

BEAU TAROT
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Welcome to Beau Tarot
I hope you have many enjoyable readings.

Tarot card meanings vary from generation to generation and from deck to deck. But many adhere some symbolic relationship with the Journey of the Hero, the Fool (the Devine Child) and his paths to self discovery. What follows is my brief interpretation of the cards, but there are many variants out there. Cards can be read Upright or R. Reversed.

A quote that I love and think explains the journey well.

“Thus the whole of the series of the twenty-two trumps will give a connected sentence which is capable of being thus read:- The Human Will (1) enlightened by Science (2) and manifested by Action (3) should find its Realisation (4) in deeds of Mercy and Beneficence (5). The Wise Disposition (6) of this will give him Victory (7) through Equilibrium (11) and Prudence (9), over the fluctuation of Fortune (10). Fortitude (8) sanctified by sacrifice of self (12), will triumph over Death itself (13), and thus a Wise Combination (14) will enable him to defy Fate (15). In each Misfortune (16) he will see the Star of Hope (17) shine through the twilight of Deception (18), and ultimate Happiness (19) will be the Result (20). Folly (0), on the other hand, will bring about an evil Reward (21).” Samuel Liddel MacGregor Mathers.

Strength/Fortitude (8) and Justice/Equilibrium (11) placement are sometimes exchanged in tarot decks.

Major Arcana

0. The FOOL.

The Devine Child represents the primal energy, spontaneous and free. This is a card of new beginnings and infinite possibilities.

Keywords: Freedom, anarchy, carefree, naivety, optimism, dreams, innocence, foolishness, intoxication, travel.

R. Carelessness, recklessness, distraction, apathy, irrationality, folly, hopelessness, madness, stupidity, nihilism.

1. The MAGICIAN.

Represents the primal spark and a call for action. With understanding and willpower creative originality is activated.

Keywords: Focused energy, self confidence, communication, diplomacy, influence over others, ambition and craftsmanship, cleverness, skill, subtlety.

R. Unscrupulous, greedy ambition, deceit and trickery, illusion, thievery, lies, misdirection and miscommunication.

2. The HIGH PRIESTESS.

Sitting between the pillars of Unity and Strength, she holds the scroll of secret knowledge. She is connected to the subconscious and instinctual wisdom.

Keywords: Inner illumination, intuition, secrets, unrealised potential, wisdom, virginity, trust, divine timing, healing.

R. Jealousy, hidden hostility, treachery, bitterness.

3. The EMPRESS.

The goddess nourishes and supports life and ideas. She is the fertile ground where creative events occur.

Keywords: Love, desire, beauty, harmony, fertility, mother, kindness, productivity, creativity, understanding.

R. Overindulgence, stagnation, dissipation, lack of self love.

4. The EMPEROR.

Represents the mastery over the physical world. Control over his world but not himself, ruling head over heart.

Keywords: Authority, structure, stability, manifestation, power, wise leader, benefactor, father, development.

R. Stubbornness, despot, tyranny, paternalism.

5. The HIEROPHANT.

Creative thought and inspiration through the power of traditional belief systems. Goodness and mercy focused on the group. The voice of consciousness. Moral and physical evolution.

Keywords: Wise council, conformity, convention. Devine authority, mercy and alliances, ritual, marriage.

R. Intolerance, fanaticism, superstition, pride and bigotry.

6. The LOVERS.

An emotional choice full of passion and desire. The attraction of opposites. Unity in duality. Balanced relationship with yourself and others.

Keywords: Choice, commitment, partnership, temptation, attraction, love, reconciliation.

R. Antagonism, trial, test.

7. The CHARIOT.

With self-control and perseverance progress can be made. Taking control to achieve triumph and success.

Keywords: Progress, courage, resolve, victory, focus, good health, vengeance, war.

R. Instability, opposing forces, defeat, withdrawal, arguments, progress halted.

8. STRENGTH.

Persuasion and influence through compassion and wisdom. Composure through adversity. Understanding the power we have over our environment. Inner strength.

Keywords: Courage, compassion, self discipline, success, action, vulnerability, stubbornness.

R. Raw emotion, self doubt, fear, anxiety, tyranny, obstinacy.

9. The HERMIT.

A guiding light offering clarity and support. Spiritual development, peaceful knowledge. Withdrawal from petty things. Introspection of inner motivation.

Keywords: Contemplation, solitude, meditation, patience, self examination, inner strength, consideration, caution, prudence.

R. Delays, manipulation, loneliness, sadness, despondency, unsociable, concealment, inertia, discouragement.

10. The WHEEL of FORTUNE.

Signals change, transition, movement and growth. Prosperity and good fortune. Long distance and future travel. A new beginning.

Keywords: Destiny, change, karma, fate, good luck, opportunity, success.

R. Fate, disturbing anxiety, confusion, upsets, ill fortune, failure.

11. JUSTICE.

Weighing up of matters impartially. Stern judgement tempered in mercy. The voice of conscience.

Keywords: Legal system, equilibrium, harmony, honour, stability, self control, equality, equity, control.

R. Grandiose, bias, inequality, unfair, harshness, intolerance, severity, bigotry, legal problems.

12. The HANGED MAN

Seeing your life from a different perspective. Spiritual illumination. Wisdom attained through sacrifice.

Keywords: Intuition, inspiration, voluntary sacrifice, regeneration, telepathy, divination, initiation. R.

Confusion, apathy, failure, masochism, sometimes drugs, release, selfishness, not letting go.

13. DEATH.

Death brings rebirth, a transition to a new state. End of an era beginning of a new.

Keywords: Forced change, transition, liberation, transformation, purging regeneration.

R. Inflexibility, indifference, sadness, grief, old age, destruction of material concerns, death, inertia, purification.

14. TEMPERANCE.

Moderation and self restraint. Working from a secure centre. The search for equilibrium. Following the middle road and avoiding extremes.

Keywords: Moderation, patience, serenity, communication, exchange, purification, harmony, economy, management.

R. Instability, laziness, lack of constraint, over indulgence and excess, conflict, discord, disunion, impatience, imbalance.

15. The DEVIL.

Self imposed limitation and bondage. Mindless action. Seductive attraction to the material world.

Keywords: Temptation, manipulation, weakness, illusion, deception, addiction, uncontrolled passion, obsession, selfishness jealousy.

R. Breaking free of negative patterns, freedom, liberation, understanding self discipline, hard work.

16. The TOWER.

The shattering of illusion through crisis. Spiritual illumination. One must go forward there is no turning back.

Deconstruction/reconstruction. Baptism of fire.

Keywords: Upheaval, chaos, dramatic event, painful loss, tragedy, divorce, failure, awakening, liberation, revelation.

R. Fear of change, imprisonment, averting disaster, delaying the inevitable.

17. The STAR.

Signifies hope and trust in future visions. Contemplative discernment. Inspiration for the arts and healing.

Hope, inspiration, grace, trust, gifts, guidance, regeneration, expectations, promises, serenity, contentment, calm, attention.

R. Lack of faith, false hope and promises, boredom, hopelessness, exposure.

18. The MOON.

Solitude and vulnerability. Things are not as they seem. Trust your instincts and intuition.

Keywords: Illusion, fantasy, distortion, lies, deceit, deception, anxiety, fear, insecurity, the subconscious. R.

Secrets revealed, truth, releasing fear and anxiety, composure, or delusion, inconsistencies, mistakes.

19. The SUN.

The triumph of matter and the enjoyment of living after letting go of the past. Success and enthusiasm.

Keywords: Fulfilment, wholeness, blessings, truth, celebration, optimism, vitality, happiness, joy, self expression, rebirth, pregnancy.

R. Same as upright but also vanity, showing off, unrealistic expectations, ego, pessimism, unhappiness.

20. JUDGEMENT.

Calm evaluation of self in order to make positive decisions. If you have been honest then legal matters will be resolved.

Keywords: Rebirth, cleansing, healing, rite of passage, outcomes, results, maturity, metamorphosis, decisiveness, forgiveness.

R. Self doubt, malicious gossip, false accusations, unsatisfactory result, indecisiveness, delay, postponement, sentence, embarrassment and public pressure.

21. The WORLD.

Understanding yourself and your path. The world is at your feet due to the culminations of your works.

Reaching a goal you have aspired too. Completion of a cycle.

Keywords: Completion fulfilment, achievements, success, honour, rewards, wholeness, regeneration, public recognition, glory, travel by air.

R. Permanence, establishment, stagnation, lack of accomplishment, burden.

MINOR ARCANA

The suits represents the 4 elements water/cups, fire/wands, air/swords and earth/pentacles. The court cards can represent people in the querent's life. It can indicate their star sign and personally traits.

CUPS

Water Element. Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

Passive and receptive, concerning the heart and emotions. Relationships, love, pleasure, sensitivity and fertility.

ACE. Keywords: New beginnings, passion, pleasure, romance, joy, fertility, regeneration, inspiration, socialising. R. Indifference, unrequited love, sadness, bad news, infertility, breakups.

TWO. Keywords: Partnership, compatibility, loving union, mutual attraction, soul mates, equality, connections, marriage. R. Abandonment, imbalance, arguments, separation, disharmony.

THREE. Keywords: Celebration, fulfilment, fun with friends, reunions, indulgence, happiness. R. Jealousy, gossiping, cheating, over indulgence, lack of social life.

FOUR. Keywords: Dissatisfaction, satiety, boredom, regret, depression, delusion, avoidance, missed opportunities. R. Positive focus, motivation, seizing opportunities, gratitude.

FIVE. Keywords: Dwelling on the negative, disappointment, despair, remorse, unwanted change, anger, guilt, alienation, apprenticeship. R. Acceptance, releasing emotions, healing, forgiveness.

SIX. Keywords: Nostalgia, sentimentality, past memories, kindness, innocence, support, sharing, wedding, child/children. R. Boredom, stuck in the past, growing up, childhood trauma.

SEVEN. Keywords: Many choices, multiple possibilities and opportunities, decisions, fantasy, illusion, dreams. R. Lethargy, poor choices, avoiding issues, being realistic, clarity.

EIGHT. Keywords: Vision, abandoning something for something better, escaping, loneliness, walking away, courage, travel. R. Sacrifice, monotony, stagnation, low self-esteem, faking happiness.

NINE. Keywords: Indulgence, self satisfaction, complete success, celebration, fulfilled, fame, pleasure. R. Disintegration, misery, addiction, unhappiness, arrogance, shattered dreams.

TEN. Keywords: Happiness, attainment, emotional bliss, home life, gatherings, abundance, blessings, well-being. R. Disruption, dissatisfaction, homesick, disharmony, miscarriage, neglect.

PAGE. Keywords: Sensitive youngster, inner child, creative, inspired, artistic skills, psychic, romantic engagements, dreamer, style. R. Vulnerability, childhood issues/abuse, obsession, promiscuity, envy, bad news, gloomy.

KNIGHT. Keywords: Lover, rival seducer, a proposal of marriage, romantic, adventurous, invitations, attraction, sensitivity, emotional growth. R. Moodiness, pessimism, heartbreaker, liar, troublemaker, unrequited love, obsession.

QUEEN. Keywords: Sensitive, creative, wife, mother, emotionally nurturing, intuitive, shy, loving, kindness, daydreamer, psychic. R. Ignorance, immature, overly sensitive, needy, weak, insecure, spiteful, bitter, depressed.

KING. Keywords: Compassionate, calm, loyal, easygoing, flexible, sensitive, creative, benefactor, husband, father, devoted. R. Selfish, repression of deep emotion, possible alcoholism, immature, uncaring, controlling, violence, conman.

WANDS

Fire element. Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.

Creativity, rule, authority and sovereignty. Action, intelligence, power and drive. Intuition and spiritual development. Purpose, ambition, goals, motivation, change.

ACE. Keywords: Initiative, enthusiasm, good news, action, excitement, travel, new beginnings, creative spark, male libido. R Uncompromising, delays, creative block, missed opportunity.

TWO. Keywords: Contemplation, decisions, planning, emigration, anticipation, turmoil. R. Dispute, passive aggression, indecision, fear of change, cancelled travel plans, being held back,

THREE. Keywords: Travel, planning forward, adventure, handwork paying off, cooperation, collective enterprise, being liberated. R. Idleness, returning home, self doubt, failure, lack of confidence.

FOUR. Keywords: Family bond, celebration, wedding, reunion, demands of society, refuge, home, standstill. R. Discord, cancelled celebration, reunions, events, insecurity, uprooting, neglect, community divided.

FIVE. Keywords: Confrontation, competition, disagreements, arguments, conflict, oppression, assertion, aggression. R. Timidness, avoidance, cooperation, compromise, solutions, agreements.

SIX. Keywords: Accolades and achievements, success, victory, recognition, goodwill, celebrity, ego. R. Disapproval, failure, broken promises, egotistical, disloyal, a follower.

SEVEN. Keywords: Feeling defensive and on-guard, determined, assertive, taking the high road, under attack, the underdog. R. Yielding, admitting defeat, compromise, surrendering, exhausted, worn down.

EIGHT. Keywords: Manifesting quickly, speed, sudden action, progress, solutions, travel, holiday, infatuation, rapid change. R. Stagnation, slow progress, delays, missed opportunities, impatience, unfinished business.

NINE. Keywords: Persistence, strength of will, fatigue, chaos, backs, gatherings your strength, close to success. R. Stubborn, giving up, withdrawal, retreat, unexpected trouble.

TEN. Keywords: A burden that's not worth having. A burden that you carry. Feeling oppressed, exhaustion, stress, responsibilities, duty, restrictions, taken for granted. R. Impractical duty bound, breakdown, resigned to fate, letting go, learning to say no.

PAGE. Keywords: Truthful, newly inspired, cheerful, optimistic, fearless, good news, excited about life and work. R. Impatient, gullible, delinquent, lethargic, uninspired, spoilt, self conscious, stifling creativity.

KNIGHT. Keywords: Change of residence, departure, emigration, adventurer, risk taker, passionate, hasty, energetic. R. Apathy, reckless and undisciplined, arrogant, show off, unenthusiastic, jealous.

QUEEN. Keywords: Astute woman, independent, intelligent, honest, confident, focused, energetic, passionate, optimistic, outgoing, grace and charm. R. Self righteous, demanding, unfriendly, manipulative, spiteful, jealous, unfaithful, cold.

KING. Keywords: Influence, strong principles, clever, intelligent, good advice, career, focused, mature, passionate, optimistic, witty, loyal, hot tempered. R. Impulsive, forceful, rude, tyrant, deceitful, weak, ineffective, broken promises, imposter.

SWORDS

Air element. Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.

Symbolises bravery, energy and victory, alternately war and conflict. Justice but also destruction (mental self). Challenges, decisions, confrontation, arguments, courage.

ACE. Keywords: A fresh start, new ideas, sudden opportunities, mental clarity, truth, victory, assertiveness, decisive, success. R. Regrets, improbable, creative block, lack of focus, hostility, bad decisions.

TWO. Keywords: Indecision, separation, stalemate, denial, caught in the middle, truce, tough decisions, divided loyalty. R. Conflicts, delay, emotional turmoil, fears and worries, detachment.

THREE. Keywords: Heartbreak, betrayal, rupture, delay, loneliness, upheaval, sorrow, grief. R. Torment, suppressed memories, inability to let go, compromise, forgiveness.

FOUR. Keywords: Meditation, rest, healing, retreat often caused by health or finance, solitude, contemplation, rejection, regrouping, stress. R. Disturbance, burnout, losing faith, slow recovery, healing, mental strength, awakening.

FIVE. Keywords: Mind games, hostility, violence, affliction, bereavement, defeat, lack of communication, surrender. R. Treachery, regret, revenge, sacrifice, resolution, moving on.

SIX. Keywords: Travel, turmoil, struggle, accepting help, calmer waters, relief, running away, guidance, internet. R. Trouble, delay, instability, cancelled travel, slow progress.

SEVEN. Keywords: Secret plan, abandoning ship, hope, scheming, theft, cheating, risky business, strategy, daring, manipulation. R. Clumsiness, conscience, slander, confessions, getting caught, cheat, liar.

EIGHT. Keywords: Feeling powerless and stuck, trapped, feeling pressured, psychological issues, anxiety, stuck in a corner. Criticism, restrictions, crisis. R. Escape, solutions, freedom, facing fears, strength, depression.

NINE. Keywords: Anxiety, over active mind, terror, overwhelmed, insomnia, regret. R. Martyrdom, scandal, breakdown, accepting help, recovery.

TEN. Keywords: Self sabotage, fearing defeat, backstabbing, betrayal, exhaustion, ruin. R. Sabotage, relapse, total ruin, learning from the past, surviving disaster.

PAGE. Keywords: Delayed news, vigilance, spy or rival, patience, inquisitiveness, quick-witted. R. Stupidity, deceit, mental instability, intellectually immature, acts without thinking, gossip, defensive, head in the clouds.

KNIGHT. Keywords: Seize the moment, a fighter, struggle, strife, fierce, direct, impulsive, determined, brave, big changes and opportunities, assertive. R. Unfocused, missed opportunities, boredom, aggression, inferiority complex, rude, tackless.

QUEEN. Keywords: Woman of authority, honest, truthful, protective, independent, intelligent, dower, sad, communicative yet cold, writer. R. Critical, ineffective, malicious, manipulative, dependent, repressed, bad communicator, infertile, sharp tongue, detached.

KING. Keywords: Man in authority, judge, critic, serious, rational, controlling, focused, active, the power of the mind, structure, routine, ethics, logical, power. R. Foolish, aggressive, brutal, dictator, absent father, judgemental, controlling, lack of integrity, misdirection.

PENTACLES

Earth element. Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Represents the material domain, hard work, ambition and a dire for dominance over practical and physical matters, money and health and day to day concerns. Career, finances and property, stability.

ACE. Keywords: Financial rewards, new business and opportunities. Prosperity, abundance, clarity of goals, manifestation, investments, security. R. Debt, financial problems, lost opportunities, excessive spending, greed, instability.

TWO. Keywords: Multi-tasking, adaptability, ups and downs, monetary obstacles, balancing books. R. Impractical, over extended, poor financial decisions, imbalance, unequal exchange.

THREE. Keywords: Status, earned esteem, meaningful work, suitable career, enjoyable work, commitment, collaboration, recognition, trades, attention to detail, study. R. Mediocrity, mistakes, lack of commitment, apathy, lazy, no goals.

FOUR. Keywords: Material benefits, acquisitiveness, hoarding, holding back, stinginess, greed, materialism. R. Financial loss or instability, gambling, sharing, generosity.

FIVE. Keywords: Hardship, minor money problems, health problems, feeling like an outsider, adversity, homelessness, disgrace, scandal. R. Helplessness, positive change, recovery, financial security, employment.

SIX. Keywords: Exchange, handout, dependence, contact, gifts, allowance, charity, generosity, support, investments, community, equality. R. Cruelty, inequality, abuse of power, scams, bad debt, under valued, paid-off.

SEVEN. Keywords: Patience, waiting for your plans to bare fruit, ardent pursuit of wealth, greed. R. Unemployed, bad business, impatience, laziness, waste.

EIGHT. Keywords: Hard work, focused efforts, laying the groundwork, results, new job, ambitions , qualifications, rewards. R. Skill shortage, bad reputation, mediocrity, workaholic, bored, failure.

NINE. Keywords: Wealth, independence, material comforts, economic rewards, prudent success, profit, self reliance, thriving business, consistency. R. Dependency, superficial, overworked, theft, reproductive health, prostitution

TEN. Keywords: Stable home, financial success, inheritance, family life, financial windfall, prenup , marrying into money. R Restrictions, financial disputes, bankruptcy, debt, new money, fake wealth, divorce.

PAGE. Keywords: Good news, settings goals, grounded, good prospects, loyal, student, solid foundation. R. Crass young materialist, lack of goals, dull, foolish, lazy, immature, bad news.

KNIGHT. Keywords: Ambitious, consistent, responsible, hand working, perseverance, cautious, patient, practical, making dreams come true, consistency. R. Inexperience, impatience, irresponsible, unstable, apathy, gambler.

QUEEN. Keywords: Wealthy woman, security, mother, healthy in body and mind, grounded and calm, business woman, social, healer, homemaker. R. Unreasonable, ungrounded, disorganised, sociopath, jealous, bad mother, out of control.

KING. Keywords: Wealthy, successful, business man, investments, negotiations, patient, handwork, pays off, stability, reaching goals. R. Corruption, unsuccessful, instability, bankruptcy, materialistic, greedy, unfaithful, hasty, cold.

