

TEA-LEAF READING GUIDE & SYMBOLS GLOSSARY

TEA-LEAF READING TIPS

Practice, practice, practice. Tasseomancy is not easy to master. You're having to discern shapes in a mass of wet leaves, translate those shapes into meanings and string all those shapes into a coherent story. You should practice multiple times on yourself before you even attempt reading for somebody else.

Only once or twice a week. If you want only a general view of your relatively-near future, you should read once or at most twice a week. If you're tea-leaf reading for an answer to a specific question, then it can be done anytime.

Don't panic. At first you may see only an indistinguishable mass of wet leaves. RELAX, park your thinking brain, and let your intuition, imagination and instincts take over. Soon, images will start suggesting themselves to you. Tea-leaf reading is very much a meditative exercise.

Don't rely only on the Symbols Glossary. There are whole books of tea-leaf symbol meanings, but you may well see many symbols which don't appear in any book. In those cases, you're going to have to meditate and free-associate on what that symbol means to you. This is what makes tea-leaf reading an art.

Consider the overall appearance of the cup. A small scattering of a few leaves implies a tidy, disciplined mind. A great many leaves in several locations in the cup suggests a rich, full life.

Take a whole view of the cup. Don't just identify the different symbols in isolation, but consider them in relation to one another. Take into account their size, clarity, proportions, and positions in relation to one another. As with card reading in Symbolomancy, you want to be able to string the different images together in one coherent story.

POSITIONS IN THE CUP & THEIR MEANING

Assume all the following applies as you are holding the cup handle at the six o'clock position; that is, pointed toward you.

Close to the handle-something occurring in the inquirer's home or environment.

Pointing toward the handle-symbols appearing to point toward the handle is something approaching.

Pointing away from the handle-symbols appearing to point away from the handle is something departing.

At or near the rim of the cup-events occurring in the present or very-near-future.

Mid-way down the cup-events coming a little further on in time.

Near the bottom of the cup-events occurring in the more-distant future.

At the bottom of the cup-ill-fortune and/or unfortunate events.

PREPARING THE CUP FOR A READING

- Choose a non-dusty tea, such as Chinese, Indian, or Earl Grey. You will soon learn which varieties of loose-leaf teas make for a good reading and which do not, but non-dusty is a must, because a tea with a lot of dust can muddy a reading. Do not cut open a tea-bag and use its contents; tea-bag tea is minced too finely. Use specifically loose-leaf tea.
- Using a dessert spoon, pour the loose-leaf tea into the cup and fill it with boiled water. Stir gently, focusing on your question (if you have one). You may find that half a dessert spoon of dry tea is plenty. Tea greatly expands in water, and too much tea in the cup can make a reading difficult, if not impossible.
- Drink the tea in a relaxed frame of mind, either thinking about your specific question or just generally about the near-future, until you have about a teaspoon's worth of tea left in the bottom. Think 'just enough tea to slosh the leaves along the sides.' Strive to not swallow any tea leaves while drinking your tea; sip with your lips tight.
- Holding the cup by the handle in your non-dominant hand, sozzle the remaining tea in the cup three times counter-clockwise, then turn it upside-down onto the saucer to drain. You should let it drain at least seven seconds, but really until you're confident all the remaining tea is drained and the tea leaves are probably in-place in there.
- Turn the cup over and start reading. The handle represents the inquirer, so all images are read in relation to the handle.



THE IDEAL TEA CUP SHAPE

You see that picture above? That's pretty much the ideal cup shape for a tea-leaf reading. An opaque cup with sloping sides, a wide mouth preferably with a slightly pronounced lip, and no interior markings--you don't want any illustrations inside the cup messing with your view of the leaves. The inside of the cup should be either plain white or a pastel color.

GOOD AND BAD OMEN SYMBOLS

Good Omen Symbols to find in a cup:

Acorn, amulet, anchor, angel, ark, basket of flowers, bee, birds, boot, bouquet, bridge, bull, circle, clover, corn, cornucopia, cow, crown, daffodil, dove, duck, eagle, elephant, fig, fish, flowers, garland, horseshoe, oak, palm, rose, ship, swan.

Bad Omen Symbols to find in a cup:

Arc, bat, black flag, clouds, coffin, cross, dagger, drum, flag, gun, hour-glass, monkey, mouse, owl, rat, raven, scythe, skeleton, skull, snake, square, sword, wreck

Note: Depending on your culture, a bat may not be considered a bad omen.

ABSTRACT SHAPES AND SYMBOLS

Perhaps the easiest way to identify and interpret symbols in the cup is to look for abstract shapes first.

Arrow-your direction in life is important, and you may be about to make a decision. An upward-pointing arrow is a resounding 'yes' to your question. A horizontal arrow means nothing much will change as the result of your actions at this time. An arrow pointing to the bottom of the cup advises you to reconsider your options and rethink your aspirations and goals, for you are headed in the wrong direction.

Circle-a fortunate symbol, indicating money or gifts coming your way. A small circle could indicate a ring, meaning a gift, an offer of commitment or marriage.

Circle (Incomplete)-an incomplete circle indicates an offer, but it is only a possibility at this time, and it may fall through. If the circle is a faint one, composed of dots or tea dust, it's tentative offers or questions that may not come to much in the end

Cross-one of the most powerful symbols you can find in a cup. A crucifix-shaped cross means your success is hard-won and well-deserved. An x-shaped cross is always a warning, and look to nearby symbols for details. If fragmented or poorly-formed, obstacles and possibly losses if you undertake a current idea or plan of action. Rethink it.

Dashes-a number of short lines together suggest a period where you'll be running around more than usual, with a number of local errands and short journeys coming up, and some of these trips may be a waste of your time, so plan carefully.

Diamond-always a positive symbol, it indicates the person receiving a valuable gift in the near-future.

Dots-many dots indicate energy and vitality; a lively atmosphere surrounds you. Look to see if they form a symbol. A circle of dots indicate a trip for business or pleasure. A line of dots indicate a short, inconsequential trip.

ABSTRACT SHAPES AND SYMBOLS CON'T.

Knot(s)-symbolize anxiety and tension, usually unnecessary but exhausting nonetheless. What is interfering with your progress? What is stealing your energy and tying you up in knots? Relaxation is essential here; you'll achieve more when you're refreshed.

Lines-like roads, these mean movement and journeys. The clearer and straighter the line, the more rewarding the trip will be. Many lines could indicate a job involving travel, or a number of short trips for business or pleasure.

Drops of Liquid-in an otherwise well-drained cup, it represents tears and sadness. The person could be feeling rather vulnerable at the moment.

Squares or Rectangles-usually foretell difficulties, challenges or obstacles, but nothing too serious. If there is something inside of these shapes, it likely represents a letter or parcel with interesting contents.

Spiral-a lot of energy around this symbol, and it indicates a lively mind and an inventive, creative phase of life. Rational thinking won't help now, what's needed are some intuitive quantum leaps, and you're currently in the right frame of mind to make them.

Sprigs or Sticks- usually fragments of stems, these represent people. If they're vertical, they represent straightforward individuals. If they're sideways, they denote unworthy or dishonest people. Be cautious if you see an offer or opportunity nearby; it might not be what it initially seems. Floating on a full cup of tea, it represents a visitor soon to come into the person's life.

Triangle-good luck from an unexpected source, or an uplifting experience of some kind. If found with negative symbols, such as rocks or dark clouds, it can represent trouble from someone you trusted and admired; you may feel betrayed and disappointed. If found with or near a heart, the meaning is clear—a love triangle. This can be either another person or an outside interest that takes up one partner's time and attention.

Wavy Line-emotions are running high right now, and either you or your inquirer are particularly sensitive right now. When seen with signs of travel, this can indicate a difficult or interrupted journey.

Wedge-it is considered a wedge only if it's completely filled in with leaves. Something is either stuck in your life, or someone could actively be working against you without your knowledge, or they could be interfering in your love life. Nearby symbols may shed more light on this.

One Final Note: Bubbles on the Surface-to find this on the surface of the freshly-poured cup of tea or coffee indicates money coming to the individual, but it never specifies how much or in what form. This could be anything from finding money overlooked in a wallet or purse to winning the lottery.

MAIN SYMBOLS GLOSSARY

A

Abbey-freedom from worry. If a minor has gone missing, they will be found safe.

Ace of Clubs-A letter, e-mail or other important communication.

Ace of Diamonds-A gift or the beginning of a business undertaking.

Ace of Hearts-an important decision which will affect the home or a loved one.

Ace of Spades-A large building. Or, misfortunes and sorrow on your path, if you do not make decisions quickly.

Acorn-at the top of the cup, good fortune in money matters. In the middle of the cup, continued good fortune and happiness.

At the bottom, an improvement in health or financial condition.

Aerial-a thin line over a symbol indicates the risk of gossip or scandal connected with that symbol.

Airplane-a sudden journey, and not without risk; can imply disappointment. If broken, an accident.

Airship (blimp)-new projects leading to a definite rise in position. If angled downward or with a broken back, ultimate failure of projects under consideration.

Alligator/Crocodile-treachery and maliciousness surround you. Do not trust lightly, and beware of overly-friendly and generous friends.

Amulet-whatever the symbol, it indicates protection. Occult forces are watching over you and guiding your footsteps.

Anchor-at the top of the cup, success in business and romance. In the middle, a prosperous voyage. At the bottom-social success. Obscured, anticipate difficulties.

Angel-good news, usually about or by someone for whom the inquirer feels deep affection.

Ankle-instability

Ant-success and honors for diligent and persevering effort.

Anvil-a stable and conscientious person; others may use this person's qualities for their own benefit, but rarely the holder's.

Apple-a desire for knowledge, or a business achievement.

Apron-a new friend

Arc-something unfinished. Or an unforeseen misfortune or accident.

Arch-a wedding, or a journey abroad.

Ark-a safe refuge in the midst of dangers. Business or domestic affairs will soon be out of difficulties.

Arrow-bad news coming.

Axe-presages difficulties in your path. If without a handle, your efforts to overcome them will come to no avail.

B

Baby-a host of small worries is about to cloud your sky. Ignore them and they'll quickly disappear.

Bag-a trap lies ahead. If open, you'll escape the trap. If closed, you will indeed be trapped.

Bagpipes-disappointment; the possibility of domestic strife, so tread carefully; avoid nervous excitability, for your health may be affected.

Ball-possibly a person connected with sports. Or there will be variable fortunes in your life. If so, then in matters of head and heart, resist your inclination to take the line of least resistance.

Balloon-if ascending, then a betterment of your position due to factors beyond your control. If any troubles, they will be short-term only.

Barrel-a party.

Basin-trouble at home. If broken, serious trouble.

Basket-If near the handle an addition to the family. If at the top of the cup, a gift or material increase of one's possessions. If full of flowers, social success. If surrounded by dots, unexpected money coming in. If empty, money worries.

Bat-secret enemies who will frustrate your every effort. Be more circumspect about your friends. (note: in Chinese culture, the Bat is a favorable symbol, as it has different associations in that culture).

Bayonet-a spiteful remark, or a minor accident; there is danger about. A bold front is necessary.

Beans-poverty.

Bear-facing the handle, irrational decisions cause difficulties. Facing away from the handle, a journey.

Bed-inertia; or it's condition reflects the inquirer's state of mind.

Bee-symbolic of industry and prudence, the bee indicates good news arriving. Fate will shower your path with many blessings. Near the handle, friends arriving. Social success, or success with an audience.

Beehive-prosperity, or a prosperous organization.

Beetle-scandal, or a difficult undertaking.

Bell-a coming pronouncement which will affect your fortunes. Near the top, good news. Near or at the bottom, sad news.

Bird-a lucky sign; good news is likely on the way. Closeness to the handle says how soon it will arrive.

Boat-either a small journey, or an unforeseen refuge in a time of trouble. If at the bottom of the cup, beware the dangers arising from misplaced trust.

Bomb-an unexpected event will burst upon you with great suddenness, scattering trouble and misfortunes in its wake.

Book-if open, expect legal action, future success, or an honest person. If closed, delay, difficult studies or occult studies.

Boomerang-treachery, envy, negative actions rebounding on the sender.

Boot-generally a lucky symbol, it means protection from pain, either physical or financial. Pointing away from the handle, dismissal, broken, failure. At the top of the cup, disquietude and wanderlust. Middle of the cup, a hidden danger—watch your steps.

Bottle-one bottle means pleasure. More than one bottle means your health requires closer attention.

Bouquet-a very lucky sign, it nullifies any bad omens near it. Staunch friends, success, wealth, or possibly marriage are indicated.

Bow-indicative of hope, if drawn it means expansion of thought or interests; slack, it indicates a lack of confidence. The Bow with an Arrow can indicate scandal or gossip.

- Box**-If open, romantic troubles will be solved. If closed, what is lost will be found.
- Bracelet**-An impending union, either marriage or business partnership. If a wide cuff, then an enslaved mind or body. may be indicated.
- Branch**-fully-leaved, it means a new arrival in the family or a new friendship begun. Bare of leaves, it represents fruitless labors and unrealized ambitions.
- Bread**-a sufficiency of resources, but avoid waste.
- Bridge**-an event which will provide you with a short-cut to your ambitions. Seize the opportunity and act fearlessly.
- Broom**-small worries that have been affecting you will be dispersed. Brighter days lie ahead.
- Bull**-prosperity, good health, and advantageous business associations; you'll trample opposition underfoot.
- Bush**-new friends or fresh opportunities. Possibly too many? May need to focus on one thing at a time.
- Butterfly**-carefree pleasures or harmless enjoyments. If surround by dots, a worrisome frittering-away of money.

C

- Cage**-activities restricted through ill health or some other misfortune.
- Camel**-a responsibility, possibly necessitating a certain amount of travel, will be placed on the querent's shoulders. If near the handle, possibly a letter from a warm climate.
- Candle**-philanthropy, helpfulness, and inspiring others to do good. If near a moth, beware of flattery from false friends.
- Cannon**-news of a military person or government employee.
- Cap**-trouble ahead; be careful.
- Car**-Good fortune; the ability to get places.
- Cart**-the conveyance of property, either as the result of a rise in the world, or a fall from a previously high position.
- Castle**-destined to hold a high position regarding official matters. Strength of character leads to a rise in prominence and will be an asset throughout life, but an inclination toward intolerance is also clearly implied.
- Cat**-if not an actual cat, this indicates danger from a hidden or unsuspected enemy. Someone may have ingratiated themselves with intent to harm you. Be careful. If near the handle, then domestic contentment and peace are indicated.
- Cattle**-prosperity.
- Catapult**-If a letter Y appears in the cup, then beware an unprovoked attack on your reputation or credit. If near the handle, then domestic strife by an outside influence is forecast.
- Chain**-an engagement or wedding is forecast.
- Chair**-an improvement in position, an unexpected guest, or if surrounded by dots, an improved financial situation.
- Cherries**-a happy love affair.
- Chessmen**-any chess pieces indicate difficulties ahead; you will have to move carefully.
- Chimney**-social service; a life, much of which is devoted to helping the less-fortunate.
- Church**-a ceremonial gathering of some sort is foretold.
- Cigar/Cigarette**-personal faults may get in the way of achieving ambitions and attaining happiness, unless changes are made.
- Circle**-a fortunate sign; favorably-terminated projects, success, possibly a wedding. A line through it indicates a separation.
- Claw**-harm from a hidden enemy. If an animal's claw, against one's person. If a bird's claw, against one's reputation.
- Cloak**-there is deceit present. Don't be overly-trusting of business acquaintances and avoid signing contracts or agreements for one moon-cycle.
- Clock**-Don't procrastinate. You may be dragging your feet about attending to minor business matters. If at the bottom, news of a severe illness.
- Clouds**-Unhappiness caused by minor worries, or possible trouble ahead. If surrounded by dots, then financial worries. If near the house, then domestic strife. If the cup is very cloudy, then postpone the reading, for nothing of interest can be learned.
- Clover**-a very good omen, and overcomes any negative symbols around it. Fortune smiles on the inquirer. If at the top of the cup, the good fortune will be immediate; at the bottom, remote.
- Club**-an enemy's attack. Someone may try to best you in an argument, so be quick-witted and you will prevail.
- Coat**-a parting; could mean the end of a friendship.
- Coffin**-an illness brought on through neglect. At worst, death. Take steps to safeguard your health.
- Coin**-repayment of debts, or monetary gain from an unexpected source.
- Collar**-servitude; one who's fate is to obey rather than command. If broken, there is a chance of gaining one's freedom. Dependence on others for success and happiness.
- Column**-destined to gain a high position and be looked up to by others, but don't become arrogant and condescending.
- Comet**-an unexpected visitor from abroad; if stars at the end of the tail, then commercial gain from this visit. At the bottom of the cup, a sudden misfortune bringing a host of small worries in its wake.
- Compass**-travel or a change of occupation.
- Corkscrew**-curiosity causing trouble.
- Crab**- see *Shellfish*. A stubborn or tenacious person, or a situation not easy to resolve.
- Crook (Shepard's Staff)**-watchful leadership; others look to the person for material or spiritual guidance. They have a great trust to fulfill in life, and should not betray that trust.

Cross-suffering. Trial and tribulations beset your path, and some self-sacrifice will be required of you. Stoutness of purpose and purity of heart will enable you to eventually win through to happiness. Two cross indicate a *great* affliction, or severe illness.

Crown-Honor, success, raised to a high position of trust. A wish coming true, or if near a cross, then a legacy or other good fortune coming from a death.

Crutch(es)-help coming from a friend. A caution not to lean too much on something you may, in fact, not need.

Cup-a reward for effort, or for services rendered. If surrounded by dots, then the reward will be of a monetary nature.

Curtain-a secret.

Cymbal-a celebration or social gathering. Or an insincere love, more 'showy' than deeply-felt, especially if near any love symbols.

D

Daffodil-a condition of happiness; pleasure and success go hand-in-hand. If near the bottom of the cup, don't pay so much attention to your social life that you neglect your financial well-being.

Dagger-Impetuosity, danger ahead, enemies plotting, treachery and envy from those who may appear to be friends. Examine newly-formed friendships closely.

Daisy-modesty, simplicity, happiness in love. If at the bottom, cultivate more assertiveness.

Dancer-disappointment.

Dart-a sudden attack directed from a distance against you or your affairs.

Deer-a dispute or quarrel. Or, the receipt of unexpected news, symbols nearby will indicate the nature of this news.

Desk-a letter containing good news.

Devil/Demon-evil influences are present. A net of treachery is spread beneath you; tread warily.

Dish-a quarrel at home.

Diver-diving head-long into disaster; if surrounded by dots, then it's finance-related.

Dog-faithful friends and the benefits they offer. If running, good news and happy meetings. If at the bottom, a friend in trouble.

Donkey-if at the top, fortune smiles on you. In the middle, happiness and contentment. At the bottom, misfortunes overcome by patience and application.

Dove-domestic peace and happiness.

Dragon-a sudden, unreasonable terror come upon you, born of your imagination. Let sanity guide your actions. Or can mean unforeseen changes and trouble. Note: in Chinese culture, the dragon is a good omen symbol.

Drum-a bad omen. Scandal and gossip being 'drummed-up' against you and your reputation. If near the handle, domestic discord. If two or more drums, public disturbances or riots.

Duck-money coming in. An increase in wealth through bartering or exchange. An excellent omen for a farmer.

Dumbbell-others will use your abilities and ideas to further their own interests, and you won't gain from this, for they'll deny their indebtedness to you.

Dustpan-strange news about a friend.

E

Eagle-a good omen; you'll rise in the world, and others will envy you, but you'll know few true friends. Don't become conceited.

Ear-malicious rumors will reach you, but disregard them. There's a danger you'll lose a valued friendship through the spreading of scandal.

Eclipse-if it's a completely filled-in disc, then for a time the sun of your good fortune will be darkened. Harm may come to you physically or financially.

Egg-a good omen; new projects will be completed successfully, old ones will bear fruit.

Elephant-symbolic of wisdom and physical and moral strength, you will be successful, but you'll have to work long and hard for it.

Engine-news is on its way fast.

Envelope-good news arriving.

Eye-intelligent perception and mental alertness, but also a warning to be watchful and also careful in business matters. Near the handle, it calls for closer supervision of the family budget, for somebody may be taking advantage of your generosity.

F

Face-if happy, a good omen; if evil or ugly, a bad omen.

Fairy-romantic happenings and fantastic adventures. Your path through life will be a joyous one.

Fan-a flirtation, and possibly an indiscretion. Dissimulation. Trouble may be caused by a wrongful concealment of the truth. If fully-opened, the misdemeanor is magnified. Temporary falseness by a lover.

Feather-inconsistency, instability, a lack of concentration.

Feet-an important decision.

Fence-a limitation on activities or minor setbacks. Events will place obstacles in your path, but if you seek carefully, you may find a way out of your difficulties.

Fender-beware of a person you dislike; they could be plotting against you.

Fern-the inconstancy of a lover, and a restless spirit; there may be trouble in a love relationship, possibly an unfaithful lover.
Ferret-hidden enemies at work to destroy your peace of mind; they will strike when and where you least expect.
Fig-prosperity and fertility; your affairs will prosper exceedingly. Financial and social success both are indicated.
Finger-emphasizes the figure at which it points.
Fir-artistic success; the higher, the better.
Fire-a sudden burst of anger, bringing disastrous consequences. Control your temper.
Fireplace-matters related to the home.
Fish-a very good omen, one of the luckiest in the cup; nullifies every evil. Peace and plenty will attend you always, and success will crown your endeavors. If surrounded by dots, then financial gain is indicated.
Fist-an argument. If a closed fist, then some menace is threatened. If near the handle, your domestic peace is threatened.
Flag-danger from wounds, possibly in the execution of one's duty. A fearless heart is the stoutest armor.
Flower-a request will be granted, a small favor will be done.
Fly-domestic trials and tribulations; the more flies, the more minor worries that will beset you. A fly near the handle means a ginned-up scandal directed at one's spouse or children.
Foot-wisdom and discretion. You will map-out a course and stick to it.
Forest-perplexed and seeing no clear way out of your situation. Just start by focusing on one thing at a time.
Fork-a table fork indicates predicts minor worries connected with a younger person in the family.
Forked Line-a decision must be made.
Fort-protective strength; you will hold a responsible position and do it well. Many will look to you for help.
Fountain-future success and happiness.
Fowl-your productive labors will be of use to mankind, but don't overlook your own interests, or your rights will be usurped.
Fox-deceit by a trusted friend; beware of flatterers.
Frog-false pride, cultivate modesty; too much self-importance will enmesh you in disastrous arguments. Success through a change of home or job.
Fruit-general prosperity is predicted.

G

Gallows-social or financial disaster is predicted. Avoid impulsive decision-making, as your judgement isn't as sound as it should be.
Garden Roller-difficulties ahead.
Garland-high honors and great success; a token of friendship. If near the handle, a social gathering or celebration at home.
Gate-an important life transition, or an opportunity will present itself. A presage of future happiness.
Geese-invitations or unexpected visitors.
Giant-a large figure in the cup suggests some strong force is at work in your life; nearby figures will say what. Do not let circumstances undermine your will power.
Gimlet-you're blessed with keen perception; success will be yours if you use this gift to your advantage.
Giraffe-a warning to think before you speak.
Glass-you have integrity, but your motives may be too transparent, and you may not be able to withstand the blows of misfortune.
Glove-you'll either be challenged, or have cause to challenge a decision or opinion. Don't be half-hearted in your own defense; you have truth on your side.
Goat-enemies surround you; beware of a sudden and unprovoked attack on your reputation. There may be news from someone at sea.
Gondola-romance, travel.
Goose-a single goose means form your own opinions and act according to your own dictates; you may be putting too much stock in the leadership of a business acquaintance.
Grapes-a happy prosperity lies ahead for you, but beware of a too-great fondness for material pleasures.
Grasshopper-there is a lack of providence and foresight here; you'll be reduced if you don't exercise due-care. Possible news from a much-traveled friend.
Greyhound-strenuous exertion on your part will bring you good fortune, but watch your health, as physical exhaustion is also suggested by this figure.
Guitar-happiness in love, or a musical career or pastime.
Gun-trouble or quarrels generally. Or, an attack delivered on you from a long distance.
If near the handle, it will affect your domestic happiness.
If at the bottom of the cup, slanderous and hurtful gossip are indicated.
If near a heart, damage to your affections is implied.
If in the cup of a soldier or sailor, there may be a call to arms, or a cancelled leave.

H

- Hammer**-you will fashion your fate relentlessly and overcome all obstacles ruthlessly. Or, doing repetitive, unsatisfying work.
- Hand**-if well-formed, a friendship leading to social or financial success. If badly-formed, a friendship that will bring the opposite. A hand pointing toward the handle indicates good luck arising from the visit of a stranger.
- Handcuffs**-trouble ahead, which may put restraints on you.
- Hare**-timidity; cultivate assertiveness and deal with others as equals, or your business affairs will be adversely-affected. Also, try to overcome the tendency to run as soon as danger threatens. Near the handle, there may be domestic misfortune.
- Harp**-harmony in your domestic affairs and new friendships. A good time to make fresh social ventures. To a lover, it portends a happy marriage.
- Hat**-a new occupation, a change, or new interests are opening up for you. If bent and broken, failure. If on the side of the cup, diplomacy. In the bottom of the cup, a rival. If near a heart, then a successful marriage is forecast.
- Hawk**-danger from an enemy is present, and the attack will come like a bolt out of the blue. Remain alert and keep your guard up, especially for others under your roof. (Note: a Falcon in the cup means fundamentally the same thing.)
- Head**-a betterment of position; you'll be placed in charge of certain operations. Don't shirk your duty. New opportunities may present themselves.
- Heart**-love and marriage. Sincere affection. A trustworthy friend.
- Heel**-a condition of incompleteness. Partnership is the solution to your problem. For a single person, it suggests marriage may be the solution to the problem.
- Helmet**-a position of trust will be offered you, but it carries an element of risk to your personal safety. If clear and unaffected by any other symbols, you should get through it.
- Heron**-you're destined to live a rather solitary life, but try to cultivate some sociability.
- Hill**-obstacles or setbacks delay your progress.
- Hive**-contentment and orderliness in domestic affairs.
- Holly**-you may need to fight for something or someone. Or, something important will occur in winter.
- Horn**-good news; an announcement will materially promote your success. If near the top of the cup, a legacy is indicated. If surrounded by dots, good financial fortune. If overflowing with flowers or fruit, then it is a most propitious sign indicating peace and plenty.
- Horse**-wisdom, faithfulness, and social service, a life of service to others in the community. If galloping, news is on its way to you from a beloved friend. If with a rider, good news from overseas. If just a head, a lover; if well-defined, a consistent lover.
- Horseshoe**-good luck; fortune has prepared a pleasant surprise for you. If near the handle, the good luck is strengthened and may concern matters of the heart. If surrounded by dots, the good luck concerns money.
- Hose**-stockings or sock indicate a journey. If in good repair, the journey will be successful.
- Hourglass**-time is flying, don't procrastinate. A decision may have to be made. If near the handle, some domestic misfortune through lack of foresight and diligence. If at the bottom, some danger which may arise from neglectful conduct.
- House**-the safety of material possessions. At the top of the cup, a change of residence is predicted. If at the bottom, evil influences will lay siege to your moral principles.
- Hull**-a ship's hull indicates the shipwreck of a financial venture. If near the handle, it can indicate a separation or divorce.
- Human Figures**-interpret these according to position, and in relation to other symbols.
- Hurdle**-an obstacle in your path. If surrounded by dots, financial challenges.

I

- Iceberg**-danger lies ahead; proceed with caution. The calm waters around you hide a secretive and relentless enemy.
- Idol**-you're placing your trust in someone who doesn't deserve it. Heed this warning before you're betrayed.
- Initial(s)**-usually those of people known to you, but if by a triangle, then they are the initials of strangers.
- Inkblot**-you're in danger of a sullied reputation. Watch your words and actions carefully, lest you give the gossips something to talk about.
- Inkpot**-a letter to come.
- Insect**-minor problems or vexing worries are to come, but if you face them with confidence, you will suffer no serious hurt.
- Ivy/Ivy Leaf**-the person has a faithful, reliable friend. If near the handle, the ivy leaf represents a devoted lover.

J

Jackal-indicates the presence of a mischief maker. The subject will suffer the petty annoyances of idle gossip.

Jester-a symbol of frivolity. The subject should cultivate a more serious outlook on life, for there is a danger that foolish words and/or actions could have more serious repercussions than they anticipate, and lead them into disgrace.

Jewelry-a gift is coming for the subject.

Jockey-if the image is well-defined then success in speculative ventures is predicted. If at the top of the cup, the subject will win a lottery or a sweepstake.

Jug-the subject will hold an influential position, and through it, will be able to advance the interests of their friends. If at the bottom of the cup, there is a suggestion that excessive indulgence in luxuries will lead to severe losses. Near the handle, it indicates the subject will enjoy good health.

K

Kangaroo-symbolic of familial affection; if near the handle, the meaning is strengthened. The subject will enjoy the love of dependents and relations, and their domestic affairs will run smoothly.

Kettle-relates to the conditions surrounding the subject's home life; if near the handle, then domestic contentment reigns. If at the bottom, then there is domestic discord.

Key-foretells the advent of new projects; there will be new opportunities, doors opening, you'll gaze upon fresh fields to conquer. The steps the subject takes will have an important influence on their life; in making decisions, they should see to it that their heart is ruled by their head.

If near the handle, a **single key** denotes domestic happiness.

If two or more keys are present at the bottom of the cup, then it indicates the danger of a robbery.

Crossed keys are a harbinger of success.

Keyhole-beware of indulging in idle curiosity; you may discover something you'd wished you hadn't. Alternatively, there is a danger the subject may be overheard in a conversation they wish to keep private, so they should exercise caution in speech.

King-the subject has a powerful ally whose aid they may draw on.

Kite-lofty aspirations; if well-formed, the subject may achieve a high position, although there may be some ups and downs along the way. If there's no tail, the subject must take care that their fanciful ideas don't destroy their balance or common sense for there's a danger their ideas will be dashed to the ground.

Knapsack (Backpack)-many short journeys are indicated. If surrounded by dots, there will be financial gain associated with these short trips.

Knife-separations and strife, broken relationships; broken contracts or severed friendships may be foretold.

A long and pointed blade- indicates injury at the hands of an enemy.

Near the handle, it indicates a separation or divorce.

At the bottom of the cup, it indicates lawsuits.

Crossed Knives-indicate arguments, quarrels, or bitter disputes.

A knife surrounded by dots- indicates contention about money matters.

L

Lace-a pattern suggesting lacework means complications and perplexities will cloud your horizon. Don't try to find a torturous path, picking your way around or through these, make bold decisions and have faith in your first instincts.

Ladder-an advancement in position is predicted, possibly through your own initiative and hard work.

Ladle-the subject will receive help from a friend. If dots are nearby, the help is financial.

Lamp-things which you do not understand will be made clear to you. Any gloom around you will be swept away.

If a Lamp near the handle, it indicates a celebration or festive gathering connected with the home.

Near the top of the cup, a celebration.

On the side of the cup, a personal loss.

At the bottom of the cup, a postponed special event.

Two lamps, two marriages.

Lantern-a symbol of guidance and protection. The dark places in your journey through life will not scare you, for good influences will watch over you and guide your path.

Laurel Leaf-high honors; your labors in life, whether mental or physical, will be crowned with success.

Leaf (single, any kind)-can portend prosperity or good fortune, according to one source. Another says it foretells the receipt of news, and that a cluster of leaves is a prediction of happiness and fulfilled ambitions. A leaf at the bottom of the cup foretells news of the death of an elderly friend or relative.

Leg-symbolic of activity. A series of stirring events will follow quickly on the heels of each other. A clearly defined, well-shaped leg means these events will help your advancement.

Leopard-stealthy enemies are lying in wait for the opportunity to do you injury; Be circumspect and do not be overly-trustful in business affairs.

Letter-news is on its way to you, and the nature of the symbols near it will indicate the nature of the news. Dots around it indicate it relates to financial matters.

Lighthouse-succor and help will come in a time of need; you'll be saved from being shipwrecked on the shoals of ill fortune.

Lily-purity in thought, word and deed. Your reputation will be irreproachable. If close to the handle, you will have a virtuous partner.

Lines-generally speaking, these represent progress, either material or spiritual. It's best if they're straight, clear and unbroken.

Double lines indicate a journey.

Crossed lines indicate a decision must be made, or new ventures to be embarked-upon.

Curved line(s) indicates the heart rules the head.

Wavy lines indicate uncertainty and disappointment.

Slanted line indicates a business failure.

Lion-symbolic of high authority and greatness. Influential friends will aid you in the attainment of this, so don't forget their assistance. If a mace is nearby, an official appointment of great importance and good emolument is predicted.

Litter-if the tea leaves assume the form of a confused heap or litter, then this suggests the subject's state of mind is scattered. They should first compose themselves, then the chaotic conditions will disappear.

Loaf-this symbol can be good or bad, depending on the surrounding conditions. As a good omen it portends prosperity and freedom from want. As a bad omen, it portends poverty and hunger.

Lock-an obstacle will delay your progress. If surrounded by dots, then the lack of hoped-for financial support will delay carrying-out a hoped-for project.

Locomotive-new spheres of interest, primarily connected with travel, will open up for you.

Log-inactivity and laziness.

Loom-through conscientious industry, you'll achieve your ambitions. Your life will be smooth and you'll brighten the lives of your coworkers.

Loop-impulsive actions could bring you trouble, because a snare has been prepared for you. Move with care.

Lyre-a symbol of harmony, and a good omen for anyone in the arts, as it indicates advancement. Near the handle a festive

M

Mace-symbolic of authority, you'll likely achieve high office. In time, you'll be renowned for your sagacity and prudence. If near the handle, then an official visit is suggested.

Man-the arrival of a guest. If his arm is outstretched, he bears a gift for you.

Mask-a deception will be perpetrated against you. Therefore, don't judge too hastily, and try to see beneath the surface of things. To a lover, this could indicate the infidelity of their beloved. If near the house and the surrounding symbols are good, you could receive an invitation to a social event.

Medal-you'll be awarded some honor or distinction for services rendered. Your social position could benefit accordingly.

Mermaid-a sign of temptation and allurements, someone will try to seduce you from a sane course of action. Resist it, or disaster will follow. If near the handle, there will be domestic trouble caused by a flirtation.

Meteor-fame will come to you overnight, and your brilliance will attract the eyes of the world. Problem is, this can also indicate that your fall from fame will be as rapid as your rise. This can also be an indicator that you will suffer much in your career from the lack of understanding by your fellow humans.

Miter-a high honor awaits you; the excellence of your example will influence the lives of those around you.

Mole-enemies are at work to undermine the safety of your position. Look for danger where you least expect it.

Monkey-a flattering mischief maker; regard them with caution, for they do not wish you well.

Monster-whatever its form, this indicates fear will enter your heart. Listen to the voice of common sense, and the terror will depart.

Moon-a **first-quarter moon** indicates new projects are soon to begin.

Last-quarter moon indicates waning influences still have the ability to adversely affect your affairs.

Full Moon-predicts a love affair.

Dots around Full Moon-the romantic attachment is more worldly than ideal, and it could lead to a marriage of convenience.

Partially-obscured Moon-the subject may suffer from depression.

Mountain-the subject likely has high ambitions; if clear and well-defined, they'll achieve them. If obscured by lines or clouds, there could be dangers or obstacles to overcome first.

Mouse-poverty caused by a lack of initiative. Or theft, in the form of pilferage.

Mummy-your mental state is sluggish. Take more interest in the world around you, or your prospects and health are bound to suffer.

Mushroom-sudden growth or expansion. New ideas will blossom into fruitfulness unexpectedly. If a heart nearby, love will come unexpectedly. At the top of the cup, unsought honors will be thrust upon the subject. Near the handle, a move to the country.

N

Nail-malice, injustice and sharp pain. Enemies will seek to do you a cruel, heartless injury. If near the handle, the hurt will be directed against someone for whom the subject holds great affection.

Necklace-if complete, it signifies either admirers, or the receipt of an honor. If incomplete, there will be damage to your reputation. If broken, the end of a relationship.

Needle-admiration someone feels for you. Or, a pointed comment directed your way.

Net-snares have been spread in your path; secret enemies are envious of your position. Let vigilance be your watchword.

Noose-same fundamental meaning as the **Loop**. Someone may be trying to give you enough rope to hang yourself; don't indulge them.

Nose-an advancement in position is indicated, and preference in social affairs.

Numbers-interpret in relation to the symbols around them, or according to the principles of numerology.

Nun-a quarantine may be declared. Or, there could be deception on the part of someone you love.

If you have a new friend, do not place implicit trust in this person until their loyalty has been proved.

Nurse-illness, or even hospitalization is predicted for the subject.

If near the handle, then they need to keep an eye out for household members, for illness or injury threatens one of them.

If the nurse is surrounded by dots, then expensive, possibly financially ruinous future health care is predicted.

Nutcracker-difficulty is passing. Could be a reference to the Christmas season, depending on other symbols around it.

O

Oak-a lucky sign. Long life, good health, general prosperity and good fortune are predicted. Great strength of character is also indicated, and many will seek out your protection from the troubles of life.

Oar-there will be a small worry ahead, but you will receive help in resolving this difficulty.

Oats-simplicity and steadfastness. The mantle of social service will fall on your shoulders. You may not rise high in this world, but you will nonetheless do useful work in it.

Old Man-you have lost an opportunity to do something great; it may not come again. Declining fortunes are indicated. Make more and better use of your time.

Old Woman-a forewarning of sickness or the enfeeblement of mental powers. See to it that you don't waste your life energies on frivolous living.

Owl-a bad omen. Failure in health or business will be experienced unless you take the greatest of precautions.

Can also be symbolic of gossip, scandal, or failure.

At the bottom of the cup, financial failure.

Near the handle or at the top of the cup, domestic failure; misery caused by the unfaithfulness of a loved one.

Oyster-this denotes a secretive nature. You possess valuable assets, likely material but possibly immaterial. The thing is, you're inclined to keep them to yourself, owing to a natural suspicion of humankind. You need to be on guard against mental stagnation.

P

Padlock-if open, a surprise is coming. If closed, take it as a warning. Nearby symbols should indicate about what.

Pagoda-indicates fatalism is present in this person's nature. Resist the urge to take your fate lying down. Remember: 'the wise man rules his stars, the fool obeys them.'

Palinquin-progress, success and honors await you. You will be carried forward to your ultimate goal on the shoulders of others' ambitions, but don't ever despise those whose labors made your own success possible.

Palm Tree-success, honor, and happiness in love.

Pan-a shallow vessel reflects a shallow mind. Contentment may become a vice; rouse yourself to activity.

Parachute-you will experience an escape from danger.

Parasol-a new lover.

Parcel-a surprise.

Parrot-idle gossip and scandal will cause you unhappiness; beware of flatterers. Possibility of a journey.

Pawnbrokers Sign-three circles arranged in triangular fashion predict a lack of material possessions. Want may drive you to despair, unless you develop a sense of thrift and practicality of mind.

Peacock-vanity and a love of luxury. If near bad symbols, there's a danger you could lose it all.

If near the handle, a happy home amid beautiful surroundings.

Near the heart, a rich lover.

Near a ring, a wealthy and happy marriage.

Pear-comfort and financial ease; your labors will be fruitful, and no financial worries will cloud your horizon.

Pencil-a thick line tapering to a fine point indicates mental exactitude and fine perception. Your quick wit will stand you in good stead, but don't get too overconfident, for the failure of your most cherished schemes is also indicated.

Pendulum-symbolizing regularity, this indicates you will conduct your domestic and business affairs in an orderly fashion, and that gains will come from steady, persistent effort. But guard against becoming too conventional and narrow-minded.

Pentagon-someone with keen, well-balanced mental powers. This person will design their life symmetrically, and will achieve success through orderliness.

Piano-symbolizing harmony, this means you will exercise a peaceful influence on those around you and will bring out the best that lies within their hearts and minds.

Pickaxe-a determined, relentless individual who will overcome all obstacles with persistent energy and the directness of their attack. This will cause them to be seen as ruthless, and may win them enemies as well.

Pig-this symbol is at first lucky, then unlucky. You *will* achieve material success, but that will then bring on emotional problems, especially greed. Cultivate moderation in all things and avoid over-anxiety in business affairs.

Pincers-a difficult problem awaits a solution; muster all your mental energies to solve it. Avoid disputes; there may be a lawsuit.

Pipe-thoughts; the solution to a problem; keep an open mind.

Pistol-a threat will be leveled at you. Take care not to be coerced into pursuing a course you know is morally wrong. Circumstances will arise which'll require an immediate decision on your part.

Plumb-line-moral rectitude and uprightness. You will shoulder the weight of great responsibilities because of it, and be regarded as a benefactor of mankind.

Policeman-you have a secret enemy, who may use the cover of the law to harass or harm you.

Porch-new undertakings; you'll enter new spheres of activity and have adventures that will affect you mentally and physically.

Pot-signifies utility; social service will be the basic principle of your life.

Precipice (Cliff)-danger threatens you; a sudden fall in position is a distinct possibility. Look before you leap, for it may be farther down to the bottom than you realize. If dots surround it, money is involved.

Priest-if near the handle, a birth, death or marriage is foretold. Otherwise, it represents spiritual leadership; your good example will inspire the thoughts and deeds of others.

Profile-you will make a new friend. It will not be a deep or lasting friendship and you'll gain little from it, but for a time, this person will exert a great influence on your life.

Pulley-advancement through the assistance of friends. Your way will be made easy, and you'll achieve your greatest ambitions easily.

Pump-this denotes a generous nature, and you'll answer many appeals for charity. Just don't let the unscrupulous, greedy or lazy take advantage of your warm-heartedness and generosity.

Pumpkin-growth and change; your star of good fortune is in the ascendant when this symbol appears. Events which will completely alter the course of your life are coming, so be ready to seize opportunities when they present themselves.

Purse-a gain of some kind, either material or spiritual. If surrounded by dots, it's financial. By the handle, you'll benefit by an inheritance. At the bottom of the cup, a loss is foretold.

Pyramid-this can be an indicator of solid success, but it may also be an indicator the person desires immortality. They're encouraged to concentrate on doing good without thought of reward, and to be content to leave acclamation of their noble deeds to posterity.

Q

Question Mark-there is hesitancy and caution here. You may be feeling indecisive, and through your hesitancy to act, a loss will befall you. To avoid this fate, make a decision, set your hand to the plough, and once you start moving, don't look back.

Queen-there may be an important woman, a high-ranking dignitary coming into your life, or at least a woman who carries herself with the dignity of a queen. If not a high-ranking dignitary, this can indicate a person with a very high opinion of herself. She may be a doyenne of society, or merely fancy she is. If at the bottom of the cup, she will cause you trouble. If near the handle, she's likely a family member, relative, or neighbor.

Quill-can represent writing or a writer. This can also indicate one with a restless nature, possibly one with ADHD, who find it difficult to settle down and focus on one thing for a long time. It could indicate someone who periodically must stand up from their writing and move around in order to bring on more inspiration.

Quiver-a quiver of arrows indicates a state of preparedness. The traits of foresight and perception will greatly assist you in the battle of life; your enemies won't prevail against you. If the quiver is empty, then the opposite is the case—a failure to be perceptive, foresighted and prepared will give your enemies an advantage and cause you to lose in the battle of life.

R

Rabbit-a timid nature; courage is sadly-lacking in your nature. At the first sign of trouble, you turn tail and run. You need to work on cultivating stoutness of heart, and facing your troubles head-on. If you do, you will find that the majority of them existed only in your imagination.

Racket-you will be in a contest of some kind, either mental or physical. Surrounding symbols will indicate whether you are successful or not. If the handle of the racket is by the handle of the cup and pointing away from it, then it's a warning not to be drawn into any disputes, for the conditions for victory are more favorable to your opponent.

Raft-you'll receive help from a friend. If there's dots nearby, financial help is indicated.

Railroad Tracks-a long journey is predicted.

Rainbow-a symbol of hope. The storm in your life will turn to sunshine if you look at it from a more positive mindset. If a foot of the Rainbow lands near the handle of the cup, it's an exceedingly good omen, as it promises realized ambitions, and an old age spend in ease and contentment.

Rake-smooth conditions will lead the way to smooth progress, so readjust your affairs and pay more attention to detail.

If near the handle of the cup, the Rake predicts trouble through the revelation of past misdemeanors.

Rat-treachery and malice threatens you currently, possibly unawares. Don't turn your back on your enemies, nor underestimate their vindictiveness. Also be careful in whom you place your trust, for there is a real possibility you will suffer a loss.

Raven-possible bad news will arrive.

If near the handle, there may be domestic strife caused by idle gossip.

If at the bottom of the cup, a slander suit is indicated.

A raven, crow or rook can suggest this person lacks a settled purpose in life. They need to rely on their own ability, to cultivate more stability, and to curb their inclination to profit at others' expense.

Razor-strife and enmity are foretold. If a heart is nearby, a lovers' quarrel could be coming and possibly a separation.

Reef-hidden dangers beset your course. Be reasonable, listen to the advice of the experienced, and you'll arrive at the harbor safely.

Reins-you'll have reason to seek guidance. Trust the counsel you receive and don't let your heart rule your head. You're at a crossroads and whatever course you take you'll encounter events which will materially affect your success.

Reptile-any kind of reptile in a cup always indicates treachery and malice. Closely examine any newly-formed friendships, because you've made the acquaintance of a secret enemy or two, who seek to do you harm.

Rhinoceros-indicative of a gross and cruel nature, this person is lacking mental and moral refinement and deals harshly with his fellow humans. On the other hand, this does indicate strength of character, which, if well-developed, could be put to good use.

Rider-news is making its way to you swiftly.

Ring-completion, eternity. A lasting friendship or a lasting love.

At the top of the cup-marriage.

Middle of the cup-a proposal.

At the bottom of the cup-a long engagement.

Complete ring-a happy marriage.

A broken ring, or a ring with a cross next to it-a broken engagement.

Two rings near each other-the sudden completion of an important contract, or plans working out.

Clouds surrounding a ring-predict an unhappy union.

Roadway-two parallel lines forming a roadway predict a journey. If leading from the handle of the cup, either a removal from the home, or a journey born of a domestic separation is indicated.

Rocks-difficulties and obstacles.

Rope-restrictions. Circumstances will arise which will hamper your activities. If tangled-up, you will experience many complications in your affairs, and getting them straightened-out will be an arduous task.

Rose-a lucky sign to observe in a cup. To all, it indicates circumstances are propitious to start new projects.

This person will enjoy true friendship, happiness, success and popularity.

For a lover, it represents the fulfillment of his most cherished desires. His married life will be blissful and of long-duration.

For the artist, it promises high honors. Success will soon attend his endeavors.

A withered Rose-foretells the fading of feelings of love and the declining of feelings of affection for someone.

Rudder-the rudder of a boat indicates you are under guidance. Providence is watching over your affairs and directing your course. Place implicit trust in your star of good fortune and face the future bravely.

S

Sabot-more commonly known as the Dutch shoe, the wooden shoe indicates someone with a contented, but somewhat phlegmatic disposition. Narrowmindedness and a lack of initiative will hamper their chance of success. A strong domestic streak in this person's nature means they're too-inclined to let the four walls of their house limit their scope of activity.

Saddle-events are shaping up which, if properly taken advantage of, will carry you a long way on the road to success. Be quick to seize your opportunities.

Saucepan-anxieties are heating up in your soul. Try to get these under control.

Saw-symbolic of discord and an interfering outsider, the harmony of your domestic circle is threatened. Proceed warily in your dealings with new acquaintances to the family circle.

Scabbard-without its sword, this symbol indicates a lack of foresight and preparedness. Because you possess limited vision, you will be exposed to attack by your enemies.

Scales-symbolizing justice, generally, a lawsuit is predicted. If they are evenly balanced, the omen is good and you'll be dealt with fairly. Out of balance, it's an ill omen; you'll be weighed and found wanting. At the bottom of the cup, the legal decision will likely be against you. If in the middle or at the top of the cup, provided the symbols around aren't bad, the decision will likely go in your favor.

Scepter-a symbol of power and authority, this means you'll attain high office, and a position of trust.

Scimitar-destruction is suspended above your head, and it's possible you brought this situation on yourself. Think before you speak and act with care, for that Scimitar hangs by a thread.

Scissors-this foretells unhappiness caused by bickering and disputes. You'll be at cross-purposes with those who seek to advise you. Misunderstandings will darken your path and fill you with bitterness. If near the handle, domestic quarrels are predicted. If a heart or ring is nearby, it indicates a separation of lovers.

Scorpion-deadly vindictiveness; someone will lash out and you'll feel the sting. This could be from scandal or lying tongues. Advance cautiously but resolutely.

Scourge-adversity will lash you cruelly and vindictive criticism will be leveled at you. Bear it resolutely, and know your troubles will come to an end.

Scythe-a sudden cutting off, something coming to an abrupt end. The sudden, unexpected defeat of cherished schemes. It's position in the cup and other nearby symbols should indicate what this sudden ending involves.

Sedan (Litter)-progress; you'll be carried toward your ultimate goal on the shoulders of others. Success and honor awaits you. But don't despise those whose labor made your advancement possible.

See-Saw-ups and downs will characterize your progress through life. Strive to cultivate mental equilibrium and a discouragement-resistant spirit. Remember: 'Whom The Gods love, They chasten.'

Shark-danger threatens from an unexpected quarter. A vicious and sudden attack from an enemy is predicted. Your life or material possessions may be endangered. Keep a sharp lookout for signs of trouble, and deal with it swiftly. A bold front will scare off the attacker.

Sheep-an indicator of docility, your gentle nature will leave you vulnerable to the rapacious attacks of evil-doers. But your example of self-sacrifice will influence others. Try to cultivate initiative and act on your own sometimes; don't always follow others' lead. Near the handle, a sheep foretells prosperity and success.

Shell-the spreading of news. Good or bad news will depend on attendant symbols around it.

Shellfish-whether it be a crab, lobster, shrimp or prawn, this denotes a predatory nature. This person should rely on their own abilities (rather than others' fortunes) and success will reward them. There is a general viciousness in this person's nature, which they should work on eliminating.

Ship-if clearly defined and surrounded by favorable symbols, a very good omen. Your fortunes are assured and good health and prosperity are on their way to you. If poorly formed, then your prospects are not good. If the ship is small and pointed away from the handle, a journey is predicted. If pointed toward the handle, a visit from friends or the receipt of news is forecast.

Shoe-a love of comfort may prevent you from walking with purpose. But that which is worth having is worth working for. If you want a change for the better, you must work for it. Soft and pleasant roads in life often end in adversity.

Sickle-a sign of labor, any success you enjoy in life will be by the sweat of your own brow. The common good will benefit from your existence. Restrain any ruthlessness in your nature; it's better to create than destroy.

Skeleton-a period of ill-health or need could be coming for you. It could be happenstance, but there's an equal chance you brought it on yourself through your own carelessness. Conserve your strength and put your house in order.

Skull-danger lies in your path. Take care of your health and avoid unnecessary risks. Near the handle, it can predict the severe illness and death of a loved one.

Sleigh-a sleigh or sled foretells easy and rapid advancement. Fortune smiles on you and your path will be free of all jarring obstacles and petty annoyances. Take care that you don't become cold-hearted and overly self-assured in the process.

Snail-this indicates a person with a plodding nature. 'Slow but sure' is likely a motto with this one. Just be sure your slow, plodding path through life lead you somewhere and not to dead ends.

Snake-intense enmity; someone is planning to harm you. You will incur much deadly hate, so beware. If near the handle, this person is someone in your domestic circle in whom you've mistakenly placed your trust.

S

Soldier-you'll have to overcome much opposition in life. Be prepared to face much adversity. Your strength of character will bring eventual victory.

Spade-a symbol of hard and conscientious labor, you'll attain success only by your own unaided efforts, and then only after a difficult struggle. See too it that your plans and schemes have a firm foundation before you begin the struggle to make them real.

Spear-a sudden assault by an adversary. Your reputation may suffer hurt by the cruel barbs of slander. It'll be a good opportunity to get extreme sensitivity under control and develop a thicker skin.

Spider-persistence and determination in the face of life's ups and downs, and you'll face many. No matter-your determination to succeed is undaunted. But the strong element of guile in your nature will retard your progress. Try to be more straightforward, at least sometimes. A small spider near the handle predicts a small amount of money coming to the inquirer.

Spiral-your rise in life will be slow but certain. A position of great trust awaits you. Maintain trust in your own abilities.

Spoon-this can indicate someone with a generous nature. It can also indicate a christening. Two spoons indicate a harmless flirtation.

Spur-you're a self-starter. Your own persistent energies will gain you advancement. But keep a constant watch over your health both mental and physical; continual attempts to override it will lead to nervous breakdown.

Square-symbolic of restriction, either mental or physical, this is an ill-omened sign. There may be some form of imprisonment or the forced suspension of activities due to illness. Ill-considered words or actions could lead you into serious trouble. If it has any positive meaning, it can represent protection, comfort and peace.

Star-here, we're talking about asterisk-style stars. Generally, a star means health wealth and happiness will be yours.

A **five-pointed star** is good fortune.

A **six-pointed star** is good fortune.

An **eight-pointed star** is an ill-omen; it means a serious accident or reversal of fortune. If near the handle, a domestic disaster is predicted.

Five stars together mean success without happiness.

Seven stars together represent bereavement, grief and sorrow.

A **group of small stars** close to the handle indicate happy and contented progeny may be expected.

Steeple-symbolic of lofty aspirations and high ideals, these character traits will lead you to an elevated position where you'll be looked up to, and by your noble example influence their lives. On a more mundane level, this can indicate a slight delay or small instance of bad luck.

Steps-you will make regular, incremental progress and improvement in life.

Stirrup-you'll be helped into an advancement by the aid of a friend; don't scorn his help.

Stocks-hindrances will arise in your path, and your activities will be confined or restrained. This may happen as the result of an indiscretion on your part, so watch your words and actions!

Submarine-secret enemies seek to do you harm. Look for danger where you least expect it. The calm surface waters of life often hide the greatest terrors.

Sun-symbolic of happiness, success and power, you will shed your light on all those around you. Many will bask in the warmth of your good-natured protection.

If it's a **rising sun**, your fortunes are in the ascendant; new opportunities will come your way.

If it's a **setting sun**, your fortunes are on the wane and you will see a decline in your power.

A **Sun near the handle** indicates a new addition to the family.

Sunshade-a period of happiness is coming where all your affairs will prosper. Remember to mow hay while the sun shines.

Swallow-rapid advancement, travel, and decisiveness are indicated. A new phase of life is approaching, and its laden with good fortune. New interests abroad may well open up for you, necessitating many periodic comings and goings. Strike out rapidly and strongly in both thought and deed.

Swan-a symbol of good omen, your progress through life will be smooth and graceful, with no storms to darken your happiness.

In the quiet ways of life, you will find great contentment.

A **heart nearby** indicates a faithful lover.

A **ring nearby** predicts a happy marriage.

Sword-indicates disappointments, disputes or quarrels to come. There may even be an all-out onslaught by an enemy, so be on your guard for this possibility. A broken sword predicts a victory for your opponents.

T

Table-symbolic of a feast or celebration, this symbol indicates there will be cause for celebration soon.

If near the handle, the festivities will happen under your own roof.

If it's a round table, it indicates a conference of some kind.

If the round table is surrounded by dots, then the conference will concern money.

Tap/Faucet-social service related activities provide an outlet for your energies. You will bring prosperity into the lives of others, though you yourself may never attain it. If the tap is running, these meanings are strengthened. The Tap also indicates a person who possesses an abundance of good qualities.

Tassel-symbolizing frivolity, it suggests luxuries hold too-great a fascination for you. Try to become more serious-minded, or the real joys of living will assuredly escape you.

Teapot-a conference or committee meeting is coming, at which you will be asked to give your opinion on matters affecting social conditions. Speak your mind openly and fearlessly. If the teapot appears near the handle, scandalous gossip will harm your good name.

Telephone-important news will arrive via a phone call or text message. Forgetfulness causes trouble—and if trouble comes, don't be surprised if you find out about it via a phone call or text message.

Telescope-one with acute discernment and perspicacity; things which escape others are clear to you. Don't look so far ahead, however, that you neglect attending to current events.

Tent-an unsettled life; your love of adventure and travel will exert an influence over your choice of career. Your ways will lie in strange places. Near the handle, a move or a short trip is forecast.

Thumb-power; there may be a tyrannical streak in your nature which needs curbing. Someone in a position of authority may offer you aid; accept it, for conditions are right for your advancement.

Toad-flattery; somewhere in your circle of acquaintances is someone who is flattering you with an eye toward attaining his own ends at your expense. When you've identified this person, have nothing to do with him. Near the house, this predicts domestic trouble is coming, caused by someone's deceit.

Tomb-you'll suffer a loss. If dots are nearby, it's a financial loss. This is also a caution not to dwell too much on past mistakes and failures; stay focused on the future.

Tool-executive ability; that which is given to you to do, you'll do well. This is also a caution not to let others use you to achieve their ends.

Torch-a turn for the better is coming. This is also symbolic of learning and progressive work, and is strongly associated with social service. You'll be known as someone who strove for the betterment of humankind. Press onwards and don't be discouraged by malicious criticism.

Tortoise-a reticent, timid-natured person who is sensitive to criticism and will withdraw into their shell at the first sign of criticism. Face facts bravely and you'll find you have the strength to face the buffetings of fortune. Also discourage mental inactivity in yourself, or it will lead to slothfulness and failure.

Tree-changes for the better and ambitions fulfilled. If surrounded by dots, your fortunes will be developed in rural areas. A clump of trees foretells prosperity.

Trestle-you'll carry a heavy burden of responsibility on your shoulders, but by cooperating with others, you'll rise high in life and prove of great service to the community.

Triangle-something unexpected. If pointed upward, it brings success. If pointed downward, it's an ill-omen and it brings failure or loss; your plans will come to naught. Also, when pointed downward, make sure your heart does not rule your head, or certain failure will result.

Trident-a symbol of marine authority, to a sailor, it promises speedy promotion and eventual leadership. If engaged in mercantile enterprises, much gain will come to you via shipping. If pointed downwards, mercantile projects will fail, and losses at sea you will experience.

Tripod-you will have success in matters related to the occult. The hidden mysteries of life will be revealed to you, and knowledge and power will raise you above the common rut. But put your unusual abilities to good use and don't become obsessed by mysticism—it's a good servant, but a dangerous master.

Trousers-unhappiness caused by scandal; possible exposure of your past and intimate life. Face the music with a brave demeanor, and leave the past in the past.

Trowel-lay the foundation of your endeavors well and truly, for on that you will build your way to success.

Trunk-there will be sudden changes of plans. You will be called upon to make course-of-life-altering decisions. Surrounding symbols will yield more information. If near the handle, then either a long journey or a visitor from afar is predicted.

U

Umbrella-symbolic of shelter and protection, if open, you'll have reason to seek the assistance of your friends. If it's closed, all your appeals for assistance will be denied.

Unicorn-symbolic of purity, innocence, and maidenly virtue, this could be describing a person's traits. Or it can foretell a secret wedding.

Urn-symbolic of chance, the indications are you will be extremely lucky with lotteries, sweepstakes and random drawings. Just don't let the important things in life be decided by random chance; use your own judgement.

V

Valise-see **Trunk**

Valley-a line with a dip in it indicates there will be a period where your fortunes will ebb. It's not permanent and it's not completely ill-omened, as it predicts you'll rise to a new and higher level. For now, relax during the ebbing tide and prepare yourself for the tasks ahead of you when the tide surges again, as it will.

Weather Vane-this indicates inconstancy; you have trouble focusing on any one thing for long. Train yourself to focus on one thing at a time and complete it. Remember, a rolling stone gathers no moss. Indecisiveness can cause difficulty. If near a heart, the Weather Vane indicates a fickle lover—look elsewhere if you seek constancy in affection.

Vase-a friend may be in need of your help. Your life will be a useful one, and you'll generate much happiness around you. Humanity will benefit by your work.

Vegetables-the presence of any vegetables foretell initial unhappiness, followed by contentment.

Viaduct-you may be instrumental in bringing about an important deal, or in the finalizing of a contract. This could be something that'll advance the public welfare.

Violet-symbolic of modesty and faithfulness, you have a tendency to become too introspective and thus develop an inferiority complex. Have faith in your abilities and accept serenely whatever limelight is thrown on you or your work. Such exposure will not be detrimental to your character.

Violin-you have an independent streak and your best work is accomplished without the aid of others. Eliminate your irritable streak and your life will be harmonious. This symbol is also a warning against egotism, which may also be present in your nature—curb it.

Volcano-slumbering passions. The danger is that your passions and lower instincts will suddenly burst forth uncontrollably and ruin your career or your future. Practice assiduous self-control.

Vulture-symbolic of cruelty and theft, danger hovers over you. You may suffer oppression from someone who holds authority over you. Bitter enemies seek to do you injury. Burglary is also a possibility. Be on guard against possible loss through the dishonest practices of one who envies your position. It's rotten to be you with *this* symbol.

W

Wagon-see also **Cart**, with which it shares some meaning, the Wagon can also predict a wedding to come.

Walking Stick-a visit, likely by a well-heeled person, but possibly by an elderly or physically-challenged person.

Wasp-suffering hurt through the persistent machinations of an enemy. Your good name may suffer, for there's scandal-mongers at large. This can also indicate trouble in love—the loved one may do or say something which stings.

Waterfall-prosperity or a shower of blessings will rain down on you.

Whale-a position of high leadership awaits you. Symbolic of business success, the world of commerce is likely where you'll find your true calling. Your keen perception and administrative abilities will stand you in good stead, and your energetic nature will overcome all obstacles in your path.

Wheel-each turn of the wheel of Fortune will bring you advancement, and it will happen more than once. If near the handle, a legacy is predicted.

Wheelbarrow-you will meet up with an old friend, and one of you may render assistance to the other.

Windmill-only by hard work will you achieve success; brilliance won't do it for you. So strive cheerfully and vigorously, and don't leave the grindstone of life to be turned only by the winds of chance.

Window-if open, it foretells good luck coming to you from a friend. If closed, then disappointment will come to you via a friend.

Wings-a message is on its way to you. Depending on the environment in the cup and its location, it could be good or bad news.

Wishbone-a wish will be granted you.

Wolf-Jealous intrigues will disturb your peace of mind. Those who envy you are to be feared the most. Take precautions against theft.

Woman-usually signifies happiness and pleasure, but the presences of two or more, especially near the handle, indicate gossip directed against you. If dots appear around the woman figure, it can indicate prosperity and/or a large family.

Worm-secret enemies, possibly at a lower level than you, are seeking to undermine your position. So probe deeply beneath the surface of things and examine all your friendships closely. More than one worm can indicate a scandal brewing.

Wreath-a predictor of happiness ahead. There could be a domestic celebration ahead, holiday-related or otherwise.

(Ship)Wreck-a sign of ill-omen, look to all your affairs, for disaster threatens. Depending on surrounding symbols, it may or may not be something you can prevent, for it could come suddenly or with little warning. If surrounded by dots, a financial crash is indicated. If near the handle, domestic troubles threaten; you could be separated from one for whom you harbor great affection.

Y

Yacht-see also **Ship**. A pleasurable event is indicated. You may receive an invitation aboard such a vessel by a friend, business associate or social contact.

Yew-symbolic of longevity, there is the distinct possibility that you will live to a very advanced age and perform much useful work. You may well leave behind quite a body of work or accomplishments to your credit, depending on your own level of industry.

Yoke-this signifies a condition of slavery. Someone either *does* dominate your life or will *attempt* to dominate your life. They either control you, *think* they control you, or *want* to control you. Does the Yoke suit you? Think well on it. Try to cultivate a greater strength of will, because submission to the controller will not always repay you. Surrounding symbols may yield more information on the circumstances of your situation.

Z

Zebra-you will enjoy many adventures in foreign lands. A strong love of travel will exert a strong influence over your life. Though you likely won't attain much worldly success in business affairs, happiness will walk hand in hand with you throughout your life. Indeed, your life's work may well be connected to the travel industry.

