

TRIPPIN' WAITE

CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

The original Waite Smith deck is so popular and has been talked about so exhaustively in print and online media that we felt it would be more appropriate to focus more on the changes found in the Trippin' Waite For this printable PDF, with brief interpretations for those completely new to the original.



0. The Fool – Naïve but optimistic, the Fool carries a poppy flower in hand, and sets out on his magical trip. It's good to see the best in things, but it would do you well to tread carefully.



1. The Magician - This figure represents the mastery of the elements; earth, water, fire and air. A bit of a showman! Doves fly overhead, seemingly appearing out of thin air. He wears a beautiful Indian themed cloak.



2. The High Priestess --Covered in a cloak of celestial light. The eye above her emphasises her use of intuition to guide her in situations. She is sometimes interpreted as the Shekhinah, the English transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning "dwelling" or "settling" and denotes the dwelling or settling of the divine presence of God.



3. The Empress - Mother Nature. She represents birth and fertility. Rabbits bounce around and bees buzz around in her midst, both a familiar symbol for birth and reproduction.



4. Emperor - A hippie father figure who has probably enjoyed himself at Woodstock and is basking in his glory days. He usually represents the querent's father or male role model.



5. Hierophant -The Hierophant in this case represents the popular Indian Guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who left an impression on many of the big music stars of the 60's. He represents spiritual matters of all kinds.



6. The lovers – The Summer of Love. Two flower children, painted and naked under the watchful eye of a peaceful spirit, come together as one. The lovers card represents a choice or partnership.

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7. Chariot - The choice of direction in your life is yours to make. The Chariot represents successfully managing conflicting desires and feelings. A journey. It also represents determination and strength as there is a lot of skill in driving a chariot. An eventual mastery of a situation through determination and hard work.



8. Strength - Inner strength. This card represents keeping your base animal instincts in check. Through compassion, the Lady, in her daisy patterned dress soothes the beast.



9. The Hermit - The hermit walks amidst the stars. He represents the knowledge within and his cloak gives him some privacy. He carries a staff to aid him in his walk. A card of inner reflection.



10. The Wheel of Fortune - A change of fortune. If your fortune has been great, it may soon turn, but if your fortune has been bad, it could be a sign you're going to experience a nice change of events. At the four corners can be seen the heavenly creatures mentioned in biblical books like Ezekiel and the Book of Revelation. Generally a card with wonderful potential.



11. Justice - An Asian judge, garbed in tie dye, sits upon her lofty throne of clouds. A card of Karma, it reminds us that justice is impartial and that you will be dealt with fairly. What you put into a situation is exactly what you will get out of a situation. May also indicate court appearances, or civil marriages or divorce.



12. The Hanged Man - Suspension of action. Inactivity. This card is sometimes seen as self sacrifice for the moral good, or the welfare of others. The wings in this card represent a will to do something, but the inability to do so. He would gladly fly, but he is bound.



13. Death - An ending of things, possibly a literal death but generally an end to something.



14. Temperance. - A lady beside a stream pours rainbow water from one cup to another. On her head she wears a crown of daisies. Iris is grow behind her, a symbol of the Goddess Iris, who also is represented by the rainbow; a link between the heavens and earth.

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15. The Devil - With his Nixonian salutes, The Devil lingers above a Vietnamese villager and an American G.I, both victims, it could be argued, of the war machine. We see in the background the napalm being dropped. For the G.I, the chains represent a forced draft into the military, and for the Vietnamese lady, the chains represent her being chained to an event that she has no say in. The Vietnam War played a big part in the late 60's, and led to many anti-war protests.



16. The Tower – Inspired by Donovan's "Atlantis", The Tower represents ruin, sometimes sudden ruin, and a break down of long standing beliefs, perhaps being disillusioned. Towers take a long time to be built up, for example a loving relationship, and then seemingly out of nowhere, the whole thing comes crashing down.



17. The Star – She represents hope and aspirations. Above her head is a swirl of stars, a sign she is blessed. A card of inspiration.



18. The Moon – A wolf and dog bark at the moon, a river flowing between them from the hills. Touched by the moonlight, the waters flow out to the sea where a lobster comes to shore. A card of hidden secrets and, at times, lunacy, in the darkness it is harder to see things clearly. It can represent dreams and illusions which may appear very real but can be a bit vague.



19. The Sun – A card of joy and can indicate good weather and optimism. May also indicate a birth.



20. Judgement – A young angelic child plays his hypnotic music to once sleeping flower children. The card indicates that a situation in the past may be resurrected in some form, shaping your future. Sometimes in relationships this indicates a second chance. In terms of actual Judgement, the idea of being judged is often scary to many people, but true Judgement, if mixed with correction and guidance, can be a welcome thing.



21. The World – The World represents completion. You made it in whatever tasks you had set for yourself. Take time to Enjoy your newfound success. Everything has come full circle.

CARD MEANINGS - CUPS



Ace of Cups - Two doves of peace descend upon an overflowing cup. The card represents love of all kinds, agape, strong feelings and the overflow of the heart. Compassion and the beginning of a romantic relationship or friendship. Good omen for matters of the heart.



2 of Cups – Make love not war! Strong friendship, bond, sharing. In matters of love; compatible relationships, perhaps even a marriage is foretold.



3 of Cups - This is the card of celebrations, parties, get-togethers and social encounters that involve a group. May also indicate the celebration of a birth.



4 of Cups - A man with a flowery tunic and head band, sits with his arms folded, staring into space. Perhaps he is feeling unmotivated or left out. The cup offered to the person suggests hope, if only the person could see that maybe a friendship or help is being offered. Encourage the client to look for the cup.



5 of Cups - Woodstock is over. A sad folksinger stands looking at the knocked over cups left behind. Let's hope that what was spilled wasn't too expensive! A feeling of regret, failure and disappointment. There's always other festivals and the music lives on.



6 of Cups - Feelings of nostalgia. A young kid gives a cup filled with flowers to his grandma. This card represents feeling like a child again.



7 of Cups - Wishes, hopes and dreams. The seven cups represent temporary pleasures. Can also mean guilty pleasures, lust and vain imaginings.

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8 of Cups - A flowery clad figures walks away from a previous situation that wasn't working out, and looking forward to better and brighter prospects.



9 of Cups - The genie is here, to grant your wishes. An optimistic card, but be careful what you wish for, you might just get it. A card which indicates dreams coming true.



10 of Cups - A beautiful log cabin lies in the distance as a family enjoys a stroll along their golden path. A feeling of shared joy with family and friends. A card that represents blessings and good times.



Page of Cups - A goldfish jumps from a young man's cup. He is a messenger of love, and reminds us to enjoy those precious moments in life when all is well with the world. Possible news of a birth.



Knight of Cups - A seasonal affair. He personifies the "courtship" period in a relationship. A young man who may be interested in the Querent.



Queen of Cups - A compassionate woman who brings with her; nurturing, love and sensitivity. This is the person who just magically seems to know your hearts desire and may have intuitive, psychic abilities.



King of Cups - A man who is in control of showing his feelings but feels very deeply indeed. The type of man who will admire from a distance and may be slow to show his feelings.

CARD MEANINGS - WANDS



Ace of Wands - The impulse to get up and do something. Get active. A feeling of restlessness. The first spark of putting something into action, or “getting the ball rolling” so to speak.



2 of Wands – Planning. There’s a great saying “failing to plan is planning to fail”. Part of planning includes visualisation.



3 of Wands – The card of waiting. All that planning in the 2 of Wands should soon be paying off. You’re waiting for your ships to come in. In an artistic or craft sense, perhaps you’re awaiting a shipment of goods that you’ve ordered of your work, that you will resell. For a farmer, it could be seeing his produce being brought in from the field after the harvest.



4 of Wands - Family celebrations. Things related to the house and home. Can indicate weddings or christenings.



5 of Wands - Disagreements in a group, and petty arguments. These fairies find themselves in a minor squabble on top of a brightly coloured daisy. 2 doves pass by; an indication that sometimes conflicts can be resolved easier than we think.



6 of Wands - A victorious figure draped in a butterfly motif cloak rides in on horseback. This card indicates achievement, success and recognition by family and friends.



7 of Wands - Competition and struggle. Defence and trying to stay on top of a situation. Bees buzz around this little fairy as he stands his ground.

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8 of Wands - Fast movement. I think of this card as either travelling or legwork. In any case you're moving forward fast.



9 of Wands - This card represents problems and setbacks that need to be overcome. This card indicates the need to get your defences up and be watchful.



10 of Wands - Feeling worn out and overburdened. Some of this could be avoided if you ask people for help. Have faith, you can make it!



Page of Wands - An active young person who likes to explore.



Knight of Wands – Travelling. Movement by land. Like the other male figures in the court cards, he appears to be wearing an outfit patterned with the symbol of Ouroboros, an ancient symbol first traced to Egypt (which probably explains the pyramids found in the original Wands court cards)



Queen of Wands - This woman is a great planner and loves to be the host at social gatherings. She's very active and actually enjoys running errands, meeting people and going to events. She likes to be involved and on the move. She holds a sunflower and her black cat sits lovingly by her side.



King of Wands - This is a man who is in charge. An authority figure that may represent your boss, father or significant other. I think of him as Emperor lite. A salamander, often associated with fire, can be seen close to his throne in the foreground.

CARD MEANINGS - PENTACLES



Ace of Pentacles - This card represents money, a gift or financial opportunities.



2 of Pentacles - I look at this card as balancing the books. The amount of money coming in opposed to the amount of money going out. This card represents a healthy balance of what's being earned and spent.



3 of Pentacles - The card of labour, especially work to be displayed in public. Could be a group effort or project.



4 of Pentacles - A figure clings tightly to his money. A card of saving, economy and thrift. Making a little go along way. Smart spending. This person will carefully shop around for the best prices, and most likely has a big saving's account.



5 of Pentacles - Poverty. Neediness. This card reminds us that some people don't have enough and the next card shows what to do to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Also the card of illness and disability.



6 of Pentacles- Generosity. Giving. Receiving gifts. The six reminds us that if we're doing well, we should share our wealth with those that have less.



7 of Pentacles- Hard work. A man in tie dye tunic with red lens coke bottle glasses tends a special plant, the fruits of which he hopes to enjoy someday. He waits for his crop to grow up strong.



8 of Pentacles- Our Bob Dylanesque craftsman works hard at creating souvenir "peace" pentacles, and hopes one day to make a living from his skills. A card of dedication, focus and mastery.

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9 of Pentacles - An independent person enjoying their wealth. This card could represent a boss or a merchant. This reminds me of the person who has everything, or so people think, except a friend.



10 of Pentacles - An old man attends his Dalmatians, while in the background a younger family with their child stand around conversing with each other. This is a card relating to the family and retirement. It can also represent a house or an estate.



Page of Pentacles - I would say in this context, the card may represent the Querent's child. A young person who is a student or undergoing a course of study. Like the Knight, he wears the leaf print of a particular healing plant on his clothing



Knight of Pentacles - This is the worker bee. He's patient and determined. He might seem a bit slow to move but he's reliable. On his helmet and on the horses head, can be seen oak leaves. Oak trees symbolize endurance and strength and in mythology, was an important tree to figures like Zeus and Thor.



Queen of Pentacles - Mother figure. This is the queen who will bake the cookies and take care of the family. She is a homemaker. In the foreground we can see rabbits, and a hummingbird close to her throne scouts for some delicious nectar. Not far from her throne she grows some fine quality mushrooms.



King of Pentacles - This is the patient knight all grown up. A fatherly figure, he's managed to build a business and become quite successful due to his dedication to a task and his determination. He provides for his family and takes care of those he loves and employs. The pattern on his clothing is made up of grapes, which represent abundance.



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Ace of Swords - This card represents the importance of having a clear mind and good judgement for success. Rationality. It could also be a sign that finding one's success may prove to be a challenging journey.



2 of Swords - Having to make a difficult choice and feeling unable to do it. A hard choice needs to be made.



3 of Swords - Sharp words that hurt the heart. Sorrow and separation. Maybe the family's broken or a divorce is on the horizon. Don't let your heart become too cold as it can be hard to come back from. If it is possible, reach out to someone.



4 of Swords - A time to relax and rest, sometimes after an argument. Kick back and listen to some music. Unwind mentally.



5 of Swords - Feeling defeated. Tension with family and friends. Someone has taken advantage of you. Also, something that is achieved or won unfairly.



6 of Swords - Moving toward calmer waters, the ferryman sails across the sea, bringing his fare to a better place. Escaping from a bad situation.



7 of Swords - Theft. Someone is stealing from you or taking something that doesn't belong to them.



8 of Swords - Feeling trapped in a bad situation. Isolation. The feeling of not knowing what to do with a particular problem.

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9 of Swords - A bad trip! Worry and anxiety. Something is keeping you up at night. The card of nightmares and sometimes imaginary fears...in some cases you may be working yourself up into a frenzy without really needing to.



10 of Swords - Ruin of all kinds. Given the subject matter it could be financial or a relationship breaks down. While this is a devastating card, remind the client that with every ending there is a chance for a new beginning. The sun rises in the background to remind us that even though things are dark, it will not be that way forever.



Page of Swords - A curious youngster. It can also represent a spy or an envious person. A curious mind with a thirst for knowledge.



Knight of Swords - A family member or friend who stirs things up. Also acting very quickly, oftentimes without thinking. Can sometimes be a troublemaker.



Queen of Swords - An idealistic intellectual figure, good with words and possibly interested in causes and political affairs, similar to the King of Swords. She may be a lonely single woman. One who may feel heartbroken and left out of things.



King of Swords - This figure may be an intellectual, teacher, lawyer, judge or policeman. Also a man who uses his head over his heart. This card could warn of an encounter with the law or authorities. He's more interested in your ideas than anything else.



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