

# BLACK LIGHT TAROT

## CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

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**0. The Fool** : Stars fizzle from the fingertips of the young carefree flower child forming a rainbow. Preoccupied, he moves a little too close to the cliff, though his faithful companion warns him of the danger.



**1. The Magician** : A showman's wand sends a trail of stars right across the card, indicating that he has a powerful energy about him. He has complete control over all the elements, as seen by the four elements upon his table; Pentacle (earth), Sword (air), Wand (fire) and Cup (water). According to A.E. Thierens, Waite tells us The Magician represents the querent, regardless of male or female.



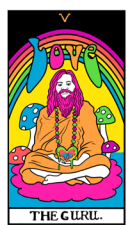
**2. The High Priestess** : Atop her head rests an eye. It is the third eye, able to peer into situations normal eyes cannot. She brings with her a spiritual message in the form of a slightly hidden scroll. A.E Thierens suggests that though the Magician represents the querent of any sex, when the querent is female this card, The High Priestess, influences them more.



**3. The Empress** : A rainbow springs from the sky and becomes a river, flowing under the feet of the empress to water the plants in her garden. She is the "earth mother", who represents spring and the birth of all living things upon the planet.



**4. Emperor** : A hippy father figure. He is a powerful force and usually represents the most dominating male force in one's life (but not necessarily in a bad way). In other words he has more authority about him, and in a family setting would be the "man of the house" so to speak, or at work he might be a boss.



**5. Hierophant / The Guru** : This figure holds in his hand a dripping colourful heart, which represents his spiritual side. He represents spiritual love in this deck of cards, alongside being the go to person in matters of spiritual questions. His head can be found in the loftier pursuits of life, and this is represented by his seat upon the clouds. Inspired by the Maharishi.



**The Lovers** : Two lovers meet under an angelic being. Behind the female lies a tree reminiscent of the tree of knowledge while the male stands in front of the burning bush, which symbolises divine commands. A great card for matters of the heart and relationships.

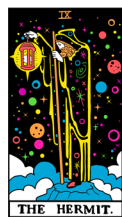
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**The Chariot:** According to Thierens, the Charioteer represents the Magician who by this stage has become a “conqueror”. He wears epaulettes; a smiling moon on his left shoulder, a frowning moon on his right. He represents the ability to manage conflicting feelings, desires etc. Can also represent travel.



**Strength :** A brightly dressed woman can be seen affectionately tickling the chin of a once ferocious lion. She has, with her feminine whiles, “tamed the beast”. The forces of nature, being conquered, are friendly to us. Inner strength and determination.



**Hermit :** In front of a backdrop of celestial lights and planets, the Hermit's lamp glows, lighting his way. He is “mentally always alone” according to Thierens, and represents, in divination, guides, teachers etc. This card can represent a person pulling back, perhaps even “holding their tongue” until they think about things a little more. Also it can represent the most obvious thing; that the person in question is a bit of a recluse (nothing wrong with that I might add...many of us are!)



**Wheel of Fortune :** This is a card that for us, has always mainly represented that one's luck is about to change or there is a chance of something happening, so much so that we've written it onto the card for extra emphasis. We have done this with a few cards (for example “love” on the Guru card and “wish” on the 9 of Cups). A general rule of thumb is that if your luck has been great, sadly it may be about to change. However if you've had a string of bad luck, this is a great card to receive.



**Justice :** An important card in the era of “social justice”, this card can represent a person who is the “avenger of wrongs”, but can also indicate court cases of all types ranging from civil marriage to prison.



**Hanged Man:** A man hangs upside down with both hands behind his back. This card can indicate that someone is sacrificing themselves, be it in a romantic relationship or even in business. Generally the card speaks of inaction. Though not a popular interpretation, this card can also indicate literal suicide. Thierens goes into this a little in the “General Book of Tarot” when referencing Judas Iscariot. Interestingly enough The Death card immediately follows the Hanged Man.



**Death :** Have you ever seen such a bright and happy depiction of Death before? Don't let that fool you. It means generally an ending of things, but can of course mean a literal death, depending on the question asked. It's popular to interpret this card as “transformation”, i.e the caterpillar becoming the butterfly, but we see transformation more as “Judgment” and so for us, this transformation idea is better represented in the Judgement card later. Generally an end of something.



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**Temperance:** A representative of the sun, the angel has one foot in the celestial waters and the other on land. Beyond the rising yellow sun we see a rainbow. It is said that within the cups is the “liquor which holds life” A call for patient endurance. Angels represent messages from the heavens and being celestial in nature, only appear in the Major Arcana (the other examples being Lovers and Judgement and possibly the Devil card, biblically speaking) This angel reminds us to take a balanced approach to things.



**The Devil :** Speaking of the Devil, we again see a sort of angelic messenger. Even the Devil, the tempter, has a purpose. How can we test what we are made of without this character? In this card the two people are chained to a negative source. Notice the Devil's torch of fire (lust) ignite the “tail” of the man. Take note that the very similar Lovers card (in terms of the visual appearance of man and woman) possess no tails. The tails speak of the animal nature. The card is very carnal and represents lust, addiction of all sorts, vices and problems.



**The Tower:** The lust and debauchery in the Devil card can only go on for so long, before things fall apart, often very abruptly. In the case of adultery, this could be the sudden breakdown of a marriage. This card can represent the sudden collapse of long standing beliefs.



**The Star:** The card of charisma and superstardom. She represents anything related to hopes and aspirations. This is always a good card to have in a reading. This card reminds us of the talents and creativity within each of us, if we should care to seek out what we're good at.



**The Moon :** A card that represents not being able to see things clearly, so the things you “do” see sometimes are not actually truly as they appear. A good example is a child who “sees” monsters in the night, only to see in the morning it was a coat hanging in the corner. The darkness has made his mind race to all sorts of conclusions. Keep in mind that the moonlight is but a pale imitation of the sun's light. This is a call to not jump to conclusions until you get a bit more of the picture. That being said, it can also represent hidden secrets, hidden feelings etc that may be real and tangible, but again, since they are hidden they may still remain unclear. This card can also relate to mental health, i.e the somewhat dated word “lunacy” coming from lunar.



**The Sun :** A happy baby sits on a horse beneath a very happy sun. A great card to receive in a reading. It can also represent sunny weather, holidays etc. Can also represent children and babies.



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**Judgement :** This card will be familiar to those with a biblical background, particularly that of the New Testament's Book of Revelation, though a belief in the resurrection is also looked forward to by many Jewish people, Muslims, and other faiths worldwide. Some are of the belief that the first mentions of resurrection can be found in the early writings Zoroaster. This card speaks of Judgement, yes, but also second chances too. In a symbolic sense, what is being conveyed here is that things are resurfacing, perhaps hidden secrets you fear being judged on. It's something we will all face in life, in some form or another. It is not all bad, though, as it can also be a time for second chances, coming clean, letting go of a burden.



**The World :** A woman holds two wands in her hand. She is powerful and has come "full circle". She is victorious and has "overcome". A very positive card in all readings.

## CARD MEANINGS - CUPS



**Ace of Cups :** An overflowing cup filled with various colors. It can represent a heart overflowing with love. Great card for romantic readings. Like all Aces, this is the beginning of its suit; This is the initial feeling / potential / beginning of the suit. In this case deep emotions of love.



**2 of Cups:** A very good card for love readings. Two people come together offering each other their cups (their hearts, similar to the overflowing cup in the Ace).



**3 of Cups:** A happy gathering of women celebrating. This card can also represent the news of a birth, or parties. A card of festivity. Let your hair down and enjoy yourself (you've probably earned it!)



**4 of Cups:** A man surrounded by trippy mushrooms. Three cups are in front of him. To his side another cup comes along from a spiritual source. He either ignores it or doesn't see it. It's a reminder to us to keep an open mind. Opportunities may be around the corner. Remind the client or enquirer that opportunities are trying to make their way into their lives but they may not be seeing it.



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**5 of Cups:** A man is upset over three of his Cups (perhaps the three cups he had in front of him in the 4 of Cups) having fallen over. Their contents are spilled and lost. Why does he continue to concern himself with these three cups? Better to appreciate what you still have, than to lament the loss of what has gone from you.



**6 of Cups:** An adventure of the mind, a figure goes all the way back to his childhood through a series of mental images. As mentioned in the 5 of Cups, it is better to appreciate what you still have, rather than grieve over what is gone. In this case he still has his memories. Yes, the past is physically gone. He can't physically or mentally become the child again, but the joyous memories of childhood can bring comfort still.



**7 of Cups:** A figure has come to the crossroads of choosing. What does one desire in life? Is it feasible? At the moment, whether it is achievable or not, is of no consequence. This is a card of daydreaming. There is no concrete plan to achieve any of it. Rather, it is an exercise of conjuring up the desires first. It can indicate also that your plans are unrealistic (assuming you have some in mind)



**8 of Cups:** A figure can be seen walking away from 8 Cups. He is walking away from an unhelpful situation. Above him a planet's oceans spill into the sea nearby. Everything has a cause and effect. No one is ever truly isolated from the rest of the world and we must make hard decisions. To stay or to go?



**9 of Cups:** A genie appears from a lamp, symbolic of being granted wishes. This is the strongest card in the deck for depicting wishes and having them fulfilled (the 7 of Cups being dreams; a little bit different). This could be considered the fulfilment of the 7 of Cups after one follows their desire and follows it (as depicted in the 8 of Cups as he follows his "bliss"). It should be noted also that with wishes being fulfilled, a certain amount of caution needs to be followed. You may indeed get your wish!



**10 of Cups:** After the 9 of Cups, we see a happy family and a sky filled with fireworks. This card represents the emotional fulfilment of this suit. A great card for love and relationships.



**The Page of Cups:** Within his cup there jumps a fish, representing his fascination with the subject of love and his desire to know more. This can indicate the beginnings of a relationship, with the stars representing that giddiness felt in new romantic endeavours.

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**Knight of Cups:** What a flamboyant young man! He's all dressed up with the idea to impress. He is a charmer, but not necessarily in a bad way and is caught up in the ideas of romance without the depth that might come along in older years. (See the King of Cups for a bit of depth emotionally)



**Queen of Cups:** Her lovely blonde hair cascades down her side into the sea. She is surrounded by water symbols; mermaids, starfish, sea shells etc. She is an emotional woman, very intuitive, and much influenced by her surroundings. Possibly psychic abilities.



**King of Cups :** An emotional man but he has learned to keep it in check (think the Knight of Cups but has been jilted a few times). A bit slow in relationships and cautious; may hold his emotions back until he feels a bit safer. He has learned from experience you may well say.

## CARD MEANINGS - PENTACLES



**Ace of Pentacles :** A melting coin peers from an orange cloud with a rainbow tail. This is the beginnings of, perhaps a money venture, or some other earthly pursuit. It is a good card for finance and prosperity. Can also indicate a gift, possibly even a ring if in a romantic sense.



**2 of Pentacles :** Balancing two coins, a figure stands in front of a backdrop of a tumultuous ocean. The waves behind him represent a rocky, ever shifting landscape of which he or she must navigate. The person balances the coins, which represents things like balancing accounts in a business, making sure that there's enough money coming in to offset the money going out.



**3 of Pentacles :** A man works on the interior of a building, following the directions of the two figures beneath him. It is a public work, and so can indicate some success in show business or possibly some kind of public performance.



**4 of Pentacles :** A man in the city has let greed get the better of him. He is a reminder that hoarding wealth (actually, hoarding anything!) can suffocate our mental state, create stagnancy, and can hinder us spiritually. Letting go of things we don't need (recycling, giving to a charity shop etc) or sharing our wealth (again financial aid to charities,) or even sharing our time (which is also a valuable and often overlooked resource) can work wonders for our own selves as well as others.



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**5 of Pentacles :** We see what has become of the hoarder. A symbol of spiritual destitution, he walks by some sort of trippy psychedelic church along with another unfortunate “outcast”. It could be seen that through his miserly ways, he cut off all ties to people. When he finally lost it all, he had, or felt he had, no place and no person to turn to.



**6 of Pentacles :** Following on from the 5 of Pentacles, we see a merchant who has acquired money. Instead of hoarding it all to himself however, like the 4 of Pentacles, he has decided to give back. This figure has possibly even been through a very trying and difficult situation that has caused him to open his heart to the needs of others. The card also reminds us that there is no shame in accepting a helping hand. Life is a conglomeration of different roles we have to enact. One day we may be a millionaire, and the next we could lose every bit of it. Most people are not necessarily one particular thing through all of their life. Our own life decisions, and sometimes things that we have no control over, go on to create scenarios we hadn't planned on. If you need help, don't be too proud to accept it because one day you may be given the chance to also give back and when you do, you'll want that person to accept your helping hand. Basically this is a card of charity and goodwill.



**7 of Pentacles :** A man stands over some trippy, peculiar plants. What on earth is he growing! Magical stars drift through the air, as he looks rather pleased with himself. A card of restful admiration. It is not the kind of rest like the four of Swords' recuperation card. Rather, this rest is more the kind you might see a farmer doing when he's leaning over his field gate admiring his crop. He'll be back to work soon enough but he is admiring how far along the crop is coming. This card represents a lot of the labor involved in producing the product, as opposed to the 8 of Pentacles being the more refined part of the work.



**8 of Pentacles :** A man is creating works of art for the local festival where he hopes to sell them. All handcrafted! He enjoys his work as a creative artist and thankfully his patrons do too. Life is good! It is a card of work, but not the kind of gruelling thankless labor one might think of when they think of work. This is more like the enjoyment of having one's own business. His works are on display because he is proud of them.



**9 of Pentacles:** A lady of leisure. After the work in the 7 and 8 of Pentacles, the figure is able to properly relax and enjoy the fruits of her labor (ok so the 7 and 8 depicted men, so it is not entirely literal in sequence). Because of the hard work and dedication towards her business, she is now able to rest. It could indicate retirement but doesn't have to. The figure, however, can be considered a bit lonely and sometimes this may be down to lacking a social or family life. As is often the case for those driven by ambition, so much time might be spent studying or attending to their business that they have forgotten about the other aspects in life. To quote Hesiod “moderation in all things is the best policy”



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**10 of Pentacles :** All has turned out very well in the end. A card of family and having all of your earthly needs taken care of. This card is the fulfilment of the Ace at the beginning. You've stayed the course in your business idea and made your mark on the world. Congratulations!



**Page of Pentacles :** A young person has discovered a taste of the financial good life. Perhaps a student in the business sector, or even something as simple as their first paper or pizza delivery job, the discovery of a wage and the power and freedom that first pay cheque can bring. A great feeling, the young person starts to feel he or she is achieving something for their lives.



**Knight of Pentacles :** This is a young person who is beginning to get more interested in settling down and perhaps even getting a mortgage, or a raise at their job. It should be noted that his horse is a workhorse, and represents a lot of dedication and hard work. This is a great card for financial questions. He is also considered to be quite "slow" at making decisions at times, but I feel that this might be more because he wants to get things right the first time...and so puts a bit more thought into things.

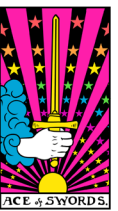


**Queen of Pentacles :** A woman who is usually interested in possessions, but can also be a woman interested in saving money. Materialistic with an earthbound personality. A very practical woman. Very good at taking care of family.



**King of Pentacles :** A man who has accomplished a lot in his life, especially financially. A shrewd businessman. A good provider that can take care of his family. He makes wise investments.

## CARD MEANINGS - SWORDS



**Ace of Swords :** A card of communication. Can indicate arguments. A card of thoughts, ideas, and the wills of people. Seen sometimes as "getting to the heart of a matter"



**2 of Swords :** Keeping the peace even though you may have contradictory opinions. Holding back rather than causing a big argument. (Easily seen with political arguments, religious debates etc) For the sake of friendship, you just don't want to get into a potentially volatile conversation. That's understanding, and sometimes even prudent.



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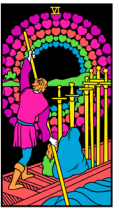
**3 of Swords :** All hell has broken loose. That conversation you were trying to avoid in the 2 of Swords? Yes, it's spilled out into an all out war of words and ideas. This represents, we feel, a strike to the heart from harsh words. The kind of feeling you feel when you're in a verbal war with someone.



**4 of Swords :** A mental rest after the 3 of Swords' argument. A break from all the drama and disagreement. Lie back and relax; you and your poor sanity have earned it.



**5 of Swords :** Leaving an argument that can never be won. What's the point of arguing against someone that doesn't even play by the rules, or resorts to name calling? The person you are arguing against has no real intention of seeing your point of view, so why bother keeping the argument going? Best leave them to their own problems. The person in the foreground has a hollow victory. They "think" they've won the argument, when in reality the other people have walked away because the "victor" couldn't be reasoned with.



**6 of Swords :** Leaving a poisonous atmosphere and going to a much calmer area, and trying to find a better mental state. Can also indicate physical travel, especially by sea, or going on holiday near a watery area like an ocean, lake etc.



**7 of Swords :** A thief runs away with 5 swords while looking over his shoulder. Perhaps you are being plotted against. Be aware of enemies. Somebody could be undermining your plans.



**8 of Swords :** The figure is in a mental rut. Being so focused on one point of view, they can't see any other solutions available. Change your way of thinking. Take the blindfold off! There is more solutions and options out there but you need to mentally break free of the fear.



**9 of Swords :** The nightmare card. Strong anxiety. Not necessarily something actually bad happening but rather the fear of something happening. So focused on something worrying that it can even enter your dreams (nightmares) or even have you sleepless.



**10 Swords :** Ruin. Mental breakdown. The 9 of Swords fully realised. The person has been more or less destroyed, mentally, possibly financially, and toxic beyond being saved. The end of the situation being discussed.

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**Page of Swords :** Considered the enemy spy card. May be a rival (and even a spy in your circle of friends) but most likely someone who means you no good. Can also be a sign someone wants to steal your ideas. Generally a rival or jealous person. Don't fret. Just keep calm and be on guard.



**Knight of Swords :** Pure action. Rushes right into battles and arguments before he or she can even figure out what's going on. This person can upset situations that don't really need to be upset just because they are too eager and get fired up. Quick to get into arguments.



**Queen of Swords :** A lonely or single woman, often with a sad past. A woman who uses her logic rather than feelings and emotions. Very clear ideas of right and wrong. Swords cards usually represent laws and judgments, so the court cards embody this especially.



**King of Swords :** Often a man in authority. Usually involved with rules, judgement etc. Think police, courtrooms, judges, prosecutors and lawyers.

## CARD MEANINGS - WANDS



**Ace of Wands :** A sudden burst of energy, that feeling where you feel the need to move. Restlessness. The beginning of action. A get up and go feeling.



**2 of Wands :** Trying to figure out your place in the world and what you intend for yourself. When you set your intention you'll want to follow through with it and get out into the world. Also making an investment in something.



**3 of Wands :** After the efforts of the 2 of Wands, the 3 is waiting for feedback from the universe. You want to see what manifests from your efforts now that you've taken action. What are those ships bringing to you?



**4 of Wands :** The 4 in each suit seems to represent rest. This card is no different. The feeling of returning home for a brief period of time. The two people can be seen welcoming you home. Can also represent marriage.



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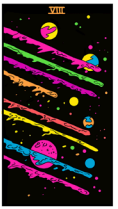
**5 of Wands :** Petty disagreements over things. It's not serious, but can be taxing nonetheless. Could even be sparring with each other using sarcasm, making fun of each other. May also represent your competitors; people who aren't really "enemies", but gently battling each other.



**6 of Wands :** Victory and on top of your game. People look up to you. You are successful and most everyone will recognise it. You made it! Enjoy your place at the top but be prepared to fight for your right to stay there. That comes with the 7 of Wands.



**7 of Wands :** Fighting to stay on the top. Your victory can easily be taken away by a competitor. You need to fight for your place at the top.



**8 of Wands :** Fast movement. Wireless communication, electricity, phone calls and emails. Travel in planes. Any fast movement. A card of impulse and infatuation (think arrows of love).



**9 of Wands :** Now to stand guard! This card usually indicates that you have been wounded a bit. You've had to battle it out in the 5 of Wands and stay on top in the 7 of Wands. He has a head wound (covered by a headband) indicating his past struggles. He is now more ready than ever to defend his territory. Though more battle weary, he is more of a veteran in terms of defending himself when compared to the 7 of Wands.



**10 of Wands :** Can he make it to the finish line? His success has almost become an oppression to him. He has detractors, enemies, those who envy what he has. People want to steal his thunder.

Can also indicate that he's starting to lose his energy and desire for the success. A great example is seeing a successful band have a few great albums. There often comes a point with that band where trying to constantly improve on past successes result in some burnout. Sometimes the new albums sound lacklustre; they've lost their edge compared to when they were hungry for recognition.



**Page of Wands :** Communicating messages back and forth. Possibly an announcement of a birth. Exploration and travel are things he has interest in, but the Knight which follows is usually the one that will pursue it in reality.



## CARD MEANINGS - WANDS



**Knight of Wands :** The traveller, especially to a foreign country, again seen with the pyramids in the backgrounds. Movement out into the world. Adventurer.



**Queen of Wands :** A woman with a strong fiery temperament. She enjoys starting projects and likes keeping herself busy. A good example might be flipping houses, or other creative ideas.



**King of Wands :** Energetic and physically involved in a lot of things. A country sort of gentleman who would probably have a hard time retiring. Still adventurous! Depending on his age and capability, he may watch things like the discovery channel, nature programmes etc without necessarily partaking in any of it.



**The Trippin' Squirrel :** Represents the Querent and represents your will. You have a free will and you can do whatever you want to do. You can be as nutty as a Squirrel, it's all good ;)

This card is included as a fun take on the more popular "Happy Squirrel" from "The Simpsons", and not an actual "real" Tarot card as such found in regular decks. It's something we do on occasion, for example the "Psycho Squirrel" in our Twisted Tarot Tales bonus cards.

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Take a walk with us through fields of butterflies and daffodils as we welcome you to our newest deck; an all new Waite Smith inspired Tarot with a wonderful, uplifting spring theme.

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