

Symbolism in Tarot

The Fool

White Rose - Purity, Clarity of Purpose, Wholeness in Life

Wand & Sack - Past Lives - All Well being in this world

Feather in hat - Truth (Mart - Egyptian - Goddess of Truth)

Dog - Spirit Guide

0 - Unlimited Potential

Wreath on Head - Victory

The Divine Spirit lives in nature and all its inhabitants show that spirit is always victorious

White Dog - Purity / Leaping Dog-Pay Attention to your inner self. Also shows our domestic mind tries to stop out adventurous mind.

White Sun - Actions are guided and directed from above.

Wand - Willing action and power

Wand (Black) - Unlimited Potential

Wallet (Contents) - Past Lives. Previous Experience

Eye on Wallet - All seeing eye of Horus being watched by our parents

Eagle on Wallet - Objectivity. Soaring Spirit.

Jacket - 10 Circles of the tree of life

Jacket - Stars & moon - The fool is a child of the divine

Belt - 12 knots symbolizes the 12 signs of the zodiac and the 12 personality types

Magician: Transformer

Drawing energy from above to the earth. We are a channel for energy.

Arm positions - As above, so below - Showing Manifestation

Wand and Headband - To make the magic (wand) the magician must concentrate (Headband)

Two Headed Wand - Drawing energy from between worlds. Holds in right hand

Wand - Symbolizes the "Consciously" acts to bring heaven to earth and earth to heaven

Belt - Serpent swallowing its tail - Shredding or transforming old traits

Outer Robe - Personality which clothes and cover the spirit within

Roses - five roses represents the five sense to help us with knowledge and to educate us.

Red (Roses) - Personal Desire

White (Lilies) - Knowledge of one reality and universal law

Infinity Sign (Leminscate) Representing Christ, Holy Spirit, eternal life, and material world.

The High Priestess - The Keeper of The Secrets

Keeper of Records

Believing the Tarot originated in Ancient Egypt

Throne - At the doorway to the temple of Solomon

Stone Throne - Symbolizes being united with the higher consciousness

Crown - Full, waxing and waning moon. Three aspect of the moon goddess. Maiden, mother, crone (Old woman).

Shows Astrological association with the moon which rules cycles and changes in our emotions

Pillars- Represents both the temple of isis and the ancient temple of jerusalem
White (Pillar) Positive Energy - (J) Jakin - Mercy , Action, and Consciousness
Black (Pillar) Negative Energy (B) Biaz - Severity, passivity and mystery
Lotus Buds on Pillar - Potential and Virginity
Torah - Ancient Knowledge - Five Books of Moses - Jewish Law
Scroll- Concealed - Mysteries of Life, Higher knowledge is not available to our limited understanding
Water Flowing - Represents streams of consciousness
Water behind the veil - The unconscious truth
Smooth Surface of Water - Suggest truth and secrets are in the depth of the subconscious
Veil of Pomegranates and palms
Palms - Symbolizes desire and creative energy
Veil - Represents the mysteries of life and death which has never lifted and her virgin remains.
Equal Arms cross - the uniting of human consciousness
Horizontal - Female arm (Subconscious) Blending with the vertical
Male arm (Consciousness) Slowing equality

The Empress - The Mother

Wreath of myrtle and twelve six pointed stars with sovereigns staff.
Female creator of the material world
Crown of Stars - Twelve (12) stars representing the zodiac
Symbolizes the empress as “ Queen of the Heavens”
Star - Two connecting triangles - upward triangle - Fire , masculine
Downward Triangle - Water Feminine
Shield - Heart Shaped - Lovingly protects with the sign of Venus (Roman Greek Goddess)
Robe Flowing - Perpetually pregnant - “ Mother of All” - “Constantly Becoming”
Pearl Necklace - Nine pearls - Seeds of creation
Symbolizing the nine planets
Trees and Wheat - Mother Nature- Ruler of Agriculture
Wheat - Fertility
Cypress Trees - Evergreens - Sacred to Venus ever giving nature
Stream flowing - Stream of consciousness (From the temple of the High Priestess) giving life to the garden
Stream - River of Life
Water - Feelings
Pillow - Giving it comfort

The Emperor - Father

He /She who sets order
Throne - Rams - Aries rules the head
Throne stone - Material World
Crown - Dominion over the order of the world
Crown Peak - Sign of the Ram (Looking like a propeller on top of the crown)

Ankh on scepter - Cross of Life, Symbol for life showing power of life and death
Hair and Beard (White) - Ancient Wisdom
Globe - Ability to carry out the Divine Plan
Armor - Protective. Governed by rules, strictness of life
Water - emotions, showing us not to only use mental clarity
Demeanor - Arms and Legs as triangle - sign of fire.

The Hierophant - Inner Teacher

One who shows or brings to light
Hand gesture - Be still and listen
Shoes - Shoes of the fisherman, simon peter, first pope of Rome
Throne gray stone - Gray for Wisdom (Black & White makes Gray which equals balance)
Circles at feet - Shows God/Goddess animate and inanimate
Crown and Scepter - Attunement with the 4 levels of creation. A Triple tiara of gold symbolizing wisdom, perfection, glory, and the power of the subconsciousness
Ear Flaps - Clairaudience
Keys Crossed - Gold and Silver. Ability to discern between our instincts and intuition, our inner and outer states.
Three people (Hierophant and two monks) - Body, mind, spirit/unconscious, conscious, and superconscious
Monk's Yoke - Teaches us to work together
Monk's Robe - Red Roses - Desire. White Lillies - Knowledge
Monk's Hair - Symbolizing the franciscan Monks who were nonconformist
Kneeling - Surrender

Lovers - Choices

Arc Angel Rapher - "Healing of God"
Represents higher consciousness
Garden - Garden of Eden
Adam - Self Consciousness
Eve - Subconsciousness
Tree Flaming - Tree of life
Tree with Fruit - Tree of Knowledge
Twelve Leaves - Twelve Personality of Zodiac

Chariot - Symbolizes the mind

Chariot not moving - Not having a rebellious nature
No rein - shows the mind and personality control opposing forces of life
Walls - known world
Laurel Wreath - Victory
3 Stars Crown - Subconscious, Self conscious, Super Conscious
Sphynx - Positive and negative forces
White - Positive (Joy) Black - Negative (Suffering)

Facing opposite directions shows that "Will" holds them together without the Chariot and Charioteer would break apart

Seven (8) point stars Crown

Represents the goal of mastery of the light

Path leading to spiritual perfection

Cloth behind - Placing the mysteries of the unconscious behind him

Wheels in water - Receives energy from unconscious

Crescent Moon - Forces on shoulder - Urim and Thummim - Suggesting High Priestess of Jerusalem joy and sorrow

Square on chest - Dedication to work without limitations of the material world

Belt - Sign and Planet

Skirt - Ceremonial Magic

Wing Emblem - Winged Emblem and Solar

Disk - Representing heaven and earth. Egyptian symbol of the logos of Divine World

Nut and Bolt - Hindu Symbol for Lingam and Yoni

Strength - Infinity Sign - Turned upward - Strength

Crown of Flowers - Her power blossom with the rulership overself and her flowering wind ready to open to spirit.

Roses - Connecting woman and lion - symbolizing how we are chained to our desires

Lion - All Fears, feeling and desires to control our life

Hold on Lion - Symbolizing gentle force and confidence

Tail - Surrendering

Hermit - Self Empowerment

Lantern - Consciousness and guide / Teacher

The way shower - one of the desert - greek word - eremites

Diogenes - Greek ascetic who is a symbol of truth

Star - Two triangles - Fire/Water

Staff - Hold in left hand conscious support

Gray Robe - Wisdom, realization, accomplishment and achievement, contemplation

Hood/Yod - His mental attention is always at its highest

Peak - Cold and Lonely - leaving world of senses to enter the mind

Mountain - High Mountain - Going to the light for guidance

The Wheel of Fortune - Fate brings you Destiny

-Rota - Wheel

Hebrew Letters (Yod, Heh, Vav, Hah) - Spells the name of God

Alchemical glyphs - Mercury, Sulfur, Salt, and Water (Transmutation of people to enlightened beings)

Anubis - Souls guided through the underworld

Snake - Warns that each cycle we go through is transformation

Sphinx with swords - Living in the world

Discrimination and detachment. Knowing when to hold and when to let go.
Angels - All things in Heaven
Clouds - Higher Levels of Man

Justice - Fairness - Law & order

Discerning Intuition
Sword of Righteousness
Sword Handle - "T" Shaped symbol for planet of elimination
Scales - Balancing heart and mind
Foot Extended - Shows readiness for action
Crown - Kether, Source of the tree of life
Blue Square shows an integration of the energies of Heaven (Blue) and Earth (Square) merging in Divine Justice
Cape green - Creativity
Square on Cape - Justice in everyday world
Robe - Red - Courage and Desire

The Hanged Man - Introspective

Hands behind Back - Unseen- Surrender
Halo- Inspiration, connection the divine
Hair - White - Showing clarity through looking at the world from a different perspective
Tied by one leg - Limitation
Legs as Figure Four - Shaped as number 4 seeing order as the emperor (iV), the number 4 shows the earth and its Four directions (North, East, South West)
Tree of Life- Reversing his sense of values he turned world on its head

Death - Transformation

White Rose - Purifies and Clarifies after "Death"
Skeleton symbolizes taking out the old
Black Armor - Death Color
Number (13) - Jesus Crucified on Friday the 13th
Pillars and Sun - Through death we experience life
Sun - sun both rising and setting. Sunset on the physical plane and raises on the spiritual
Boat - Pharaoh burial boat. Shows the soul's journey to the after life.
Landscape - Land of the dead
River - Representing unity of change and eternity
People (4) - King - Ego, Priest - Showing no fear of death, Woman - Turning away not willing to surrender, Kid - Innocence

Temperance - Balance /Moderation/Healing

The Path isn't a straight line

Mountain - Enlightenment

Archangel Michael - "Who is God"

Feet one foot in material world/one foot in the spiritual world

Solar Disk - Archangel Michael is sometimes called the sun reigning over fire

Pouring Water - Elements of Life Flowing

Flower - Iris - representing Greek Goddess Iris

Robe Collar - Letters meaning God's Name

Path to source and Enlightenment

The Devil - Self Imposed Limitation

Lucifer - Means light bearer

Devil - Greek Word - Diabolos to discredit/ slander

Horns and Beard -

Goat Like Beard

Horny Goat - Obsession with Sex

Donkey Ears - Half Assed perceptions, stupidity

Inverted Pentacle - Pouring spirit out of your life

Bat Wings - Creatures of the dark and can't see in the light

Eagle's Legs- Symbolizing hanging on to self-defeating behavior and ideas

Half Cubed Throne - Remnants of early training - incomplete knowledge

Torch (Inverted) - Conjuring up the devil's misuse of the life force excessive ego imposing your will on others. Emphasis on material

Black background - Black magic -unable to see the truth

Man and Woman - Love's Card, light and dark side of our nature

Facial expressions - Acceptance of a bad situation

Chains (Loose) Bondage by choice

Tails - Tree of life (Fruit)

Knowledge (Flame)

Palm - Sign of Saturn - Symbolizing evil and misfortune

Limitation and restriction

Palm (open) - nothing after obvious

Fingers (Position) - Narrow illusion of thought

Fingers (Gap) Gesture used by High Priest in Jerusalem to bring spirit to the physical plane

The Tower - Sudden Change - Release of Ego / Arrogance

Tower of Babel

King who built his own tower to reach heaven. God sent lighting bolt struck. No one spoke the language

Flames - Burning arrogance

Tower - Human being also represents the tower of babel

Tower (Crumbling) - Releasing oppression within self

Lightning Bolt brings divine energies to the material plane also destroying the illusion of the material world.

Flaming windows - Burning off attitudes and behaviors

Sparks (yods) - Hands of God

Ypds (22)- 22 Major Arcana

Yods at 10 and 12. Sumerian's used 10 number systems for worldly matters and 12 for spiritual counting

Falling Man - Too much ego & Intellect

Falling himan - Too much emotion & desire

People Cloth - Symbolizing dishonesty, immaturity, and being unrealistic

Crown falling off man's immature and misunderstood nature

The Star - Calmness, Patience, Having wishes fulfilled

Water - 5 Streams - Five Senses

Seven Stars - Chakra

Large Star - Star of Bethlehem (Hope)

Star (8- Points) - New possibilities

Star (7 Small) Seven Chakras

Ibis - Fishing bird - Concentration, Attention, and also represents egyptian God Thoth, bringing The arts to Egypt. Show use of creative power

Nude Woman - Goddess of Truth; Isis unveiled looking into Pooh - time of reflection and soul searching

One foot on water - Understanding and discovery. Not entering the collective unconscious

Knee (Bent) Seek Guidance from Spirit

Vessels - Right Hand - Conscious choice

Left Hand pouring insight and inspiration

Land - Pouring water - Balancing spirit and the material world

Pool - Represents - Unconscious

Ripples - Actions creates reaction

The Moon - Caution / Hidden Forces / Illuminates and reveals your path

Moon - (Changeable)

Caution

Towers - Distortion and Fears

No Person on Card - We lose sense of self in partial light

Path - Enlightenment - Source your " Spiritual Path"

Winding Path - Journey can be difficult

Wolf - Unconscious untamed - Thoughts

Wolf (Howling) - Bringing out primitive nature

Dog - Conscious "Tamed" Thoughts

Dog and Wolf - Dog - Evolved Wolf - Not Evolved

Side by side - aspects of our personality, Being in touch with our instincts while educating self

Animal - Self brought out by the moon

The Sun - Achievement/ Success/Achieving Goals

Securing everything with clarity

Wall -Material World and Limitations

Sunflowers -Above Wall depends on the sun for life

Sunflowers (4) Represents

Kingdoms : Animal, Planet, Human, and Mineral

Child- We're all children under God

Child Riding - Riding Forward. Freedom.

Nude- Openness. Open Hearted

Banner - Banner of Victory

Judgement - Review/Forgiveness/Let Go of the Past

Name to show acceptance of past experience

ArcAngel Gabriel - Messenger of God. Presiding Over judgement

Trumpet - Channeled message from God (vibration)- Breath of God

Message - Truth and understanding

Rays from Horn - (7) Seven Chakras/(7) Musical Notes

Cross - Four Armed Refers to the emperor (IV) for balance and stability "Good Judgement

Four Elements -

Water- Feelings and imagination

Air- Discrimination/Action

Earth-Manifestation

Fire - Inspiration

"Box" Coffins - Breaking free of limited understanding

People coming out raising from the depths and going into the light

People (Facing Out)- Shows awareness of what is to come

People (Gray) - Wisdom and Balance , the polarities

People (Naked) Unashamed of true self

Child - Arms spread open to accept and to know state of consciousness

We must turn out back to the world as we know it

The World - Dancer . Wreath of Victory. Accomplishment

-Fool Soul - Challenges and difficulties on physical plane

On cycle ends, one begins

Achieved all that we desired

The Dancer - The nature person

Shiva Lord of the Cosmic Dance

Dancer (Arms open) Open to new experiences

Wands - Will & Fire .

Right Hand (Clockwise) / Left Hand Counter Clockwise

Scarf - In Shape of Letter Kaph

Grasping Hand

Foot - Representing Centered State of Well Being and Emotions

Wreath (Small)- Victory

Wreath (Large) Has 22 Clusters - Representing the 22 states of consciousness as shown in the tarot

Infinity Sign - As Above, As Below - Open to the universe

Heads (Four)

Lion-Fire

Eagle -Water

Human -Air

Bull -Earth