

TAROT: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE ARCHETYPES

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Tarot as Taboo?

Tarot as a System of Archetypes

Skillful Understanding

Tarot as a Spiritual Practice

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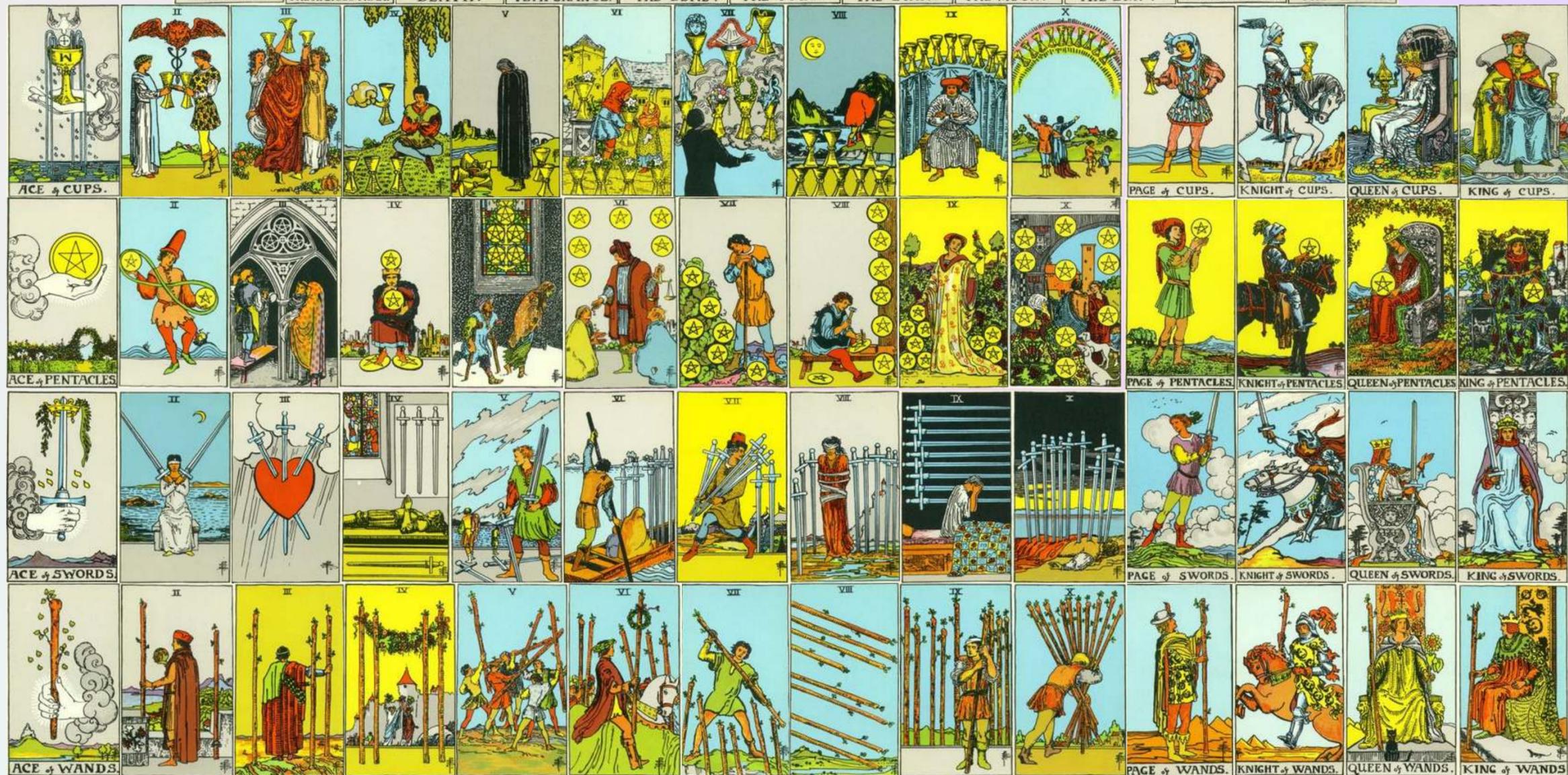
What is an Archetype?

- Instinctual Force in the Human Psyche
- Pocket of Constellated Energy
- Exist Independent of Us
- Contained in the Collective Unconscious

ORIGINS OF THE TAROT

- 1450: The Visconti-Sforza deck is the earliest and most complete deck we have
- 1500s: In Italy as a popular card game. *tarocchi*
- 1910: Ryder-Waite Deck designed by Arthur Waite and drawn by Pamela Coleman Smith

The 78 Archeiypes of the Ryder-Waite Tarot

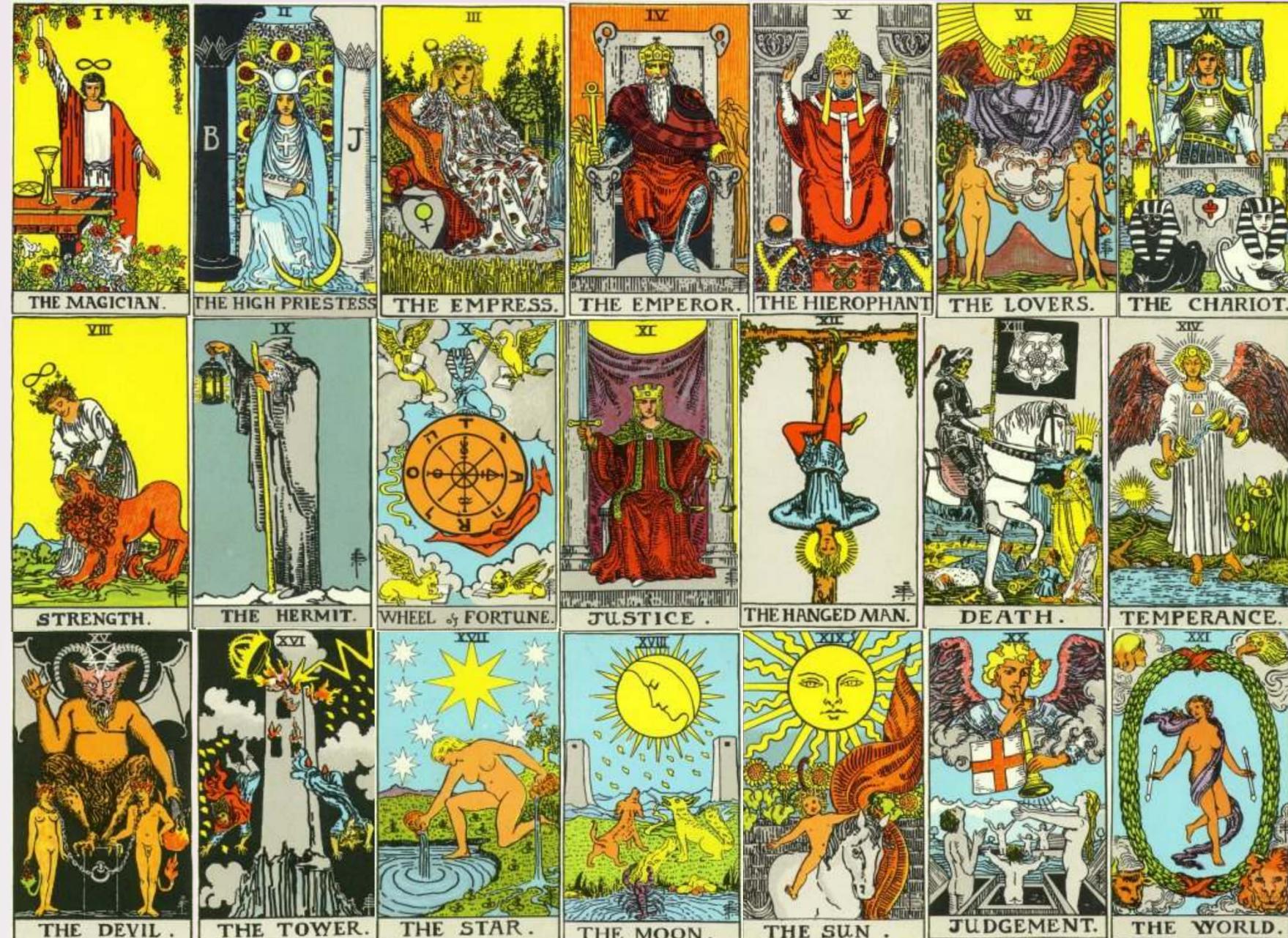


The Major Arcana

in Three Stages



The Worldly Sequence



Turning Inward

The Great Journey

THE FOOL

Beginning
Feeling Carefree
Having Faith
Trusting in the Flow
Embracing Folly

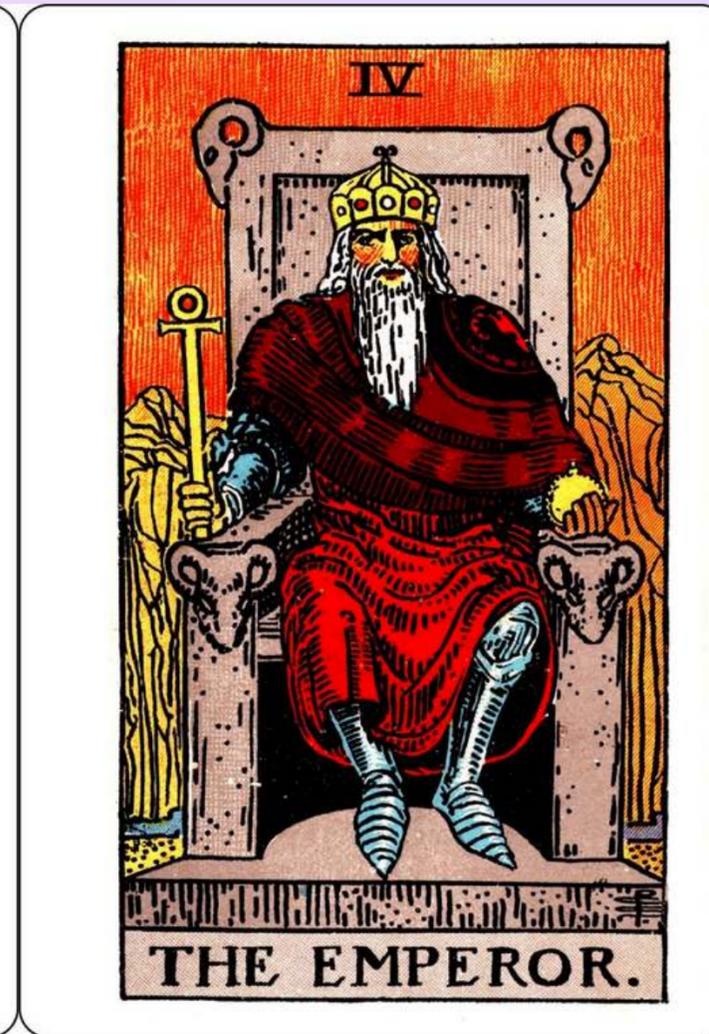
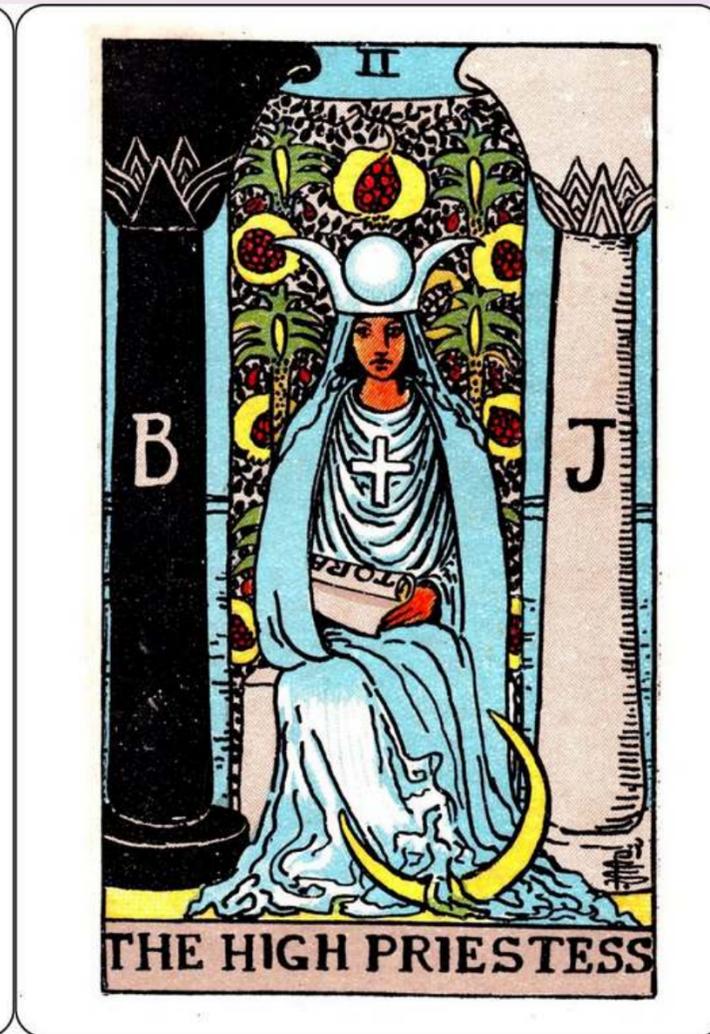
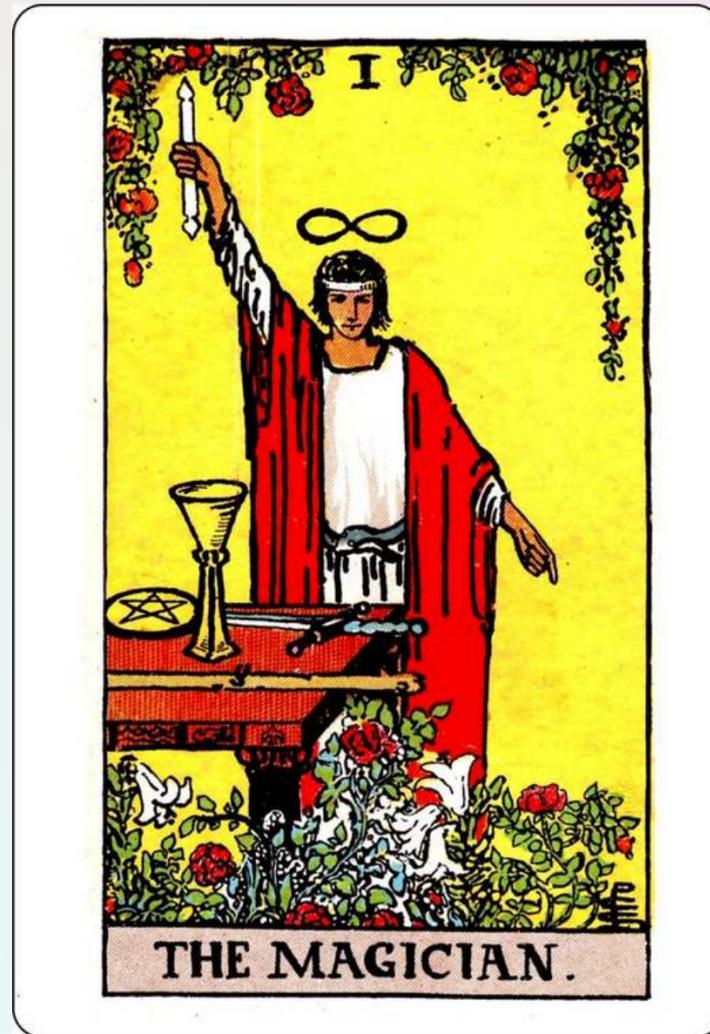


Internal
Masculine

Internal
Feminine

External
Feminine

External
Masculine



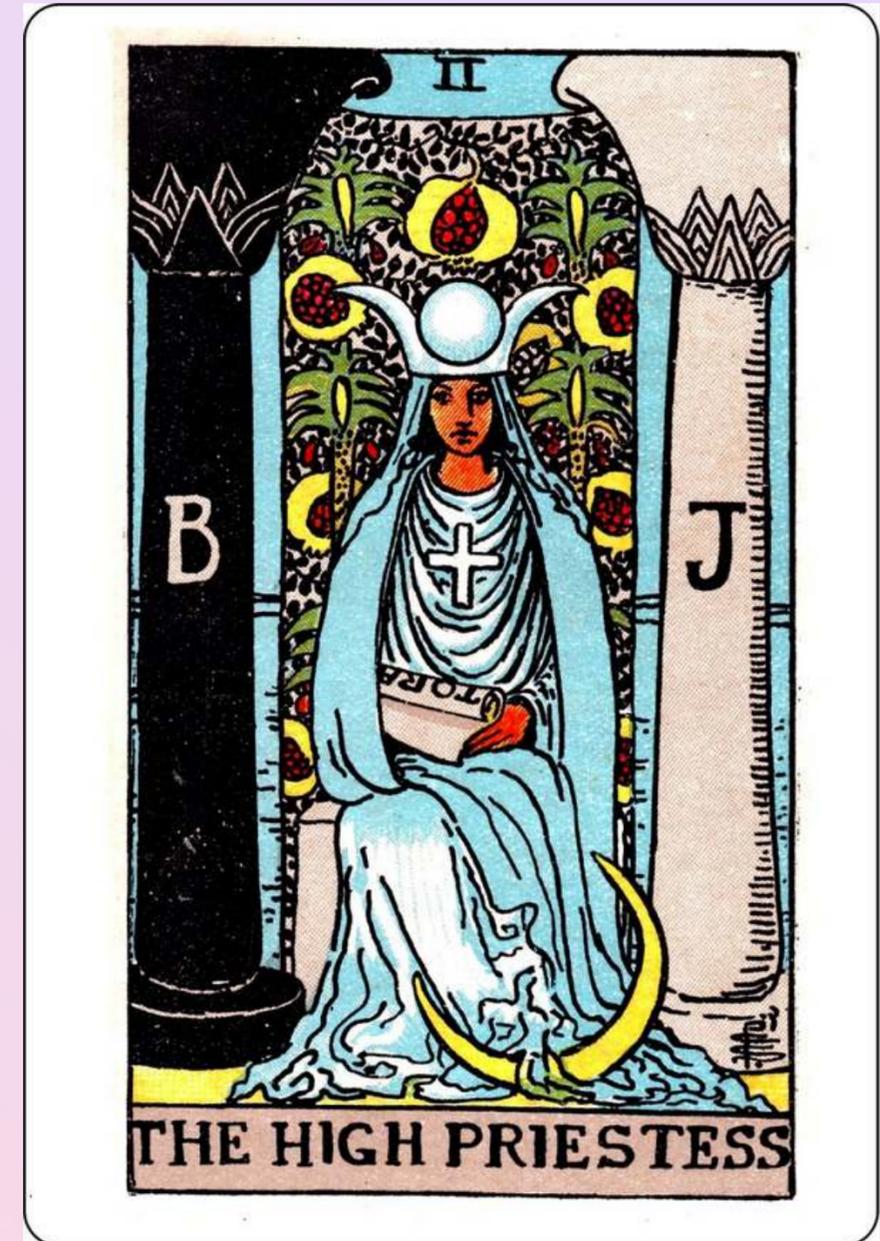


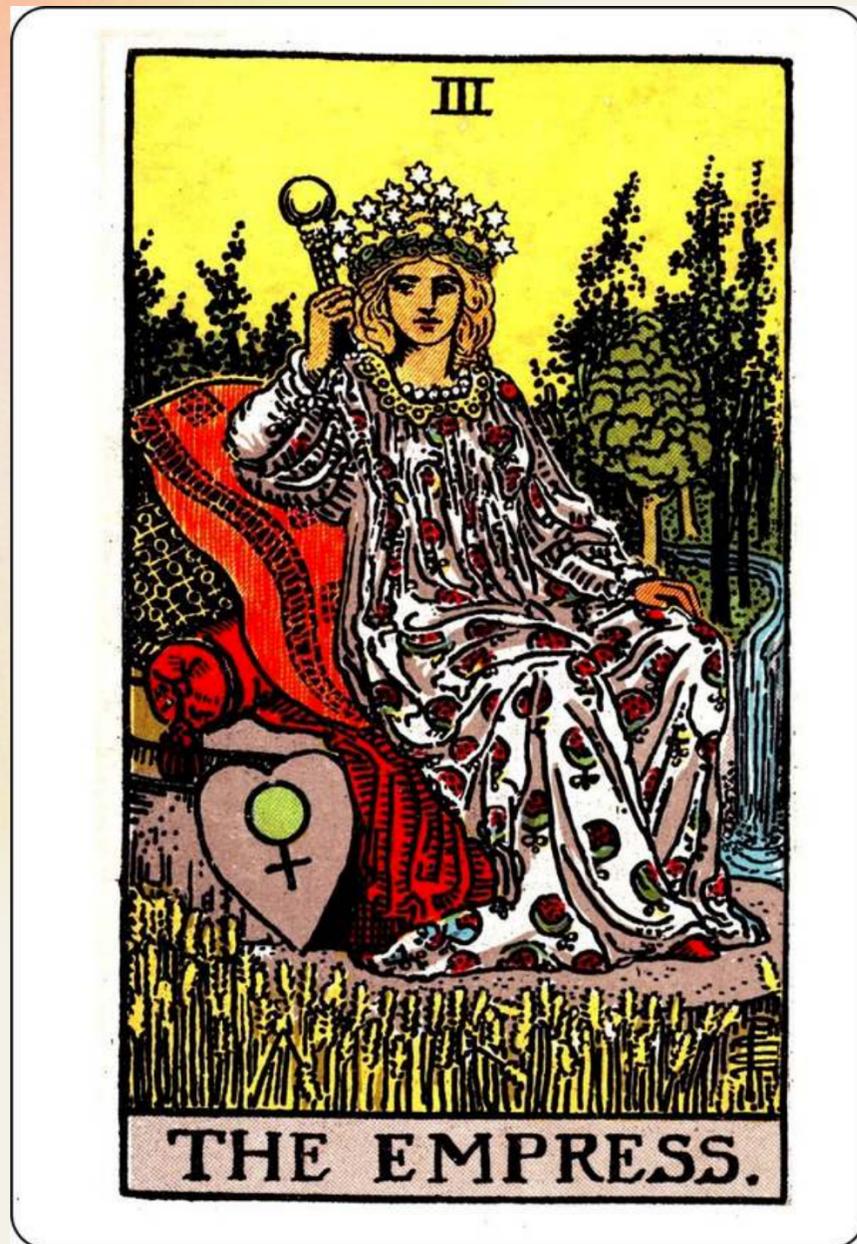
THE MAGICIAN

Taking Action
Acting Consciously
Concentrating
Experiencing Power
Creating Miracles

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Staying Non-Active
Trusting your Inner Voice
Seeing the Potential
Sensing the Mystery





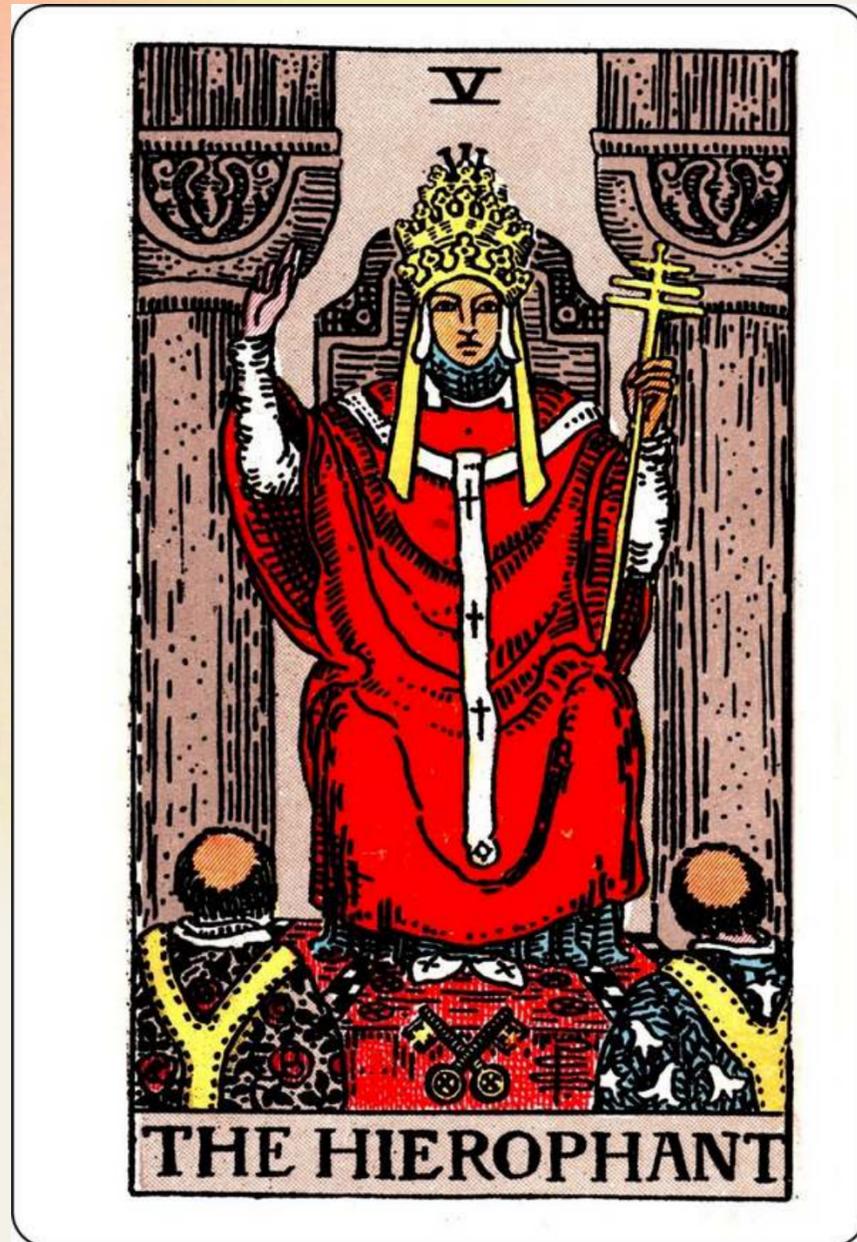
THE EMPRESS

Mothering
Welcoming Abundance
Experiencing the Senses
Responding to Nature
Being Creative

THE EMPEROR

Fathering
Emphasizing Structure
Exercising Authority
Regulating
Creating Boundaries



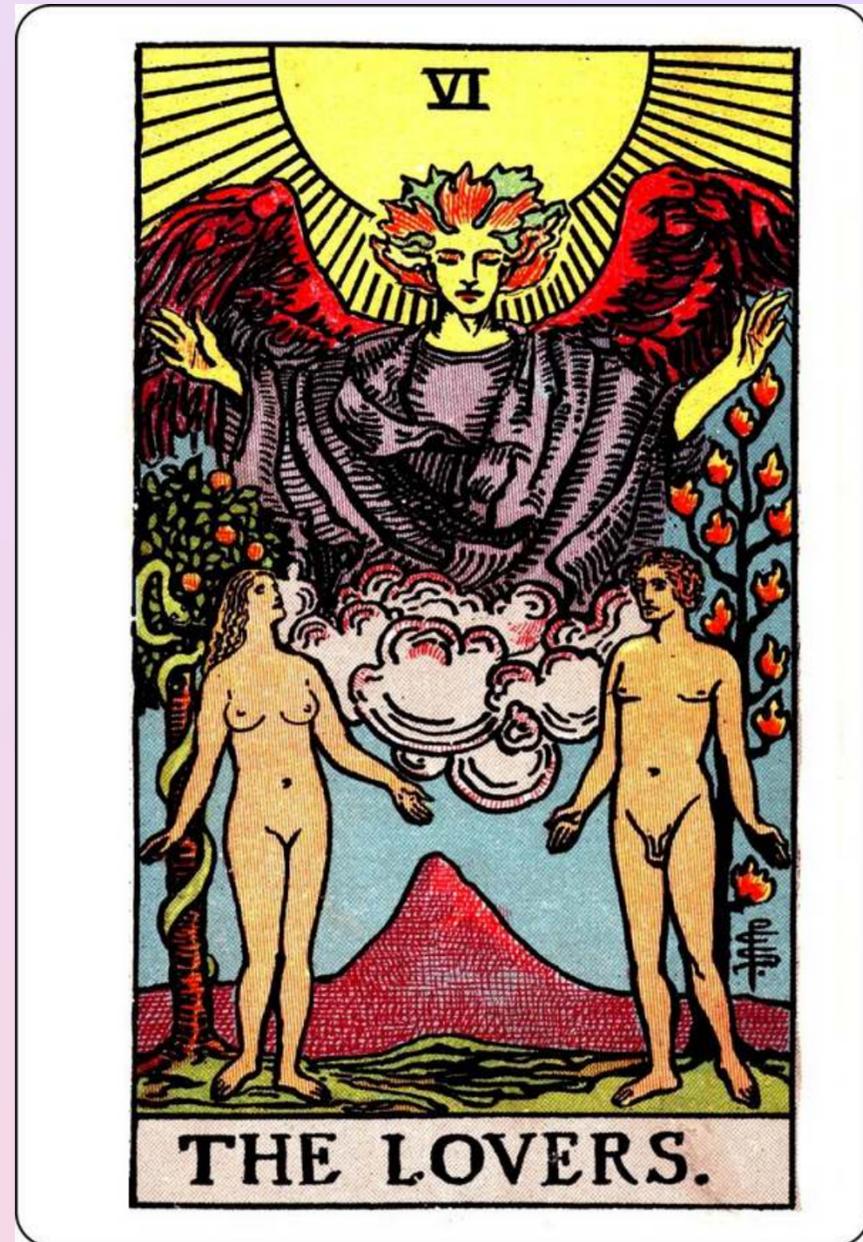


THE HIEROPHANT

Getting an Education
Having a Belief System
Conforming
Identifying with a Group

THE LOVERS

Relating to Others
Being Sexual
Establishing Personal Beliefs
Determining Values
Love in Relationship





THE CHARIOT

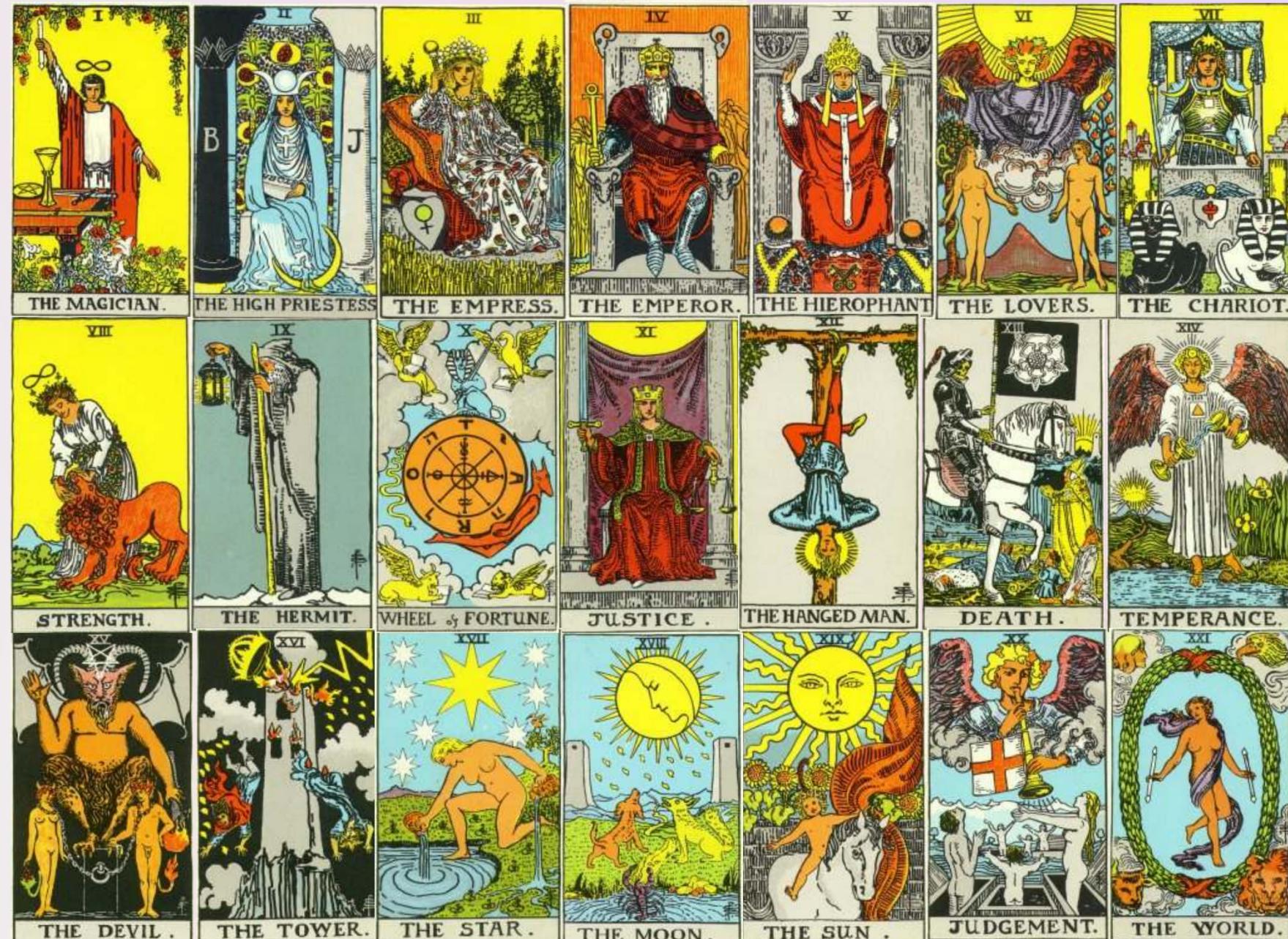
Achieving Victory
Using Your Will
Asserting Yourself
Achieving Hard Control
Mastering Emotions

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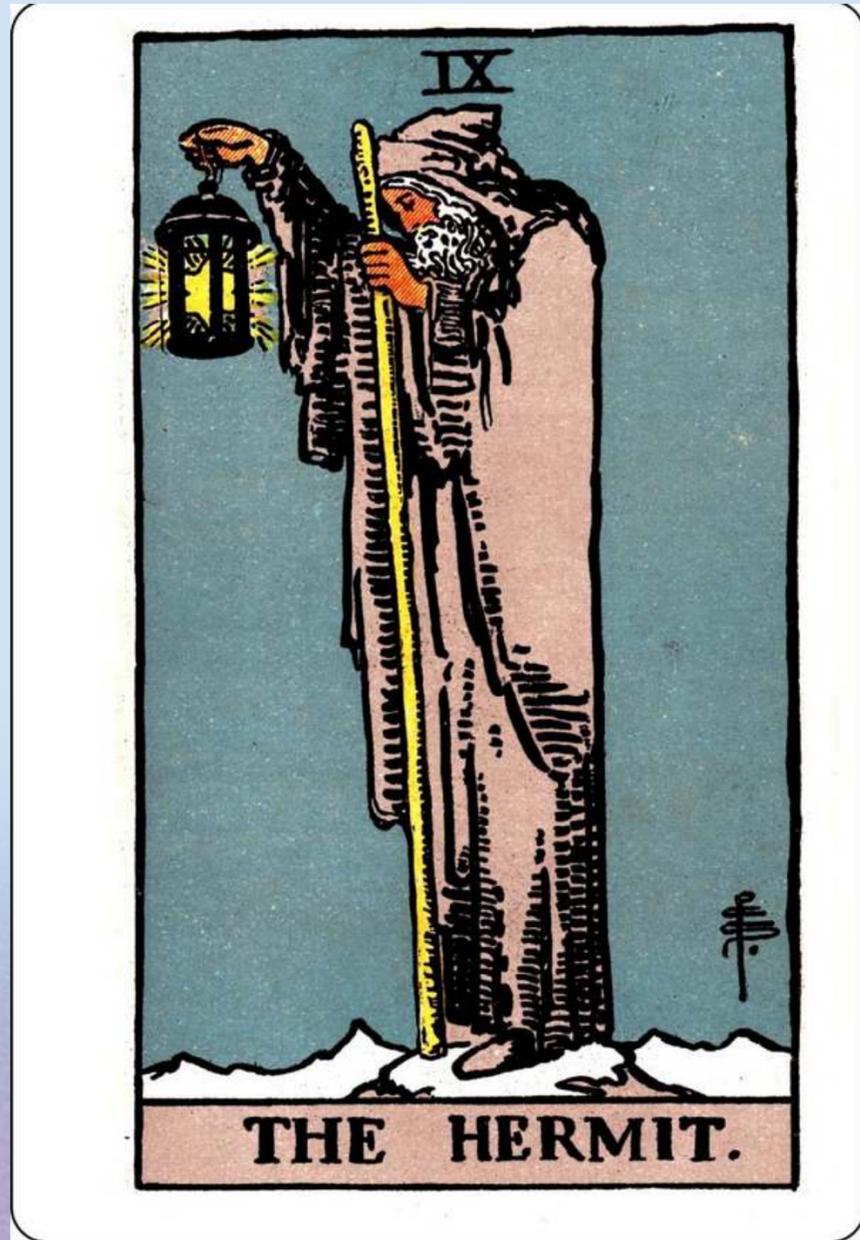
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STRENGTH

Showing Strength
Being Patient
Being Compassionate
Achieving Soft Control



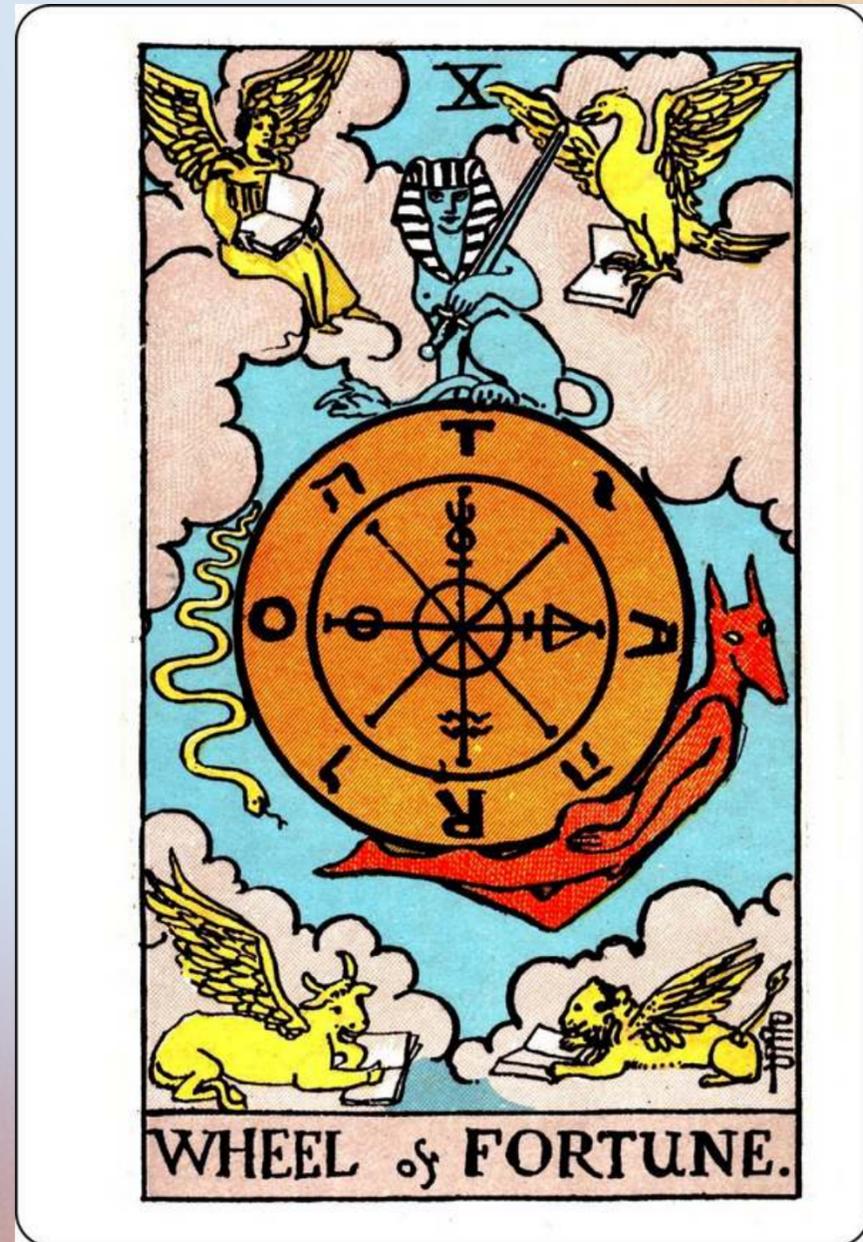


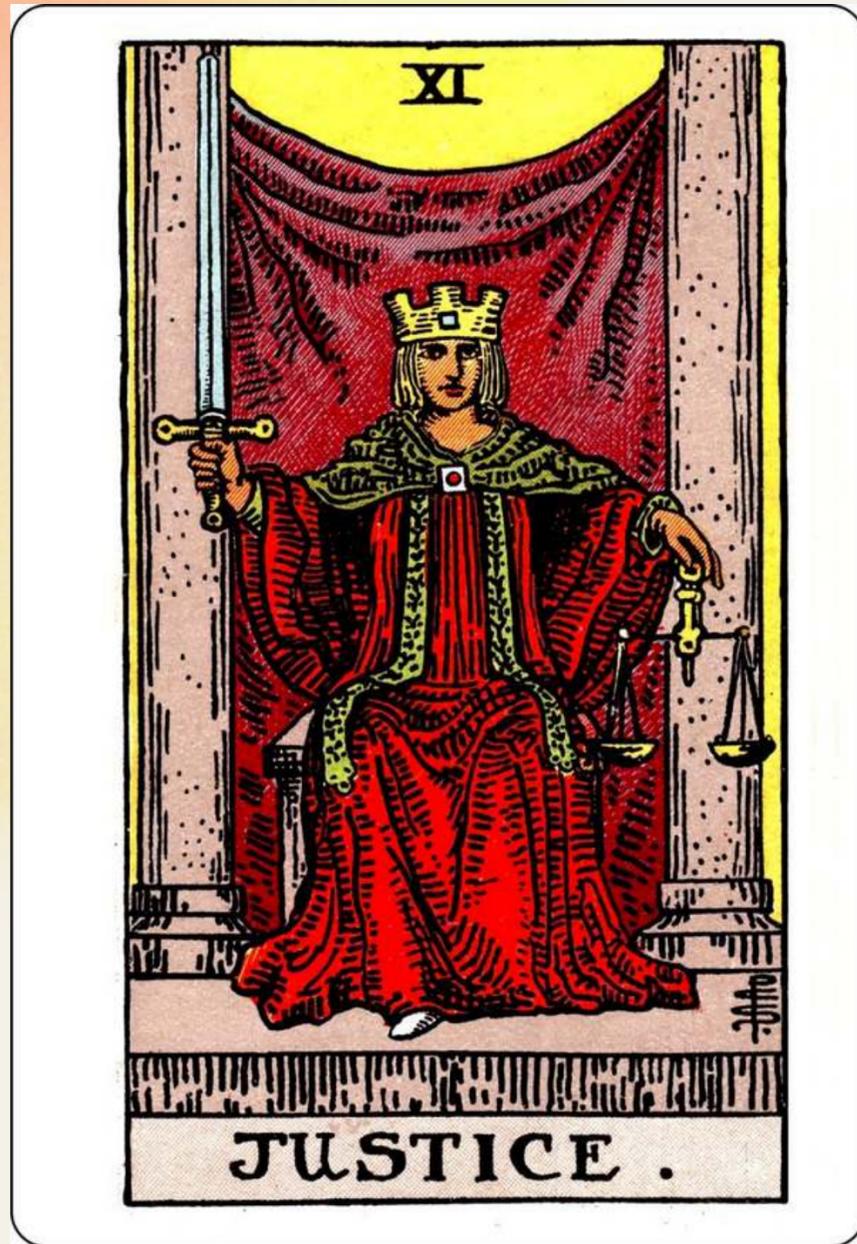
THE HERMIT

Being Introspective
Searching
Receiving/Giving Guidance
Seeking Solitude

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Feeling a Sense of Destiny
Being at a Turning Point
Feeling Movement
Having a Personal Vision



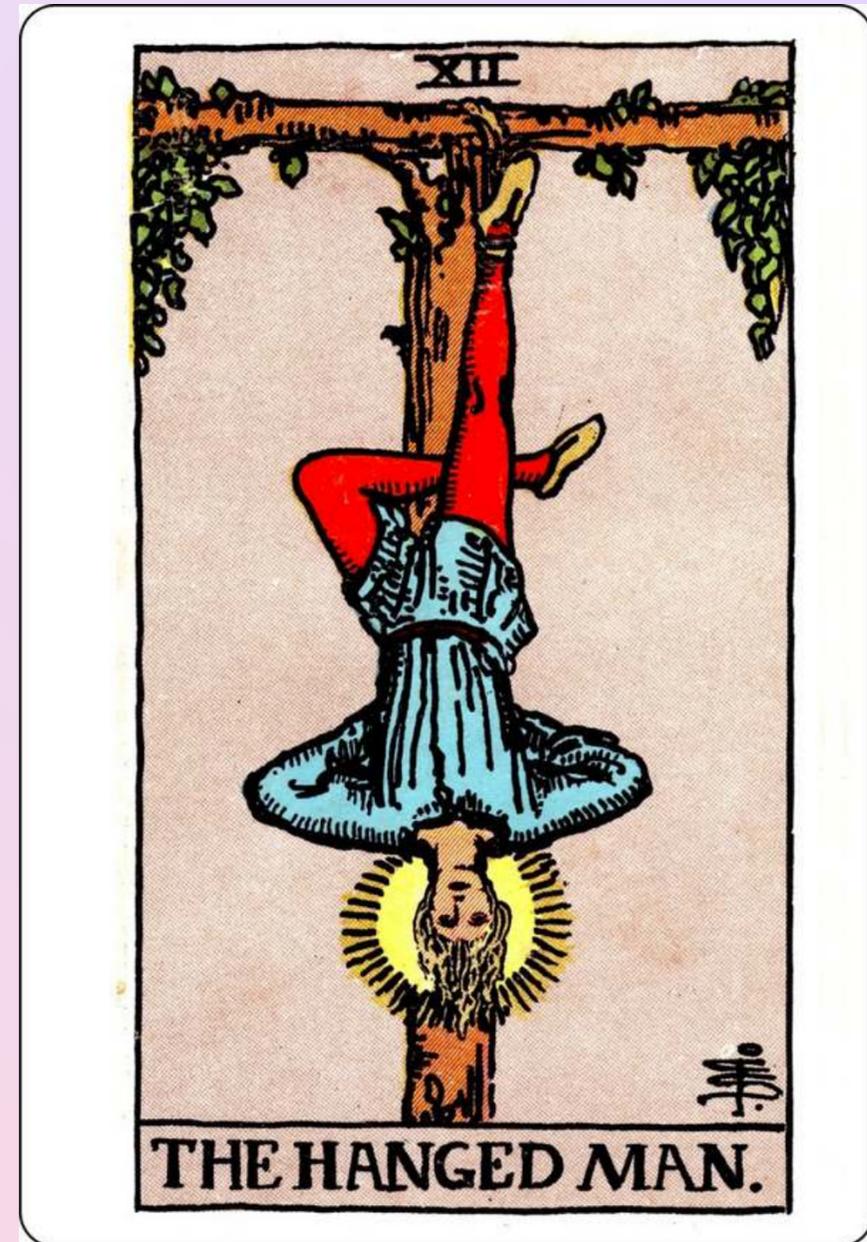


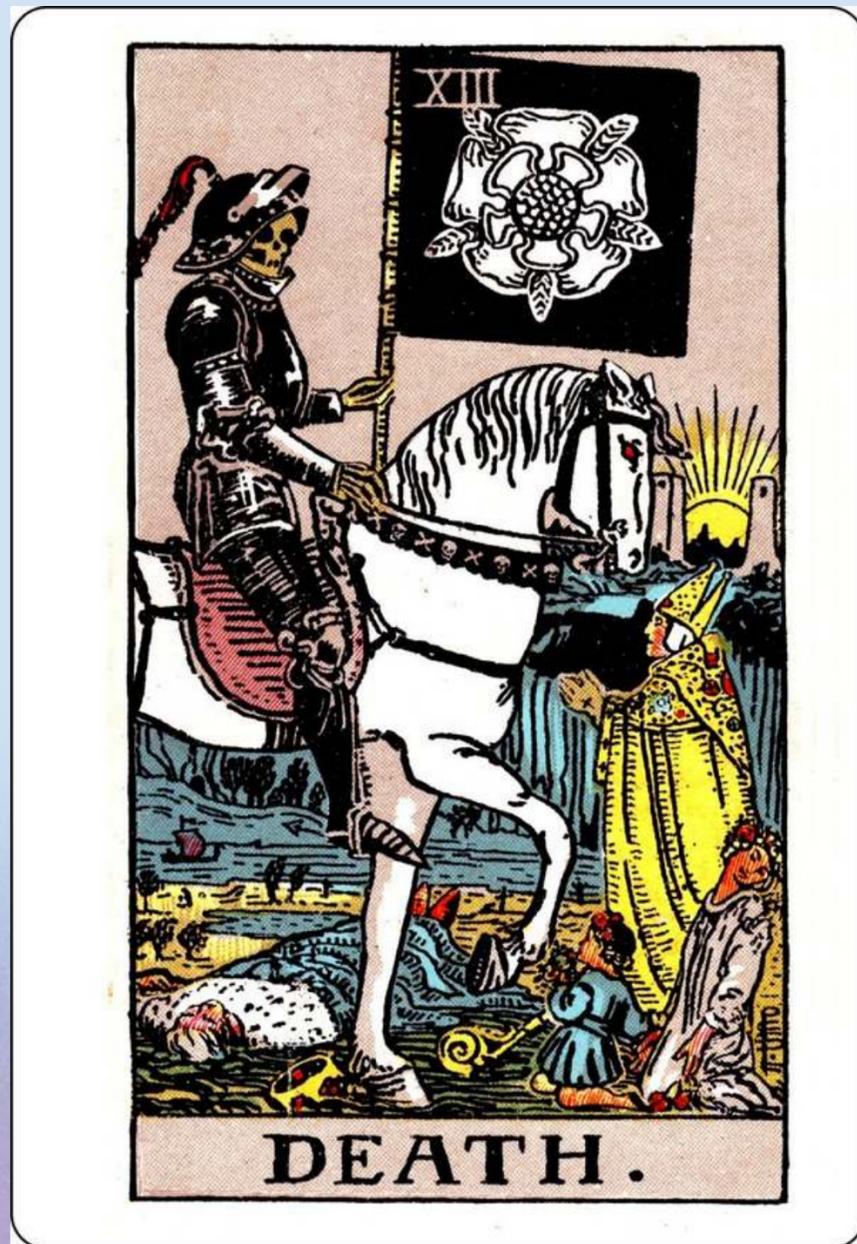
JUSTICE

Respecting Justice
Assuming Responsibility
Preparing for a Decision
Understanding Cause and Effect

THE HANGED MAN

Letting Go
Reversing
Suspending Action
Sacrificing





DEATH

Ending
Going Through Transition
Eliminating Excess
Experiencing Inexorable Forces

TEMPERANCE

Being Temperate
Maintaining Balance
Experiencing Health
Combining Forces

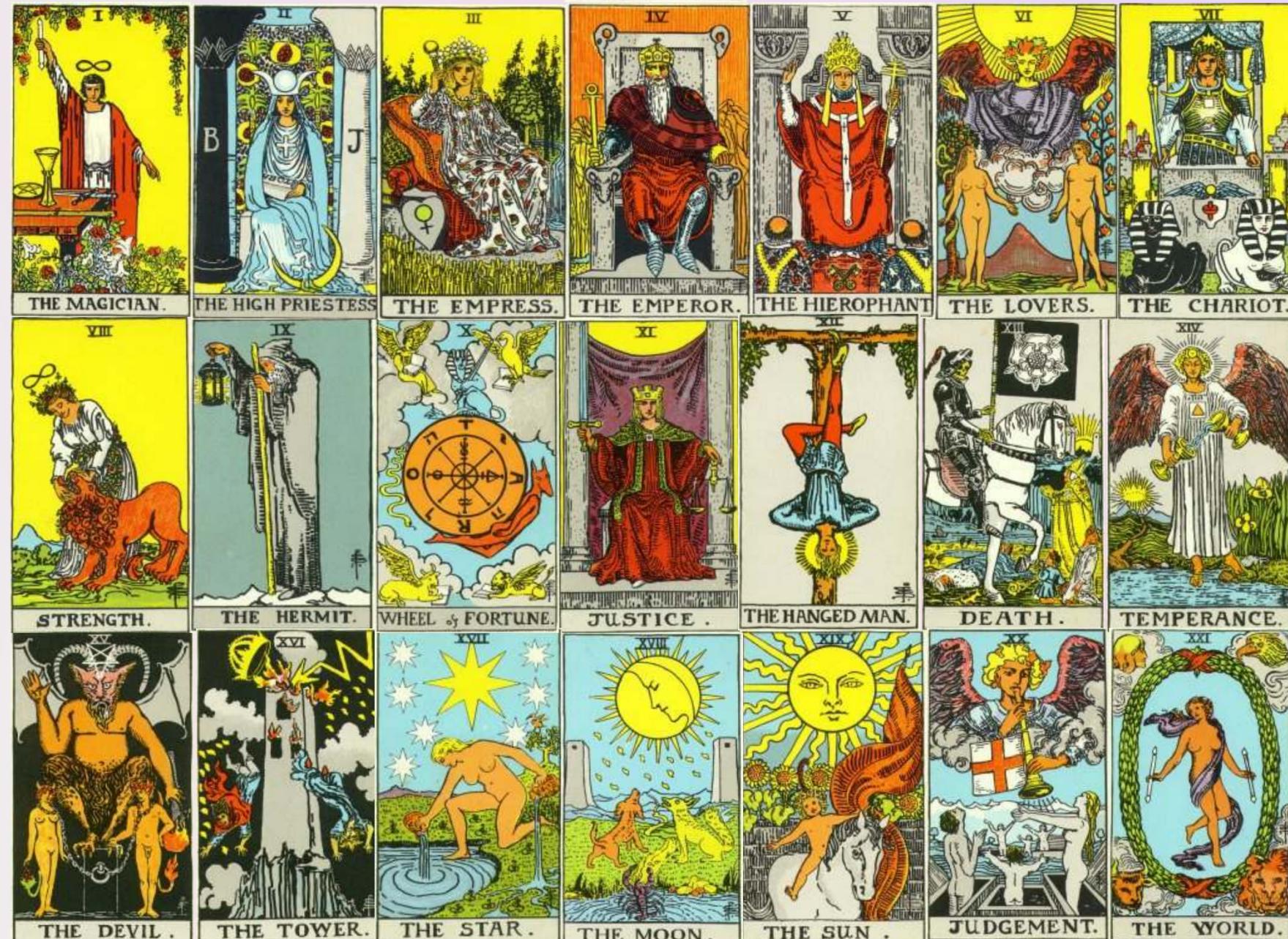


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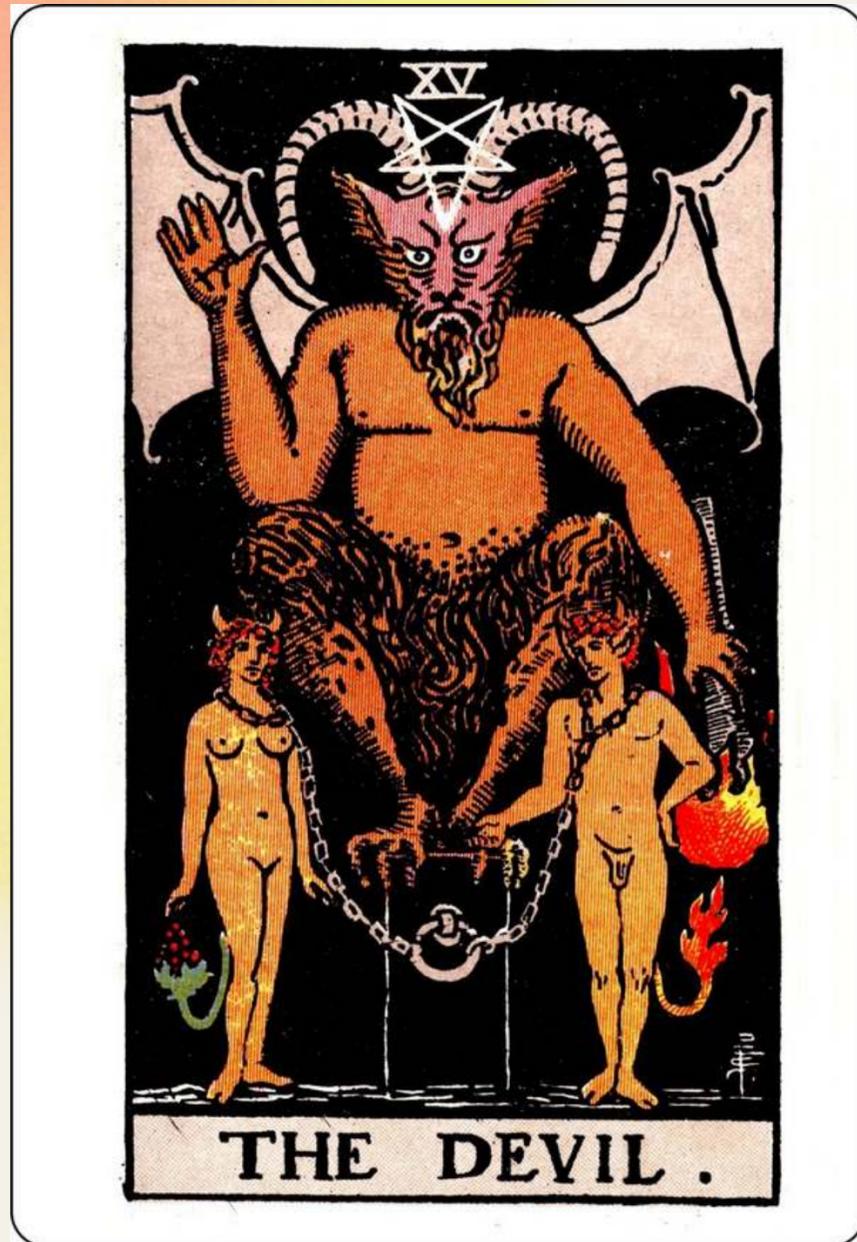


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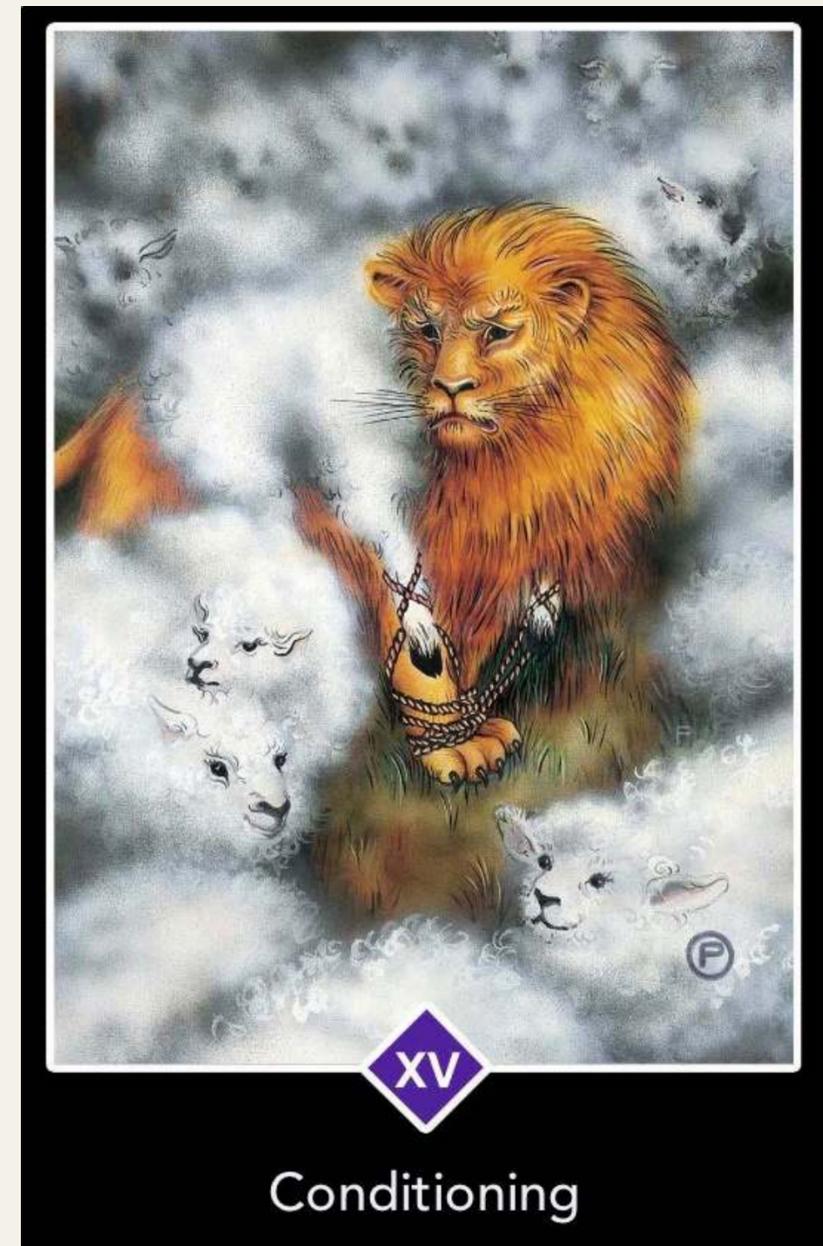
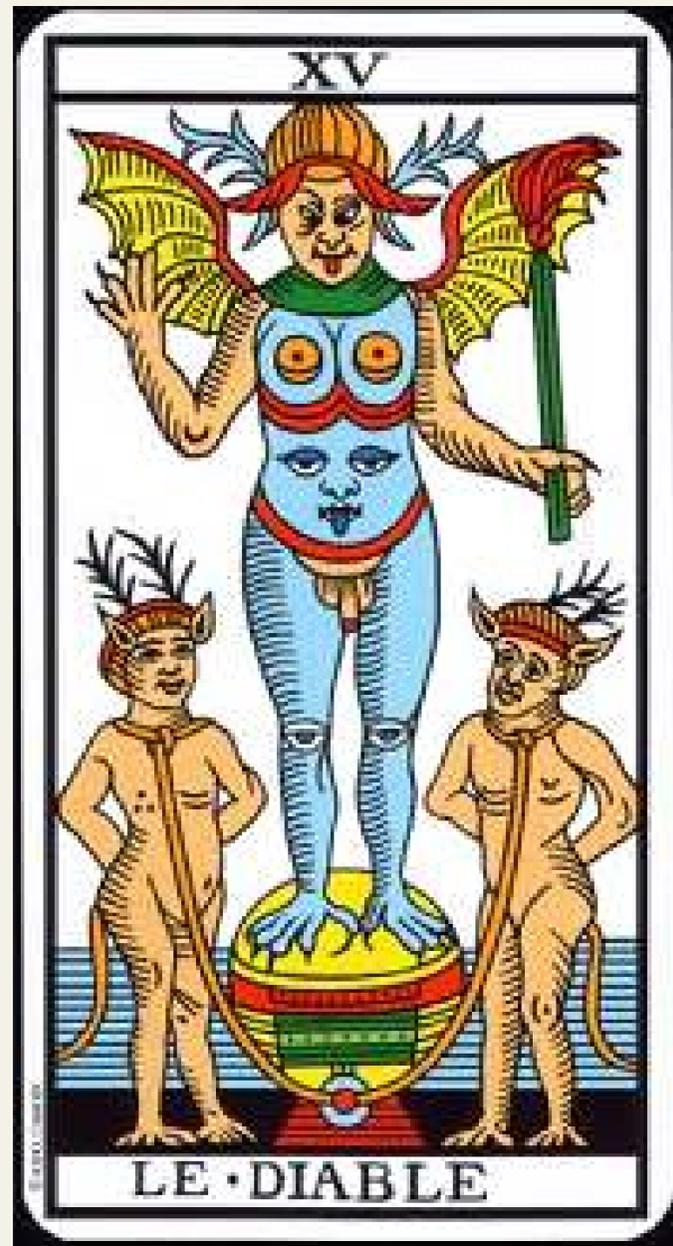
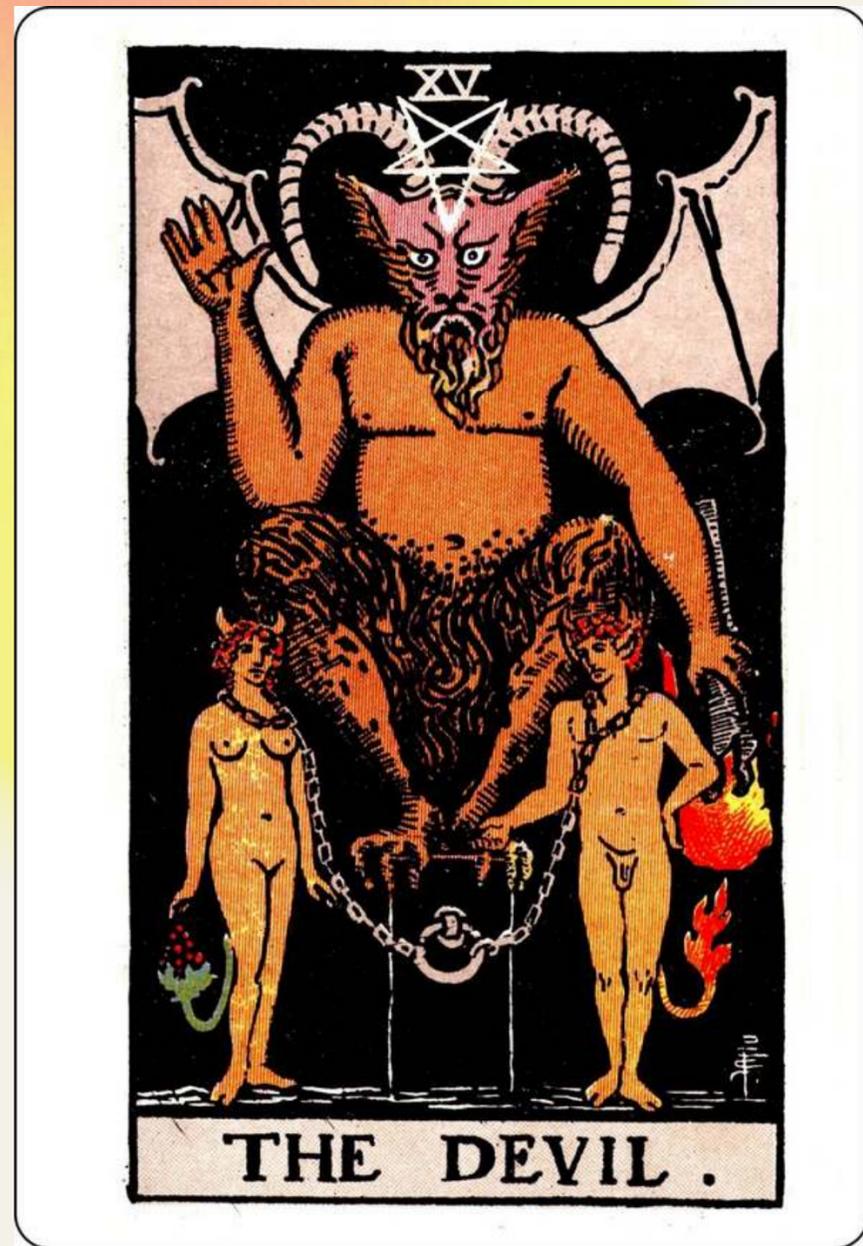
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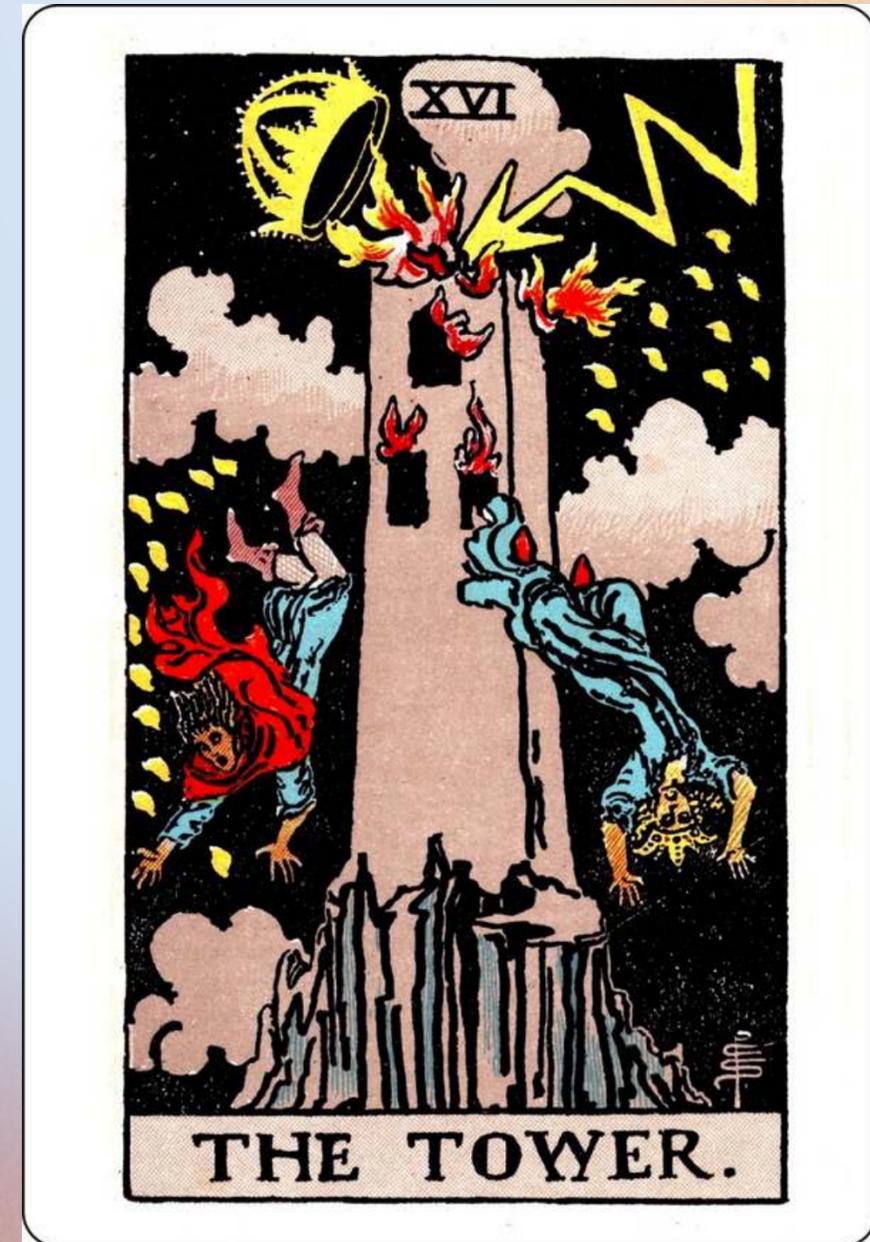
THE DEVIL

Experiencing Bondage
Focusing on the Material
Staying in Ignorance
Feeling Hopeless



THE TOWER

Going Through Sudden Change
Releasing
Falling Down
Having a Revelation



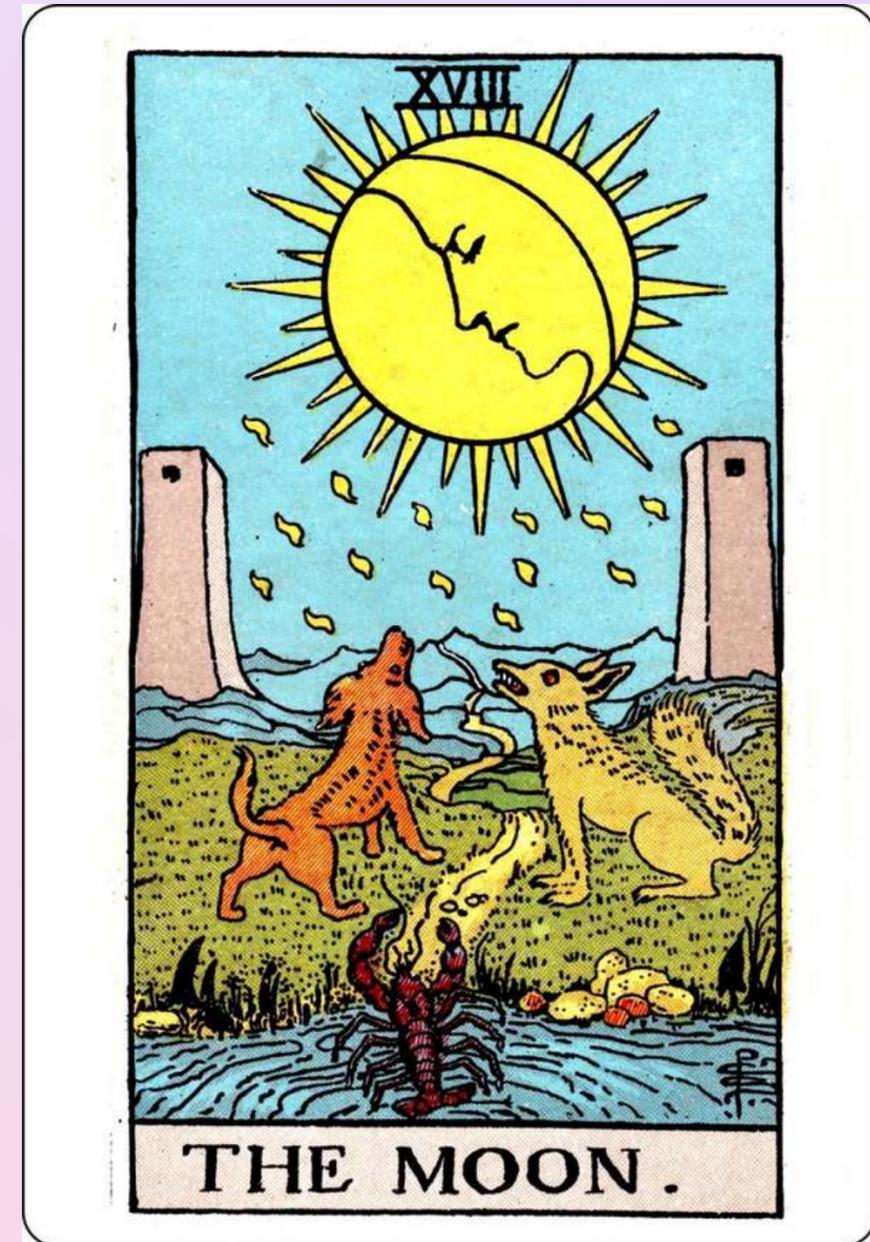


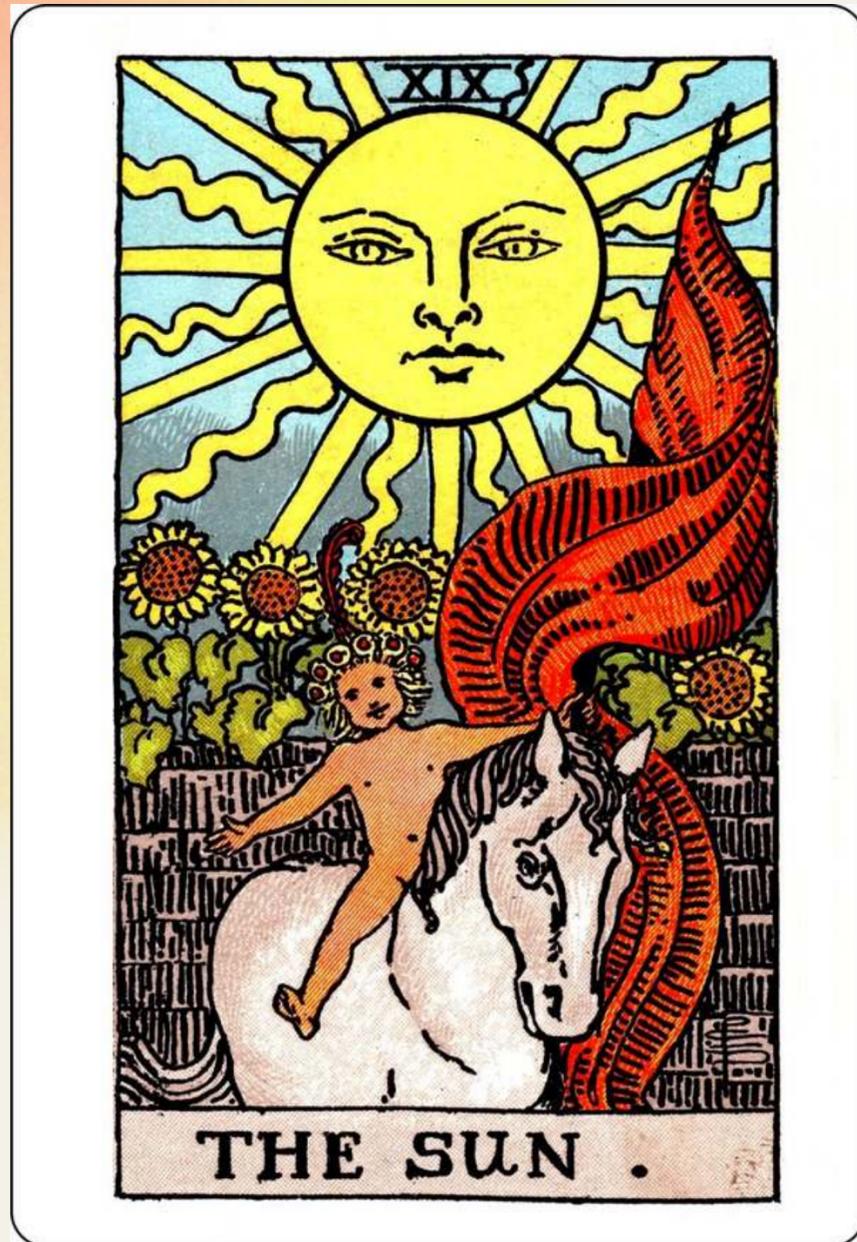
THE STAR

Regaining Hope
Being Inspired
Being Generous
Feeling Serene

THE MOON

Feeling Fear
Believing Illusions
Stimulating the Imagination
Feeling Bewildered





THE SUN

Becoming Enlightened
Experiencing Divinity
Feeling Vitality
Having Assurance

JUDGMENT

Making a Judgment
Feeling Reborn
Hearing a Call
Finding Absolution

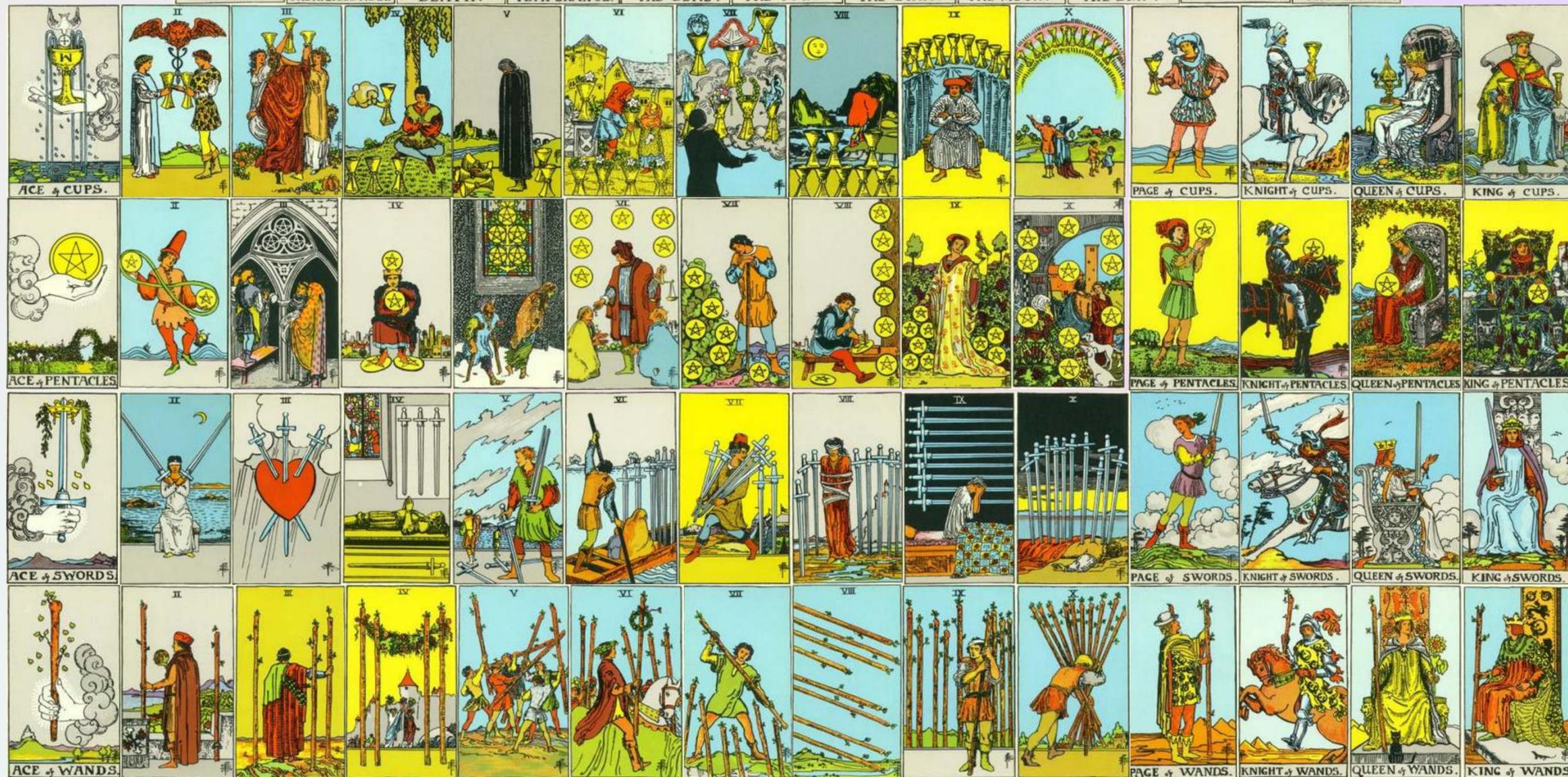




THE WORLD

Feeling Complete
Accomplishing
Becoming Involved
Feeling Fulfilled

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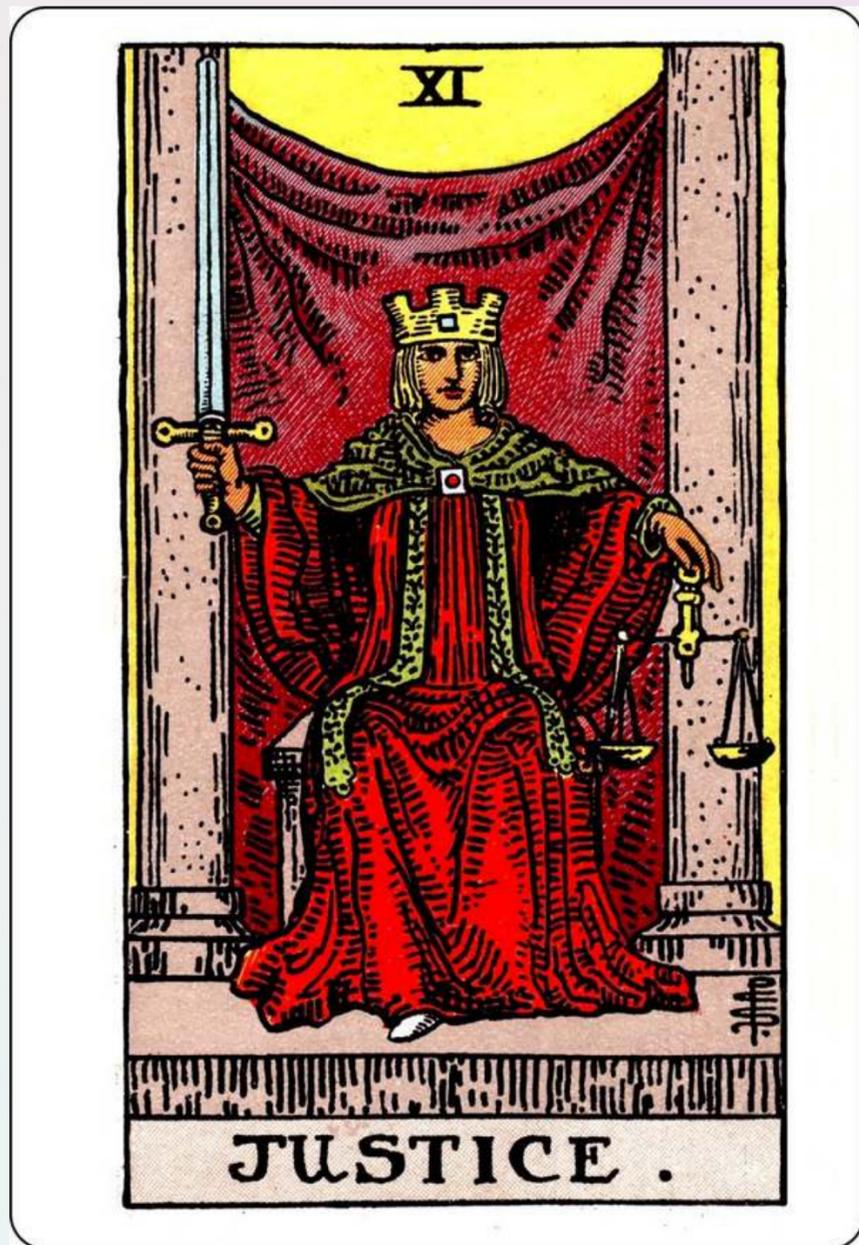
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Tarot as a
PROJECTION
HOLDER





Tarot as a
MIRROR
for the
SOUL



Tarot as a
a Tool for
ACCOUNTABILITY

Tarot as a ROSETTA STONE

Who/what are you contacting?

This can open a discussion
about a directee's image of
the Divine.



Why Does it Work?

Synchronicity?

Law of Attraction?

What about Fortune Telling?



LET'S PRACTICE!

The Major Arcana

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 0 - Fool | 11 - Justice |
| 1 - Magician | 12 - Hanged Man |
| 2 - High Priestess | 13 - Death |
| 3 - Empress | 14 - Temprance |
| 4 - Emperor | 15 - Devil |
| 5 - Hierophant | 16 - Tower |
| 6 - Lovers | 17 - Star |
| 7 - Chariot | 18 - Moon |
| 8 - Strength | 19 - Sun |
| 9 - Hermit | 20 - Judgement |
| 10 - Wheel of Fortune | 21 - World |

Potential Card Meanings



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