

A Birthday Reading



The card **not shown** but at the center of the cross, represents **the atmosphere surrounding the central issue. Nine of Swords (Cruelty)**: Debilitating mental anguish or ill health. Being dragged down by the dishonor of others. Participation in a shameful or regrettable act. Inescapable guilt, mistrust, and doubt. May indicate a death or other catastrophic loss.



The card visible at the center of the cross represents **the obstacle that stands in your way** - it may even be something that sounds good but is not actually to your benefit. **Ten of Swords (Ruin)**: Crushing defeat brought about by idle intellectualism divorced from reality. Sadness and desolation in the aftermath of a catastrophic and total collapse. A decisive conclusion brought about through the swift and merciless application of overwhelming force.



The card at the top of the cross represents **your goal, or the best you can achieve without a dramatic change of priorities. Page of Pentacles**: The essence of earth, such as a mountain: The surprising appearance of new prosperity and opportunities for advance in the physical world. One who delights in the pleasures of the body, material things, and nature. The embrace of hard work, realistic goals, and scholarly perseverance as a means to create solid achievement. Dependability, trust, and a studious nature. May portend a new job or promotion.



The card at the bottom of the cross represents **the foundation on which the situation is based. The Star**: New hopes and splendid revelations of the future. Insight, inspiration, courage and enlightenment of the spiritual self. Body and mind and converging towards the light at the end of a dark time.



The card at the left of the cross represents **a passing influence or something to be released. The Tower:** Unforeseen catastrophe. An abrupt change, perhaps leading to a new lifestyle and enlightenment. May indicate a broken relationship, divorce, or failure in business or career.



The card at the right of the cross represents **an approaching influence or something to be embraced. Two of Swords (Peace):** Contradictory characteristics brought together as a means of resolving a conflict. Refusing to be ruled by negative emotions. Strife brought to a close through clarity of mind and restraint of force. Turning a blind eye to the minor infractions of others.



The card at the base of the staff represents **your role or attitude. The Magician:** Mastery over word, mind, and matter. The ability to turn ideas into actions, handle problems, and control one's life. The initiation of new projects, great works, or a new way of life. Eloquent and moving communication. Arcane and eldritch technologies.



The card second from the bottom of the staff represents **your environment and the people you are interacting with. Ten of Cups (Satiety):** Fulfillment and joy in life and love. Feeling peace, tranquility, and contentment in friends and family. Taking delight in one's good fortune.



The card second from the top of the staff represents **your hopes, fears, or an unexpected element that will come into play. Two of Cups (Love):** The perfect harmony of union, in romance, friendship, or business. A deep and palpable connection radiating joy and contentment. A great concordance or pledge of fidelity. The joining of male and female interpreted in the broadest sense. The sanctification of the natural through that which exists on a higher plane. May indicate the meeting of a kindred soul, marriage, engagement, merger, or partnership.



The card at the top of the staff represents **the ultimate outcome should you continue on this course. Three of Pentacles (Works):** The commencement of business, commercial transactions, or employment. The constructive use of creative talents, and the expression of artistry in workmanship. Skill and labor turned to the crafting of things of value. Using the conventional as a medium for expressing the exceptional, in order to build something of great renown and glory.