

NEW ERA ELEMENTS TAROT



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INTRODUCTION

The New Era Elements Tarot is a working tarot deck of 78 cards: 22 Major Arcana, 40 pip cards and 16 court cards. With respect to its tradition, it is indebted to the Rider-Waite and the Crowley-Harris tarot decks. The New Era deck takes the suits back to the original elementary associations of Fire, Water, Air and Earth. It also translates its imagery into the modern era.

The motifs of all of the cards are designed to guide the reader into seeing the significant and archetypal connections in current events rather than seeking it in

the distant past or in esoteric symbols. Fire with its powerful dynamic is ever present in our combustion engines and rockets. The elegance of flying birds can lead us back to appreciating the lightness of thought, and deep roots sinking into the earth can teach us about foundations and stability.

In keeping with this objective, the court cards were changed from their feudalistic appellations of kings and queens to the simple family dynamic of fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. The cards also try to be more inclusive by featuring people from many different ethnic backgrounds.

For the pip cards the deck retains Crowley's designations such as "Illusion", "Victory" or "Gain", in order to allow the reader quick access to the general meaning of

the card. The cards also replicate Aleister Crowley's astrological correspondences: the Major Arcana cards have either an elementary, planetary or zodiac symbol drawn on them, and the pip cards have both a planetary and a zodiac correspondence.

Keywords in the card descriptions serve as quick references to the card meanings and are arranged in two lines. The first line (+) defines the essence of the card when it is drawn in an upright or a well-aspected position. The second line (-) characterizes the shadow-side of the card, which applies when a card is reversed or occupies a blockage position in a spread.

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THE MAJOR ARCANA

0 • THE FOOL

CORRESPONDENCES: Air

KEYWORDS

(+): Curiosity, new beginnings, open-mindedness, innocence, excitement, joy of life, exploration, fearlessness

(-): Lack of caution, recklessness, unwillingness to take responsibility

MEANING

The card opening the sequence of Major Arcana is the Fool. It stands for beginnings, for wide-eyed curiosity and the way a child would see the world, full of wonder and oblivious to danger.

EXPLORING THE CARD

The central motif of the card shows a newborn reincarnating into this existence despite the dangers it will have to face,

represented by the animals surrounding it. The egg behind the baby hints at beginnings and potentialities, and the knotwork in the background stands for continuity. It means the Fool is not only the beginning of the journey, it is also the end that starts a new cycle.

1 • THE MAGUS

CORRESPONDENCES: Mercury

KEYWORDS

(+): Will, consciousness, control, shaping the material world, inventiveness, self-realization, moving ideas into action

(-): A charlatan and trickster, taking advantage of others

MEANING

The Magus is the conscious, individual human being taking control of his environment. The Magus shows the hero at the

beginning of his quest.

EXPLORING THE CARD

The New Era Magus is the pitchman, the go-getter who can communicate and persuade, who is always firmly in control. Products representing the four elements surround him.

The stock market graph behind the Magus reveals the shadow side behind the illusion that we can take total control in this manner. Sometimes the Magus really is just a trickster, and what he has to offer are only illusions.

2 • THE HIGH PRIESTESS

CORRESPONDENCES: The Moon

KEYWORDS

(+): Inner wisdom, knowledge of the mysteries of life and death,

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