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Many times, the figures from the tarot deck, invisible inhabitants of our lives, have appeared to me like fleeting shadows in the fog outside my door.

This time, I wanted to try to give shape to their messages, in a journey with my eyes closed to that enigmatic place just beyond the border between the world of the living and the world of the dead, one step beyond the evening, where the twilight begins to shape our dreams.

When time began to dissolve, a surreal, steampunk universe appeared before me, where the sea became a stage for stories suspended between reality and imagination. Water, guardian of hidden secrets and dreams yet to be revealed, tinged the deck with a sweet melancholy. The actors in this theater, fragile and powerful beings at the same time, stood out against the aquatic landscape, cradled in their thoughts by a timeless embrace. Each wave was an image that was born and then vanished at the speed of lightning, leaving grooves behind, fundamental traces for translating the messages of these guiding spirits into signs. Each character, starting with the Fool, who arrived on board the ship of fools, was an invitation to navigate the depths of the unconscious, to explore the incredible beauty of what is dormant and not yet understood.

This deck was a challenge to embrace the liminal space between the manifest universe and the mystery of existence, an invitation to visit the unknown in anticipation of a new revelation.

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## Major Arcana and their Divinatory Meanings *by Arthur Edward Waite*

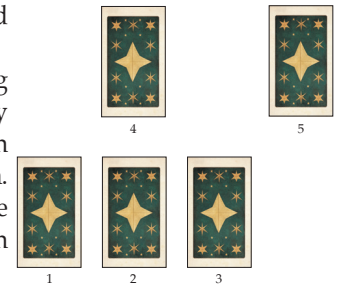
### HOW TO READ TAROT CARDS

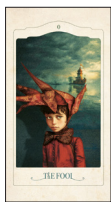
Using tarot cards is very easy: ask a question and draw a card. Observe the image and internalise what you see. The more you try it out and practise on a daily basis, the more you will, over time, be able to come to greater depths with ever-improving skills. Tarot cards represent each of us in a unique and essential way since we are different and unequalled beings. Each of us brings together multiple talents, sensitivities and purposes. The effectiveness of the tarot cards depends on who uses them and how. With practice, you will learn to build your own reading style.

### THE TAROT CARD SPREAD

This spread includes five cards. Each card refers to an affirmation (I am, I believe, I do, I give up, I build) that can be effective for the person to assimilate the advice of the cards and convert it into decisive changes and actions in his or her life. Draw 5 cards and arrange them as in the picture on page.

1. I am: this card reflects the person and his/her question.
2. I believe: this card reflects the person's motivations and his or her fixed points.
3. I do: this card reflects the goal and direction of the person's action.
4. I give up: this card reflects something that is weakening the person. It may be an obstacle to be overcome or an attitude that the person is indulging in.
5. I build: this card reflects the purpose for which the person should strive in order to grow in his or her life.





## MAJOR ARCANA

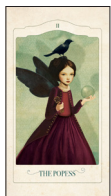
### 0. THE FOOL

Folly, mania, extravagance, intoxication, delirium, frenzy, bewrayment. **Reversed:** Negligence, absence, distribution, carelessness, apathy, nullity, vanity.



### 1. THE MAGICIAN

Skill, diplomacy, address; sickness, pain, loss, disaster, self-confidence, will; the Querent, if male. **Reversed:** Physician, Magus, mental disease, disgrace, disquiet.



### 2. THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Secrets, mystery, the future as yet unrevealed; the woman who interests the Querent, if male; the Querent, if female; silence, tenacity; wisdom, science. **Reversed:** Passion, moral or physical ardour, conceit, surface knowledge.



### 3. THE EMPRESS

Fruitfulness, action, initiative, length of days; the unknown, clandestine, also difficulty, doubt, ignorance. **Reversed:** Light, truth, the unravelling of involved matters, public rejoicings; according to another reading, vacillation.



### 4. THE EMPEROR

Stability, power, protection; a great person; aid, reason, conviction. **Reversed:** Benevolence, compassion, credit; also confusion to enemies, obstruction, immaturity.



### 5. THE HIEROPHANT

Marriage, alliance, captivity, servitude; by another account, mercy and goodness; inspiration; the man to whom the Querent has recourse. **Reversed:** Society, good understanding, concord, over-kindness, weakness.



### 6. THE LOVERS

Attraction, love, beauty, trials overcome. **Reversed:** Failure, foolish designs.



### 7. THE CHARIOT

Succour, providence; also war, triumph, presumption, vengeance, trouble. **Reversed:** Riot, quarrel, dispute, litigation, defeat.



### 8. STRENGTH

Power, energy, action, courage, magnanimity. **Reversed:** Despotism, abuse of power, weakness, discord.



### 9. THE HERMIT

Prudence; also and especially treason, dissimulation, roguery, corruption. **Reversed:** Concealment, disguise, policy, fear, unreasoned caution.



### 10. WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Destiny, fortune, success, luck, happiness. **Reversed:** Increase, abundance, superfluity.



### 11. JUSTICE

Equity, rightness, probity, executive. **Reversed:** Law in all departments, bigotry, bias, excessive severity.



### 12. THE HANGED MAN

Wisdom, circumspection, discernment, trials, sacrifice, intuition, divination, prophecy. **Reversed:** Selfishness, the crowd, body politic.



### 13. DEATH

End, mortality, destruction, corruption. **Reversed:** Inertia, sleep, lethargy, petrification, somnambulism.



### 14. TEMPERANCE

Economy, moderation, frugality, management, accommodation. **Reversed:** Things connected with churches, religions, sects, the priesthood; also disunion, unfortunate combinations, competing intersects.



### 15. THE DEVIL

Ravage, violence, vehemence, extraordinary efforts, force, fatality; that which is predestined but not for this reason evil. **Reversed:** Evil, fatality, weakness, pettiness, blindness.



### 16. THE TOWER

Misery, distress, indigence, adversity, calamity, disgrace, deception, ruin. **Reversed:** According to one account, the same in a lesser degree; also oppression, imprisonment, tyranny.



### 17. THE STAR

Loss, theft, privation, abandonment; another reading says hope and bright prospects. **Reversed:** Arrogance, haughtiness, impotence.



### 18. THE MOON

Hidden enemies, danger, calumny, darkness, terror, deception, error. **Reversed:** Instability, inconstancy, silence, lesser degrees of deception and error.



### 19. THE SUN

Material happiness, fortunate marriage, contentment. **Reversed:** The same in a lesser sense.