

ELEMENTAL MAGIC TAROT READING



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Sun in Aries, Moon Waxing Crescent in Taurus

Earth Supports: Ace of Pentacles: Auspicious! Pentacles are Earth-oriented themselves, so having the Ace turn up in this position suggests that I have very firm ground to stand on. It also suggests, however, that this may be new territory, given that it's the Ace and not another of the suit. The ground I can plant myself in now is fertile and could lead to great prosperity and abundance, if I properly tend it. This also indicates that I can, or should, feel solid in myself, sure that good things will materialize if I dedicate myself to productivity and consistency.

Air Directs: Six of Swords: This card represents moving away from a stressful situation and difficulties, and that seems a good fit for the Air card at this juncture of my life. I am called upon to leave behind what has been dragging me down and holding me back for the past several months. I need to focus my mental efforts on the future, not the past. An Air card in the Air position suggests that I have the ability to do so now with the wind in my sails, as it were.

Water Nourishes: Seven of Swords: This is a rather negative card, and perhaps I should read it in terms of what has been poisoning the well for me. The Seven of Swords is sometimes called the thief's card, and it represents an atmosphere that lacks trust and support. Uncertainty and subterfuge abound, and those are not the things which nourish my soul; it's hard to flourish with such feelings dominating. In a more positive light, however, this card can indicate a need for tact and diplomacy, suggesting that I might be best served now by finding a strategic, if roundabout, solution to my problems.



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Fire Protects: Queen of Wands: Well, Fire is one of my Elements, and this is one of my cards! And this card does represent everything that is at the core of me – I hope, at least. The Queen of Wands is generous, gregarious, and sure of herself, confident of who she is and her place in the world. This *is* what I am for.

Spirit Inspires: Seven of Cups: This card speaks to the need for balance between dreams and reality. Too much of either can be bad – either looking into the Mirror of Erised all the time and building castles in the clouds, or else being so stuck in the mud and mired in pragmatism that you forget to look at anything bigger than yourself. Many decisions may lay before me, and it will require careful consideration to choose the right one. Viewing this in the light of inspiration and motivation, it fits the sense that my life is quite open-ended right now. That can be a benefit or a detriment – many opportunities, but also a place where it can be easy to feel like I’ve lost my way. The Sevens are all dreamy cards, which also fits with Spirit, but this card asks for focus and determination above listlessness and indecision.

Light Reveals: Ace of Swords: A card of mental energy and incisiveness, here in a position which can reveal truths, suggesting either the ability to cut through to the reality of things – or the need to. The Swords are a challenging suit, and the Ace points to the fact that all new endeavors have their struggles. All worthy ones, at least. Put together with the strong cards in the Earth and Air positions, the implication is more positive than negative: I am in a position to use my mental acuity to deal with the situations I am facing. I must commit myself to a true and honorable course, prepare myself to meet with challenges, and not flinch from them. The Light in this card is not that which will cast illusions, but that which will scour away deceptions.

Time Measures: Ace of Wands: Mercy heavens, I pulled a lot of Aces in this spread. Appropriate, I suppose, considering that I am standing on a bit of a precipice – or perhaps, as the Ace of Wands would suggest, the start of a path. The Ace of Wands is an action-oriented card, representing the beginning of a journey. For me, that could well be as much literal as metaphorical. A new cycle begins, with many opportunities – as other cards in this spread have also reflected.

Shadow Conceals: Four of Swords: This card speaks to a need to rest and recuperate, and put together with Shadow, I think it may point to the vulnerabilities that I would prefer to keep hidden. The Ace of Swords in the Light position (Shadow’s inimical element) suggests I won’t be allowed to nurse those wounds any longer, however, but must expose them to the air (represented with all these Swords throughout the reading) so they can heal. I spent the last several months in the sort of isolation and retreat – even mourning – that the Four of Swords represents, but it’s time to let go of that (look again at the Six of Swords in the Air position) and move forward.

Fracture Marks the Lines Between: The Devil: This is a bit vague of the cards, since Fracture refers to the fault lines of the soul, my weak points, and the Devil represents, well, temptation and fear. So I need to watch out for the things I should watch out for. Digging a bit deeper, the Devil can also represent that which is repressed or buried. With all the cutting Swords throughout the spread, it seems a bit impossible that circumstances will allow me to keep anything submerged. Perhaps there is a warning, though, to be wary of anyone who might seek to poke at old wounds.

Thus Do All the Nine Convene: Strength: Another of “my” cards! Strength is the card which represents quiet fortitude, and to me, it has always spoken to the inner self I strive for: determined, confident, courageous, controlled. If I can synthesize the lessons imparted to me by the nine elemental cards, I may be able to achieve this goal.

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All over, this is a reading I can feel quite positive about. Put together, the cards underscore that I am currently at the start of a new phase of my life. Pulling three of four Aces in a single spread is significant. There's a lot of potential right now, a lot of opportunity for growth, but I'm going to have to be a bit unyielding with myself in order to make the most of it. All of those Swords... those are not forgiving cards, nor reckless ones. Precision, deliberation, and rationality are asked of me now – and if I adhere to them, the rewards will be great. Between the Seven of Cups, the Queen of Wands, and Strength, I could be quite close to achieving the things I want to do and becoming the version of myself I desire to be. It's interesting to me that the only two Major Arcana cards come in right at the end. This suggests that the resolution of my ambitions are largely in my own hands. Not entirely, of course, considering what those ambitions are and what I'm intending to do with this next phase of my life – but my contentment with myself, my determination, my focus are within my own control.