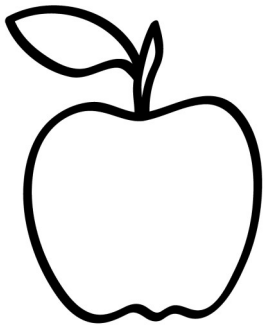
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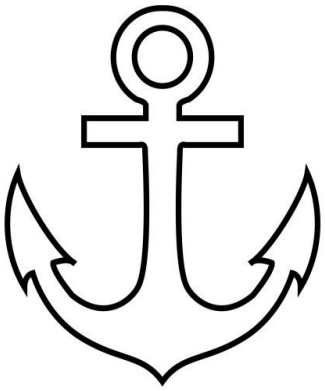
Symbol Interpretation



Apple

Light: A choice is being offered. A pleasing temptation.

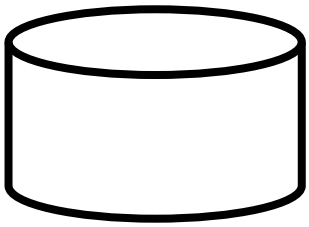
Shadow: You are faced with a choice, and no option you are being offered looks appealing. The apple which seems to be a gift may turn out to be a poisoned apple in disguise. You may have to choose the lesser of two or more evils.



Anchor

Light: A belief system which gives life purpose & direction. You won't 'float away' because you know what you believe & value.

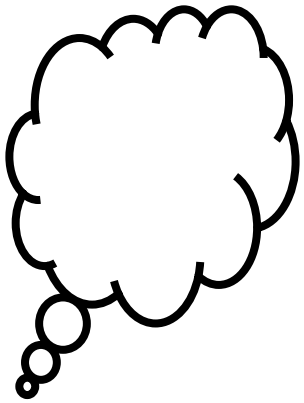
Shadow: Something is weighing you down, hampering your ability to move, travel, & grow. You may be 'tethered' by life obligations or by a controlling person.



Cauldron

Light: Nourishment is offered you from somewhere. There is a well—literal or figurative—which you can draw from.

Shadow: The well is either poisoned or dry. You need its nourishment, but its nourishment is simply not available to you.



(Thought)Cloud

Light: Some serious thinking about the issue may yield a sudden insight, which leads to the solution.

Shadow: Things are 'murky' right now, and your thoughts are muddled. The way ahead seems obscure. You may be over-thinking this. Your thinking brain may seem an enemy.

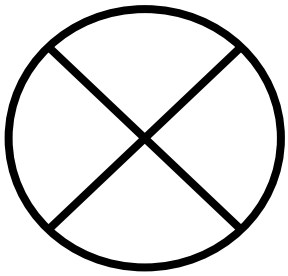
Coin



Light: Money coming in, possibly unexpected. Money spent on the right thing at the right time will resolve the problem.

Shadow: Money, whether abundant or lacking, has brought problems along with it. Bills to pay. Someone's greed may be causing other problems or heartache.

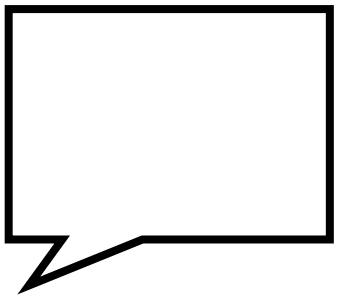
Confluence



Light: Things coming together for your benefit. You have the power of summoning what you need to you—use it!

Shadow: Too many things happening at once. A series of 'bad luck' incidents happening in close-succession, or all at once. Bad things (people?) coming together to form a nastier whole.

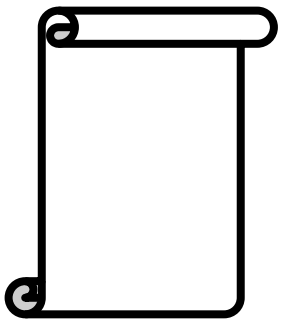
Dialog Box



Light: Get a conversation going. Talking things out will resolve a lot of problems. Others appreciate your communications skills.

Shadow: You can't get a word in edgewise. Or worse, what you say/said is taken the wrong way. 'Was it something I said?' Answer: Maybe.

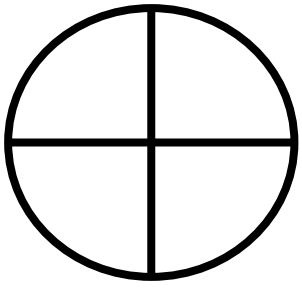
Document



Light: Paperwork bringing good news. Acceptance, admission, payment, inheritance, a legal decision, a love-letter, an assignment well-done.

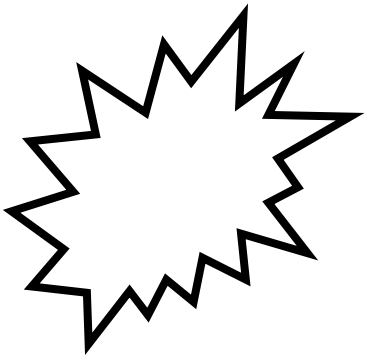
Shadow: Paperwork which brings trouble with it. A summons, a subpoena, a bill, a poison-pen letter, ill-mention in a news report, graffiti which denounces you.

Earth Symbol



Light: A sense of groundedness. Gardening, or time spent in nature can be a source of pleasure or healing. The delights of the senses.

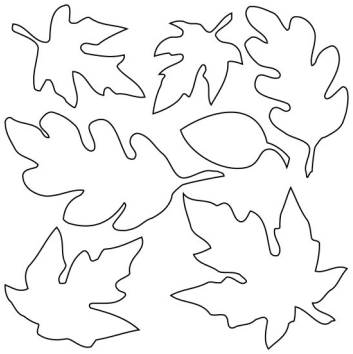
Shadow: Weighted-down. A too-material outlook. A desire to fly free. Not being able to get others to see beyond the material.



Explosion

Light: A well-timed explosion or eruption of some kind clears away the problem completely. Someone's sabotage benefits you.

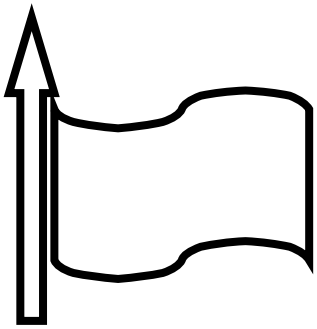
Shadow: Sudden, devastating destruction has you picking up the pieces and starting from scratch again. Upsetting change.



Fallen Leaves

Light: A glorious autumn of one's life. Elders shine beautifully with wisdom & experience. Autumn is an enjoyable season.

Shadow: Feeling over-the-hill & overlooked. Being considered 'too old' to be of use. Something is dying & being morose about it. Mourning for those fallen like the leaves.



Flag

Light: Proudly showing your real self to others. 'Letting your freak-flag fly'. Declaring your allegiance to a cause. Loyalty.

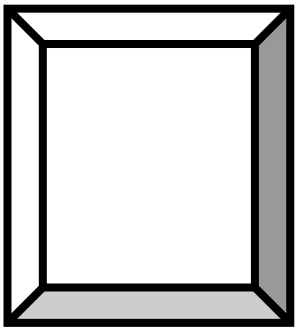
Shadow: Loyalty in doubt. Allegiance to a dubious or downright–horrible cause. Working with & for 'the enemy'.



Flame

Light: The flame of hope & truth shines brightly when it is fed. Carry the light for someone who cannot hold it themselves.

Shadow: A fire, actual or metaphorical, which burns out of control, brings firey-death, & leaves destruction in it's wake. A temper burned out of control & cut loose with harsh words.



Frame

Light: Presenting something from it's best angle. Agreeing on the proper field-of-play or rules-of-operation. A clear picture. Looking at things from a different frame-of-reference.

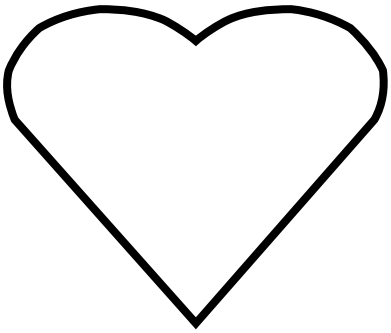
Shadow: Not 'thinking-outside-the-box'. A restrictive worldview which doesn't allow for other ways of being. Made to look guilty of a crime of which one is innocent. How do you frame it?



Globe

Light: Travel would do you a world of good, & can give you a new perspective on your life, your problems, & how you are using your life energy.

Shadow: Homebody, chauvinistic, or misanthropic tendencies. A desire to travel, but not the means or opportunity. Too much travel & a desire to 'settle down' somewhere.



Heart

Light: Give love, or receive the love that is offered. Find(ing) someone to love, even if just a pet or a house plant. Feeling light-hearted.

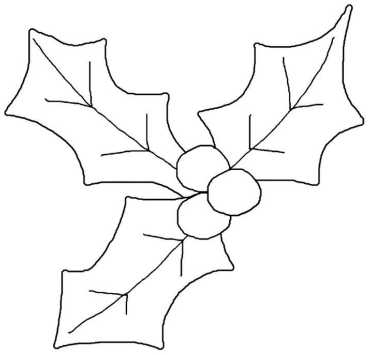
Shadow: Love's darker side: heartache, break-up, twisted desires, an obsession, or an unrequited love.



Hecate's Wheel

Light: Witchcraft, plant knowledge, dogs, night, in-between places & feeling comfortable there. The light of knowledge.

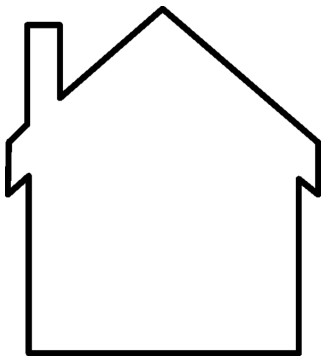
Dark: Night-fears. Guilt about a crime & fear of punishment. Infertility. Hatred of magic & witchcraft. Ill-at-ease with in-between spaces or 'odd' people.



Holly

Light: 'Best in the Fight.' Weaponry. The power to drive away evil. The ability to defend oneself. Protection from lightning. Christmas-time. Defense in life's 'winters'.

Shadow: Being overly-defensive or combative. Absorbing the dark, not defending against it. Being or feeling defenseless in the face of a threat. Christmas-time is un-enjoyable for you.



House

Light: A place of refuge, comfort & joy. A homebody. Make it a pleasant place to live. The pleasures of home & family.

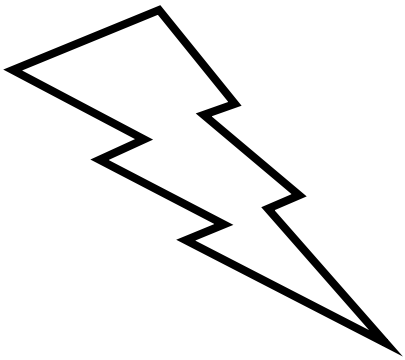
Shadow: Domestic problems, possibly violence or abuse. Anywhere but HERE. I'd rather be traveling. Problems with the physical structure of the home. Haunted.



Labyrinth

Light: Follow the path wherever it leads, & trust. Do not fear getting lost in all the twists & turns it takes.

Shadow: Stuck in a complex situation, with many twists & turns & no clear way out. A prisoner of one's own thoughts. Problems with no clear answers.



Lightning

Light: A sudden insight leads to the solution. Or, an 'Act of God' resolves the problem with no effort on your part.

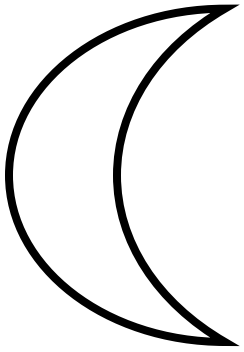
Shadow: A shock, either electrical or emotional/psychic. Feeling singled out for Divine punishment, & 'why me?' Jolted out of complacency or one's comfort-zone.



Maple Leaf

Light: Sweetness. Fall's brilliant colors. "It is the sweetness in them which makes them burn." The sap is running.

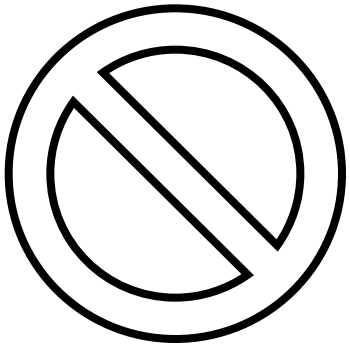
Shadow: Feeling depression at nature's gradual decline. Seeing a loved one age & sorrowing about it. 'Blame Canada' syndrome. Falling off the tree.



Moon

Light: Dreams, intuition, psychic things The monthly cycle of waxing & waning; feminine sensibility.

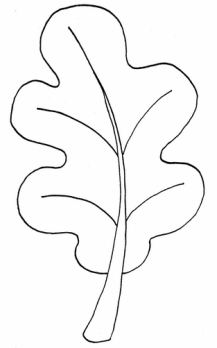
Shadow: Illusions, hidden things, deception, bad deeds done in the darkness where none can see.



Universal 'No' Symbol

Light: A healthy sense of one's own boundaries. Know when to say 'No'. Realize not everything forbidden is desirable.

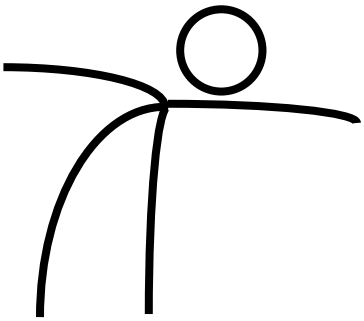
Shadow: Something has been denied you. Feeling/being blocked, restricted, or shut-out. Exploration not possible.



Oak Leaf

Light: Strength, age, wisdom. An older person may have wise advice for you. Enjoying the company of older people.

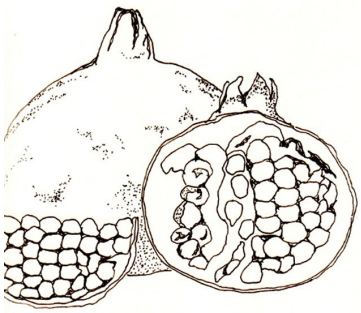
Shadow: Feeling too old. Rejecting time-honored wisdom. Seeing the elderly as useless or unhelpful. An autumn of the spirit.



Path

Light: Find(ing) the path you should take. Set out in a new direction. Heading in the direction of good new things. White magic.

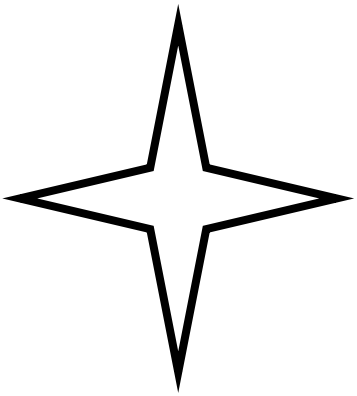
Shadow: On the wrong path. Heading in a bad direction. Dark magic. 'I took a wrong turn somewhere, not sure when.'



Pomegranate

Light: Fertility, sensuality, carnal passion, & acknowledging such feelings & needs. Indulging the senses.

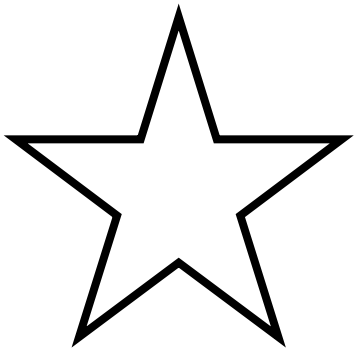
Shadow: The darker elements of sex. Unspeakable desires & depravities. Feeling coerced into a relationship, or not free to leave an unhealthy one.



Four-Pointed Star

Light: Finding direction. Navigating by one's own internal compass. The Star in the East. Christmastime of the spirit. An unerring internal compass.

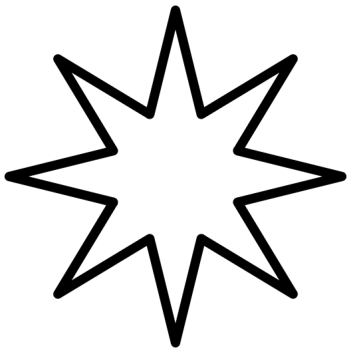
Shadow: Directionless. Lacking guidance. Not sure where to go. No internal light in the darkness. Ignoring a clear sign.



Five-Pointed Star

Light: Learning to stand on one's own two feet. Invoke The Goddess' aid & assistance. Opening wide to receive the world's gifts & expecting such gifts to come.

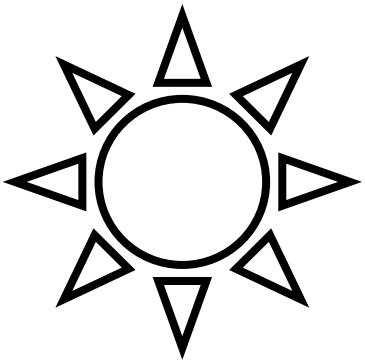
Shadow: Closed-off. A gut-punch. Folding in on oneself. Allowed neither autonomy nor Divine help. A hole in gut.



Eight-Pointed Star

Light: The Eight Holidays of the Pagan Year. A sense of order & structure to the wheel of our lives. A guiding star. Balance.

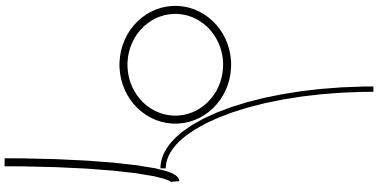
Shadow: No light shines for you. Finding one's way blindly in the darkness. A black hole which absorbs everything.



Sun at High-Noon

Light: Success, honors, make hay while the sun shines, focusing light on dark corners. Enjoying the daylight hours.

Shadow: Feeling unable to enjoy success or good fortune. Even with reason for happiness, you're still not happy & don't know why. Wanting to hide from the light of the noon-day sun.



Sun. Rising? Or Setting?

Light: Your star is rising. Darkness is behind you & daylight has come. Recognize this and embrace it.

Shadow: Your sun is setting. Your star is falling. The light is dying in some life situation. You wish you could stop it. When in deep water, become a diver.



Tree Branches

Light: A higher vantage-point & a clearer view. The support of family. You might find it therapeutic to climb a tree.

Shadow: A troublesome limb on the family tree. Going out on a limb, fearing you'll fall, or it will break under your weight. A rotting limb which looks hazardous & needs cutting-off.



Tree Base & Roots

Light: Bloom where you're planted. Seek rootedness in fertile soil. Sitting under a tree & meditating like Buddha could yield valuable insights. A tree can be a comforting friend.

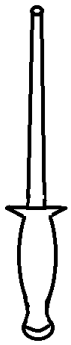
Shadow: I don't want to get dirty. Something which is rotten at its base. A structure with a weak or faulty foundation.



Triskelion

Light: Body, Mind, & Spirit & keeping all three in balance & healthy. True health & healing means nurturing all three.

Shadow: Body, Mind & Spirit are out of balance, resulting in insecurity, illness or lack for you. A feeling that something is missing in your life. No time to nurture one of the three.



Wand

Light: Remembering that YOU have the power. Acts of magic, or mental or spiritual exercises can turn things for the better.

Shadow: Wrong use of magic or mental force. Focusing one's energies on the wrong thing. Being or feeling cursed. Had a bad experience with magic/the paranormal.