it is dysfunctional and disrespectful to others and yourself to enable in reality. It passive-aggressively implies the other is incapable. It's time to release this pattern from your current life. Watch for an over-active self-critic.



Seven of Fire

The Seven of Fire represents a test of one's faith in oneself. You are working hard again, but this time on an inner level. You are stoic and resilient as you push to exceed personal boundaries no matter what, even though on the outside, it may not seem as if you are working hard at all. Let this Fire card fuel your energy to continue pushing away any self-doubts that have previously hindered your path. [The re-evaluation phase](#) fuels the rest of your journey, don't dismiss its value.

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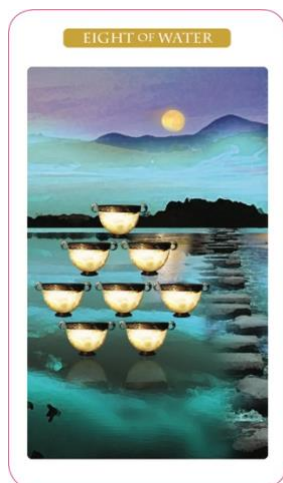
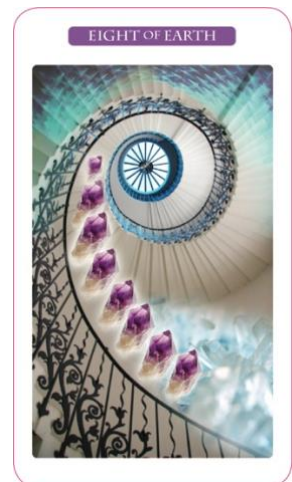
Eights

Eights represent connection and in the flow of positivity. You are coming “up for air” and feel power, freedom, success, and a sense of self-reliance and personal authority. Leadership and executive ability are also represented by the number Eight.

The downside of the Eight is you may be feeling impatient and trapped. Your love of power may create a hardness to and intolerance of others. You may be experiencing worry and poor judgment resulting in scheming and misspent energy.

Eight of Earth

The Eight of Earth asks you to come up for air and deeply inhale and exhale all of the abundant earthly energy around you. Everything is possible! This card represents a solid reputation, a master of a particular skill, and both financial and material success. Whatever you’ve been working on or longing for is yours for the asking and [deeply supported](#) at this time. Go for it!

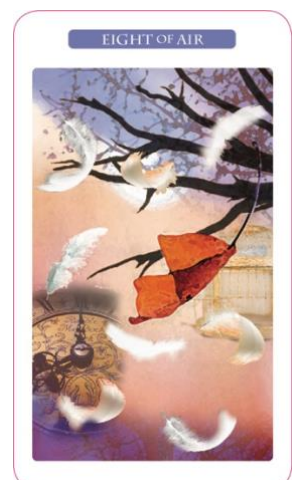


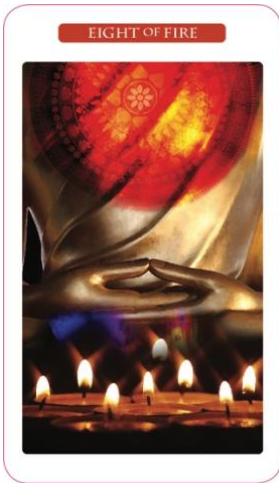
Eight of Water

The eight of Water simply says: Walk away. Move forward one step at a time and release that which has left you unfilled and emotionally drained. You may need to see a therapist or at least seek emotionally safe places where you can retreat and find solace. [It's time to rebuild from within and recover from the energy drain.](#)

Eight of Air

The Eight of Air brings the message, “it’s time to let go.” You are mentally exhausted, and it seems you have been led astray. Get out of your head and feel your way out—leave behind your overthinking. [Meditate in order to leave behind your thoughts.](#) Stop thinking in circles and seek counsel, support, and guidance.





Eight of Fire

The Eight of Fire represents the peak of creativity, sexual power, and charisma. It signifies you are in the flow of your spiritual heart and have unlimited support from the Universe. Business creativity and professionalism are also highlighted at this time. You may be moving forward soon, either literally or figuratively. Follow the positive movement that feels right.

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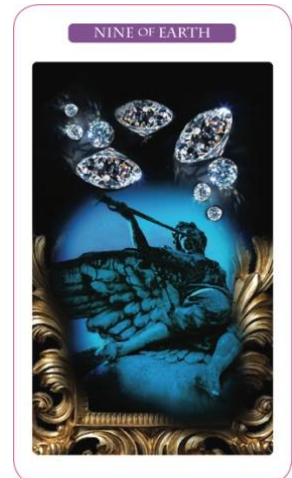
Nines

Nines represent creativity, generosity, and artistic ability. It's a message to keep your eye on the prize—a project or endeavor is approaching the finish line.

The downside of the Nine is that you may be experiencing a loss of focus, trust, or attention to detail.

Nine of Earth

The Nine of Earth delivers the message that it's time to celebrate the accomplishments, manifestations, and excellent hard work you've been doing. Things are very good—abundance is yours, and you have more than enough. So continue to work with passion, and **remember to care for those around you and give joyfully of your talents and blessings**. If you are coming towards the end of a project, pay attention to details, bring all the pieces together and prepare for a successful closure coming soon.



Nine of Water

The Nine of Water is the “Wish” card. Make a wish because **the universal forces are supporting you**. Make your wish wisely, though. Are you too rigid in your requirements for a soul mate? Remember, no one else can possibly meet your standards any more than you can meet theirs. Your cup “may runneth over” at this time; be mindful of over-indulgences and egocentrism.

Nine of Air

You feel the pressure regarding some unsolvable problem (maybe some who is sick or completion of something), which has led to sleeplessness, worry, or depression. If you've done the work from the Eight card, the Nine of Air represents your immediate need to get out of your head, become aware, and deal with the adjustments taking place in your life. It's time to learn to trust once again.



NINE OF FIRE



Nine of Fire

The Nine of Fire brings the message to take care of yourself as you cross the finish line. You need the energy to fuel your determination, for it's been a long haul. **Now is the time to double down on your commitment.** Details may not be clear yet but stay the course. Take care of your work and be a little guarded at this time. You are almost there. It would be a shame to lose it now in the final moments. The

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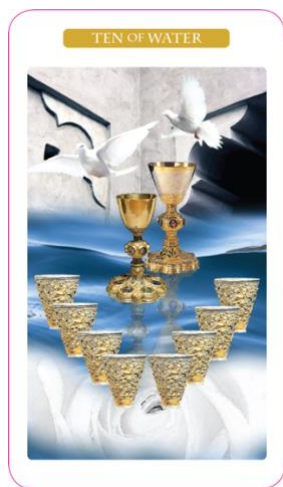
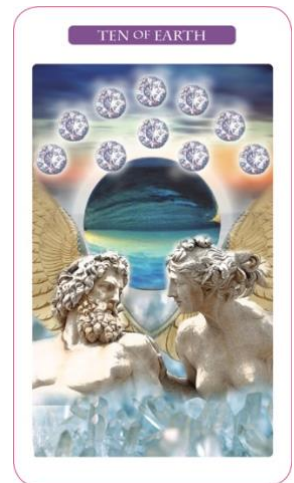
Tens

Tens represent completion and fulfillment. You have been connected and supported and have reached the end of a cycle/project/lesson or moment on your soul journey.

The downside of the Ten is there maybe a stuckness or blockage on your path. Feelings of overwhelm, exhaustion, and isolation can make you collapse in on yourself.

Ten of Earth

The Ten of Earth represents completion, fulfillment, and connectedness. This card is a soulmate, marriage, and family card. You will feel deep satisfaction from knowing you have the support and skill necessary to see things through to their intended destination. Family growth, health, and well-being are highlighted with this card's energy.



Ten of Water

Ten of Water is a soulmate connection card. This may take the form of marriage or long-term partnership as a family of choice, lovers, or business partners. This is the connection that comes from shared lifetimes together, brings the energy of unity, completeness, deep satisfaction, contentment, joy, sweet serenity, and love. This is a powerful card that cannot be denied. There is peaceful contentment to this love.

Ten of Air

The Ten of Air represents mental exhaustion and self-torment, which has left you unable to rest or feel secure. Whatever lesson you are currently experiencing, this is your call to closure. It is time to move on and release. Surrender. Let it go for the sake of your survival.





Ten of Fire

The Ten of Fire represents completion, and this can be in several forms. Perhaps there is a finality to a project or work-related issue. There may also be someone or something draining your energy and soul that you need to walk away from. That time is now. There will be fulfillment with closure. This phase of your journey is complete.

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