

# CHRYSALIS TAROT



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## INTRODUCTION

Tarot is about achieving your destiny; that co-creative, co-operative, maddening march through life filled with chance, chicanery and choice. The pursuit of personal destiny is a struggle to find inner peace, to find balance between an ego that wants and takes and a psyche that allows and gives.

By your side on your quest for self-fulfillment is an unseen force. It's an energy field known by many names and recognized by many masks; a force that informs your psyche and nudges you forward. In the Chrysalis Tarot, we refer to this force as the Otherworld.

In modern times, as tarot became associated with mysticism, divination and magic, users noticed the cards' uncanny ability to flesh out future possibilities. Tarot's illumination of your

psyche is a vital component in the art of listening to your internal voice, raising self-awareness and informing decisions.

We invite you to browse through the Chrysalis Tarot cards. You'll find familiar and unfamiliar trump cards making up the Major Arcana. These 22 cards numbered 0 to 21 represent Otherworld characters and archetypes. Next up, the 40 Pip cards, numbered Ace through Ten in each suit, feature scenes that inspire personal reflection and stimulate your psychic intuition and imagination. The four suits that make up the Minor Arcana are: Stones (Pentacles); Mirrors (Cups); Spirals (Wands); and Scrolls (Swords).

Finally, you'll see we have replaced the traditional 16 Court cards with a fun-loving troupe of medieval troubadours. These merry-makers represent real-life messengers inspired by the Otherworld to assist you, especially at critical moments and troubling crossroads. Tarot invites questions, inspires the mind and whisks you on an adventurous journey within, a journey that is revealing, informative and fun. We trust it will be as fruitful as those journeys that led us to imagine and create this unique tarot deck.

# THE MAJOR ARCANA

Traditionally in tarot the Major Arcana, or trump cards, are the deck's spiritual cards. Allow your Third Eye to study and reflect upon the images on the Chrysalis' Major Arcana cards. They convey different meanings to different people through their symbolism.

## O - MERLIN

Traditional Titles: FOOL or HERO

Attributes: NEW BEGINNINGS  
HEALING

Merlin's cuddly cat draws you at once into his mystery and magic. Cats, who have nine lives, symbolize rebirth, and nine indicates completion and perfection. Cats are forever curious and quick to take risks. While journeying into the unknown always involves risks, there are significant rewards for those willing to dive in deeply with an open mind.

Merlin's serpent-headed staff is a symbol of his power as a healer. The snake is a positive symbol indicating renewal and rebirth, the major theme of this card. In your reading, Merlin signifies innocence and potential. He constantly reminds you to let go of anxiety and

preconceived notions about where you're going and how you'll get there. Approach your own hero's journey with a carefree attitude and have faith in Merlin's transforming magic. He will be constantly at your side as you explore Chrysalis Tarot.

## I - RAVENS

Traditional Title: THE MAGICIAN

Attributes: SYNCHRONICITY

MESSENGER

The playful Chrysalis ravens make things happen. They play a game with pearls, which symbolize moonlight, mysticism and the magical phenomenon called synchronicity. The ravens, when not plotting mischief, perch in the upper branches—the spiritual realm—of the Tree of Life.

Ravens generate synchronicity in your life to help you become more mindful. The Ravens' message is to take care to see and catch these magic moments. The Ravens card in your reading is a heads-up to keep a good lookout for synchronicity—don't let it pass by unnoticed! Ravens also indicate you're now entering a new cycle in your life afresh with exciting possibilities.

## II - SORCERESS

Traditional Title: THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Attributes: MYSTICISM  
MAGIC

Sorceress Morgan Le Fay is pictured in vibrant hues of mysticism and magic. Her talisman represents the pomegranate, food of the Otherworld and a symbol of the Triple Goddess. We can feel the fruitful energy swirling in the background as it explodes in a crescendo of bursting light from Morgan's hand. Woven spirals symbolize the infinite transformative energy of the Sorceress.

In your reading, Morgan points to one of your more challenging encounters in attaining transformation. Morgan does her magic at the curtain that separates the seen and unseen worlds. The ravens, insatiably curious when magic is active, swoop in to flavor her cauldron with magical synchronicity, those coincidences that confirm you're on the right track.

## III - GAIA

Traditional Title: THE EMPRESS

Attributes: NURTURING  
ABUNDANCE

The ground we walk upon belongs to a holistic, conscious, self-regulating biosphere—a oneness

we call Gaia, who sustains all life on Earth. Gaia is surrounded by the abundant beauty of her creation. She cradles a white dove, symbolic of peace, love and divinity. A nest filled with robin eggs represents birth and renewal. In your reading, Gaia symbolizes new ideas, new beginnings, new understandings, and sometimes even a new baby. This scene is flush with symbolism: the snail cautions you to be patient, the mouse to be trustful, and the lotus flower to be pure in heart.

Gaia is one of the Chrysalis cards honoring the Great Mother. When Gaia graces your reading she reminds you to be a positive, nurturing and loving person. By doing so, with her you will co-create your own abundance.

## IV - GREEN MAN

Traditional Title: THE EMPEROR

Attributes: STRUCTURE

NURTURING

Your inner voice is symbolized by Green Man's companion butterfly. It speaks to you in many meaningful ways through dreams, memory and intuition. This becomes apparent in readings where Green Man appears, so pay close attention to surrounding cards. As Gaia's spiritual consort, Green Man reigns with the Sun

card as a patriarch and judicious father figure. Green Man's constant refrain is harmonious coexistence, balance and structure. Count on him to reveal unexpected signs in nature to validate your dreams, memories and intuition. His unmatched imaginative energy inspires you to ever-greater accomplishments.

## V - DIVINE CHILD

Traditional Title: THE HIEROPHANT

Attribute: SELF-DISCOVERY

The Divine Child archetype symbolizes your full potential. The child, male or female, is surrounded by reminders of transformation, such as the butterflies and frog. The colors on the palette represent emotions and choices. The scallop shell design represents the many pathways a pilgrim takes in search of enlightenment. They all lead to inner light, divinity and self-discovery, symbolized by a single candle.

Most tarot decks title this card the Hierophant, a religious authority figure. In Chrysalis Tarot, the task of spiritual growth is an individual responsibility that requires an open mind and critical thinking. When Divine Child lights up your reading, you are asked to embrace yourself. Self-acceptance through self-discovery is the way of the seeker and the pathway to destiny.

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