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THE ALCOHOL TAROT

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The link between alcohol and tarot cards goes back thousands of years. Many believe that the tarot originated in Egypt and it is also in this country of ancient mystery and wonder that archaeologists site the discovery of brewing. Alcohol and spirituality were first combined in the land of the Pharaoh's. Egyptian High Priests would infuse wine with Lotus flowers. This potent cocktail would be consumed as a prelude to their secretive esoteric ceremonies.

If we follow the time line from ancient Egypt to the present day it is clear that the link between alcohol and spiritualism stayed intact. Archaeological evidence from Bronze Age Europe indicates the use of beakers lined with hemp to store mead. This heady brew was drunk at ritualistic feasts to heighten the participants' spiritual awareness. In Greek and Roman mythology Bacchus was the God of wine, wisdom, fertility, merriment, and inspiration. At feasts held to honour Bacchus worshippers would become intoxicated on alcohol believing that in this state they possessed divine powers and the ability to perform miracles. The Occult too has its associations with alcohol. Aleister Crowley, the most famous Magician of the last century endorsed the consumption of alcoholic beverages, particularly absinthe, claiming they enhanced his Magickal powers. Crowley was an expert on the tarot and wrote one of the most important texts on the subject, 'The Book of Thoth'. Even today in the twenty-first century the most powerful denomination of the Christian religion, the Catholic Church, uses wine in the act of Holy Communion to symbolise the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Here for the first time the ancient link between alcohol and tarot cards has been regained.

Introduction to the cards

The Minor cards (The Minor Arcana)

The Minor cards make up the majority of the tarot deck. They are very similar to a set of standard playing cards as they comprise of four suits, but unlike playing cards there are no Jacks. Instead there are a Page and a Knight card in each suit to make four royal cards. Many people see the Minor cards as having less influence or control over the outcome of a reading when compared to the more enticing Major cards. This is not the correct approach. A truly skilled reader will interpret each card individually before combining their meanings to form a unified, informed reading. The Minor cards should never be overlooked in favour of the more dramatic Major cards. The Minor Arcana form the skeleton of the Tarot deck and while their appearance may be less appealing their consideration in a reading is essential. The meanings given below for the Minor cards reflect the generally accepted interpretations for a more traditional deck.

The Major Cards (The Major Arcana)

There are twenty-two Major cards numbered from 0 to 21. The meanings of the Major cards are generally deeper and more far-reaching when compared to the Minor Arcana. The Major Arcana forms the essence of the Tarot. While the Minor cards form the skeleton of the deck the major cards are its heart and soul. Be warned though, do not over emphasise the importance of the Major cards. A reading that is devoid of their presence is just as likely to yield results as one that consists of cards entirely from the Major Arcana.

Methods of Reading

Before we discuss different methods for reading the Alcohol Tarot an explanation is needed in regards to terminology.

The Seeker: The person who has requested the reading

The Interpreter: The person carrying out the reading

Dignified: The card appears the right way up.

Ill dignified: The card is upside down.

When a reading is carried out the perspective on dignified and ill dignified is always in regards to the Interpreter not the Seeker. Some people choose not to follow the method of reading that encompasses dignified and ill dignified and regard the cards as being the correct way up regardless of how they appear in the spread.

Hints and Tips for Conducting a Reading

1. Make sure you will be free from distraction when the reading takes place. Ringing phones and barking dogs are not conducive to concentration.

2. Make sure the cards are properly shuffled. Some people do not like others to handle their tarot cards, which is fine. Regardless of whether it is the Seeker or the Interpreter who does the shuffling make sure the cards are shuffled well.

3. Regardless of the style of the spread the Seeker should always choose the cards that are to be included. The cards should be spread in a line between the Interpreter and the Seeker so that a section of each card is showing. The Seeker should then point to or touch the desired cards. Remove them from the rest of the pack one at a time and arrange them in accordance to the spread.

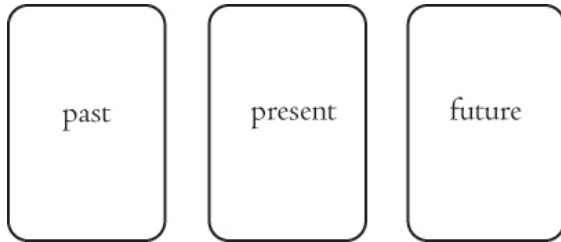
4. When the spread has been arranged turn the cards over one at a time and in the correct designated order.

5. Repetition of readings for the same question produces confused and muddy interpretations.

Different Spreads

Included are three different spreads. One basic, one traditional, and one unique spread specific to this set of cards.

The Three Card Spread

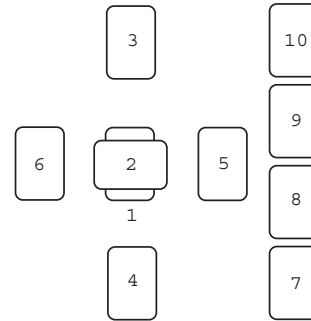


A simple spread for beginners. Three cards are used

1. The first card represents the past.
2. The second card represents the present.
3. The third card represents the future.

The cards should be read in numerical order from the past to the future, and each card should be turned over in turn. This is a quick and easy spread and a great first step into the world of Tarot card reading.

The Celtic Cross Spread



This is a more advanced spread utilising ten cards. It is unusual as card number two is placed sideways across card number one. This card should be read as dignified when interpreting its meaning. The cards should be turned over one at a time and addressed individually before being brought together to present a unified reading.

1. The Question: This card relates to the question that is being asked and also the motives behind it. It also indicates the emotions or issues on the Seeker's mind.
2. Possible Obstacles: This card has an important influence on the Seeker or the question that is being asked.
3. The Past: The background to the question that has been asked. The history that produced the question itself
4. The Present: The here and now. Present emotional states and feelings

5. The Near Future: That which lies just around the corner.
6. The Far Future: That which can be anticipated but not yet seen.
7. Personal attitudes: The Seeker's attitudes towards the question that has been asked. Also an indicator of how they see themselves.
8. An Outside Perspective: How those around the Seeker see or interpret the issue at hand.
9. Hopes and Fears: The positive and negative connotations of the question.
10. The Outcome: The final result or answer.

The Alcohol Spread



This spread has been designed specifically for the Alcohol Tarot. It can be utilised for a general reading to judge if a proposed night out will go well or it can be related to specific questions. For example:

"Will I get through my Stag/Hen party Ok?", "Should I have a quiet night down the pub, or go clubbing after last orders?", "Should we stay in and drink tonight or go out?". Or even: "What shall I drink tonight?"

This spread provides hours of amusing fun as well as being a serious tool for prediction.

The Alcohol spread utilises seven cards. The cards should be turned over one at a time, in order, and be read individually before being brought together to present a unified reading.

1. The Seeker: This card represents the Seekers unconscious mind. It represents their body, spirit and soul, free of alcohol, and anticipating the night ahead.

2. Past Events: This card points to people, events, or actions that have set the nights proceedings in motion.

3. The First Drink: The first influx of alcohol into the system. This card points to the beginning of the night and will have a direct effect on cards that follow it.

4. The Night Itself: This card indicates the Seeker's place with in the context of the night itself.

5. The Small Hours: This card points to after hour's activities when all the pubs, bars, and clubs have closed.

6. The Next Day: This card points to the seekers frame of mind the next day, and whether the night was perceived as successful or not.

7. The Future: This card points to how the night will be remembered.

The Major Arcana 0. The Drunken Fool



The Fool is so drunk he no longer cares. From here anything is possible, the joy of intoxication, the horror of being paralytic, or the stability of sobriety. The fool represents new beginnings, new possibilities. With his foot in his mouth he represents the unbroken circle and stands as a metaphor for infinite possibilities.

Dignified: A fresh start; new beginnings and new horizons. A card of great potential. The future is uncertain but bright. Why not push the boat out and enjoy yourself? Maybe it is time to attempt an outrageous party trick. Have that extra drink but remember there are important choices to consider.

Ill Dignified: Destructive or dangerous choices. Stupid or selfish actions. You are pissing your life away against the pub wall. Keep your showing off in check, as it is likely to get you in trouble. You might have left your pint glass half-empty but you better hand your car keys in at the bar before setting off home.

1. The Magician



The Magician is the cocktail mixer; lord of the optics and prince of the pissed. Confident but self-conscious of himself, his cocktails symbolise the fluidity of life and its infinite forms and possibilities. In drinking folklore he is a figure of mystery, power, supreme ingenuity and adaptability. He is always popular with the ladies. Be warned his wicked mixes and charming manner may hide sinister intentions.

Dignified: Confidence and assertiveness. Take control and take charge for tonight you are the toast of the town and the life and soul of the party. Kick back and relax, life is truly going your way. Sex is a serious possibility. There is however another possibility. The card could represent a mysterious man. When meeting with this stranger caution should be exercised.

Ill Dignified: Shyness, loss of confidence, and hesitation. A total lack of control and the inability to make decisions. Inexperienced masculine desires. Too much to drink and the inability to handle it. Stay off the hard stuff and keep one eye on your partner. Do you get the feeling someone's lying to you?

2. The High Priestess



The High Priestess is known by many other names such as the Wise Woman, the Female Pope, and the Blue Nun. The card is a symbol of virginity and the mysteries of life and death. A powerful feminine card she stands with a glass of wine in her hand, a symbol of blood and life's energies. She is the embodiment of feminine emotions and feminine mercy. Her confident manner hides a tender heart.

Dignified: A powerful female influence in your life. The untapped potential of feminine energy. A mystery lies in the shadows waiting to be revealed. It may be worth bidding your time during the early evening, as things are more likely to come to a head later on. Trust female judgement and female intuition. Follow the path of the blood red wine and many mysteries will be revealed.

Ill dignified: There are hidden obstacles ahead. Someone is set to try and thwart your plans; that person will most likely be a woman. The card points to an unwillingness to accept female instinct or guidance. Keep off the girlie drinks they will do you no good this night.

3. The Empress



The Empress is also known as the Earth Mother or Tarot Mother for she is strong, loving and fertile. Like the Earth Goddesses of ancient times she is in harmony with nature and a symbol of child-birth and reproduction. She knows the mysteries of life and has the answers to many esoteric questions. The Empress is a dominant feminine card that indicates a powerful female influence.

Dignified: Your harvest is about to be reaped, spiritual and material abundance lie in store once the crop has ripened. You are under the protection of the Tarot mother who provides security and promotes growth. This card signifies strong creative potential. Trust your instincts and don't be afraid to try something a little different. Hops, barley, and yeast are gifts from the Earth Mother and when combined give birth to beer. Drink beer and fortify yourself with the Empress's blessing.

Ill dignified: Poverty, sterility and emotional insecurity are all aspects of the ill-dignified Empress. A possible over-bearing female influence that smothers creativity and slows progress. The harvest has been left in the field to rot. Avoid beer it will only bring you sorrow and pain.

4. The Emperor



The Emperor is a proud man. He stands dressed in ornate robes a can of lager firmly held in his manly grasp. He is a confident, successful father figure, a true 'Daddy'. The Emperor is an accomplished drinker and a profound thinker. He embodies all masculine strengths and symbolises the perceived dominance of man over nature.

Dignified: An extremely strong masculine card, the Emperor is a man of authority and a noble leader. Let the Emperors spirit manifest itself in your soul for with its power you will defeat any challenge and over come all obstacles. But remember with power comes responsibility. You are in control now. You are the Daddy!

Ill dignified: The card reversed shows a man out of control for he is ignorant, arrogant, and abusive. This ill dignified card points towards immature cravings for power and the frustration generated by a lack of status. The card also embodies adolescent resentment of authority figures. Too much to drink will lead to the loss of control.

5. The High Priest

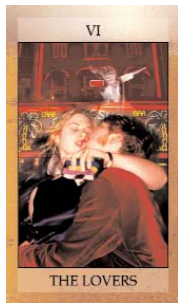


Like the Emperor the High Priest is a strong masculine card that is connected with fatherhood. Unlike the Emperor the High Priest's strength is not in the physical domain but in the spiritual. He represents the age-old tradition of Holy Leaders. From the Shamans and Witch Doctors of Old to the Rabbi's and Popes of today, he is the link between this world and the next. The card is one of intuitive wisdom, spiritual enlightenment and moral purity.

Dignified: Good advice has been offered and it should be taken. Acceptance of the established order could result in a period of serenity and prosperity. Listen to the voices of wisdom, rules are there for a reason. Drink and be merry. Get the party going by all means but listen when people tell you that you have had enough to drink.

Ill dignified: Bad advice is on offer. Those who listen to the voices of the ill educated and miss informed create a world of chaos. Perhaps the truth is being distorted and wisdom has been replaced by propaganda. When this card appears ill dignified it points towards the rejection of established authority. Don't listen to them when they say you will be fine, that one extra drink may cost you dearly.

6. The Lovers

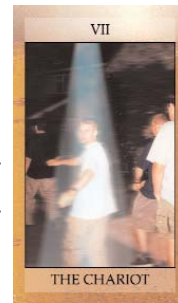


The card of the human heart, not the human mind. Raw emotions and strong passions that will not be governed by rational thought. A card of potent sexual power that pulls us back to our primeval instincts. The card is strongly linked to the mind-altering effects of alcohol, the letting go of inhibitions and the surrender to our human drives and desires. When has love ever been an informed academic choice?

Dignified: Follow your heart not your head. Your insights serve you well, let instinct guide you. If a choice is to be made trust your feelings even if they contradict conventional thought. To follow in the footsteps of the lovers is to follow the road to happiness. You're going to score tonight!

Ill dignified: The card indicates turbulent emotions and self-conflict. Emotional upheaval, and pain, the loss of love and trust. You may have had an unhappy love affair and you don't see why anyone else should be having a good time. Hitting the bottle may bring relief, but did drink bring you here in the first place?

7. The Chariot

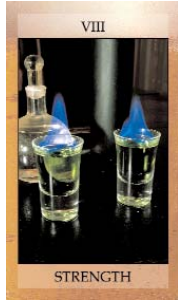


The Chariot is the card of victory! It combines the four elements of the universe and is synonymous with spiritual, intellectual, physical, and mental success. The card is dominated by progressive energy, but at its heart lies a seed of aggression. Here the card features a group of young men marching triumphantly home from the pub full of elation and joy. The leader of the group strides ahead like a war general while one of his companions glances back checking that all is safe; but he need not fear attack from behind for he is bathed in the light of spiritual intoxication. Encapsulated in the majestic embrace of alcohol he can not come to harm.

Dignified: With confidence and self-control any difficulty can be conquered. As the driver of the chariot and you are in control of your own destiny. The chariot leader is the embodiment of motivation and the achiever of great things. Those who ride the Chariot will always find their way home even if no one remembers how they got there the next morning. Look forward to success for failure will not succeed in its attempt to ambush you.

Ill dignified: Negativity and aggression have taken hold, and you are out of control. You have walked out of the protective light of intoxication and in to the dark wilderness that is a hangover. You have become lost and confused, possibly by getting embroiled in petty arguments. The reins of the Chariot have been taken from you leaving you staggering around the meandering circles of life's limitations. Too much drink and you'll end up in a ditch cold, wet and alone.

8. Strength

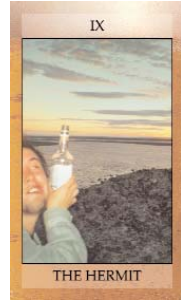


Absinthe is the most mysterious of all the alcoholic beverages. Strong spirit infused with wormwood results in an intriguing form of intoxication. To achieve in life is to harness ones inner strength. The flames of passion drive us to achieve beyond others limited expectations. The strength card embodies the eternity of the human spirit and the ability to conquer all.

Dignified: Success brought about by positive attitudes and actions. Your body is glowing with power for you are the brightest star at the bar. Harness your inner strength and no obstacle will stand in your way. Passionate control and the conquering of primitive instincts. A good night is on the cards so prepare for the long haul.

Ill dignified: Defeat, weakness, and a negative mental attitude. Dark impulses will dominate your mind. You can not resist your self-destructive impulses. Emotional conflict and physical violence threaten not only yourself but also those you love. If you don't watch it you'll be home before last orders with only a hang over and a bruised ego to look forward to.

9. The Hermit

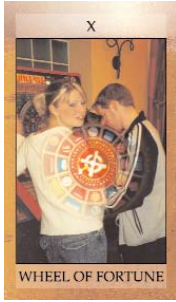


An unshaven drunken figure gazes into what is left of his bottle of Rum. He tries to find light and guidance inside its warm depths while the sun sets over a harsh barren landscape. In his heavily intoxicated state he knows not how he got to this morose lonely place and he is unsure if home lies across the land or beyond the sea. He is though aware that only in a sober state of mind will he find his way home to salvation. Which will he choose, to be drunk and lost or sober and found?

Dignified: Perhaps it is time to get on the wagon. Only a period of sober reflection will produce a solution to the problem. If advice has been given take time to fully evaluate it. Perhaps old habits should be sacrificed if you are to progress. Ignorance may be bliss but bliss is not found in a bottle.

Ill dignified: A lonely sole surveys a lonely landscape. With only a bottle for company he mourns his own ignorance. He is drinking to forget but to forget what? He can't remember. Bad habits can nurture an unproductive life. That wise advice was quickly discarded. Hit the bottle too hard and you will hit rock bottom.

10. The Wheel of Fortune

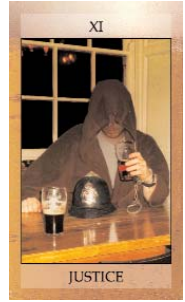


Life is a gamble. Some bets we win, others we lose. In the lottery that is life every choice we make is another spin of the wheel. The Wheel of Fortune is the fate card; nothing is certain except uncertainty itself. The only inevitability is the unpredictable force of change. A person cannot always be a winner in the same way they can not always be a loser.

Dignified: Luck is on your side! Things are going to change and this time for the better. Current problems will find solutions and the scales will tip in your favour. Perhaps a new cycle is beginning. There is one credit left in the fruit machine, if you spin the reels you may just hit jackpot!

Ill Dignified: An unpleasant surprise is on the way, your luck has turned and uncontrollable forces are taking hold of your life. The wheel will ultimately spin back round in your favour but for now cash in your chips and cut your losses. Lady luck has well and truly left the building.

11. Justice



The policeman's helmet is Justice the two pint glasses are the scales. Divine Justice is like a double-edged sword. The guilty are punished by her blade while the innocent are granted mercy. Like the prisoner handcuffed to the police officer we are bound to the universal forces of Justice. The cosmic court can not be fooled and all humanities deeds are laid bare for examination.

Dignified: Justice has ruled in your favour. You have sound judgement and any choices made will lead to success. The scales of your life are evenly waited resulting in period of harmonious balance. Wrongs will be righted and it is you who holds the sword of justice. Punishment or mercy which do you prefer?

Ill Dignified: The sword of justice comes swinging down and the blade cuts and punishes you. Bad decisions dominate your life for your judgement has been misguided. No one ever said life was fair? A run in with the law is very likely.

12. The Hanged Man



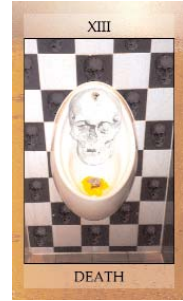
A figure is kneeling over a toilet bowl into which he is being sick. In his hand he holds a glass. Is it water to cleanse his body, or alcohol to propel him further into intoxication? His face is not visible and therefore we can not gauge if he is suffering or revelling in the purging of his digestive system. Why would some one drink to the point of being sick? The card is one of mystery. The Hanged Man finds

pleasure in reaching this state of intoxication; he has a taste for what normality brands as distasteful.

Dignified: The sacrifice of present attitudes for the benefit of future gain. The road ahead may be one of uncertainty but go with the flow and life will find its own path. Below you lies discarded waste, in you hand is the key to progress, and above you lies the unknown. Suspend your judgement to follow your gut instincts, drink from the glass and embrace what the future has to offer.

Ill dignified: Your own self-obsession and self-indulgence have brought you to this place. The Hanged Man's face may be hidden but it is not hiding his discomfort. He fears to look up for he knows not what he will see. Too much to drink and all you'll be seeing tonight is the toilet bowl and your stomach contents.

13. Death



The skull and the urinal symbolise the constant cycles of life; birth, death, and rebirth. The body is born lives and finally dies, returning to the earth to feed new life. The drinker buys his pint, consumes it, urinates and buys a new pint. The constant physical and spiritual cycles of humanity are embodied in this card. Abrupt change and destruction followed by renewal and re-growth.

Dignified: Positive, abrupt, and certain change. Life will never be the same again. The past has brought you to this cross roads and there is no going back. New life, new hope, and new beginnings. A change of drink or bar is in order.

Ill dignified: The fear of change, and an unwillingness to move on. Perpetual stagnation of both the body and soul that will result in a drastic change for the worse. Very rarely it can be interpreted as physical death; go get your liver checked by a professional physician!

14. Temperance



Temperance is a card of peace and enlightenment but it is also one of sorrow. Painkillers and water cure the agony of a hangover. Suffering brings sorrow, but out of sorrow and despair positive growth and prosperity can emerge. The cloudy pained mind gives way to clear judgement and peace. The dull sluggish brain is brought into a stable state of consciousness through the alchemy of water and aspirin.

Dignified: A pure and true temperament will guide into peace. Good management and the careful control of chaotic forces will result in a state of equilibrium. The restoration of peace and happiness after a time of pain or sorrow. The reawakening of the imagination and the lifting of the spirit. In drink we find enlightenment, in sobriety we find reconciliation.

Ill dignified: A poor judgement has been made. A time of sorrow which has no foreseeable end. The mind and spirit have been corrupted and the result is conflict both internal and external. Drink can poison the mind and lead to misery.

15. The Devil

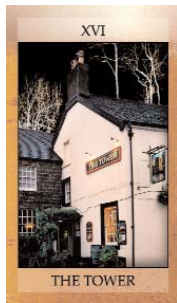


The Devil is a figure of greed and corruption. He represents misery, and material obsession. Around him a fire rages representative of his destructive power. Behind him discarded cans of beer lie like the shells of consumed souls. He holds his hand up in a triumphant horned salute, the sign of the Devil. To follow the Devil is to follow self-indulgent pleasure to destructive ends.

Dignified: The lust for material wealth and physical pleasure. To embrace the Devil is to set out on a quest for power. The card represents the indulgence of selfish desires. To put ones success above others is to follow in the footsteps of the Devil. Such a path may bring you material prosperity but you will walk that path alone. The loss of freedom and the poisoning of the soul. Don't be so tight; get a round in!

Ill dignified: The unshackling of chains that have been binding you for far too long. The self-centred egomaniac turns into the charitable philanthropist. A loss of focus on the material opens opportunities to refocus on the spiritual and emotional aspects of life. The defeat of old addictions and dangerous habits. That drink problem may not be a problem after all.

16. The Tower



An old traditional public house stands proud and firm. Behind the pub a dark sinister sky hangs and ghostly white trees show rot and decay. The pub lights are on but no one is at home. The drinkers have all gone; they have filtered off to wine bars and theme pubs. The tower is a symbol of false security; the thick strong walls, traditional ales and warm fire are no security from cheap prices and a fashionable atmosphere.

Dignified: A sudden and drastic change that, while shocking, is productive in the long run. The crumbling of old outdated values. Resistance to change or the inability to cope with new circumstances or principles. Nothing lasts forever. The local may be secure and familiar but don't you think it was time you drank further afield?

Ill dignified: The imprisonment of the mind through outdated values and ethics. There is security but it is at the expense of creativity and emotional expression. The inability to change ones circumstances. Surprise news or actions will disrupt the status quo and cause major upheaval. Any revelations should be uncovered gradually. You may be stuck in one pub for the moment but you won't be stuck there forever.

17. The Star

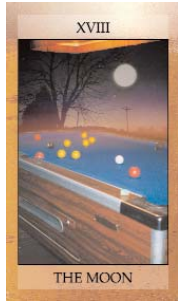


A card of pure optimism. A figure stands in front of a dartboard. As he prepares to throw a dart a vision engulfs him. A starry night sky springs up and from the bull on the board shines a single bright powerful star. He wishes upon the star and releases the dart. As it flies through the air he prays it will land where he wishes it to. The card is one of transcendence and it reveals that the mundane world runs parallel to a world of arcane mystery; from time to time these worlds intersect.

Dignified: The fulfilment of wishes. That decision made in blind faith will result in prosperity and growth. New horizons of optimism and confidence stretch out in ever direction The future is bright, let the star guide you and all will be well. An increased awareness of the spiritual dimensions of life. A glimpse into the other world. Spirits are tonight's choice.

Ill dignified: A mind that is set in stone which results in a lack of vision and intuition. The guiding star is behind the traveller and he walks away from divine guidance. The lack of trust in others, which results in a stubborn unwillingness to change. The loss of confidence, spiritual decay, and false hope. The inability to perceive the divine. Why stick to your usual drink? Does the guest ale not tempt you?

18. The Moon



This is a card of choice and a card of balance. A moonlit sky hangs above a pub pool table. The bright security of the Public House is mirrored by the darkness of the natural landscape outside. A tree, the symbol of the wild natural world, and a telegraph pole, representative of humanity and ordered discipline, stand opposite each other. On the pool table a game is in progress and it symbolises the choices we have to make and the rules that govern our lives.

Dignified: Both sides of the scale must be evenly weighted for balance to be achieved. The natural and the human, the scientific and the spiritual, order and chaos. Only when mixed in equal proportions will equilibrium be reached. Tread carefully for we always risk tipping the scale and disrupting the balance. Stick to the choices you have made and play by the rules. Luck in competitive games is a certainty.

Ill dignified: Life lacks balance. Hidden enemies or forces are disrupting the balance of your life and for progression to be made they must be overcome. It appears impossible to distinguish truth from falsehood. You may feel you are in control but this is merely an illusion. Deception seems to lie at every corner. Someone, somewhere is cheating, causing you to lose.

19. The Sun



The mood of this card is one of carefree happiness. A group of young men are camped in the countryside enjoying the summer splendour. Behind them the glorious life giving sun drenches the sky with radiant light. The men are relaxed and at ease, for life is good. It is as if the summer will last forever. In happiness lies true wisdom and in wisdom lies true freedom.

Dignified: Relax, chill out, unwind and be happy. The summer sun shines on you with all its divine glory. Let your mind run free and your spirit will follow. The Sun is a card of love, happiness, and friendship. This card signifies good health and material security. Enjoy the pleasures of life, only in happiness can we find enlightenment. Time to chill the beers, put on some shorts, throw some coal on the barbiecue and invite your friends round. Life is good so enjoy it.

Ill dignified: The sun is not a card that carries strong negative influences even in its ill-dignified form. Reversed the card points to better times and fond memories. It suggests neglected friendships or strained emotional ties. Perhaps it is time to extend the olive branch. There is no need to worry; it will not be rejected. Crack open a beer and toast the good old days.

20. Judgement



"Last orders at the bar!" hollers the barman. The beer towels are draped over the taps, and the drinkers' sup up before closing time when all shall be judged as to how drunk or sober they are. The card represents death and resurrection. The night has come to an end and all must make their way home and sleep before beginning a new day. Everyday is a new beginning, every morning is a chance to resurrect your life and be reborn.

Dignified: The transformation of a current situation. A decision will be made which will totally alter your life. It is as if you have started over from day one for old prejudices and beliefs no longer bind you. Events are about to come to a head and a judgement must be made on what is the best way to progress. The last orders bell has to ring twice before the nights drinking ends; make sure you hear that first bell chime.

Ill dignified: Missed opportunities or reversed judgements that produce a negative environment. The first bell tolls but you are oblivious to its sound so preoccupied are you with other matters. By the time you hear the second, last orders have gone and no more drinks can be bought. This stands as a metaphor for life. Always listen for that first bell it is the warning of changes to come.

21: The World



The World card embodies all the cards that have come previously. It is a symbol of the unity of the tarot. While the Fool represents infinite possibilities, the World embodies the synthesis and realisation of such possibilities. The card covers all aspects of the body, spirit and soul. It binds the physical to the spiritual, and demonstrates that while the body is bound to this physical world the mind and soul are free to wander the higher planes of the cosmos.

Dignified: Arguably the most powerful card in the pack. It points to supreme triumphs in any and all undertakings. The circle is complete and you can now step out of it. The card dominates over all others. It indicates that life is one big cycle and that what goes around comes around. Balance and unity are achieved through the countering effects of opposites. The pendulum swings both ways. Get the champagne on ice the time of celebration and dancing is not far away.

Ill dignified: Success seems to evade you. Though external forces appear to be responsible in reality you are holding yourself back. Your lack of vision is your weakness, and a fear of change perpetuates your confusion. Set the ball rolling, way anchor and set sail. Life is a journey and no one got anywhere by sitting still. Embrace life. With a little determination you'll be toasting success soon enough.

The Minor Arcana

The Suit of Beers

In the traditional tarot deck wands represent the suit of beer, or bitter ales. The suit relates to matters of business, career, creativity and work and any other situation where partnerships, projects and deals are involved. For example the suit of wands relates as much to the football field as it does to the boardroom and has implications for both the artist and the businessman. The signs of the Zodiac that the suit is associated with are Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius.

The Pint of Beer -The card of enterprise and innovation

Dignified: New business opportunities. The beginning of enterprise, especially of an artistic nature. The card signifies passionate commitment to a creative endeavour and the undertaking of a fresh project.

Ill dignified: Creative sterility, and the inability to complete a project once it has been begun. Futile frustration bound by the fear of success. Outside help may seem the obvious solution but in reality success can only grow from within.

The Two of Beers - The card of partnership

Dignified: Partnerships forged in good faith will bring that project to fruition. Unity creates strength, and builds a positive mindset. Enjoy your success as it has been hard earned.

Ill dignified: Success does not smell so sweet. Perhaps a partnership has turned bitter. Conflict and disputes replace prosperity and co-operation.

The Three of Beers - The card of lucky opportunities

Dignified: Lady luck lies just round the corner. The deals and partnerships that you forged in the past will be crucial to your success. Be patient and trust others success is not far away.

Ill dignified: The failure of proposed projects. Arrogant pride is the binding chain, and it will take a strong will to break the bondage that vanity has sold a once prosperous mind into.

The Four of Beers - The card of perfection and prosperity

Dignified: Sharpen your scythe and head out to the fields, the collecting of the harvest is well over due. Celebrate your success. If the card appears with the Lovers in the spread success in the matters of the heart is a certainty.

Ill dignified: You are entering a period of calm. The wind in your life is dropping, and the sail of creativity lie still. Use this as a time for reflection. What do you really wish to achieve?

The Five of Beers - The card of challenge

Dignified: Your heart is pumping, the adrenaline is flowing, and its time to hit that problem head on. To achieve success strength and determination must be deployed. The opposition will crumble if you prove your superiority.

Ill dignified: Deception results in fights and quarrels. Disputes of both a legal and domestic nature. A competitive nature does not necessarily produce a productive person.

The Six of Beers - The card of victory

Dignified: Victory. Triumph over opposition or a difficult set of affairs. Hard work, risk taking, and determination, are the keys to success. The prize will be far superior to your limited fantasies.

Ill dignified: Success is being delayed. You risk losing out to rivals if this deadlock can not be overcome. Does nervous anxiety hide a fear of success?

The Seven of Beers - The card of resilience

Dignified: Powerful opposition buffers you from all sides. Stand firm and the waves will break harmlessly around you. The determined soul will triumph over immense odds. To gain a little now is to set the foundations for future success.

Ill dignified: To turn your back on the crashing wave of adversity is to risk drowning in the turbulent swell. Indecisiveness manifests itself in the soul of the self-doubter. To give in is to accept defeat.

The Eight of Beers - The card of swiftness

Dignified: The delay is over, problems will resolve around you; travel is a serious possibility. Movement and communication of all kinds. Check the post, answer phone, and email, you may be in for a pleasant surprise

Ill Dignified: The premature people leave themselves and others unsatisfied. The unexpected delay of a proposed journey, perhaps a lack of communication that produces envy and resentment.

The Nine of Beers - The card of strength

Dignified: Strength promotes stability, in stability we find confidence. Stand your ground because you are right. The universe knows this even if others doubt you. Vigilance will guard you against your enemies.

Ill dignified: The refusal to reach a compromise is grounded in sheer obstinacy. Weakness of character produces a shell of unyielding attitudes. The foundations of security begin to crumble and turn to dust. (Be warned if this card appears in a spread with the Tower.)

The Ten of Beers - The card of oppression

Dignified: Hard work may produce success but stress and anxiety often shadow it. Sacrifices must be made if a balance is to be achieved. Success always comes at a price.

Ill Dignified: Best made plans disrupted by subversive opposition. Envy is the enemy of success and threatens to spoil high achievement. Perhaps the sharing of a burden is in order.

The Page of Beers - The card of the young messenger

Dignified: This card points to a young person who possesses great energy and enthusiasm. It is a card of movement both of a physical and metaphorical nature. The Page of Beers is a messenger, the barer of good news. The card indicates strong emotional responses.

Ill dignified: The shortest route to success is often at the expense of others. A young ambitious person who will do what ever is necessary to achieve their aims. The barer of bad news. The disruption of communication networks.

The Knight of Beers - The card of the energetic warrior

Dignified: The card indicated a generous lover or friend. Judgements made in haste that have strong emotional connotations. Change or development in the domestic sphere is a definite possibility.

Ill dignified: Conflict, aggression and jealousy are all aspects of this card. Possessive masculine overtones mark this card as one of forced procrastination.

The Queen of Beers - The card of the dignified lady

Dignified: A loving woman, who posses a creative soul. A card of independent, practical feminine action. The card indicates a love of nature and also a strong passion for family and the home. A lively warm nature hides a strong business orientated mind.

Ill dignified: A possessive domineering feminine influence. A mother who does not give her children the space to grow and prosper. A long established deep-seated matriarchy that fuels jealous and deceitful ambitions. A dictator with a fierce temper.

The King of Beers- The card of the mature King

Dignified: An older man who knows great wisdom, his success is founded in traditional values. He is generous and thoughtful and promotes loyalty in others. The card points to masculine experience and success in emotional or material affairs. Strong sexual desires that are backed by a warm and caring heart.

Ill dignified: Dictatorship with a strong masculine edge. The use of intimidation or physical pain to achieve selfish objectives. Advice driven by unbridled passion. Sexual perversion that is backed by jealous insecurity.

The Suit of Lagers

The suit of lagers corresponds to the suit of cups in a traditional deck. The suit of lagers is one of emotion. All aspects of human, emotion not just those of the heart, are contained in these cards. For example the cards relate as much to love as they do to grief, pity, or pleasure. The signs of the Zodiac the suit is associated with are Cancer, Pisces, and Scorpio.

The Bottle of Lager - The card of true love

Dignified: Love, love, and love! Joy in the beginnings of a new romance. The celebration of a possible marriage, or birth, that is spawned from true love. Love is the essence of artistic excellence, and the seed of fertility.

Ill dignified: There is a dissatisfied individual who feels bitter at the lack or loss of love. The cracks may be forming in a relationship. One of a pair is exhausted, sad, and lonely. The end of a love affair. Emotional stresses that bring fantasies of love crashing down.

The Two of Lagers - The card of commitment and love

Dignified: A card of happiness founded in partnerships. Strong friendships and the reciprocation of emotion. Established relationships that are founded on the bedrock of commitment. New relationships that are not bound in deep emotion but show a strong attraction between opposites.

Ill dignified: A distressing emotional upset. There is disappointment at a betrayal or possible infidelity. Misplaced trust that can only lead to pain. Perhaps it refers to a life that lacks emotional contact with others.

The Three of Lagers - The card of parties and celebration

Dignified: A time of celebration. The party to end all parties is on the way so get the beer chilled and dust off those records. The blossoming of love at a gathering or party, excessive flirtation and sexual excitement. A reunion with old friends and the strengthening of emotional bonds. Equilibrium in all aspects of life.

Ill Dignified: The over indulgence of physical pleasure. Self-obsession which leads to the mistreatment of others. The card indicates a selfish person with promiscuous tendencies. Love or lust that is not reciprocated. Obsession of a romantic or sexual nature.

The Four of Lagers - The card of boredom

Dignified: The cliché that familiarity breeds contempt is very true of this card. Boredom at a present situation or relationship. The benchmark has been moved and you are under-achieving in the current status quo. New relationships, friends, are needed to spark emotional growth.

Ill dignified: The immersion of an individual in physical pleasures to mask disappointment at their current lifestyle. Pleasure is easily obtained but it staves off the boredom only temporarily. Abuse of the mind, body, and soul to keep the sea of boredom at bay.

The Five of Lagers - The card of disappointment and sorrow

Dignified: Feelings of worthlessness and disappointment produced through the loss of love or friendship. Emotional dreams that amount to nothing but a nightmare seed regret and unhappiness. Perhaps it is time to stop mourning and begin again. A fresh start and outlook are in order.

Ill dignified: Change of an unexpected nature may cause anxiety but it will ultimately lead to better days. Life takes another twist and presents you with a new lifestyle choice. The grass is greener on the other side and on it you will soon tread.

The Six of Lagers - The card of times that have past

Dignified: The key to success lies in memories of past pleasures. Perhaps an old lover or friend is about to enter your life. Remember the good old days they have brought you to this place and they now set the scene for the future that is to come.

Ill dignified: The vain nostalgia of viewing the past through rose tinted glasses. Distorting the past only serves to create false memories that keep future success at bay. You cling to the mountain of life always looking down into the past. Raise your head and begin to climb again.

The Seven of Lagers - The card of success and illusions

Dignified: The road of life has reached a junction but with so many paths to choose from you may become confused. Make your choices wisely an error of judgement at this point could result in a period of deep regret. Make the right choice and life will go from strength to strength.

Ill dignified: To live in a fantasy world is to live a life of self-delusion. The hope that flickers inside of you is false. Perhaps it is the fear of success that binds you to this illusion of hope. It is a lack of action that retards you.

The Eight of Lagers - The card of the seeking soul

Dignified: Perhaps now it is time to bring about change. Reject the familiar; seek that which is new to you. A new relationship, lifestyle, or thought pattern will invigorate your life. Take charge and follow your head not your heart it is the only guiding light you need.

Ill dignified: Do you dream the impossible? Why sacrifice stability and happiness for that which will ultimately contain little fulfillment? Face your problems head on. If you run they will only catch up with you in the end.

The Nine of Lagers - The card of pleasure and happiness

Dignified: Satisfaction that is founded in the enjoyment of a full and prosperous social life. Communication is the vessel that ideas inhabit. A party with good friends, fine food, drink, and music. Make your life like that ideal party and contentment is a real possibility.

Ill dignified: Sentimentality that leads self-indulgence. The complacent mind sits ignorant to others needs. A friend or lover may feel neglected. They may look elsewhere for the attention they need.

The Ten of Lagers - The card of perfected success

Dignified: Lasting friendships generate happiness. Happiness promotes creativity and a felling of satisfaction. Family life is stable and prosperous. The card is a good indicator of the success of a group project or holiday. Everything will turn out good in the end.

Ill dignified: Order descends into chaos. Allies have become enemies and the result is the loss of friendship. Your feelings of isolation may be the produce of mistrust and unnecessary rivalries. Failure where there was once success. The goat butts the bush and its horns become entangled.

The Page of Lagers - The card of artistic expression

Dignified: This card signifies a person with a gift for artistic expression. The Page of Lagers points to a shy and vulnerable individual who may need guidance or protection. It is a card that expresses bending of gender rules.

Ill dignified: Excessive daydreaming can be dangerous as it pulls us away from the pressing issues of reality. Take care of a person who is not all they seem. Lies and gossip are the bedfellows of the selfish mind.

The Knight of Lagers - The card of the honest dreamer

Dignified: The Knight of Cups is a figure to be trusted. Like a lover or close friend he is amiable, faithful, and trustworthy. The Knight is an intelligent figure, but his yearnings and dreams often pollute his wisdom.

Ill dignified: Lies persist where there was once only trust. Perhaps a friend or lover is setting you up for heartbreak. Be warned someone close to you may be about to depart from your life.

The Queen of Lagers - The card of female affection

Dignified: The Queen of Lagers is affectionate, imaginative, and loving. A woman with a powerful imagination she is adored by men and respected by woman. Stick close to the Queen; her honesty and loyalty will protect you.

Ill dignified: Do not depend on this woman. She is perverse, immoral, and deceitful. Her allegiances and opinions change like the wind. She is a social chameleon who demands the attention of others.

The King of Lagers - The card of male intuition

Dignified: The King is a man of responsible attitudes. He possesses a prime intelligence that is complimented by a sly wit and strong intuition. These skills make him a competent negotiator and a skilled social player. Generosity and the enjoyment of art and culture are aspects of this card.

Ill dignified: A conniving and unscrupulous individual. He is scheming and prone to losing his temper. Violence is perceived as a tool to achieve a desired goal. The card may point to an unsuspected enemy. The card indicates an individual who has gained peoples' confidence and trust but hides ulterior motives. The proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing.

The Suit of Spirits

In the traditional deck swords represent the suit of spirits. The suit of Spirits represents matters of the mind. For example the cards relate to both mental activity and calm intellect. The suit is associated with both imaginative creativity and logical reasoning. The signs of the Zodiac that the suit is associated with are Aquarius, Gemini, and Libra.

The Shot of Spirits - The card of conflict

Dignified: Reach for your sword there is battles to be fought and won. Victory, triumph and success are inevitable if you keep your wits about you and stay true to your convictions. Victory will result in the beginning of a new episode in your life.

Ill dignified - a time of destruction is upon you. In war there are always casualties, be careful you could be amongst their number. Abuse of power results in the perpetuation of an injustice. A misunderstanding may be the catalyst for conflict.

The Two of Spirits - The card of balance

Dignified: Peace can only be achieved through balance. Call upon a trusted ally for strength, their support will prove invaluable. Two equally opposed forces will clash. The unstoppable force will hit the unmoveable object. Resolve any differences or those issues that way heavy on your mind will not be lifted.

Ill dignified: You seem to have left previous difficulties behind you but you are travelling in the wrong direction. The advice that seemed so wise at the time is perhaps worth re-evaluating. Indecision will lead to an unexpected betrayal.

The Three of Spirits - The card of pain and sorrow

Dignified: Emotional pain that will ultimately make for a stronger individual. The end of a relationship that causes extreme heartache. Dark times are ahead but like the Phoenix you will emerge from the flames stronger than ever. Strife brought about through conflict.

Ill dignified: A great loss that can only produce deep sorrow, confusion, and anxiety. Life is turned upside down and you do not know which way to turn. Your mind and spirit are going north and south. Time is the only healer to deep emotional scares.

The Four of Spirits - The card of rest and solitude

Dignified: Perhaps a retreat from the conflict is in order. Retreat into solitude and there will be relief to your anxieties. Lick your wounds, recuperate and plan future strategies. Peace produces the strength that will dominate in the arena of life.

Ill Dignified: Confinement that is the result of enforced seclusion. Social circles have been closed off to you. You are banished to wallow in your own morbid thoughts and gloomy fantasies.

The Five of Spirits - The card of defeat

Dignified: Negative thought and negative actions can only spawn conflict, failure, and defeat. Perhaps a tactical withdrawal from the present conflict is in order. To battle on will only result in major casualties. Retrace your steps and opt for a change of direction.

Ill dignified: Stubborn refusal to accept defeat. All is lost. The enemy has triumphed and surrender is perhaps the best option. (Metaphorically speaking,) if you are to attend a funeral make sure it is not your own.

The Six of Spirits - The card of travel

Dignified: Movement away from conflict and anxiety. Your companions are soul brothers/sisters from the same war. Seek their advice for they have been in your shoes. The journey may be long but will lead to success and the banishment of pain and worry.

Ill dignified: You embrace success but in truth you have only won the battle not the war. Retreat from battle results in temporary relief but as soon as one enemy is defeated another springs up in their place. This is a card of struggle and strife.

The Seven of Spirits - The card of restlessness

Dignified: A restless spirit that lacks focus creates instability impeding progress. Cunning and guile will move you forward not direct confrontation. To break a long journey into shorter trips may be easier but it impedes progress.

Ill dignified: There is a pervasive reluctance to finish what has been begun. Malice binds the ankles of the traveller as lies try to trip his/her feet from under him/her. This is no time for laziness or indecision.

The Eight of Spirits - The card of restricted movement

Dignified: Is it bad luck that leaves you feeling trapped and powerless or a lack of patience? Jealousy is not a positive emotion. Swallow that knot of pride that chokes your throat; help will be offered if it is requested.

Ill dignified: To create distance between yourself and a problem may reduce anxiety and promote happiness but it does not resolve the problem itself. If the individual incarcerates their own mind it is they themselves that holds the key to freedom; no one can unlock the door for them.

The Nine of Spirits - The card of despair

Dignified: Doom and gloom roll in like thunder. The waking day is haunted by the previous night's bad dreams. Pain and anxiety are unwelcome companions but their presence will promote enlightenment and healing. To fully appreciate the joy of light we must from time to time be immersed in the darkness.

Ill dignified: Malice is the club that misery uses to bludgeon your soul into a state of isolated imprisonment. Hope appears to be dead and buried but there is light at the end of this long dark tunnel.

The Ten of Spirits - The card of Ruin

Dignified: Sadly this card ranks as one of the worst in the pack. The card points to sudden misfortune or an impending accident. The card is dominated by death, disruption, and despair. Rock bottom has been reached. The fall may not have hurt you but you hit the ground with devastating force. From here the only way is up but it is a long climb.

Ill dignified: An extreme change of a violent nature may appear to make the situation worse but it promotes a new outlook on life. Negative thoughts will only ruin this chance to turn your luck around.

The Page of Spirits - The card of the negotiator

Dignified: The Page of Spirits is a skilled and persuasive negotiator. Sly and quick-witted, his dexterity and grace allow him to adapt quickly and effectively to change. News, gossip and messages are on the way. The Page of Spirits always seeks to better his social standing.

Ill dignified: The exploitation of others for personal gain. A person who aspires socially, or politically. A two-faced liar, with a vindictive streak. Perhaps a change of plan is in order as spies may have infiltrated your camp.

The Knight of Spirits - The card of the swift change

Dignified: The card points to a trusted friend or ally with strong reasoning powers. Events will begin to pick up pace and life's choices will be accelerated. The Knight of Spirits points to change of both a positive and negative nature.

Ill dignified: A quarrel is looming. Be wary of a secretive person with violent tendencies. Apparent honesty masks the face of a deceitful liar.

The Queen of Spirits - The card of subtle manipulation

Dignified: The card points to a woman with an extremely complex personality. She is perceptive, intelligent and quick-witted. Perhaps forces are being balanced for the benefit of the negotiator. The card indicates music and dancing. Do not underestimate the Queen of Spirits abilities to pull life's unseen strings.

Ill dignified: This card indicates unreliability, jealousy, and deceit. Moral judgements and conservatism propelled by a strong feminine spirit. Malicious narrow minded intolerance which leads to damaging gossip.

The King of Spirits - The card of rational logic

Dignified: The card represents a strong man of authority who possesses a position of some importance. Sticking to old-fashioned ideals may promote stability and security but they can stifle growth. Logic and reasoning are preferred to excessive emotion, but are not necessarily superior.

Ill dignified: A man of power with an impersonal nature. Distrust and suspicion driven by calculated clinical logic. The King of Spirits sees life as a chessboard and the people as the pieces. Is someone playing a game with your life?

The Suit of Wines

In the traditional deck the suit of Wines corresponds to the suit of coins or pentacles. The suit of Wines is concerned with material possessions and money matters. For example the card relates as much to the home and property as it does to money or physical possessions. The signs of the Zodiac the card is associated with are Capricorn, Taurus and Virgo.

The Glass of Wine - The card of foundations

Dignified: The beginning of a period of prosperity and financial gain. The foundations are being laid for future developments. The mighty oak is held in place by strong roots. Luck in gambling is a possibility. You are entering a time of comfort. This is the first glass on your way to a happy night ahead.

Ill dignified: Do not derive all your happiness from money or material possessions. See beyond what mere possessions to that which is the ethereal. Greed can produce insecurity and lead to unsound financial investments.

The Two of Wines - The card of financial difficulty

Dignified: Tighten those purse strings hard times are ahead. Budgeting in all aspects of life but in particular the financial. You are going to have to juggle many aspects of your life if financial stability is to re-emerge. Guard your business interests carefully.

Ill dignified: Reckless spending brought about through undisciplined attitudes produces insecurity. Avoid gambling at all costs. Projects lie uncompleted and the job is not finished. Over indulgence in sensory gratification.

The Three of Wines - The card of skills

Dignified: Apply your skills wholeheartedly and you will be generously rewarded. Success will promote you over friends and enemies alike. Enjoy your achievements you have worked hard for them.

Ill dignified: A preoccupation with financial gain may lead to a waste of your talents. Do not pass up a great opportunity due to fear of financial loss. Bin your conservative ideals and take a risk; you never know it just might pay off.

The Four of Wines - The card of material stability

Dignified: Your power will be increased through influence and wealth. Material stability, your financial problems will dwindle. A time to begin new projects or ventures.

Ill dignified: Greed is never attractive no matter in what form it manifests itself. It is the envy of others which holds potential back. Discontent can be alleviated through generosity and kindness. Money is not everything.

The Five of Wines - The card of material strife

Dignified: A time of hardship and insecurity. Financial famine leads to a thinning of the bank balance; belts have to be tightened to prevent public embarrassment. Perhaps the support you need is to be found elsewhere. Do not focus too heavily on money there are also emotional needs to be addressed.

Ill dignified: Unemployment or bankruptcies are avoidable but drastic action must be taken. Poverty is the shadow of misery but perhaps it was an obsession for the material that brought this situation upon you. Let go of financial obsessions.

The Six of Wines - The card of generosity

Dignified: Generosity is abundant. The lavishing of loved ones in gifts and love. Financial support is possible but it is important not to waste talent or money; put both to good use. Remember charity begins at home and gifts of emotion far outweigh those of money. Even so it still might be time to splash out on that second bottle.

Ill dignified: The inability to keep hold of money. It flows through your hands like water through a sieve. It is carelessness that leads to loss or theft. Generosity could be the form of salvation.

The Seven of Wines - The card of patient planning

Dignified: Success relies on planning ahead. Rome was not built in a day so patience and perseverance are the keys to the success of proposed projects. You may feel that you are making no headway up the river of life but the longer you persist the better the outcome. Be careful of charitable work it will bring little reward.

Ill dignified: The lazy man sits idle and thus life passes him by. Wasted efforts discourage growth and prosperity.

The Eight of Wines - The card of learning

Dignified: Education is a beautiful thing. What you learn now will promote financial security later. Add another tool to your belt and the job will be completed that much quicker. Invest energies and money wisely. Do not spread your resources too thinly.

Ill dignified: Do not rush things. Get the right tools for the job before undertaking the project. Haste and impatience will lead to poor quality finished product. Dishonesty damages a sound reputation. Apply these principles to all aspects of your life.

The Nine of Wines - The card of material comfort

Dignified: Money can not buy happiness but it can buy comfort. Relax enjoy the more luxurious side of life, you have worked hard and deserve a little time to indulge yourself. A prosperous period where you can reflect on your achievements.

Ill dignified: Security that is brought about by theft or exploitation produces bad karma for the soul. Over use of credit and heavy debt. Be warned there is a danger of theft.

The Ten of Wines - The card of wealth

Dignified: Prosperity through honourable investment or business conduct. Strength can be derived through family traditions. Look across the generations for advice and support. Bring your tribe to gather and find strength in unity. Inheritance of wisdom, money, or property, is linked to family traditions.

Ill dignified: A family that is divided over money. Old traditions can limit new ideas. Wealth can bind a person to a restrictive lifestyle. Disputes and arguments caused by money.

The Page of Wines - The card of conscientious student

Dignified: The card points to an introverted but conscientious student. They have little now but show fantastic potential. Generosity, hard work and patience will guide this person to achieve great things. Do not judge a person by their financial wealth but by the abilities they possess.

Ill dignified: There are those amongst us who have a constant craving for financial gain but rarely put the money they have to good use. Inpatient and wasteful, focusing on the future at the expense of the moment, the incarnation of the infamous prodigal son.

The Knight of Wines - The card of practical thinker

Dignified: The Knight of Wines is a hardworking, conventional person, who is practical in all aspects of their life. This can lead to an over simplification of emotional matters but sets the Knight up as an excellent business partner. The acceptance of responsibilities is the key to success.

Ill dignified: A limited imagination is a manifestation of a boring and static mind. Complacent in all aspects of life the ill-dignified Knight of Wines is as timid as he is careless. Dull lifeless people do not promote creativity.

The Queen of Wines - The card of good business sense

Dignified: The card points to a woman who is down-to-earth yet has a shrewd way with money. She has a good head for business and a taste for the finer things in life. She is generous and loving but does not suffer fools easily. The card indicates sound business advice from a female source.

Ill dignified: A woman who is as suspicious as she is obstinate. The card points to a boring and selfish person who is preoccupied with money and status. Be watchful of female tyranny.

The King of Wines - The card of the realist

Dignified - A stable man with great wealth who has earned his status and fortune through hard work and shrewd business dealings. He is slow to anger but also slow to react sometimes missing opportunities that present themselves. Not a man of imagination but a realist who has a good eye for investment.

Ill dignified: Materialism has dulled this person's once sharp personality. His lack of imagination is mirrored by his sheer obstinate nature. A tyrannical man who makes a dangerous enemy.

Combinations of Cards

In the Tarot specific combinations of cards have an effect on the meaning interpreted from the spread. This has never been so true as in the case of The Alcohol Tarot. A dominance of one suit points to the ideal drink to be consumed. So if the suit features many Lager cards then that should be the drink of choice for the evening. If on the other hand the spread features a majority of ill dignified cards from one suit then that type of drink should be avoided. A spread where all the cards are ill dignified suggests that you should not drink at all! For the Cider drinker keep an eye out for a majority of female cards.

Combinations of Cards:

Strength and a majority of Spirits cards: Seek out the elusive Absinthe! Prepare and consume the drink in the traditional manner.

Tower with a majority of Beer cards: Find yourself a nice local pub to drink at.

The Sun with a majority of Lager cards: Why not go for an afternoon drink. If it is summer go and find a beer garden to sit in.

The World and a majority of high value cards: Drink till merry and then go and dance the night away.

The Lovers and the World: Your chances of pulling will vastly improve if you get on the dance floor at the club.

The Hanged Man and Death: Over indulgence will lead to sickness, and the mother of all hangovers.

The Moon and the Wheel: Your luck will be in at that late night poker game.

Judgement and Temperance: Skip that drink at last orders and you will feel much better for it the next day.

The Hermit and the Devil: Avoid those who drink alone.

The Moon and the Emperor: Get on that pool table and you will be the Prince of the planet potters tonight.

The Star and the Emperor: Darts should be the game of choice. "One Hundred and Eighty!"

The Wheel (ill dignified) and the Hermit: Gambling will leave you penniless and alone. Save your money for beer instead.

Disclaimer

Drinking alcohol can be dangerous. Alcohol is a poisonous, volatile substance that effects both the body and mind. Over consumption of alcohol damages all the body's major organs and can lead to severe and debilitating physical and mental illnesses. Alcohol is addictive and alcohol addiction can lead to atrocious social and personal problems.

Always enjoy alcohol in a sensible manner and avoid over consumption. The Cult of the Drunken Prophet accepts no responsibility for actions taken by people who use the Alcohol Tarot. Alcohol should only be consumed within the boundaries of the law. Never drink and drive - there will always be a nearby bush to crawl under and sleep it off!