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Introduction to The Major Trumps

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Please note too: The Rider deck, that I use and recommend, assigns the number 8 to the Strength card and the number 11 to the Justice card in order to fit in with the attributes of the Paths of the Tree of Life diagram.

In older decks, however, these cards were reversed and Justice was 8, while Strength was 11.

This makes more sense in part since 8 is the number of Saturn who has more connection with Justice. At the same time, 11 can be seen as $1 + 1 = 2$, ruled by the Moon, the feminine principle that reflects the light of the Sun, and this relates more to Strength.

I therefore switched back to the older or more traditional correlations.

The Major Trumps

There are 22 major trumps in the Tarot deck.

The number may or may not be significant, but you don't need to know anything about this to use cards since each one has a name or title, and you can make sense of the picture itself.

So card number 9 is The Hermit, and it shows an old-ish man in a grey cloak standing on snow, maybe on a hilltop, holding a lantern for his own self or as a beacon for others to follow. We don't know and ought not to assume one way or the other. Sometimes The Hermit will be finding his own way; sometimes he will be leading or teaching others. Remind yourself of the question and start with it, instead of going with a supposed meaning and reading significance into it.

You can sometimes do a lot with the title – so with The Hermit, the situation is maybe one of being alone, or isolated, or unconnected. In a question about love and romance, this can be awkward or point to a difficulty, though the person may accept the need for and benefits of isolation at this time, so it's not automatically a bad card for this type of question.

Or, the inquiry may be about a different situation – maybe a designer wants to know how some new software will sell. We can think that The Hermit is on his or her own, so people won't respond well to the software, and that may be true, but it's not too helpful. We can, however, think of connectedness and relate this to the user interface – if people won't feel connected to the software, perhaps a change in the appearance will make them more comfortable with it.

0 – The Fool

A person or question represented by this card is inexperienced because he's at a beginning point -0 about to step off a cliff. At the same time, he has daring and a sense of adventure going for him, and this can mean having the courage to do something unpopular. Reversed, you can live a normal life and it's fine, though maybe a bit boring and you can find yourself wishing you had done things differently. It might be better, though, to have

remorse for certain things you did, rather than regret that you never tried them.

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1 – The Magician

is versatile, clever, performs well, and so on. When reversed or in difficulty, he is not as clever as he thinks he is, is overconfident, doesn't prepare well, and can't do magic or his tricks fail.

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2 – The High Priestess

is a knowledgeable, retiring older woman – or the wise inner version of you - who is worth consulting and listening to. When reversed, her preferred peace and quiet can have been broken, or her wisdom is misunderstood or ignored. There may be people working behind the scenes to undermine her, or she can be the one organizing the dirty tricks.

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3 – The Empress

sitting outside on her comfortable pedestal, looks like she enjoys living and will make the most of whatever happens. Reversed, she maybe ought to be doing some work.

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4 – The Emperor

in his armor on top of the mountain looks like he means business so you don't cross him, unless you are looking for trouble, or at least prepared to handle it. Reversed, he can be out of his depth, or over-estimate his strength, power and ability.

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5 – The Hierophant

has his followers and students to whom he can dispense wisdom that ideally elevates them; he, or she, helps people find and move comfortably along their way. Reversed, however, he can make people accept what he says without thinking about it; he wants blind obedience rather than critical support.

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6 – The Lovers

is someone at crossroads and has to choose wisely. Reversed, you can't make up your mind, or you make bad choices.

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7 – The Chariot

is powerful for a time in the same way that the Moon, when she is full, reflects the whole of the Sun, but has to move on. When reversed, the person can want to stay in the same place, or hold on to what they had, fighting against progress and development.

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8 – Justice

follows laws, so gets a lot done since it has momentum behind it. Reversed, you think your own personal power is what makes things happen, and it might for a while, but you can't concentrate hard enough for long enough.

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9 – The Hermit

is comfortable with solitude and being apart or separate from others so he can assess, and then clear out what is no longer of use. Reversed, your solitude may be broken, or you don't want to do any work.

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10 – The Wheel of Fortune

Good and bad come and go, so make the most of the good and don't be too despondent with the bad because it won't stay for ever. Reversed, if fortune isn't with you, that happens sometimes.

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11 – Strength

Muscles can give in and tear. Strength endures. Reversed, thinking you have to prove your individual power gets you off track.

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12 – The Hanged Man

has been suspended upside down, but he doesn't seem too upset – and sees the world from a different angle and this can make his view more rounded and complete, so pay attention instead of wanting everything to be what passes for normal. Reversed, you need patience and insight, so relax first and you will begin to see clearly.

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13 – Death

is an end is a beginning is an end, and so on and so on. Pay attention to what your senses are telling you; then plan suitable and sensible future actions. If reversed, on the other hand, it's a struggle and the new cannot easily take hold.

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14 – Temperance

There are 14 cards in each Suit – the Ace through to the 10, and the four court cards- so this major trump represents completeness and strength and knowledge based on first-hand experience of all stages. Reversed, something is missing, or you want to pick and choose what you prefer and see what you want to see, but this builds in defects.

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15 – The Devil

is in the details, as they say. Pay attention, work hard and do what has to be done, even if it's not immediately pleasant. Reversed, doing only what is pleasurable will undermine you and you'll wonder where the time went.

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16 – The Tower

looks like some reconstruction is going to be necessary, so you can put things back the way they were, or take some time to think about the better or the best way to restructure. In this way, you get a decent result from an undesired event or situation. Reversed, maybe you need to think more about what is going on, and not just have a knee-jerk reaction.

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17 – The Star

is hope and inspiration – and when you have those ideas in the front of your mind, all is possible. Reversed, it's still going to be good, but maybe set your sights higher because the sky is the limit.

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18 – The Moon

rules the night and shines by reflected light, so make sure you reflect the best and not the worst; that you make allowances for impressions and misunderstandings that happen in the dark. Reversed, don't forget that the night will be followed by dawn and things will be better.

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There is a **second video** The Moon: Extra in the folder.

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19 – The Sun

rules the day – from sunrise to sunset. What we do and what is going on is visible, but we can arrange our affairs to work with the amount of energy at different times of the day. Sunrise and noon are one thing; nearing sunset is something else. Reversed, the sun is still shining even when it is hidden by clouds; make sure you shine too.

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20 – Judgment

shows rebirth and renewal, so move hopefully and with confidence into the future; it is going to be a lot different from the past. Reversed, it may be necessary to be patient and wait for the times to catch up with your ideas, but it will happen.

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21 – The World

is the last of the major trumps and shows successful outcomes, conclusions and endings. Enjoy the moment, and prepare for the new beginnings. Reversed, things are still good, but don't let mistrust take the shine off a good time.

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The Suit of Batons, or Wands

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The Suit of Batons or Wands generally represents energy and enterprise. If the question or the answer requires enthusiasm for it to be successful, then a Baton card will help in that direction. Reversed, though, there may be lethargy instead, or sometimes there will be too much excitement and this will get in the way, so the advice can be to be level-headed.

The Baton shown in the picture is a piece of living wood, as we can see from the shoots of new growth. This can make us think of life and livingness with this Suit, and this can be encouraging – life will find a way so there can be a successful outcome even if obstacles are present.

Ace of Batons

The beginning of energy and enterprise so if you're looking to make a fresh start, or to undertake some new and important project, then this is a good atmosphere for it. Reversed, the timing can be off even if the enthusiasm is there, so make sure there is support and that the conditions are amenable and cooperative.

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Two of Batons

High hopes will be or have been realized. You would want the stability and knowledge of this card behind you. Reversed, you might decide that when reversed we are dealing with loss or the opposite of the upright meaning, but that interpretation might be too black-and-white, since on its own there are glitches, but it's not a disaster.

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Three of Batons

Someone is looking off into the distance, so we are being shown the value of foresight, planning and thinking things through to make sure that we haven't missed something. Reversed, think about expanding your vision, or taking a long-term approach, or involving others in decision-making.

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Four of Batons

There are reasons to celebrate and a good time will be had by all involved. Originality is present and ought to be recognized, appreciated and rewarded. Reversed, things are good, but don't get carried away – or, if you allow yourself to get carried away, you will find yourself over-extended.

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Five of Batons

Adaptability can be important here since each person shown in the card may have a particular role to play, but they may need to switch. Or the person in charge may need to understand all of them. Reversed, multi-tasking won't work.

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Six of Batons

This looks good for success, victory and celebration for any type of question. There are supporters happily accompanying the winner, so a team plays well together and they had a good plan. Reversed, maybe your ambitions were or are a bit misplaced, so check them for flaws or are possible goals out of reach.

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Seven of Batons

You're a lot safer and stronger than you think, so by all means pay attention to defense, but don't let it stop you continuing on with your plans. Reversed, devotion is a good thing, but not if it blinds you to what is going on; it can be time for a wake-up call.

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Eight of Batons

These batons are flying neatly and in formation, having been launched with a particular aim in mind, we imagine. They were not just randomly thrown up into the air, but are now about to reach their goal – so success will come soon, or there will be a successful conclusion or outcome. Reversed, expect delays or little things to go wrong – the overall plan and direction are probably good, but you may need to do some tweaking or make some small adjustments.

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Nine of Batons

Sometimes we need to stop for a bit and re-gather our strength, so we don't do too much of anything for a while. Enjoy the quiet. Reversed, the person can be impatient to continue, but they run the risk of not being well-enough rested later and their performance will lack some vital ingredient.

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Ten of Batons

10 is the end of the cycle so we're getting there and approaching the final stage. Our determination will get us over the finish line, but it is maybe wise to re-organize or re-structure so we are in a stronger position when we begin the next cycle. Reversed, we can want to look only forward, and not back, but we review in order to make progress later, and not to find reasons to be disappointed.

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The Court Cards for the Suit of Batons

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Think of the time around sunrise, when there is newness in the air, and ideas and energy to get things done. There may be challenges later in the day, but for now there is optimism. Reversed, if your mind and thoughts are focused on the past and its difficulties, you cut yourself off from the enterprising spirit that will carry you on to new heights.

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Knight of Batons

Knights are messengers and they bring change – so look for interesting developments, creative solutions, opportunities where you can show initiative, and so on. Reversed, things aren't quite as you imagined them, so in a question about a job, personal relationships can be more important than you thought; or in a question about a relationship, people's ambitions have to be given priority.

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There is **another version** of this card – The Knight of Batons: Second Version.

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Queen of Batons

A person or situation that is friendly, sociable, and inspiring, so if you're looking for encouragement, this person fits the bill. Reversed, maybe a bit too much ego, so they have time only for their own problems and their own view of the world and aren't much help to others.

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King of Batons

This King has experience and has been around for a while, so he knows the value of looking back to earlier stages to see what worked well and what needs to be improved. Then he'll put his impressive energy into it. Reversed, can be childish if or when he doesn't get his own way, so you have to consider the question to see if this is going to be a problem, or if it can be accommodated.

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The Suit of Coins, or Pentacles

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The Suit of Coins, or Pentacles (since there is a five-pointed star on the coin – and the Greek word “pente” means five) obviously represent money, and

may get us to consider the cost of an action in dollars or Euros of whatever the local currency is. When reversed, the card may be pointing to loss of income, or greater cost than expected; or it can be getting us to do something rather than nothing, since the cost of not acting will be high.

Coins can also, and perhaps more importantly, represent values, or what we care about. In this way, a Coin card, upright or reversed, in a relationship question can indicate that it is important to know what the relationship is for, or where it is leading, and for the different people involved to know that the relationship is something they care about. If it's not, then why stay in it? You can be better off finding someone you are in harmony with, and if that person isn't around at present, be patient and change yourself – which will change the type of people you attract into your life.

Ace of Coins

An ace is one, so a fresh start. Think about the long-term future and make sure you're going in the direction you want. If not, make some changes before you get going and they'll be easy to implement. Reversed, if or when you try to make it all up as you go along, you can get confused, or indecisive and that takes you from bad to worse. It's better to have and know your policy.

Video length: 14 minutes 00 seconds

2 of Coins

If you practice and repeat an exercise, you can become quite skilled at something, or maybe we should say we can become skilled at anything. There is hope for us. We can be independent. Reversed, make sure you are

balanced and that your foundation will actually support you in what you want to achieve.

Video length: 14 minutes 26 seconds

3 of Coins

Even when you are the skilled one, or the one with the expertise, you may have to wait for input or instructions from others. Reversed, people can be quite skilled, but be in the wrong situation so it can be important to examine your surroundings in order to be clear about what is required.

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4 of Coins

This picture looks like stability and fixity of purpose; the person or the situation will not be easily moved, so if you want to make changes, you will have to work hard. Reversed, stability may have turned into unwillingness to consider anything that is different or challenging to the normal way of doing things.

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5 of Coins

Life is cold and hard if you're outside in the snow – but if you are part of a group, or have backing, there will be support and you experience warmth and comfort that is denied to independent operators. Reversed, we can imagine loss and ongoing difficulties until you think through your plans and make allowances for weaknesses that you didn't see before.

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6 of Coins

When we help others, we all benefit, so it's worth doing and it's ok to do it for selfish purposes. You don't have to feel altruistic. Reversed, you might want reassurance or a guarantee before you give, but even if you get one, it doesn't mean it will work out, so learn to give just because you can.

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7 of Coins

We have seven days in a week, so the number seven can indicate a complete cycle. Here, there is financial and personal success, and you can take some profit, but the person in the picture is thinking before he acts. Reversed, your intuition has deserted you or it cannot be trusted, so use your ability to think and come to a reasonable conclusion to guide you in your current situation.

Video length: 9 minutes 58 seconds

8 of Coins

Repetition, practice, refining your skill, careful work and so on give a solid foundation to build on. If you don't mind doing the work, and focus on doing a good job with what is right in front of you, your success is guaranteed. Reversed, you think that taking short-cuts or cutting corners will produce results, but that's not the way to go.

Video length: 14 minutes 15 seconds

9 of Coins

Success from correct decisions taken over the long-term, so you can look forward to continuing good times in the future on the platform you have constructed. Reversed might mean you don't experience quite as much success as you expected, but it's still good, though some thought put into the systems in place would increase benefits.

Video length: 15 minutes 24 seconds

10 of Coins

Relaxation since things are nicely in place, people know what their tasks are and are willing to perform them, and there is a good plan being followed. Reversed, this is a 10 that is just before a new beginning so it is worth examining what hasn't worked in the past so you can do something a bit or a lot different in the future.

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The Court Cards for the Suit of Coins

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This person may be young and / or inexperienced. The situation may be new, but thought and imagination will create a model or a system that can be followed. Reversed, when we're young, we generally think we're immune to the problems and difficulties that happen in life, but take out some insurance just in case.

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Knight of Coins

Looks a bit slow, though hard-working and friendly enough; you can rely on this person, though maybe don't expect too much imagination or insightful ideas leading to new solutions. Reversed, can be too self-absorbed so he or she can't see another point of view that may be better than their own.

Video length: 12 minutes 27 seconds

Queen of Coins

A woman who knows her mind and who can give clear and concise orders that we probably ought to obey since they make sense. Reversed, she, or we, can have doubts and it's better to clear them up before proceeding, instead of doing what we're not sure about and keeping our fingers crossed that everything will be fine.

Video length: 13 minutes 43 seconds

King of Coins

This looks like thoughtful and reasonable leadership. Reversed, can be unpredictable which can be a good thing, but if you're out of touch and living in your own space, what seems good and obvious to you is just puzzling to others.

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The Suit of Cups

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The Suit of Cups in general

The Suit of Cups represents love and emotions, home and family; etc., though a Cup card does not have to indicate a love relationship. If someone asks about a future romance and there are no Cup cards, this does not mean that there is no partner in the future.

In the same way, Cups in the future do not have to indicate that you will meet the love of your life. We are better off to examine what is going on in the picture on the card and figure out what sense it makes as an answer to the question that was asked.

So if someone wants to know if they will meet a potential mate in the future and you get the 4 of Cups, then on its own it indicates Yes, but there are four cups, so there can be more than one possible Mr. or Miss Right so to speak, and you might also have to notice the person who is just off to the right and maybe slightly out of the picture or not that noticeable – he or she may be the one, though it isn't obvious, so pay attention.

The Ace of Cups

Something good is beginning. There is happiness that can be shared, and there is enthusiasm and expectation in the beginning. Reversed, earlier disappointments don't have to be repeated or hold you back.

Video length: 19 minutes 18 seconds

2 of Cups

There is co-operation, sharing, perhaps a common goal, and companionship along the way promises success. Reversed, remember that it is important to do things for other people too, and not just for yourself. The scale can be as big or as small as you are comfortable with.

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3 of Cups

There is harmony and celebration going on in the picture, so there is something to celebrate. It might be a particular occasion or situation, or just the happiness that comes from being alive. Reversed, observe the actions and behavior of children and young people and remind yourself you used to be like them and it could be good, even if it wasn't excellent all the time.

Video length: 17 minutes 43 seconds

4 of Cups

What to do next? You can do more of what you've been doing, but maybe there is something off to the side that would make a difference. Take a look. Reversed, change might be hard because life takes place within certain limits and has to keep going back to them, but sometimes breaking through is a good thing.

Video length: 8 minutes 26 seconds

5 of Cups

When life is about making choices, remind yourself that you are allowed to choose, and you can have what you want. Reversed, if we're just reproducing what hasn't worked, maybe we ought to stop and think again.

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6 of Cups

You can do a certain amount on your own, but you need a team or other members if you are going to make a serious impact. Reach out and they

will find you. Reversed, John Donne in 1624 began one of his Meditation poems with: No man is an island entire of itself...

Video length: 7 minutes 44 seconds

7 of Cups

If something seems strange to us, we may misinterpret it, so it's important to work with the truth and not just with what appears to be true. Reversed, appearances can be deceiving, and we know this, but we're also supposed to do something with the knowledge and not just coast blindly along.

Video length: 9 minutes 00 seconds

8 of Cups

Things have been nearly arranged so we can move on with confidence to what we want to do next. This is good. Reversed, on the other hand, we might need to do a bit more maintenance, but if it's fear that is holding us back, build on the good work and habits that have got us this far.

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9 of Cups

This is the so-called "Wish" card, so things will go your way and you will get what you wish for. Reversed, be careful what you wish for.

Video length: 18 minutes 42 seconds

10 of Cups

A happy and successful outcome with offspring or new projects that will carry on the good work and give more reasons to celebrate. Reversed, not quite so good, but still ok. A review of the past will show what changes could be made for future improvement.

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Page of Cups

A person or situation where sensitivity is an important factor – it's a strength and you can build on dreams and longings. Reversed, on the

other hand, sensitivity can have degenerated into wish-fulfillment and feeble thinking.

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Knight of Cups

Messages of love and support, changes for the better, and hopeful expectations that are justified. Reversed, good news can be delayed, so be patient, and have a Plan B should you need one.

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Queen of Cups

Passionate and intense, you want what you want, and won't take no for an answer, even if you say you will. Reversed, revenge might get you something of what you want, but it may not be wise, though that doesn't bother you.

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King of Cups

He's fine when he's in the right mood, but he is changeable and you're never sure which way he'll jump on any particular occasion. Reversed, we all have our own agenda to some extent, but this is his primary motivation so be aware of this in your dealings with him and save yourself some heartache.

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The Suit of Swords in general

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The Suit of Swords represents hardship, conflict and strife. Life is sometimes difficult, and it makes sense that at least some cards will show the awkward situations and conditions that we sometimes have to go through.

A sword can be a weapon, and it may be used for defense, and not just for attack. This may be the question to be asked when a Sword card comes up in a reading: Will you be aggressive and threatening, or hold back and be ready to defend yourself or others? Maybe the reader should be thinking: Does it make more sense to be decisive and cut through obstacles using the sharp blade of the sword, or do you wait patiently until the situation has changed into one where you do not need to take action? Someone once said something about real skill is subduing the enemy without fighting.

Ace of Swords

It's a new start, so begin as you mean to go on and get organized so you don't have to waste time later fixing what shouldn't have broken, or putting back together what shouldn't have fallen apart. Reversed, you might depend on your ability to take direct and decisive action, but it won't be as effective this time.

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2 of Swords

When there is more than one way to do something, find the crossing point, or what they have in common, and work from there. That way, you can get the best of both, or more, worlds. Reversed, there can be a problem with indecision or procrastination, but you might have to look to other cards to discover if this is a problem, and how it might be solved.

Video length: 7 minutes 53 seconds

3 of Swords

Probably pain, sorrow and suffering, but, if it's any consolation, it's all part of life and living, and you handle it well. Reversed, on the other hand, maybe you have suffered long enough and it's now time to move on and leave it behind.

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4 of Swords

This can be a period of peace and contemplation – and ideally of renewal – prior to entering back into the world. Enjoy it while it lasts. Reversed, you can be out of sync with the conditions or with the dynamics of the situation – so someone stirs things up when people just want a break, or they want to take a bit of time to consider what has been going on, but someone won't let them.

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5 of Swords

If we're going to become complete, we have to experience everything, so we can be philosophical and realize with Shakespeare that: There's nothing

good and nothing bad, but thinking makes it so. Reversed, winning isn't always a victory; it can cost you a lot more than you think.

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6 of Swords

If you have been looking for relief, it is on its way – or you are the one coming to the assistance of others. Things will quiet down, so enjoy the peace while it lasts because there will be new challenges when you reach the far shore.

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7 of Swords

The meaning we give to a card depends on the question asked, but this applies a lot with this one. It's hard to get a sense of what the person in the picture is doing. Maybe that's what we suggest when this card appears – make sure you know definitely and clearly what is going on with people, the self, the situation, the prospects, and so on. Otherwise you'll get into trouble. Reversed, remember you are in life to achieve something, and you get to choose.

Video length: 12 minutes 57 seconds

8 of Swords

Here, the figure is blindfold, tied, hemmed in by swords and waiting for the tide to come in. All he or she can do is take small steps, and retreat and try again if you come up against a sharp object or some similar obstacle. Take small and careful steps, and with time passing, you will eventually be ok. Reversed, concentrating on the big picture, trying to hit a home run,

expecting to be an overnight success – this type of thinking will bring disappointment.

Video length: 12 minutes 14 seconds

9 of Swords

Darkness and anxiety, but it won't be like that if you give up what you don't really need, or stop trying to achieve what doesn't really mean anything to you. Simply yr life, as Jack Kerouac once wrote. Reversed, there can be too much attachment to things. The person who owns a \$200,000 sports car can't leave it in a public car park without worrying that someone will scratch the paint. Where is the enjoyment in that?

Video length: 11 minutes 37 seconds

10 of Swords

The 10 of the Suit shows the end of the cycle and precedes the new beginning, and it looks like you are going to be glad to move on from this one. You may be facing defeat or be demoralized, but you can console yourself with the knowledge that it is coming to an end and there is a fresh start – with new potential - on the way. Reversed, the cycle can take longer than expected to end, but don't neglect to review the past, unless you are happy to take past mistakes into your future.

Video length: 14 minutes 56 seconds

The Court Cards

Note: There is a lot to say for every card, but the actual meaning depends on the question that was asked. I am including a sentence or two to give an

idea of the flavor of each card, though there is a lot of detail and information expanded upon in the video.

A court card can represent a person (known or unknown as yet), the questioner, or a situation. If you struggle to make sense of court cards, try giving three alternatives and leave it up to the questioner to recognize the truth.

You might say: If the card represents you, then you are like this.... However, if the card represents someone else, then he or she is like this....

Or the card could represent a particular type of situation revolving around authority (if a King), reacting to a situation (if a Queen), taking action (if a Knight) or learning in the early stages (if a Page).

The court card can of course represent more than one point – so it could be the questioner as well as someone he or she will encounter.

The Court Cards for the Suit of Swords

Page of Swords

Pages represent young people, and we can expect that they don't have experience yet. This can be why the person in the picture looks a bit doubtful, as if they've never held a sword before, or don't like weapons. With this card, there can be a need to reassure the person, or to keep an eye on him or her until they get their bearings and become comfortable. Reversed, they really need supervision.

Video length: 16 minutes 27 seconds

Knight of Swords

The rider seems to be going too fast, or is too furious, so there can be a need to slow down. The rider is certainly in fast motion and his speed might be his strength, so when upright, and depending on the question, the best course of action can be to just get it done as quickly as possible, and if people don't like it, then that's too bad. Reversed, it looks like excessive speed will mean you're not paying attention, so the chance of accidents and mistakes will increase.

Video length: 13 minutes 52 seconds

Queen of Swords

She means business, so if you're going to be involved with her, you ought to be prepared to work hard, take orders and have your homework done. Reversed, people are too demanding so those they order around get tired and stop co-operating.

Video length: 15 minutes 21 seconds

King of Swords

Is practical, works hard, and does it methodically, so if you want a job done well, he is the one to go to or to follow. Reversed, he knows it all, even when he doesn't, and his inability to bend can mean people back away for their own peace.

Video length: 15 minutes 20 seconds

Exercises

The Course includes various files to help you get to know cards, as well as suggestions on how to shuffle and how to begin a reading. You can of course develop your own method, but you might like to apply these methods in the beginning and adjust them later if you want to. This way, you can be comfortable with the mechanics of reading, and don't have to worry or wonder if you're doing it right.

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The benefits of having a method

A reader can just pick a card and start talking, and then pick another one and keep going – but this is not an easy way to proceed, and you can argue that it's not the right way to go. This video is about the benefits of having a method that you follow so the mechanics of reading are taken care of, and

you are comfortable, so you can concentrate on making the most sense of the cards, and don't have to worry if you are doing it right.

Video length: 14 minutes 25 seconds

Court cards: The Kings and Queens

A lot of people find court cards to be the hardest to read in a spread. With this in mind, this video examines the Kings and Queens of the different Suits, offers some meanings, and outlines some exercises to get to know them so you don't find them so awkward or difficult in a spread.

Video length: 34 minutes 30 seconds

Court cards: Knights and Pages

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Video length: 21 minutes 07 seconds

The first two cards in a Celtic Cross spread: Part One

The Celtic Cross spread uses ten cards. The first six are laid in the shape of a cross, but there is an initial cross shape created by the first two cards. This can be seen as a mini version of the whole spread, but it is sometimes difficult to put the first two cards together to get an idea of what they show. This video, as well as Part Two, offer some suggestions to follow so you handle this situation with more confidence.

Video length: 19 minutes 31 seconds

The first two cards in a Celtic Cross spread: Part Two

The Celtic Cross spread uses ten cards. The first six are laid in the shape of a cross, but there is an initial cross shape created by the first two cards. This can be seen as a mini version of the whole spread, but it is sometimes difficult to put the first two cards together to get an idea of what they show. This video, as well as Part One, offer some suggestions to follow so you handle this situation with more confidence.

Video length: 3 minutes 13 seconds

How to shuffle cards

Some say the questioner should shuffle in order to put their energy into the answer; other readers do their own shuffling. Some have very specific steps to follow; others are more casual in their method. This video shows the correct way to shuffle, even though some will tell you that the shuffle doesn't matter.

Video length: 28 minutes 45 seconds

How I start a reading

This video outlines and demonstrates how I go about doing a reading. It's my method that I have become used to over the years, and you might like to follow it or add some variations of your own. Either way, you will be confident and more able to focus on reading cards and not so worried about whether you're doing it the right way.

Video length: 20 minutes 45 seconds

The Suits: Part One

This video, as well as Part Two, deals with the Suits in themselves and what they mean or show. When you have a more complete idea of what cups, coins, swords and batons represent, you can do a lot more with the numbered cards in the different Suits.

Video length: 23 minutes 18 seconds

The Suits: Part Two

This video, as well as Part One, deals with the Suits in themselves and what they mean or show. When you have a more complete idea of what cups, coins, swords and batons represent, you can do a lot more with the numbered cards in the different Suits.

Video length: 16 minutes 59 seconds

100 Uses for a Coin and Sword

When you can come up with 100 things you can do with a coin (and a sword), you are well on your way to having a good understanding of these particular Suits and what the numbered cards show. I get you started with some suggestions; then it's up to you.

Video length: 14 minutes 23 seconds

100 Uses for a Cup and Baton

When you can come up with 100 things you can do with a cup (and a baton), you are well on your way to having a good understanding of these particular Suits and what the numbered cards show. I get you started with some suggestions; then it's up to you.

Video length: 20 minutes 05 seconds

The Tarot and not Astrology

Many writers on the Tarot encourage people to try to broaden their understanding of the Tarot by incorporating some astrology into their readings. This might seem to make sense since the Tarot and astrology are both, broadly, “occult”. This is a big mistake, however, and I explain why in this video.

Video length: 15 minutes 18 seconds

Some Spreads Demonstrated

The Course includes some videos on how to do readings. If you follow along, you will get ideas on how best you can proceed, but you'll have more confidence since you know you're not just making it all up.

The Celtic Cross Demonstrated

The Celtic Cross is a common and popular spread using ten cards that describe various different past, present and future features of a situation, so people can get answers to questions. This video gives an in-depth treatment and demonstration of the layout.

Video length: 34 minutes 20seconds

The Horoscope Spread: Part One

This video, and Part Two, deal in-depth with the very useful Horoscope Spread. Every area of life relates to or is covered by one or more of the twelve so-called Houses of the horoscope. When you have a question about

some concern, you identify the House it belongs to and the card there will give the answer.

Video length: 9 minutes 59 seconds

The Horoscope Spread: Part Two

This video, and Part One, deal in-depth with the very useful Horoscope Spread. Every area of life relates to or is covered by one or more of the twelve so-called Houses of the horoscope. When you have a question about some concern, you identify the House it belongs to and the card there will give the answer.

Video length: 38 minutes 16 seconds

The Houses of the Horoscope: Part One

Please note: These are audio files with illustrations as needed, so if the screen is sometimes blank, this is to be expected. There is audio throughout.

You may know that there are twelve so-called Houses in a horoscope, but they can be read from more than one starting point. So we have the twelve Houses with their basic meanings – the 1st describes the Self of the questioner; the 3rd describes brother and sisters, and so on; the 5th describes children; the 7th is the marriage partner; the 9th shows your philosophy of life, etc. In this way, we can get information about all the different areas, concerns and people in our life. There is more, however, since if the 7th shows the marriage partner, then the 7th House from the 5th (children) will give details about the marriage partner of the

questioner's children. This file, and Part Two, are from an astrology course I put together some time ago.

Video length: 29 minutes 41 seconds

The Houses of the Horoscope: Part Two

Please note: These are audio files with illustrations as needed, so if the screen is sometimes blank, this is to be expected. There is audio throughout.

You may know that there are twelve so-called Houses in a horoscope, but they can be read from more than one starting point. This means that there is nothing a Horoscope spread can't tell us.

Video length: 27 minutes 35 seconds

The Horoscope Spread

This is a very useful spread, but it is not easy to read.

It is simple enough to go round the twelve Houses of the horoscope and tell something about each area of life. This may be enough for the questioner.

The power of the spread in many ways, however, is that you can read any card from a number of different points of view. The 1st House for instance describes the self (of the questioner or the question). It is, however, also the 3rd from the 11th (your hopes and aspirations), so it shows how you talk about your hopes and aspirations. Or you can see it as the 10th (career)

from the 4th (the father), so it describes the father's business if that should be something you want to know about.

You can think of the horoscope as having twelve Houses, but really there are 12 x 12 or 144 of them.

Part 01 (12 minutes 43 seconds)

Shuffling and laying the cards correctly for a Horoscope spread.

Part 02 (13 minutes 13 seconds)

Some rules about which cards to turn – and which to leave alone – when doing a reading.

Part 03 (14 minutes 17 seconds)

The 1st House – about the self.

Part 04 (13 minutes 29 seconds)

The 2nd House – to know about income and the value sense.

Part 05 (12 minutes 49 seconds)

The 3rd House – for communications and siblings.

Part 06 (15 minutes 50 seconds)

The 4th House – the father, the home, and the condition at the end of life.

Part 07 (14 minutes 59 seconds)

The 5th House – children, and hidden karma.

Part 08 (16 minutes 38 seconds)

The 6th House – service and sickness.

Part 09 (15 minutes 54 seconds)

The 7th House – partnerships, the marriage partner, and the second child.

Part 10 (14 minutes 38 seconds)

The 8th House – death and regeneration; the partner's value sense.

Part 11 (17 minutes 28 seconds)

The 9th House – foreign travel, higher education and the philosophy of life.

Part 12 (17 minutes 21 seconds)

The 10th House – career, business; the mother.

Part 13 (18 minutes 17 seconds)

The 11th House – hopes and aspirations; friends.

Part 14 (15 minutes 47 seconds)

The 12th House – karma; self-undoing.

Extra videos

Getting ready for a reading

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Audio files

The audio track from the videos is available as a separate mp3 file. They can be copied to a phone or other devices.

In addition, there are audio files in a zipped folder. There is an audio file for each card with a discussion of what a card might mean, upright and reversed, for three typical kinds of questions: about love and relationship questions; about money and work questions; as well as questions about why we are in life and what we are meant to do.

Text

The Home page at the site presents information about the Tarot, how to read it, and what it all means. The text is duplicated here.

This is quite a long page to explain everything, but divided into sections.

There is a tab above so you can download a .pdf that gives a detailed list of the contents of the Course, as well as the contents of this Home page.

The original site broke at the end of March 2025 because of an upgrade to WordPress and PHP.

As of now, when you buy, you get links to download all the Contents - videos, audio files, and text - as well as some bonus videos. This means you don't need an Internet connection to access the material.

The cost is the same - a one-time payment of \$197.00 US via PayPal. If there is no PayPal button at present as I put things together, you can log-in to PayPal and make a payment to bllntr at yahoo dot com. PayPal send me a notification and I email you the links.

I am always happy to talk about the Tarot, but those who buy the Course get priority treatment - with emails, or audio or video files.

This is what you get with the Course.

A video for every card in the Rider-Waite deck.

An mp3 file of the audio for each card.

Various videos about Suits, Court Cards, Spread Demonstrations.

All videos for The Horoscope Spread.

All 42 videos in the Past, Present and Future Spread course.

A .pdf pf The Tarot: Our Path on the Open Road

A rich text version of The Tarot Book.

A short summary of the Tarot in use

We don't all of us want a Ferrari or some other supercar; or a 12-bedroom mansion with 14 and a half bathrooms. That might be nice. but it would certainly be a lot of work.

However, we all have questions, and we want answers so we can live better or more fully.

We may have lots of money, but want to know how to get on better with a son or daughter, or someone else. We may have good relationships, but want to know how to increase our income. We can be in a rut, but not know how exactly to get moving.

We can ask other people for answers or for help, and we may be lucky and get a good response. Those others, though, are probably slightly - or greatly - damaged or bent out of shape, but if we turn to **our own selves** and develop **our own** abilities, we can proceed with confidence into any situation, knowing we are its equal.

The Tarot will help you fine-tune yourself

CC Zain wrote once that: What the Tarot can be made to reveal is limited only by the understanding of the reader.

So it's about **you** developing **you**. The more you learn, or the more you are willing to learn, the better off you become.

If you're new to the Tarot...

There are 78 cards in a Tarot deck. There are four suits - Batons, Coins, Cups and Swords. Each suit has fourteen cards - the Ace through to the 10, and a King, Queen, Knight and Page.

There are twenty-two cards with names or titles like The Magician, The Wheel of Fortune, The Sun, and so on. These are the so-called Major Trumps - but that doesn't mean that they are automatically more important.

So what does it all mean?

People in the beginning want to know what the cards **mean**. So, for instance: Will I get a promotion? The answer is the Page of Coins. Tell me what it means.

However, this approach starts with supposed meanings, and tries to impose them on living conditions. Instead, start with life.

Learning meanings doesn't really work, because you still have to pick the right one, or the one that makes sense.

There is a better way

Step 1 - Keep the question in mind.

Step 2 - Then figure out how the card - or the picture on the card - makes sense as an answer to that question, at that time, for the questioner as they are then. The sense may change for a similar question asked a day or a week later because we're not exactly the same from day to day. It's kind of organic; it's not mechanical since you are not a machine. Life is too complicated to have easy answers all the time; the Tarot reflects this.

The picture on a card may show someone walking, or in motion. Remembering the question, ask yourself: In what way does walking away or taking action make sense?

So if you are wanting a promotion - go looking for it. It is not going to just find you.

You may be wanting to increase sales - so visit new locations and meet new people; take action instead of passively waiting and expecting the universe to magically do it for you.

You may want to improve a relationship - so what can make sense here is to take a short trip or go somewhere interesting or different with this person. This would make sense if it were a child or a friend, but not so much for a co-worker or a boss. In that case, you might invite the person for coffee so you can talk over what you need to say. That would make more sense.

Reversed or upside-down cards

There are 78 cards in total, but they may appear upright or upside down, so really we have 2×78 or 156 possible answers.

Sometimes, in life, things don't go according to plan. People may not be able to do what they promised; your plans may change as you get more information; there can be delays. If nothing else, a reversed card can show a delay or a glitch, so you get a warning that things won't go as expected. This can be useful.

Audio files

In the audio files, I talk about three types of questions.

One - Questions about relationships; maybe romantic, or personal with a friend, co-worker, child, neighbor, etc. We see what sort of person may be

shown by any card and then we can know how to treat them or what to expect; or we can know what the same card says about you; and what the card might point to if you want to improve a relationship.

Two - Questions about money, work and business. Any card, upright or reversed, can describe conditions in these areas and we can then imagine what the prospects are; we also consider what might be best if you want to bring about improvement in those areas.

Three - Questions about how to live fully, or get out of a rut. We might be stuck or unable to see what to do, so we want to know how we can feel that we are living fully and living better; each card can be read to point us in a purposeful direction.

No matter the exact question that someone is asking, since we are considering the **sense** a card makes, you should be able to connect the card to answer the question. You just need to do a bit of thinking for yourself - but that's ok, and you'll find you discover all sorts of interesting ideas and solutions **already** within your mind. You don't start off with an empty mind since you have had experiences in life.

Figuring out answers will give you confidence in yourself, as well as a sense of your own power and intelligence. This is good.

Even knowing the question, the reader probably couldn't say everything - but the questioner knows the details or the ins and outs of the situation so they can take what is relevant from what you say about and around the card. Just give it some thought and you'll discover that you know more than you give yourself credit for. You are actually already wise.

Which deck to use?

I use the Rider-Waite cards and suggest you do the same. It's the easiest deck to make sense of because there is a picture on each card, and we get

most information about the world through our sight. We can read the picture and don't have to bring in numerology or astrology or some other - ology that we don't really understand and that will only make us think we know more than we do.

What to do next?

Work on your answer.

Think about the question some more, and make connections between the different ideas contained in the picture on the card.

Ask questions - and pay attention to the answers that come into your mind.

Make a list of what you **might** do, but write down everything that comes into your mind - no matter how outrageous or how stupid it might seem. You want **quantity** right now, and can decide later if the idea is good or bad, but don't come up with ideas and immediately critique them.

If you let some time pass between the two activities – creating and critiquing - then you have a chance of discovering nuggets of gold.

So later, when you have a list of possible actions, you start to look for **quality**. Examine each item on the list and think about it - is it doable, or too difficult, or will it lead to more problems, or annoy too many people; or will it take you in a purposeful direction, even if it is only the first step? Etc.

If you spend some time working on the strengths and weaknesses of each point - and discarding those that are unworkable or not important - you will have a **clearer** picture of what you want and what to do - and you will have a much greater chance of success because of your own thinking. You are drawing on **your own self**, and discovering it's a lot stronger and better than you had come to believe.

Study The Tarot

The Tarot was developed by people for people. We all recognize the truth, and it's better to live with it. We might sometime lie to others, but we shouldn't lie to ourselves.

Using the Tarot is like having a useful conversation with a wise part of your own self. If you can trust yourself, you can trust the Tarot. It's not so much about some magical power that controls you and your life, and that rewards you when you are 'good', but is just waiting for you to mess it up so it can punish you.

Life is good, and so are its possibilities.

Study of the Tarot will make this clear. The more you are willing to learn, the clearer it becomes.

Read some philosophy

Shakespeare and poetry are always good; Plato and Aristotle are maybe not as immediately relevant or accessible for our everyday life.

However, you can download books by Thomas Troward from <http://www.gutenberg.org/> and read about how to make the most of being human. His writings are not so much New Age, but more like what you come to know in your old age.

The Tarot Course

There is an old joke about someone interviewing for a job. He is told:

You can't get the job unless you have experience.

So how do I get experience?

You need to have the job.

But I can't get the job unless I have experience.

That's right.

So it's a bit like: You can't read the Tarot unless you know what cards mean. At the same time, you can't really know what cards mean unless you read them.

Most Tarot instruction presents a structure to get through the material, but it is artificial and can be misleading.

They divide the cards into major and minor trumps; and separate the court cards. This makes us think that some cards are more important, or that some deal with spiritual matters while others are more about everyday affairs. The problem is that it's not true.

They separate the Court cards as representing people – but any card can represent a person, and any Court card can represent a condition or a situation. They aren't limited only to people.

The teachers will often begin with the Major trumps and start with the Magician. Why? It is number 1, but so what? This doesn't mean it is most important, or that it should be a starting point.

So they give us an artificial format and we learn cards within that context, but then we have to un-learn some ideas and be aware of wrong assumptions when we read spreads.

What we do that is different

On the other hand, if you are examining or reading a card and can watch a video about that card and what it is and what it might mean in a reading, then you are adding to your own understanding at that moment - and it stays with you - and this puts you in a better position for later.

You can start anywhere – and choose what card to study, or pick cards at random and work with their videos.

You start from where you are – and move forwards, or backwards, or sideways, or in all directions at the same time. The Tarot is about life, and life happens all at once – so there are card-related explanations that you can refer to as you need or want them, instead of being given a manual or instruction book with a set order. There is no real beginning or end.

If you work through the exercises below, you will develop ability to read cards.

A procedure to follow

So, for example, you could write down a typical question like: What will happen in my marriage? and pick a card for the answer.

Make some notes about what you might say to the person who asked that question. Then watch the video for that card. Then make some more notes.

With the same question in mind, pick another card. Write down what you might say to the questioner. Watch the video. Add to your notes and increase your understanding.

Shuffle. Use the same question. Pick another card – and it might be one you have already chosen and so it is time to do more thinking about it, instead of considering a new card, and that in itself is interesting. Make some notes. Watch the video again. See what more you understand this time.

You will discover that you develop understanding and are drawing on your own knowledge – instead of learning someone else's apparent meanings and trying to fit those meanings with a real person's real question.

The main point is: It's not so much what a card means or is supposed to mean; it's more about what SENSE it makes as part of the answer to the question. A card's meaning - or what it points to - depends to a great extent on the question asked. The 7 of Swords can be what to expect from marriage, as well as: How do I pass the exam? If you start with the picture rather than the supposed meaning, you will be able to say something relevant and helpful to the questioner.

John's Tarot Course

So you can be comfortable reading the Tarot.

When we read a book, the pages are numbered so we usually begin at page 1 and work our way through to the end.

The Tarot can be considered as a kind of book too, except that the pages are not in a fixed order. This can make reading the Tarot very interesting and complete, though maybe sometimes difficult.

The solution is to relax, and take it one step at a time. Even if you learn only one thing each day, then you have learned more than 360 by the end of the year, and that's more than many people learn in a lifetime.

Your studies will, however, enable you to learn a lot more than one thing in a day. There will also be periods when you stagnate; you don't seem to be learning anything or making obvious progress. Then one day you'll be back, with a sense of new clarity, in part because you've been digesting ideas when you thought you were stuck.

With this in mind, begin anywhere that you want. If you follow your instincts or the ideas that you have and the questions you ask yourself, you will make the progress that is right for you.

Pay attention to your thoughts and ideas and musings, and when you come across something interesting, or make a connection, write it down

somewhere and keep it. Even if you never look at it again, it is in your subconscious mind and will come forward when you need it or when it's relevant.

You might hear the words of a song and make a connection with a card; write it down. You might come across a quote and it makes you think of a card; write it down. If you observe someone's behavior that seems typical of a Court card; write it down.

Teach - each: Learn - earn

I used to teach a college course on communication and early on I wrote the word "teach" on the blackboard, and asked how you teach. I then removed the first letter and was left with "each" to make the point that you have to treat everyone as an individual. This is why I present so much in the beginning and let you pick and choose what you want, or what you are led to.

In the same college class, I would then write the word "learn" on the blackboard and ask how you learn. Removing the first letter leaves "earn". Learning takes effort and attention and some work, and so we earn knowledge.

You get a lot of information up front, not to overwhelm you, but so you have everything you need, no matter your preferred method of learning. I am here if you get stuck or need help with anything. Email bllntr at yahoo dot com.

How to begin

Just to re-iterate: I can re-upload video files any time you want if there should be a problem downloading them or if you lose them.

You might like to begin with The Tarot Book to get an overview. Reading cards is not so much about knowing meanings, but more knowing what to do with them, and how to relate them to the question that was asked.

If you want a structured approach, you could start with the videos in the Past, Present and Future course. If you work through them in sequence, the information will set you up to make use of cards and do readings.

If you are happy starting anywhere and moving backwards and forwards and sideways, then start and trust that you are in the right place, because you are.

The other point I want to mention is a kind of leap I made after seeing a video on YouTube. I often watch the Film Courage channel where interesting people talk about writing and making movies. One person's subject was screenplays - and how some writers are like architects while others are like gardeners. I immediately thought of Tarot readings.

Some people expect or want a Tarot reading to be like a blueprint or what an architect would give you. Everything is figured out in advance and you just follow directions. So for example: to fix a relationship, do this, then this, then this and on Friday afternoon this will happen and it will all be better... Etc.

This is one type of reading where the reader is expected to give directions and make predictions. This is what some people want. It's certainly useful to give people specific activities that will help them reach their goal.

On the other hand, think of a gardener who plants a seed and lets it grow at its own pace - maybe only watering and weeding. This can be another type of reading or approach to the Tarot. You pick cards and then talk about the ideas the cards show - you plant seeds in the mind of the questioner and let them grow at their own speed and in their own way so

that questioners can solve the problem for themselves according to their own preferences, while learning as they go.

You might then, while studying, write down a typical question and pick a card to answer it. You explain and describe as an architect, and then as a gardener - and see how the meanings and suggestions differ. This adds to your understanding.

How I begin a reading

Before a reading, I ask the questioner to pick a number between 1 and 9, and a number between 0 and 22 and to tell me their selections. This identifies a couple of Major (and numbered) trumps to talk about and to put the questioner into their own current situation. This is like the gardener. Then I can be the architect when analysing the cards that come up.

The Course includes various files to help you get to know cards, as well as suggestions on how to shuffle and how to begin a reading. You can of course develop your own method, but you might like to apply these methods in the beginning and adjust them later if you want to. This way, you can be comfortable with the mechanics of reading, and don't have to worry or wonder if you're doing it right.

Course Videos – a brief description

You probably already know that the Tarot is made up of 22 Major Trumps – cards with titles – as well as 56 Minor Trumps in four Suits consisting of Court Cards – King, Queen, Knight and Page – and ten pip cards from the Ace through to the 10.

There are therefore videos for

Major Trurmps

Batons

Coins

Cups

Swords

Court Cards

Since the Course is meant to be practical as well, there are videos outlining exercises to get to know cards and what they might mean, as well as videos demonstrating the Yes-No spread, the Past, Present and Future spread, the Celtic Cross and the Horoscope spread.

Exercises

Spreads

There is a Questions and Answers section giving additional information and material based on real questions and problems people have had.

Questions & Answers