

Playing Card Divinatory Meanings

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Ace of Hearts

An emotional beginning. The beginning of a love affair, but this can be with a child, a pet, a hobby, or a job, as well as with a romantic partner. Commencing the search for a romantic partner or a new friend.

Ace of Clubs

A mental beginning. The start of a new plan, idea, job, or way of communicating-with and interacting with the world. The beginning of a new business or enterprise.

Ace of Diamonds

A financial beginning. The start of a new way of making money. The birth of a new value; wanting and valuing something one didn't want or value before.

Ace of Spades

The most powerful card in the deck. Great changes are in store, and the inquirer needs to think carefully before making a decision. Then again, there might be no decisions needed, because this card represents tremendous force, energy and power; the change could come from some powerful outside force and the inquirer has no say-so in the matter. It can be a card of death, but this could be the death of a situation, as much as a person.

Two of Hearts

A loving relationship between two people. If the inquirer is asking about their romantic future, this card in the future position is a definite 'yes'. This card can also herald the arrival of a person who becomes a good, close, personal friend of the inquirer.

Two people talking and communicating. A conversation. Also a card of fear and arguing. This could also represent a job interview where the inquirer gets the job. Two people talking and coming to an agreement.

Two of Diamonds

A business deal. Two people coming to an agreement with financial implications, such as going into business together, agreement on a loan, opening a bank account, dealing with one's stock broker, two countries signing a trade deal, and such-like.

Two of Spades

A friendship or a working partnership. The cooperation and give-and-take such relationships need in order to succeed. In a reading, this may indicate the inquirer is feeling the need for such a relationship in their life.

Three of Hearts

Creativity and self-expression; the inquirer might need to make an effort to get out more and meet new people, talk and express themselves, and circulate. Or, this card can indicate some indecision in a person's love life; there may be two or more love interests at once, and the individual is unsure of which one to bestow their affections on. This card can also represent someone who wants to 'play the field' and doesn't want to commit to one person yet.

Three of Clubs

Such great mental is creativity present, this card is called 'the Writers Card.' It can also indicate worry, indecision and mental stress. If the inquirer is feeling stress, it could be they need to express themselves, either verbally or in writing, in order to alleviate that stress.

Communications concerning money—a will, a contract, a bill, a loan, or some other such paperwork could be in the offing. The inquirer could be feeling worry or an inability to make up their mind about some money matter. It can also mean the inquirer will receive two job offers at the same time, or be working two or more jobs at the same time. Financial creativity; either finding creative new ways of making money or, more negatively, engaging in creative bookkeeping.

Three of Spades

One of the most creative cards in the deck, it's also known as 'the Artist's Card.' If the creativity isn't channeled properly, it can turn into indecision, fear and physical stress. This card can mean someone is working two jobs, or pursuing two lifestyles (possibly living a double-life?). A quick, sudden action involving communication of some sort, and it could come from out of the blue.

Four of Hearts

A stable, happy emotional life. This is the card of the happy marriage, the happy family, the happy social circle. Because they are happy emotionally, and home matters are calm and happy, work matters are probably going well for them too. This card also represents emotional stability in general; this person has no mental afflictions or torments.

Four of Clubs

The four of clubs is a card of clarity in thought. This is a stabilizing, practical influence for anyone in a mental occupation. It can indicate a good time for making long-term plans, or undertaking a big re-organization, since the inquirer is thinking clearer than ever. This card represents mental satisfaction and stability. This is also a good time for the inquirer to gain a solid base of knowledge about any subject. Random Factoid: the Four of Clubs was traditionally-known to card players as 'the devil's four-poster bed,' because it's considered unlucky for this card to turn up in the early stages of a card game.

This card represents slow, steady hard work toward a financial goal. It could be telling the inquirer, 'if you want that home/car/trip/RV, you'll have to work for it.' This is also a card of having a sound, stable value system; and from that state of mind, being able to handle financial matters with a clear head, because you know what your priorities are.

Four of Spades

Satisfaction and stability in health, work, and all matters in general. If the inquirer has been ill or had work problems, this card can be a sign these problems will clear up. This card can indicate the inquirer will be working hard and steadily at something, but this can be a welcome situation, because it makes them feel more secure and stable all around.

Five of Hearts

Emotional restlessness; this card is the break-up card, and can herald a separation, divorce, or a break-up with a friend, and all the hurt that goes along with it. This card can indicate the inquirer is feeling some dissatisfaction with their current relationships, or with where they live, or with some other aspect of their daily life which has them itching to make a change. Just going on a trip to get away from the same-old, same-old for a bit might help. But if the dissatisfaction is still there, a more serious change may be needed. This can also be a card of going out and meeting new people, which can enable the inquirer to make some important new contacts, either professionally or personally. This card speaks to a need for major emotional refreshment.

Five of Clubs

Change of mind, change of plans, or changing the way one thinks are all key-concepts with this card, along with the attendant-frustration this card can trigger in others. This can also be a moving-to-a-new-place or travel card. The inquirer may be feeling a dissatisfaction with the status-quo and want to progress into new areas; this card may mean, it's time to try something new. They may change the way they communicate with others, or interact with the world.

Money coming in, or money going out; a change in one's financial condition. The inquirer could be changing jobs, or going on a business trip (possibly more than one). There may be some dissatisfaction with the job; the inquirer may want to branch-out in new directions, claim more territory, or gain additional job experience. This card can also mean the inquirer's values may be undergoing a shift; they may subsequently want to gain new life experiences. A change in values will ultimately impact every area of the inquirer's life.

Five of Spades

A change in the inquirer's lifestyle, or what they do day-in and day-out. They could travel, change jobs, change where they live, join a club, experience a change in their health, or even two or more of these at once! The inquirer is likely feeling a fundamental restlessness. They may need to take some time out to identify the source of the discontent and where the solution lies. Warning: the changes resulting from this self-assessment will not necessarily come without tears, even if it's a change the inquirer wants.

Six of Hearts

Relationship karma. This card is about peace and balance in personal relationships. If there is some imbalance in a relationship, or repair-work the inquirer needs to make on a personal relationship, this card may indicate now is the time to do it. This card encourages the inquirer to take responsibility for their words and actions toward those they value the most. This card can also indicate a fated meeting with someone we are destined to enter into a relationship with; whether it's a friendship or a romance depends of the inquirer's own life situation.

Communications karma; paying for things said or done in the past. Something the inquirer said or did may now come back to haunt them. Take responsibility for your communications right now, and be willing to make compromises to keep the peace. Your intuition may be particularly strong now, stronger than it usually is, so listen to it. When this card shows up, situations tend to arise which will bring the inquirer's life back into balance and stability. When this card shows up, we may become aware of some special mission in life we have to accomplish.

Six of Diamonds

Financial or values karma; there will be some sort of settling-of-accounts. When this card turns up either the inquirer will have to pay a debt to someone else, or someone else may owe the inquirer a debt, which they will pay. This is a card of taking financial responsibility. The inquirer may find they have to come to some sort of financial compromise with somebody, set up a budget and follow it, do whatever it takes to come back into financial balance. Since diamonds are also values, this card may mean the inquirer's value-system comes back to haunt them, for better or for worse.

Six of Spades

Health or work karma, but with the Six of Spades, paybacks from the past can come to the inquirer in many forms. If you have had any bad work or health habits, or any lifestyle habits which have intentionally or inadvertently hurt others, it may be time to pay the piper when this card appears. See whatever happens as a clear call to make corrections in your life. Finally the Six of Spades is the card of FATE, so some special thing which was destined to happen in your life could happen when this card turns up in a reading.

Those they're emotionally connected to may cause some challenges for the inquirer; they may feel betrayed by someone they love. The inquirer is going to be tested to see just how attached they are to their loved ones being a certain way; some startling change, an unknown or unpleasant facet of their character may emerge. Serious doubts may emerge about who one has chosen to love, but this is a card of learning to love unconditionally and letting people be exactly who and what they are. This can also be a card indicating a highly-spiritual experience is coming to the inquirer. Be open to this spiritual experience, and the changes which may come with it.

Seven of Clubs

A challenge to poor mental attitudes, a shoddy-belief system, or just plain negative thinking. Better at starting things than finishing them. When this card appears, the inquirer may have to take a good hard look at how their mind functions, how they operate, how they communicate, and their outlook on life. This card can herald a mental or spiritual breakthrough, an epiphany of sorts, where the inquirer sees what's wrong in their thinking and corrects it, leading to a turn-around in their lives.

Seven of Diamonds

Money problems and financial challenges; delays, setback and confusion about money. The Seven of Diamonds is a spiritual money card. Whether it is the inquirer's thoughts about money, plans to make money, or the financial aspects of a love relationship, situations are going to arise which will test their faith in the abundance of the universe. Adopting an attitude of gratitude for the good things in one's life, the things one doesn't have to pay money for, may help them get through this challenging period.

This card indicates health or work problems. There may be only partial success in these areas, which will be frustrating for the inquirer, as they have worked hard for a long time and expected more favorable results for the effort they put in. They may have to step back, reassess the situation, then proceed in a slight-different direction. This card does indicate long-term success, but only after a prolonged period of sustained effort. Seen in its highest form, the seven of spades is a card of learning to practice faith.

Eight of Hearts

Emotional power, charm and success with people. It can also indicate the inquirer makes such a good impression on other people, it may inspire one or more of them to present the inquirer with a gift. This gift can be a material object, but it can also be a gift of time, love, friendship or piece of mind. This card can also be a harbinger of more romantic success. Someone may be drawn to the inquirer.

Eight of Clubs

Mental power, and the ability to fix one's mind on a particular goal or objective and see it through to a successful conclusion. This card gives the power to overcome all problems by focusing one's thoughts on a resolution. This is also a card of quiet happiness. The inquirer has learned many lessons and knows that peace of mind and contentment come from small pleasures. Whatever happens to the inquirer from here on out, they will maintain a fixed inner sense of peace and harmony.

Eight of Diamonds

Financial power; this card is a sign the inquirer will experience financial success. This could be the sudden bestowal of a large sum of money, but more likely, it is money the inquirer has earned. Often this large sum of money comes along at a time when the inquirer needs or wants to make a major purchase. I have found this card to come along when a major purchase needs to be made, whether the money has showed-up or not, such as when a major appliance needs to be replaced. The eight of diamonds is also a card of focusing and concentrating on our values; knowing what is most important in our lives, and what is not. So if the inquirer isn't clear what it is they value in life, circumstances may soon help them clarify the issue, if they don't actively choose to undertake such an examination.

Health and work power; this card says the inquirer will be experiencing more power over their health and work matters. The success indicated by this card may mean the inquirer will need to narrow-down their focus to the areas which most interest them, and focusing their efforts on those specific areas. This is a card of happiness, contentment and rest. Because the inquirer has worked hard to achieve a degree of material success, the happiness is well-earned.

Nine of Hearts

The end of an emotional relationship for the inquirer. It can be a lover, spouse, relative, good friend, neighbor, or valued co-worker, but a relationship has come to an end, and it is time to part ways, either by death, transfer or a falling-out. If a valued relationship ends, accept that it was time for the relationship to end, thank the departing person for the gift of their presence in your life, and let-go with peace. If not a relationship ending, this card could mean the inquirer will be called upon to help another by counseling them in some way, or otherwise showing love and compassion to the afflicted party.

Nine of Clubs

The end of a certain way of communicating with the world or a certain way of thinking. This card can indicate the completion of certain plans or ideas. Either the plans or ideas are accomplished, or are finished and ready to be put into action, or the inquirer realizes the plan or idea is unworkable, and is forced to abandon it. If it's the third option, the inquirer may be downhearted about this, but is encouraged not to resist whatever ending the nine of clubs represents, for this card indicates this is something they need to let go of. It's no longer doing them any good, and it may harm them to hang-on to it. Time to change, and set one's sights elsewhere.

The end of a certain way of earning money. This card can indicate financial losses, or the loss of a job. On a deeper level, though, this card indicates that certain values the inquirer may have been holding onto have come to a state of completion; those values no longer serve a purpose in the inquirer's life and they need to formulate a new value system. Because of this values-completion, it may mean letting go of a job or an income-source they've had for some time. Nonetheless, the inquirer is encouraged to be brave and let go, because they are ready to move up to a new and higher stage in their development.

Nine of Spades

The loss of some major component of the inquirer's life. This can be the loss of a job, the loss of good health, the death of someone important in the inquirer's life or the 'death' of something else in the inquirer's life. This ending can naturally bring on some feelings of disappointment, grief or even fear in the inquirer, but they need to keep in mind, nines are completions. Think of the snake shedding its skin; it's time for the inquirer to shed an old skin they've been wearing for quite a while. They will arrive at a new and better place when they have finished this passage. This ending is necessary and ordained.

Ten of Hearts

A large group of people brought together for an emotional reason. This can be a party, and engagement party, a wedding, a family reunion, attending a cultural event, or a team-building exercise at work. If you have a product to sell, this would be an indicator of a good time to plan the advertising and promotional campaign. This card can be a harbinger of good news, or much success with the public or large groups of people.

Success in communicating one's thoughts with a large group of people. This card can also simply indicate the inquirer has a lot on their mind. The ten of clubs can indicate success in a mind-related field like writing, publishing, radio, television, internet videos, or teaching. Essentially, the ten of clubs is the card of the teacher; spreading knowledge or information to large groups of people is the key meaning of this card. Recognition for the inquirer's talents or efforts is possible when this card shows up in a reading.

Ten of Diamonds

A very large sum of money, either dealing with it or focusing on it. This can indicate either financial success or an infatuation/obsession with money, and large amounts of it. If it's money coming in this could be from a job, an investment, or winning the lottery. This can also mean dealing with large groups of people for some financial purpose, such as a 'how-to-become-successful-and-rich' seminar. The inquirer may be feeling bored and feel like they live a humdrum existence, so they're looking for new ways to grow and develop. This card carries with it a caution for the inquirer against becoming too focused on the material side of life, at the expense of other, less-tangible things.

Ten of Spades

If tens in the playing deck mean, 'a lot of something' and spades mean 'change', then this card could be saying, 'expect change and a lot of it.' Otherwise, it is a card of success in work, health and legal matters, but this card can also indicate the inquirer is becoming a workaholic. The inquirer may be feeling loaded-down at work with all the things they have to do. But if they have a list of specific goals they want to accomplish, or a to-do list they want to get through, this card indicates they have the wherewithal to successfully accomplish each item on their list.

A pleasant break from day-to-day routine could be in the offing. The Jack of Hearts can be a harbinger of love and romance, but please note, he is one of the two court cards in the deck who is holding an axe behind his back, so be warned: love can be a source of pain as much as joy. Just when you think you're in-like-flynn and life is wonderful, the shadow-side of the Jack of Hearts may strike. He's also holding a feather, so love can tickle, as well as hurt. Somewhat paradoxically, the Jack of Hearts is also known as either the 'Christ Card' or the 'Card of Spiritual Sacrifice', so the inquirer may be called-upon to exhibit a higher level of thinking, speaking and acting. They may decide (or be asked) to make a personal sacrifice of some sort for another person, possibly someone younger.

Jack of Clubs

A card of great mental creativity, sometimes the Jack of Clubs means the inquirer will be presented with some new form of knowledge or information which will have a transformative impact on their life. This could also be exposure to some form of spiritual thought. The Jack of Clubs can also indicate a person will come into the inquirer's life who will become a good friend. In most decks, the Jack of Clubs is depicted as holding a spear—he's literally a spear-carrier, so chances are he'll be a supportive friend as well.

Jack of Diamonds

This could be a salesman or promoter of some kind who will play a role in the inquirer's life shortly. Sometimes the Jack of Diamonds heralds a time when the inquirer will be inspired to adopt a higher, less-materialistic view of things. Another source says the Jack of Diamonds could be a person in the inquirer's life who looks like they have it all-together, who looks like they have a purpose and know where they're going, but inside, they're lost; confused, conflicted and uncertain. The inquirer may have to deal with such a person, and show patience while they resolve their issues. This card can indicate a person who is looking back, and is fearful of moving forward. Please note, this Jack is holding a sword by the blade, and it's pointed downward. He is unthreatened, and is confidence personified.

The Jack of Spades is known as 'the Actor Card', 'the Thief Card', and 'the Spiritual Initiate Card.' Just which of these manifests in the inquirer's life will depend on their line of work and personal values. Since this card can portend a theft, or a danger of it happening, the inquirer would be well advised to safeguard all their valuables. Someone may try to rip them off or con them out of their money, so the 'theft' could take many forms. This card is also the 'Spiritual Initiate' Card. Something could happen which inspires the inquirer change their life, and to behave on a higher level in some way. The Jack of Spades is also a card of great creativity, possibly the most-creative card in the deck, so it could portend success in artistic pursuits for the inquirer. Note: he is one of two one-eyed Jacks in the deck. There may be some things about this Jack you'll never know.

Queen of Hearts

This card can indicate a marriage coming for either a man or woman. This is also a card of sexual enjoyment or romantic fantasy, so it could be foretelling such a happy period coming up in the inquirer's life. In a man's reading, it could represent a lover coming into his life. In a woman's reading, it could indicate motherhood, for this is also the devoted-mother card-a child is either present or coming. Generally, the Queen of Hearts can predict a lighthearted, carefree and sociable time spent in the company of people the inquirer cares about. The only down-side to the Queen of Hearts is it sometimes indicates laziness, fantasizing or over-indulgence, so the inquirer may be called upon to exercise some self-discipline.

Queen of Clubs

This is an indicator of great intuition, good organizational ability and the desire to serve and nurture others with some form of knowledge or information. She can be outwardly charming and friendly, but inwardly she is a shrewd evaluator and calculating how to turn the situation to her best advantage. This can be either a person in the inquirer's life, or the inquirer is encouraged to emulate the Queen of Clubs' qualities. Generally, this card can indicate success in one of the communications fields or being more willing to listen to one's intuition. This could be another person, or qualities in the inquirer.

Sometimes this indicates a woman who is successfully running her own business, or works in some business capacity. 'Service through money' is her motto and she is often generous, especially to loved ones. Her agile mind and decisive manner makes her a master of business and finance, particularly promoting and marketing. This is a woman who likes to live and act extravagantly. She likes only the best of everything, even if she can't afford it, and will often spend beyond her means. There can be a person like this in the inquirer's life, or they may be encouraged to emulate some of her qualities. Generally, this card indicates the inquirer can meet with financial success if they can bring creativity to some business or financial pursuit.

Queen of Spades

This is a reserved woman of hidden depths; it takes some time to get to know her. She is both a hard worker and a good manager. She has the potential to inspire and encourage people to do things they didn't think they could. She is supportive, wise and generous to those she cares about, but she is also very intuitive and quick to detect deceit. She makes a good friend but formidable enemy if you deceive her. Of all the court cards, the Queen of Spades is the one holding a scepter. Thus, she often represents the one in charge. Generally, this is a card of self-mastery. Organizational ability and hard work can bring the inquirer much success, but the Queen of Spades is big on self-mastery. You can master the universe and everything in it, she teaches, only if you have mastered yourself within.

King of Hearts

This card brings more success in all one's personal relationships. The King of Hearts has complete mastery of love, so when he shows up in a reading, it could mean the inquirer could be learning to exert more control over their feelings and romantic impulses. In a man's reading, this card can indicate sexual enjoyment, or the conception and birth of a child, since the King of Hearts is also the loving-father card. In a woman's reading, the King of Hearts can mean the perfect lover or companion. An enjoyable sexual relationship, possibly one leading to marriage, could be coming. Personality-wise, the King of Hearts is a wise, good-natured, reliable, fair, and open-minded individual who conceals his feelings under a gruff demeanor. Generally, the King of Hearts foretells success in dealing with one's own emotions, success in dealing with the public or success in any of the artistic fields, or just romantic

success in some form. Caution: the King of Hearts holds his sword behind his head, as if he is about to strike someone with it! He is the only court card to show such active belligerence. His message is clear: do not treat love, or peoples' hearts, like a toy—the consequences could be severe.

King of Clubs

This is a card of mastery, authority and success in one of the communications fields. This card can show up when the inquirer is able and willing to take a leadership position or assume responsibility for something. It can bring success and recognition, especially if the inquirer is in a communications-related field. Every King has a kingdom of some kind, so this card could be calling on the inquirer to find some job or avocation they do well and become a 'King' of it. He is the only King in the deck who is toting an orb, signifying rulership or dominion. Personality-wise, the King of Clubs is a highly-intuitive person who knows a lot more than he lets on. He keeps certain mental barriers up, so it can be hard to get to know him well. He has many interests, and doesn't mind spending time alone, but he can get lonely sometimes. He can make fine mental distinctions and will never do anything to compromise his integrity or inner truth.

King of Diamonds

This is the card of the successful business person, quite possibly someone who runs his own business. If it doesn't represent a successful businessman, it could be someone successful in the financial world, either a banker or a stockbroker. This card could indicate the inquirer is thinking about starting their own business. If this is the case, the King of Diamonds is encouraging them to go for it and don't hesitate! They will be successful if they do. If the question concerns a financial opportunity, the King of Diamonds is again encouraging them to go ahead and enter into this financial opportunity, as it will work out well for them. Or this card could simply indicate the inquirer will be dealing with someone like this in the near-future. Personality-wise, the King of Diamonds is a successful business person who is intelligent, shrewd, quick-witted and complex. He may be the impatient type, always seeking new challenges. He comes across as very confident and self-assured, but he can be harsh on people he

doesn't trust or respect. Madame Lenormand didn't like this card, considering it a card of treachery and deceit. My personal life experience causes me to agree with Madame Lemormand. For me, the King of Diamonds = deceit. Your mileage may vary. The King of Diamonds is the only one-eyed king in the deck, and he's holding an axe behind his back. With the other hand, it seems as if he's beckoning his subject forward. The financially-ignorant or overly-trusting can lose an appendage if they aren't careful. Exercise caution with this King.

King of Spades

This card represents mastery, period. The King of Spades is the final and most powerful card in the deck. He is a master of both himself and his environment, so when he turns up in a reading, the inquirer can expect good fortune and good results. This card is especially good for legal matters (for he's holding his sword upright) and business, but this card can indicate success in any area of life the inquirer is concerned about. This card can mean they will achieve their goals, but possibly because they're willing to take on a position of responsibility and work hard at it. Success is the inquirer's for the taking, but they have to stand up and claim it. Personality-wise, the King of Spades is a strong or powerful person who is intelligent, loyal, ambitious, and practical, with a mature outlook. The problem is, he tends to see everything in terms of right and wrong, and can have trouble seeing others' points of view. He tends to ignore his intuition and relies on logic.

The Joker is a U.S. addition to the standard playing card deck, and dates from the Civil War in the 1860s. The Joker was added to the deck for the game of Euchre. Depending on the card game being played, the Joker can be either extremely-beneficial or extremely-harmful to a player. He works the same way in a reading, being a 'wild card' in cartomancy as well. He often turns up when someone is contemplating a major life change, or is about to take a big cosmic pratfall; the Joker does like his little jokes! The Joker is a card of freedom, and he can turn up in a reading when some part of the picture is still in motion and not settled yet. He can also turn up when it's a question The Powers That Be don't want to answer yet. The Joker is difficult, if not impossible to pin down, and he likes it that way.