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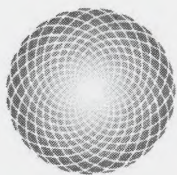
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For all human beings...  
May you be happy and free.



Facts, which at first seem improbable, will, even on scant explanation, drop the cloak which has hidden them, and stand forth in naked and simple beauty.

~ Galileo Galilei







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## Preface

This is a Book of answers.

It answers fundamental questions like: “Why am I here? What’s the purpose of life? What are my true gifts? Which career suits me best? Who’s the right romantic partner for me? How do I create happy relationships?”

And what’s extraordinary about this Book is that it’s able to answer these primary life questions for everyone, regardless of background, culture, or creed.

It does that by resolving each question with the same fundamental answer of awareness.

For once we read this Book, we know.

“Know what?” You may ask. Well, we just know. That’s the best way I can put it.

And you won’t know what I mean until you read this Book for yourself.

I *can* tell you what arises once we do know. We are in harmony with ourselves, confident, relaxed, and clear.

I speak from experience.

I searched everywhere for the answers to my existential questions. And it was here that I found what I was looking for.

I hope and trust that you will find your answers here too.

With love,  
Alexander



Enlightenment is not the goal.  
The goal is to be human.

We are already enlightened,  
but we are not yet masters of our humanity.

# Introduction

We are each a soul playing a human game.

We are limitless, timeless beings who have entered into this human reality.

And as eternal souls, we didn't choose our humanity just so we could be saved from it, as if the highest expression of being human is to be liberated from being human.

We incarnate in human form to play with, learn from, and ultimately, master this reality. And in mastering our human experience, we find the fulfillment of a life well lived, the satisfaction of a lesson completed, and the ecstasy of embodied transcendence.

But that only comes if we fully welcome our humanity. It means not trying to escape our humanity via any moral or spiritual calculations, but rather leaning in to the direct encounter of our human existence.

And, instead of slouching toward our humanity, it means embracing our human life, diving deeply, and learning from everything we experience, both positively and negatively. For only then can we accept every aspect of ourselves, for better and for worse, unconditionally.

And above all, it means remembering that we are here, right now, in this life because *this* is exactly what we *wanted* to know and experience, *right now*.

Granted, that may be hard to believe or accept, especially if life seems utterly incomprehensible, maddening, and hopeless. And certainly, if we don't know any better, life can seem diabolically pointless. On a personal level, it means we might stumble about blindly, repeatedly banging into the same obstacles, enduring the same mistakes, and suffering from our trials and errors.

Overcome by madness (and sadness), we might even start to blame our humanity, believing that our humanity itself is fundamentally flawed, perhaps believing that our humanity is innately sinful or else that our human desires themselves are the cause of suffering...

What we haven't had, and what we've known intuitively that we should have, is a fundamental guidebook to being human, a book that explains things to us and clarifies our existence. It's as if we've known all along that life really should have come with a rulebook.

And in fact, it does. As it turns out, there *is* a user's guide to life on Earth. There is a sacred guidebook that reveals the precise template of our human existence.

It was lost and now it's found. It was hidden in plain sight, this guidebook to life, right under our noses, just behind the veil of consciousness.

Without this Book to guide us, we have certainly gone astray and suffered greatly, as our historical record attests. Now that this Book has been recovered, we shall see what happens... once again.

Brace yourself: what you're about to read introduces you to the one, the only, ancient, famous, mythical, and sacred Book of Life – the same Book of Life referenced in the Bible more than twenty different times.

As you read it, it's my profound intention that the Book of Life clarifies your consciousness, so that you are empowered to make enlightened decisions in your life. In other words, may you play your cards right, so that you master the game of your life!

For *that* is the goal, to master the art of being human.



# Here's The Deal

What we've called a deck of playing cards is actually a timeless Book of Knowledge written in a mathematical, symbolic language.

As far back as we can trace, this knowledge was already present. In early human civilizations, this knowledge was inscribed on clay or stone tablets. Later, this language was inked on loose leaves of papyrus. Then, in 14<sup>th</sup> century Europe, it was printed on the now familiar cardstock.

This knowledge forms a conceptual framework that depicts the mathematical structure of our reality.

It isn't just an abstract representation either; it represents the underlying patterns of our own personal experience. As such, it reveals the living matrix inside of which we live and move and have our being.

Until we have conscious awareness of this energetic matrix, however, it may feel more like a hidden, restrictive prison. Once we see the matrix, however, we are free to live in the fullness of our human expression.

Carl Jung said, "Until we make the unconscious conscious, it will rule our lives and we will call it fate." Worse, we may feel trapped by our fate, as if we are a victim of reality.

But once we become conscious of the intelligently designed matrix of our existence, we crack the code of life! We can see the programming language with which our lives are written. The result of which is we know our personal operating system for life.

Then, if we want, we can consciously make decisions to attune our lives to the moving matrix of life's energy patterns. In other words, we can get in synch with the tides of life. It's how we settle into the perfect flow state in our lives. And it's then that we start to behold the miraculous nature of life.

It's when we start to experience the synchronicity and serendipity of life on a regular basis: we find that we are right on time, the right doors open for us, the right people show up, and things fall perfectly into place... all because we are in conscious alignment with the sacred geometry of our human template.

# A Precision Instrument

Here are the mathematical basics of this construct:

- The deck has 52 cards, and our year has 52 weeks.
- The deck has 4 suits, and our year has 4 seasons.
- Each suit has 13 cards; each season has 13 weeks.
- Add the numerical values together for each suit, (the Ace is worth 1, the Jack, Queen, and King are each worth 11, 12, and 13 respectively) and we have:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + 13 = 91$$

- And there are 91 days in each season.
- Combine the numerical values of all 4 suits and we have

$$91 \times 4 = 364$$

- The Joker is the 53<sup>rd</sup> archetype. He stands alone as the 5<sup>th</sup> element in this 4-part system. And his numeric value is represented as such, as a proportion corresponding to his interplay with this 4-part reality, or mathematically:

$$5/4 \text{ which reduces to } 1 \frac{1}{4}$$

- When we add the Joker to the deck we get

$$364 + 1 \frac{1}{4} = 365 \frac{1}{4}$$

Thus, we can see that the “deck of cards” is actually a conceptual model of the Earth revolving around the Sun.

And in ancient circles, prior to the advent of bookbinding, this “deck” would have been known as a book. It’s a little book that accurately represents the cycles of our life upon this Earth. No wonder, then, it was known as the Book of Life.



# The Living Matrix

Now, besides conceptually rendering our solar year, this precision instrument also represents the planetary matrix of our entire solar system. In fact, this system of knowledge provides the mathematical construct with which to better understand astrology and the astrological meanings of each planet.

For our purposes in this introductory book, however, we will simply review the major planetary influences as they pertain directly to each person's life.

And that's what really counts anyway: how this knowledge helps us to live our lives.

It's fascinating to ponder the cosmic correspondences of this "deck of cards." But it's not just a theoretical construct with which to mark the cyclical passage of time. It reveals to us the cycles of our own lives as well. And *that* is the essential purpose of this knowledge, to guide our personal evolution on this planet.

This profound knowledge of our human template was known in ancient esoteric, spiritual societies as something like a user's guide to life on Earth. It was known alternatively, depending on the historical epoch, as the Tablets of Destiny, the Tablets of Thoth, the Book of Destiny, the Book of Thoth, or the Book of Life.

But this knowledge was long considered lost, hidden in a place where no one could find it. In fact, it was hidden in plain sight, which is, of course, the best place to hide anything.



## Skip Ahead

As you read through this book, you will be skipping around to various sections in order to cross-reference the meaning of your cards to play.

For now, I recommend you go directly to the section entitled: **How To Play The Game on page 43**. Here you can start looking up your own cards to play.

You can always come back later to read **My Story**, which is a brief account of my quest. Meanwhile, the **Back Story** provides a historical touchstone for this timeless knowledge.

But it's up to you where you go from here. You choose.



# My Story

Growing up, I was a straight-A student. I played tennis, basketball, and football. I attended Harvard and then worked as a consultant on Wall Street, meanwhile partying like a rock star every weekend in New York City's hottest clubs.

And yet, my fundamental life trajectory was set when I was seventeen years old.

I went on a retreat offered by my Catholic high school. On the last night of the retreat, a priest came to talk to us about walls around our hearts, walls that block out God's love. It affected me deeply.

Afterwards, I sat with him in a "face-to-face Confession." I don't remember what I said to him. But when I finished, he stood to offer the traditional prayer of Absolution, one I had heard countless times in my youth.

As he prayed, he touched his hands to my forehead. The moment he did, something went wooshh right through my body from head to toe. It felt like a split-second flash of electricity and water, all at once. The experience left me feeling washed clean. And in that moment, I realized there was something real behind all the religious dogma.

It launched me on a quest. I wanted to know what *that* was that had flashed right through me.

It led me deep into Christianity, as a student-leader in the Evangelical Christian fellowship on Harvard campus, then, after college, to a Jesuit Seminary, as I still contemplated becoming a Roman Catholic priest. But after two years, I realized my path did not lie in the priesthood; so, I left with a master's degree in Roman Catholic Theology.

I did a U-turn and went to work on Wall Street – Seminary to Wall Street, doesn't everyone do that? But even in Corporate America, I was consciously seeking meaning, contemplating

the deeper reasons, and searching for the hidden levers that set the whole show in motion.

I enjoyed my work, did well, and was twice promoted. But when the dot com bubble burst in 2002, I, along with everyone else in the firm, was laid off. I took my severance and my savings, cashed in my 401k, and went to India without a return ticket. I suppose it's a clichéd thing to do. Even more so, I was chasing a girl.

But the doorway to the deeper meaning of life had already opened wide for me at age 17. And I knew enough to follow my heart.

After a brief dalliance with my ex-girlfriend in Dehli, however, I moved on to the Osho ashram in Pune, which is South of Mumbai on the coast. There, I meditated 8 hours a day and took initiation as a Swami. I also travelled to Goa, where I first learned alternative healing modalities.

Eventually, I returned to New York City, where after a few twists and turns, I met the woman who became the mother of my children, got married, and co-founded a holistic health center. During this time, I was also diagnosed with several supposedly incurable autoimmune diseases, all of which I healed naturally by radically changing my diet and lifestyle. Meanwhile, I also apprenticed to Shamans, doing regular Ayahuasca ceremonies... still searching for answers.

Then, my marriage fell apart.

The day after the divorce papers were on the table, I went out to a party. There, in a loft space in Brooklyn, one of my old Burning Man campmates casually introduced to me the real meaning of the playing cards. He shared with me that I'm born to play the 9 of Hearts, the symbol of heartfelt completions, tragic personal loss, and starting new chapters.

As I heard this, my knees actually buckled under me. I felt like time slowed down and the air got thick around me. It hit me like a proverbial ton of bricks... because it's true. Not just in my divorce, but in my friendships and my life – inexplicable

emotional endings followed by new chapters with new relationships and experiences.

From that fateful encounter, I studied what I could about this esoteric knowledge. And I found out that my Personality Card is the 7 of Clubs. But altogether, very little is written about the real meaning of the playing cards.

Then, in meditation, I started to feel like I was receiving direct downloads of insights and information. And over time, I started to develop a fuller understanding of this knowledge and how it had once been known as the Book of Life.

More importantly, my personal quest was complete. For once I found what's written for me in the Book of Life, I found myself. I understood my life. And I got my answers.

I realized my purpose in life is to uplift people's hearts (9♥) with spiritual knowledge (7♣). It means that helping people play their cards right is how I play *my* cards right. In other words, it's my purpose to help people live *their* purpose.

And since it was through the playing cards that I had found my answers, it only made sense to me to share the real meaning of the cards as the same tool of personal transformation for others.

But still, it was risky to bet my professional life on reading playing cards. And when I initially decided to set up a business to read cards for a living, people, including my own family, thought I was crazy. I must admit; it was difficult for me to believe I was doing the same work that Gypsies used to do.

But nonetheless, I set up a professional coaching practice, the only one of its kind, to help people play their cards right in life. I even set up a professional school to teach people how to use the Book of Life as a coaching tool for transformation.

And after doing this work for seven years, I now see very clearly, in my own life and in my client's lives, how choosing to play our cards right does in fact attune us to abundant success.



For once we are in conscious harmony with the underlying patterns of our life, as represented by these cards, then we are quite literally tuned in to the soul-satisfying success of our lives!

And in my love life too, knowing my cards to play has been transformational! For one thing, this knowledge gave me the insight to choose a woman with whom I have an excellent romantic connection.

And, once in the relationship, the Book of Life continues to enlighten me about the dynamics of our relationship. For example, it helps me to see my partner's shadow side (her Pluto Card) clearly. And knowing her shadowy tendencies helps me to have more compassion for her, as it does her for me: knowing my Pluto Card helps her to have more compassion for *my* shadowy tendencies. And it's this awareness of each other's patterns that equips us with the knowledge to make our relationship truly blossom.

Plus, as a parent, I find it tremendously helpful to know my children's cards to play. It helps me understand their gifts and their challenges so I can more effectively parent them. It gives me a clear perspective so that I don't unconsciously impose my egotistical thinking on them, but instead, can consciously support them to play *their* cards right.

For example, my son is born to play the Ace of Diamonds. It means he is learning to master his own self-expression. With that awareness, I can encourage him to do things on his own, as well as (at my best) have patience while he *does* learn how to do things for himself.

Meanwhile, my daughter is born to play the 5 of Diamonds. It means she does things out-of-the-box, outside of the norms, on her own terms. And *that* has been tremendously helpful to know so that, rather than get upset when she breaks away from the way *I* would do things or try to make her follow the social rules of society, I can actually encourage her to do things her own way.

These are just very small examples, but the main idea is that this timeless knowledge has become the foundational truth and touchstone for all aspects of my life.

And I chuckle whenever I recall that I once searched everywhere: I became a born-again Christian, studied philosophy at Harvard, went to Roman Catholic seminary, travelled to India, meditated all day, became a Swami, worked with Shamans, did plant medicine ceremonies, and read every spiritual development book I could find, but it was at a party in Brooklyn that I found the meaning of life... in a deck of playing cards.



## Back Story

In the historical record, there is scant written knowledge of the playing cards. Virtually nothing is known about them prior to their appearance in Europe in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Historians speculate on a connection to earlier variants of Chinese playing cards that made their way via trade routes into Persia, India, Egypt, and then Southern Europe. Even that, however, is sketchy.

Once in Europe, we know the four suits underwent a variety of transmutations, depending on cultural preference. The number of cards in the deck sometimes deviated from 52. And the royal court cards changed names and faces to suit the fancy of the players.

Meanwhile, the earliest historical record of the Tarot card deck comes later in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, as an expanded derivation of the original deck of playing cards.

Fast-forward to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the standardization of the 52 playing cards yields the four suits as we know them, the two Jokers, as well as the familiar royal court icons... and that about does it for the official story of the playing cards.

## The Lion's Story

I'm going to spin you a different tale about the playing cards. And it begins with an African proverb:

Until the lion learns to speak,  
every story will glorify the hunter.

Or as Walter Benjamin said: "History is written by the victors."

And the victors do write a story that glorifies themselves, from their own perspective. In fact, the victors' story usually

attempts to purge any contradictory narratives, thus making their own cherished narrative *the* official version of events.

But the slaughtered lion has his version of events, too.

Now, at last, the lion can finally speak. And with that, the unrecorded history of these playing cards can be told.

To piece together the lion's story, however, we find ourselves searching for fragments of clues hidden beneath the scorched rubble of history.

## **Once Upon A Time...**

In the beginning of our time, at the start of what is now called our Common Era (CE), the ancient libraries of Alexandria in Egypt were completely destroyed. They were burned to the ground in a series of fires set by Roman Emperors, early Popes, and invading Muslim armies.

The massive scale of that book burning, according to scholars, resulted in an incalculable loss of ancient works. We simply don't know how many thousands upon thousands of one-of-a-kind books were erased from our shared knowledge bank.

Were there perhaps manuscripts in these Egyptian libraries expounding on the meaning of this timeless system of knowledge, the same knowledge encoded in the deck of playing cards? We may never know.

We do know that beyond simply burning libraries, the ruling patriarchies of the late Roman Empire, Medieval Christianity, and the Islamic Caliphate did their very best to uproot anything other than their own cherished narrative. Anything or anyone deemed heretical was systematically burned, killed, forcibly converted, or destroyed.

Thus, in the ancient cradles of our modern knowledgebase, in the foundational learning centers of our Western world, to say that censorship was applied with a heavy-hand is a dramatic

understatement. If the reigning patriarchy did not approve of what was taught, the person and the knowledge were both exterminated.

It's an unpleasant and inconvenient truth for us to recall: that our entire Western history is fraught with an atrocious and long-lasting genocide, a holocaust that lasted more than a thousand years up until the Renaissance, which began in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, not coincidentally, at the same time as the first public appearance of a little known book of 52 symbols.

After more than one thousand years of systematic, gleeful, and intentional destruction, that anything other than the officially sanctified version of history remains at all is indeed miraculous. It's a testament to the indelible truth of the knowledge contained in these 52 symbols that it could not be burned from our psyche.

And, as to the legacy and lineage of this knowledge, we have at least one solid clue left to us, ironically, within the Christian narrative itself.

## **The Magi**

In the nativity story of Jesus, we're told he was visited by three Magi – wise men who knew how to calculate the motions of the stars.

The Magi were the priestly caste in the Zoroastrian religion of Persia. The Persian word for Magi dates from at least the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE, as referenced by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus. The Persian word can also be translated in English as either Magian or Magician. In other words, it would be linguistically correct, as per the story, to say that Jesus was visited by three wise Magicians.

And these Magicians were skilled in the esoteric arts. They not only read the motions of the stars, they could also divine one's fate or destiny upon the Earth, which is probably why they were inserted as a trope in the nativity story, to

symbolize that Jesus's birth was for a known and destined purpose.

But, although Christianity made use of the Zoroastrian Magicians in the narrative to symbolize the special purpose of Jesus's life, the same divination powers of these Magicians would later be unacceptable to both the Christian and Islamic power structures. And ironically then, the same divination powers of these Magicians were later condemned as sorcery.

Now, not surprisingly, we have no historical record of the exact tools or implements used by the Magi to perform their magical readings of a person's life purpose. Personally, however, I always find language to be revelatory. Our language hides encoded meaning!

Indeed, as Martin Heidegger observed, "language houses the truth of Being." In other words, our language gives us a clue as to the tools the Magi would have used to perform their magical readings.

It means that we can divine a correspondence in language usage between those who do tricks with cards today and those who did magic with what appeared to be cards some 2,600 years ago. For, if today we call someone who does tricks with cards a "magician," it's because the original Magicians also used "cards" to perform their divinations – magical readings later condemned as mere sorcerer's tricks.

What's more, we know that Chinese language and culture was influenced by the Persian Magicians. Linguistic analysis indicates that the Chinese word for witch, shaman, wizard or magician comes from the same Persian word for Magi.<sup>♥</sup> And this word was in common usage in China by the 8<sup>th</sup> century CE, one century prior to the earliest recorded date of any card games in China in the 9<sup>th</sup> century CE.<sup>♦</sup>

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<sup>♥</sup> Victor Mair, "Old Sinitic \*Myag, Old Persian Maguš and English Magician" *Early China*.

<sup>♦</sup> Joseph Needham, *Science & Civilisation in China*.



It's certainly circumstantially interesting to note that the playing cards are found in Chinese culture exactly one century after the known enculturation of the Magi in China.

Indeed, we might say that the Chinese version of the playing cards, just as the Chinese word for those who play with cards, could well have originated from these same Magi, who were Zoroastrian priests in diaspora, fleeing persecution.

## Kabbalah

Another ancient clue we have as to the lineage and legacy of this knowledge comes to us via the Jewish esoteric and mystical tradition of Kabbalah. The word Kabbalah means to receive, as in, opening our consciousness to receive the knowledge of our Creator and then embodying *that* consciousness in our life upon this Earth.

And in the teaching of Kabbalah, life is composed of 52 fundamental energy patterns.

What's more, according to Kabbalah, the Torah (the first 5 Books of the Bible) was written as an expression and exposition of these 52 patterns of life. Indeed, the Torah, they teach, is actually composed of 52 portions, each portion revealing the meaning of one of the underlying 52 patterns of life.

As such, Kabbalists teach that anyone who reads the stories of the Torah literally is a fool. The stories in the Torah were written, they say, as pedagogical tools to illuminate the deeper meaning of these 52 sacred patterns of life.

And the foundational text of Kabbalah, the Zohar, is an extended exegesis and exposition of these 52 sacred energy patterns. Plus, the Zohar itself is composed of 52 portions, each section corresponding to one of the 52 underlying energies of life.

Now, if the Magi influenced the ancient Jewish mystics, we do not know for sure. It certainly seems circumstantially and geographically plausible. And, while dating the Zohar can be challenging, it was most likely composed in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE.<sup>♥</sup> This timing is interesting since it was also at this time that the Magi captured the attention and interest of philosophers like Heraclitus.

But to the Kabbalist, timing is always a function of consciousness anyway. In other words, the time in which the knowledge is received is exactly when, and only when, consciousness is open to receive it. The openness of consciousness is what determines the timing.

And in the teaching of Kabbalah, the Zohar is exactly that: revealed knowledge. It means that this timeless knowledge can be received at any time, when we are consciously ready to receive it. So, technically, this timeless knowledge has always been and will always be available and was/is just waiting for us to open our consciousness to receive it.

We may thus think of this timeless knowledge as representing something like archetypes held in the collective unconscious. The knowledge of these 52 archetypal energy patterns is ever present to us, albeit perhaps buried within the hidden recesses of our consciousness, waiting to be revealed and received.

And so, the specific time period in which the text of the Zohar was written down is, in the teaching of Kabbalah, almost irrelevant. What's relevant is not when it was written down. Rather, what's essential is that it is received at all, and once received, consciously activated in the life of the individual who is receiving it.

That said, it is circumstantially interesting to note the timing and location of the first known appearance of the Zohar in Europe: Spain in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>✱</sup> Meanwhile, the first

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♥ Joseph Jacobs and Isaac Broydé, *Jewish Encyclopedia*.

✱ ... *Jewish Encyclopedia*.

known appearance of the playing cards in Europe was in Spain in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.♣

And so it is that both the deck of 52 cards and the Zohar – the long, extended treatise on the 52 sacred patterns of life – appeared in our collective consciousness in the same historical moment, in the same location, immediately following each other. Interesting timing, indeed!

This is not to say, by any means, that the 52 sacred patterns of life in the tradition of Kabbalah are *identical* in meaning to the 52 symbols of the playing cards.

But what *is* remarkable is that the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah teaches that reality is constructed of 52 symbolic patterns, and it just so happens that the deck of playing cards is composed of 52 symbolic patterns.

## A Book Without A Binding

Taken together, the lineage of the Magi and Kabbalah indicate that these 52 symbolic energy patterns were known in the ancient world and were used as the basis to divine the mysteries of life.

And, while the Jewish mystical tradition expounded on the 52 sacred energies in the encyclopedic treatise of the Zohar, it was the Magi who possessed the simple little book of 52 loose leaves. For the Magi, especially in diaspora, when it was essential to travel light, without schlepping encyclopedic volumes of knowledge, it was necessary to encode this knowledge into as simple a format as possible.

And it is symbols, after all, that hold the deepest and richest meaning. We often say, for example that “a picture is worth a thousand words.” And while that certainly may be true, a

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♣ Donald Laycock, *Skeptical—a Handbook of Pseudoscience and the Paranormal*.

symbol can say exponentially more. We might even say that a symbol is worth one hundred thousand words!

So it is with this little book of 52 symbols.

And we can speculate with some certainty that earlier versions of this little symbolic book of 52 loose leaves would have been carved into tablets, scratched onto leather, and later, inked onto parchment.

It's this same little book of 52 symbols that became what we know as the deck of cards. And yet, to an ancient mind, it would never have been considered a "deck of cards." To our modern mind, the leaves must be bound to qualify as a book. Not so in ancient times. (And yet, interestingly, our modern conception of a book is changing now with the appearance of ebooks; electronic books also have no binding, and yet, they are still considered books.)

Recall, too, that books of the Bible were written on unbound scrolls and pieces of parchment, and yet they were known as "books." So too for this little book of 52 loose leaves, an unbound book that isn't even really a book at all, but a complete system of symbolic knowledge detailing our life upon this Earth.

And, of course, earlier versions of this little Book of Life would have been hand-made, not without some labor to reproduce them one copy at a time. But then, with the advent of mass-production paper printing, it became much easier to transfer the knowledge. Indeed, it was not only easier; it was safer.

Mass-produced paper printing made for a way to ensure that this knowledge could be safely retained without fear of extermination. And the appearance of the "deck of playing cards" in each country of Europe follows soon after the appearance of paper mills in that same country.<sup>♣</sup> Indeed, the trajectory of the appearance of "playing cards" throughout

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<sup>♣</sup> Neathery Fuller, *A Brief History of Paper*.

Europe follows the same arc as printed-paper production, tracking from Southern to Northern Europe.

And so it was that this little book of 52 symbols was disseminated publically, hidden in plain sight as an object for idle games of chance. It was nonetheless still persecuted by the Church, which nonetheless still tried to eradicate it.

But once disseminated widely, it became so embedded in the culture as to be impossible to eliminate. Instead, this little book was demonized, labeled by the Church as “the devil’s picture book” or “the devil’s bible.”

It was, no doubt, a risk to introduce this knowledge into the public domain. It did change superficial forms many times, following cultural fads and influences. It also adopted the royal iconography of the times.

But the basic structure of the 4 x 13 energy patterns for a total of 52 symbols plus the two Jokers♦ did survive all the way down to our modern deck of cards, preserving for us, intact, this timeless system of knowledge.

## **A Historical Whitewashing of Biblical Proportions**

Tracing the history of this book of 52 symbols back to the Zoroastrian and Jewish esoteric traditions gives us more perspective to understand the lineage of this knowledge. It means that, on a timeline, we can locate this knowledge *at least* 2,600 years ago, in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE.

It means that before the birth of Christianity, these 52 symbolic patterns were in use in the ancient world as a hermeneutical tool to divine the structure, function, and meaning of life itself.

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♦ Historically speaking, the Jokers were a later addition. I would say, however, that the Joker is also a timeless archetype.

It also means that the popular historical account – of how the deck of cards popped up in Europe in the 14<sup>th</sup> century without any prior lineage – is clearly a whitewashing of the deeper meaning of this little Book of Life.

But, of course, the Christian European acceptance of this little book of 52 symbols only happened once it was thought to be something other than what it really is.

In other words, we only have an official historical record of this little book of 52 symbols once it was considered to be merely a gaming instrument, a sinful tool of the devil with which to divert oneself in an idle moment. Only then, when it could be juxtaposed inside the Christian salvation narrative as a sinful Earthly impediment, does this little book surface inside the official historical narrative.

But in truth, there is a long, albeit obscured lineage of this knowledge, a depth of lineage that undermines the very foundation of Western religious traditions, which is, of course, why it was seen as a threat by those same traditions.

And, as a threat, it was hunted and killed, as best as it could be killed anyway. But, despite the best efforts to stamp out this knowledge, it remained nonetheless, passed down to us, hidden in plain sight.

In fact, this knowledge of the 52 sacred energies of life has a prehistoric lineage that passes right through the heart of the ancient world.

## **All The Way Back To Mesopotamia**

We can, if we want, trace this knowledge all the way back to the Sumerian civilization in Mesopotamia, back to the very beginning of human consciousness as we know it.

Here, as with all stories of origin, however, my narrative becomes more conjectural. For, there is far less with which to



continue the thread of the inquiry. But I have found that myth, like language, holds within itself encoded and embedded truth.

And in Sumerian mythology, the Tablets of Destiny play a central role in their cosmology and understanding of life upon this Earth. These tablets, in description of their usage and potency, bear an uncanny resemblance to later depictions of both the Magi's and the Kabbalist's toolkit.

And in that time period, in Mesopotamia, the symbolic inscriptions would have surely been carved onto tablets. Once papyrus became available for common usage, the nomenclature would have switched from tablets to a book, and the same Tablets of Destiny would become known as the Book of Destiny, or the Book of Thoth, and then later, the Book of Life.

As to their function, the Sumerian mythology explains that these Tablets of Destiny conferred great wisdom and power upon those that read them. According to their mythology, reading these tablets meant one was able to understand all the magic of life on Earth.

The same is true for us today. Reading this timeless knowledge does indeed reveal to us the magic of life on Earth, conferring upon us great wisdom and personal power.

## **From Then, Until Now**

Delving back into the mythology of the Sumerian civilization means we can, quite possibly, trace this knowledge all the way back to about 5,000 BCE.

We can thus trace this knowledge back to the birth of human civilization in Mesopotamia, from there into Egyptian mythology, through the neighboring kingdom of Persia in the Zoroastrian tradition, infused into the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah, then dispersed into China, and finally, passed along trade routes into Europe, hidden in plain sight as a deck of playing cards.

But what's interesting to note in the Mesopotamian mythology of the Tablets of Destiny is that the Sumerians do not claim credit for creating them. In fact, they claim to have received them from their Deities with the awareness that this knowledge was meant to be a tool for humankind's evolution upon the Earth.

Meaning: when we trace this knowledge all the way back to the beginning of human civilization, we find that this knowledge was already given at that point.

And so the question becomes, "who gave this knowledge to the Sumerians?" Who already possessed this knowledge of the mathematical fabric of our Earthly reality? That we may never fully know. But nor do we need to in order to read these 52 symbols and receive from them great power and wisdom.

And anyway, rather than asking, "from whence this book of 52 symbols?" a better question is the one the Kabbalist asks: "Are we ready to receive this knowledge in our lives?" Is our consciousness an open cup ready to be filled? *That's* the question.

If we are not prepared to receive this knowledge in our lives, then we may yet dismiss this timeless, ever-present knowledge as mere myth and fable, the fanciful hocus-pocus of an ill-considered parlor game.

Or, perhaps, we can step through skepticism and disbelief, to taste and see for ourselves the fruit of this knowledge in our lives. Either way, it's our choice. We have the free will to do as we please.

Nothing about this knowledge contradicts our own free will. It does, however, bring to light the Intelligent Design of reality, revealing that our space-time matrix is not an accidental, soupy mish-mash but is, in fact, an elegantly precise mathematical construct.



As such, this knowledge provides us with the blueprint and the roadmap of our lives upon this Earth. What we choose to do with this map, however, is entirely up to us.



## **How To Play The Game**

Remember, you choose how you want to read this book.  
These seven steps are just recommendations.

**Step 1 – Start With Awareness**

**Step 2 – Look Up Your Primary & Secondary Patterns**

**Step 3 – Read Your Life Path**

**Step 4 – Read Your Soul Expressions**

**Step 5 – Look Up Your Friends & Family**

**Step 6 – Crack The Code**

**Step 7 – Put It All In Play**

## Step 1. Start With Awareness

As you engage with this timeless knowledge, remember that it's not about the *cards*; it's about the meaning of the symbols on the faces of the cards.

These symbolic geometric patterns were placed on cardstock. It's how they are familiar to us. But while we know them as cards, they are actually pages in an unbound Book. Nonetheless, for ease of reference, I refer to them as cards.

More importantly, as you do engage with this knowledge, it's my intention that you receive profound awareness of your soul's game plan in this lifetime, as laid out in your cards to play.

From this conscious awareness of your human template, I invite you to start accepting yourself as you are. I invite you to relax into the truth of your life, so that you stop struggling against yourself, egotistically trying to be someone you are not. And so, ultimately, my intention is that this knowledge gives you a depth of consciousness that empowers you to live the life that *is* yours to live.

Remember: as an eternal, enlightened soul, you chose these cards to play. You chose them because this is the game you *wanted* to play.

And you are not your cards. You are a unique being who chooses how you want to *play* your cards. Now that you've chosen your cards for this lifetime, however, you can't change them. But you can change *how* you play them. And *that* makes all the difference.

## STEP 2. Look Up Your Primary & Secondary Patterns

The primary pattern of our lives is revealed by our Birth Card. It's the primary light we shine. It's the primary gift we give. And it's our primary purpose in life.

The secondary pattern comes from our Personality Card. It's how we show up. It's our persona. It's the way that we give our gift. And it is our secondary purpose in life.

NOTE: Most people are more self-identified with their Personality Card.

It means that you may resonate more strongly with your Personality Card than you do with your Birth Card. This is a common result of over-identification with the socially reinforced role of your persona. And if this is true for you, I encourage you to look deeper within yourself to engage your primary pattern in life.

### Practice Example

For example, let's say your birth date is January 1<sup>st</sup>. You would flip to the **Table of Primary and Secondary Patterns on page 222** (at the back of this book) and discover that the K♠ is your Birth Card and the 5♣ is your Personality Card.

- You would then flip to the page for the K♠ and read the **Example Expressions** and the **Game of Life** for the K♠.
- Then, you would flip to the page for the 5♣ and read the **Example Expressions** and the **Game of Life** for the 5♣.

Once you have read about your Birth Card and Personality Card and started to digest their symbolic meanings, you can combine your primary and secondary purpose together to understand your overall purpose in life.

For example, my birth date is August 30<sup>th</sup>, which means I am born to play the 9♥ as my primary pattern with the 7♣ as my secondary pattern.

It means the 9♥ is my Birth Card and the 7♣ is my Personality Card. Taken together, it means my purpose is to share game-changing knowledge (7♣) that elevates humanity (9♥).

## Reading Your Primary And Secondary Patterns

To look up your Birth Card (BC) and Personality Card (PC), based on your date of birth, please go to the **Table of Primary and Secondary Patterns on page 222** at the back of this book.

Once you do, go to the corresponding pages for both your Birth Card (BC) and Personality Card (PC) and read the **Example Expressions** of each card and the **Game of Life** for each card.

The **Example Expressions** section will give you an idea of the range of possible expressions of this energy pattern in your life.

The **Game of Life** section details your life purpose and offers you a simple mirror with which to see your life's story.

## STEP 2 FAQ

**What if someone has the same birthdate as me? It means they have the same cards to play as me. But how does that work?**

These 52 symbols represent archetypal energy patterns. And there are as many ways to play out these archetypes as there are people on the planet. We are each a unique being, and we each have free will. Remember: you are not your cards; you choose how you want to *play* your cards.

I have seen examples of identical twins, born the same day, where one of them ends up working as a holistic health coach and the other one ends up in jail. They each chose to play their cards *very* differently. And yet, for both of them, the themes, challenges, lessons, and opportunities of life are identical. *How* they have each chosen to engage their life is obviously quite different and leads to different outcomes.

Then too, many things influence our decision making in life, including, but not limited to: inherited family values, genetic predispositions, religious convictions, parental influences, schooling, peer pressures, etc. And so, there are many factors that condition *how* we choose to play our cards.

**I'm confused. So, what do my Birth Card and Personality Card mean for me? And how do I combine their meaning to understand my overall purpose in life?**

It can be a lot to process this information. I understand. I felt the same way when I first learned this information.

So, I created a free video training series that accompanies this book. It helps you understand how to look up your cards. It also helps you understand how to interpret your cards. To watch the companion video training series, go to this website and create your free login: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)

## **In the Table of Primary and Secondary Patterns, what if I have the same card listed for both my Birth Card and my Personality Card?**

If you are born into the sign of Leo, your Personality Card is the same as your Birth Card. And if that's the case, you're shining a double dose of that primary energy without any secondary pattern to filter it. You're unfiltered baby.

## **What if my Personality Card has two cards listed?**

It means your birthdate falls on an astrological cusp between two signs. The secondary pattern is determined by whichever planet rules the sign into which you are born. The card associated to that planet in your **Life Path** becomes your Personality Card.

But if you're born on a cusp, your secondary pattern could be either of two cards depending on your true Western astrological sign. If you know your Western astrological sign, then you can look up the ruling planet for that sign. Once you do, you can look in your **Life Path** to read which card is in the position of that planet. That card is your Personality Card.

And/or if you would still like help to figure out which card is your correct Personality Card, you can login to watch the free companion video training series at this website address: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)

## **How do these cards relate to Tarot cards?**

Long story short: I believe these two decks of knowledge, although superficially similar, are entirely separate sources of wisdom with completely different lineages.

Historically-speaking the Book of Tarot does follow after the Book of Life. But as I've shown in the **Back Story** section, we can't necessarily trust the official historical record to give us a true accounting.



The main difference to say here is that the Book of Life is a mathematical model of our Earthly matrix, and we are reading it as such. Unlike in a Tarot reading, we are not shuffling, cutting the deck, and pulling cards to divine a reading. We are relying instead on esoteric mathematical algorithms to read the cards in the **Life Path**.

**I looked up my Birth Card and it's a low number card. I'm disappointed. I wanted to be a King or Queen in this life. What does it mean?**

First of all: no card is better or worse than any other card to play. These cards are simply referent points for energy patterns in the quantum field of reality. It's all energy that is interwoven together in a grand tapestry of life.

Second: we have other cards to play in our life script besides the Birth Card and Personality Card. (See your **Life Path**.) And in the other cards in our life script, we may very well hold royal cards of authority and power.

Third: it's all about *how* we play our cards that makes the difference in our life. Some of our most successful and powerful people were born to play a "low number" card and have risen to fame and fortune. For instance, George Washington, the 1<sup>st</sup> president of the United States, was born to play the 3 of Diamonds.

**I was born by a Caesarean section. How can you say I "chose" that date of birth to have *these* cards to play?**

Even that, we would say, is part of your soul's game plan. Even that decision your parents or doctors made to bring you forth into the world on that particular date... even that is part of the larger game plan you chose for your life.

## **What if I don't know my exact date of birth?**

This knowledge is calculated based on the true solar time of birth in the solar calendar.

However, if you don't know your birthdate, it is still possible to discern your Birth Card. For example, I have helped clients figure out which is their Birth Card by asking them questions about themselves, almost like a questionnaire, and based on the answers, it becomes obvious which Birth Card represents their primary pattern in life.

## **What if I looked up my Birth Card and Personality Card and they don't resonate with me?**

There could be several reasons.

1. You are actually born on a different day. This is rare. But depending on time zones and daylight savings time, the actual timing of the sun in the sky may be at least an hour ahead or behind the time on the clock.

This knowledge is calculated based on true solar time, not the time on the clock. So, if you are born close to midnight, depending on time changes or time zones, your true solar date of birth may not match the date on your birth certificate.

For example, let's say you're born at 12:30 AM on June 15<sup>th</sup> during daylight savings time. The true solar time of your birth would actually be 11:30 PM on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Then, you would actually be born to play the 3 of Diamonds, as your primary pattern, not the 2 of Diamonds. Big difference.

Also, birth certificate dates can be wrong. (This too is rare.) If you're unsure of your exact date of birth, I can help you (see above).

2. Remember that this introductory book provides only a basic outline of the meaning of each card.

Your own unique appropriation and expression of these archetypal energy patterns may very well be distinct from what is written here. Nonetheless, I suggest to you that deeper exploration will reveal how you are, in fact, actually playing your cards... just in a different variation of how they are introduced in this book.

In this case, if you feel drawn to do so, I invite you to explore this system of knowledge further to understand for yourself how you are appropriating the complexities of this knowledge in your own life.

3. A common reason why people may not, at first, resonate with what's written for them in the Book of Life is that they are not ready to receive this information into their psyche.

We can only receive and understand what we are ready to know. I've had multiple cases in my private coaching practice of people, at first, telling me the information was inaccurate only to later realize it was simply information they did not want to hear at the time.

One example, in particular, made me smile. I gave a private consultation to someone, and he recorded it on his phone. Afterwards, he thanked me politely and left. I could tell the information I shared with him about his cards to play didn't really resonate with him.

Three years later, as he was cleaning out his phone, he came across the recording. He was about to delete it. But instead, he played it, and much to his surprise, every word he heard cut him to the core. And as he listened, he said, he could hear the resistance and defensiveness in his own voice. He called me to thank me and tell me that he just did *not* want to hear what I was saying at the time. It took him three years to be ready to hear it!

4. It could be that you don't resonate with your Birth Card or Personality Card because you were conditioned to think and act quite differently. This is unfortunately quite common. Here are two common examples:

A woman may be born to play a King card, the energy of masculine commanding authority. And yet, she is raised in a household where being submissive, quiet, and obedient were drummed into her psyche.

Then, as a grown woman, she has no resonance with the King energy whatsoever: she doesn't feel powerful, commanding, or authoritative. And that's where the coaching, therapeutic work begins, to help reconnect her to the true patterning of her life.

Another all-too-common example is when a man is born to play a Heart card as his primary pattern in life, but he is so sensitive as a child that in order to adapt, he cuts himself off from his feelings completely. He learned, or was taught as a child, that showing feelings was a sign of weakness.

Then, he may have over-achieved in his heartless adaptation. And as an adult, he has no connection to his true feelings whatsoever. Here, too, the coaching, therapeutic work helps to slowly peel back the hardened shell around the heart to allow the person to tap into his heartfelt gifts.

And if you would like more help to address this question of personal resonance with your cards to play, you may go to this website address, create a simple login, and watch the companion video training series: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)

## STEP 3. Read Your Life Path

Your Birth Card has a **Life Path** indicated by 13 cards to play in sequence. Each of these cards is influenced by either a planetary or royal energy. You also have a background Moon card that is part of your overall planetary aspects.

NOTE: Your Personality Card is one of the planetary cards in your **Life Path**. Again, it means this card represents the second most important pattern in your life. And it means this card plays a dual role as both your personality as well as its specific aspect in your **Life Path**.

NOTE 2: You also have Soul Expression cards. We'll cover these in **Step 4**.

Now, to divine the meaning of each card in your **Life Path**, you have some cross-referencing to do.

What you will do is cross-reference the **Example Expressions** of each card in your **Life Path** with the interpretative meaning of each planetary or royal position in the **Table of The Life Path on page 218**.

### Practice Example

Let's say you're born on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It means, as a soul, you chose to play the K♠ as your Birth Card. So you would read the **Life Path** of the K♠.

And, in the **Life Path**, the K♠ has the 3♥ in Mercury.

From there, you would go to the page for the 3♥ and read the **Example Expressions** of the 3♥. There you would see that the 3♥ could mean creative self-expression, a variety of desires, or emotionally indecisive, etc.

Then you would go to the **Table of The Life Path on page 218** and read that Mercury reveals the way the mind works.

Thus, you would see that, born to play the K♠, you think about creative self-expression. You also think about all the various desires you may have. And you may think about your feelings to the point where your mind becomes uncertain or divided about your true feelings, etc.

## Practice Example 2

Suppose you chose your birth on December 30<sup>th</sup>. It means you are born to play the A♥ as your primary pattern.

In the **Life Path** of the A♥, the Q♦ is the Venus influence.

You would first read the **Example Expressions** for the Q♦. And you would see that the Q♦ could be expressed as physical mastery, financial prowess, neurotic vanity, or double standards etc.

Then, you would read in the **Table of The Life Path on page 218** that Venus reveals what we love in life, our feminine side, and the energy we experience in our romantic relationships.

Thus, you would see that, born to play the A♥, you love expressions of physical mastery and financial prowess. It's what you consider to be beautiful expressions of feminine energy. But, although you may not consciously intend to, in your relationships, you may also experience the negative energies of neurotic vanity and double standards, etc.



## Reading Your Life Path

I have created a Life Path Worksheet to help you learn the meaning of the cards in your **Life Path**. You can download the free worksheet at this url: [www.lifeelevated.life/worksheet](http://www.lifeelevated.life/worksheet).

I recommend you at least take a look at the worksheet to see how it's laid out. You can then use your journal or a notebook to write out your cards and make notes, if that's what you prefer. Or you can download the worksheet and print it out.

1. On the Life Path Worksheet, write down the cards in your **Life Path**.
2. Then, write down a few resonant examples gathered from the **Example Expressions** of each card to play.
3. Then, from the **Table of the Life Path on page 218**, write in a few keywords of the planetary or royal meaning for each card's position in your life.
4. Then, you can combine your noted examples of the card's **Example Expressions** with the planetary or royal meaning from the **Table of the Life Path** to start interpreting the meaning of each card in your life.

Whether or not you use the Life Path Worksheet, turn now to your Birth Card and note the cards in your **Life Path**. Then, go to the page for that card and note the **Example Expressions** for that card.

Then go to the **Table of the Life Path on page 218** to begin interpreting the meaning of each card's expressions in your life.

Repeat for each of the cards in your **Life Path**.

## Step 3 FAQ

### **I don't understand how to look up all my cards to play. What do I do?**

It's true. It can be a lot. I suggest you take your time and have patience with your learning curve. I certainly did not learn, all at once, how to navigate this system of knowledge.

If you would like further support, I have made a companion video series to help you look up and interpret your cards to play. You can create a login to watch the free video series here: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)

### **I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed trying to synthesize the meaning of all the cards in my life. What do I do?**

I understand. I felt that way at first, too. It may take some time and mindful practice to process the combined meaning of these cards in your life.

Plus, it may require a deepening of your self-awareness for you to see these archetypal patterns at play in your life.

If, however, you're still feeling stumped trying to interpret your cards, or if you'd just like some help to clarify the meaning of these cards in your life, please feel free to reach out and ask for help. We can set up an appointment to help you understand the meaning of your cards to play.

### **Will I definitely experience all of the Example Expressions of a card to play?**

No, you may not. These are just examples, representing a range of possible expressions of that card. Some **Example Expressions** may *seem* really far afield from your own range of expressions. Other people, however, playing this same card in their **Life Path**, may commonly experience those



expressions. And remember that these cards are archetypes that can be expressed in limitless ways depending on our own free will. The listed examples of possible expressions are just that, examples.

That said, I do encourage you to open your mind to the possibility that *all* of the listed **Example Expressions** are, in fact, aspects of your life experience. (See **Step 6** and consider that you might be projecting some of the less desirable traits on to others).

**Can I also read the Game of Life section for each of the 13 Cards in my Life Path, as a way to divine the deeper meaning of each card in my Life Path?**

Yes, you can. If you feel comfortable to do so, you can delve deeper into the meaning of each card in your **Life Path** by also reading the **Game of Life** description for each card. Just remember that you are now reading the meaning of that card as it applies to *only* that aspect of your life. So, please be aware to apply the meaning you read to *only* that aspect of your life.

For example, let's say your Birth Card is the K♠. It means that the A♣ is your Venus Card in your **Life Path**. And so, you can, for a deeper understanding of the A♣ placement in Venus, also read the **Game of Life** section for the A♣. What you would read there, however, applies *only* to the aspects of your life represented by the planet Venus: what you love in life, what you consider beautiful, and how you express your feminine side.

Next in the **Life Path** for the K♠ is the Q♣ as the Mars Card. And so, if your Birth Card is the K♠, you could read the **Game of Life** section for the Q♣ to better understand how you express your masculine, aggressive side, the goals you have in life, and how you work toward your goals. Just be aware, again, that the meaning of the Q♣ applies *only* to the aspects of your life represented by the planet Mars.

And so on, if you want, divining the deeper meaning of each card in your **Life Path**...

### **How deep can these interpretations go?**

Believe it or not, this book is actually just an introductory primer to get you started with this timeless system of knowledge. The depth of this knowledge is mind-boggling.

As an example, when I'm working with a private coaching client, we may easily spend several one-hour sessions just unpacking the meaning of one of the 13 cards in the **Life Path**.

And remember: the whole point of this knowledge is to make the unconscious, conscious, so that you can, with your own free will, consciously choose to play your cards right, from darkness to light. In other words, it's all about how you *apply* this knowledge in your life. *That's* what makes the difference.

### **Can I look up the Life Path for my secondary pattern, my Personality Card, as well?**

I wouldn't recommend it. It can get quite confusing to try to toggle between the two life paths.

As a general rule, I focus only on the **Life Path** of the Birth Card. There are exceptions to this general rule. One exception, for example, is to look up the Soul Expressions for the Personality Card. (See **Step 4**)

Another exception is when we are looking up relationship dynamics. Here we do look for relationship dynamics in the **Life Path** of both the Birth Card and Personality Card.

## STEP 4. Read Your Soul Expressions

In addition to the cards in play as we progress through our **Life Path**, we also have cards that indicate underlying themes for our entire life. These underlying themes represent our Soul Expressions in this lifetime.

These Soul Expression cards are connected intimately with our Birth Card and Personality Card. They reveal a depth and dimension of our Birth and Personality Cards that highlight both our opportunities and challenges as we attempt to play our Birth and Personality Cards right.

In some cases, these Soul Expression cards reveal avenues or outlets of possible self-expression. In other cases, these Soul Expression cards reveal hidden character assets that we would be wise to develop. In still other cases, these Soul Expression cards reveal lifelong lessons we are learning, challenges we must master if we want to play our cards right.

Forty-five of the 52 cards are linked together in a circular energy exchange: Card A → Card B → Card C → Card D → Card E → etc. all the way back around to... → Card A.

Each of these forty-five cards has Soul Expressions indicated by a specific Soul Gift card and a specific Soul Challenge card. That is, they have one card that supports them as their Soul Gift and one card to which they give energy as their Soul Challenge.

Seven of the 52 cards have a different form of Soul Expression. These seven cards do not have a specific Soul Gift card and Soul Challenge card. These seven are the K♠, J♥, 8♣, 9♥, 7♦, A♣ and 2♥.

NOTE: Whether for the family of forty-five or the family of seven, we read the Soul Expression cards for both the Birth Card and the Personality Card.

## Soul Gifts and Soul Challenges

In the family of forty-five, the card that represents the Soul Gift is the supporting, giving energy. It's a gift we have, a character trait that serves us well. It empowers us to master the game of our life.

The Soul Gift, however, may not be realized as a gift. In fact, most people typically try to hide their Soul Gift, feeling it to be a vulnerability or a weakness. Sometimes they cannot relate to their Soul Gift at all; or else, they feel embarrassed by this quality in themselves.

If the Soul Gift energy is not consciously welcomed as part of our self-identity, however, then we miss out on the gift it gives us. And we may sense that we are lacking something we need in life. Worse, we may find that the Soul Gift actually shows up negatively in our lives because we have refused to accept or acknowledge the positive gift it offers.

Meanwhile, the card that represents the Soul Challenge is a lesson we are learning to master in this lifetime. And while it may seem like an insurmountable task, it is entirely possible to overcome this challenge. In fact, some people clearly do.

And once the riddle is solved, then the Soul Challenge card represents an expression of life that we have learned to play with profound mastery. It's as simple as this: we become masters of that to which we give our dedicated devotion.

But most people, most of the time, experience their Soul Challenge as a thorn in their side, a pattern of behavior that repeatedly recurs in a negative light. It may even seem like a character defect or personal failing – a debt we can never quite seem to repay.

### Example Case

Let's say your Birth Card is the 5♦. It means your Soul Gift card is the 3♣, in other words: 3♣ → 5♦. And you would look

up the **Example Expressions** for the 3♣ to better understand your Soul Gift in this lifetime.

It may be that you find the positive attributes of the 3♣ to be uncomfortable or undesirable. And yet, the negative attributes of the 3♣ may be all-too-familiar.

- The open invitation is to consciously welcome the positive attributes of the 3♣ into your life as your supportive Soul Gift.

And if your Birth Card is the 5♦, it means your Soul Challenge card is the 9♦; in other words: 5♦ → 9♦. And you would look up the **Example Expressions** of the 9♦ to better understand your Soul Challenge in this lifetime.

It may be that you desperately yearn to realize the positive attributes of the 9♦ in your life. But it can seem like wishful thinking or maddeningly just out of reach. Plus, you may resent that it always seems like you *have* to give your energy to expressions of the 9♦. Meanwhile, you may judge yourself harshly for the appearance of the negative attributes of the 9♦ in your life.

- The open invitation here is to release self-judgment and resentment so as to give willingly and graciously towards the expression of the 9♦ in your life.

## The Trinity

Apart from the family of forty-five, the K♠, J♥ and 8♣ are fixed inside a 3-part, equal energy exchange.

They form an inner Trinity. In this trinity, each of these cards exchanges energy with the other two. It's a triangular exchange of giving and receiving equally among the three.

So, for example, if someone has the 8♣ as their Personality Card, then they will receive energy from the K♠ and J♥ as an exchange of energy that *influences* their personality.

The other two cards in the Trinity are neither a Soul Gift nor a Soul Challenge, but rather they form a frame of reference that orients their Soul Expression in this lifetime. And as a result, we may very well see this person express themselves in life, for better and for worse via the **Example Expressions** of the K♠ and J♥, the other two cards in the Trinity.

- The open invitation for members of the Soul Trinity is to consciously make space in their lives for the expression of the other two energies in the Trinity.

## The Twin Flames

The other four cards in the family of seven are the 9♥, 7♦, A♣, and 2♥.

These four cards are neither circularly-linked like the cards in the family of 45, nor fixed inside a 3-part trinity. Rather, these four are semi-fixed, rotating and exchanging energy with each other in pairs of Soul Twins.

The 9♥ and 7♦ exchange energy with each other as Soul Twins. And the A♣ and 2♥ exchange energy with each other as Soul Twins.

It means, for example, that someone born to play the A♣, as either their Birth Card or Personality Card, would experience the **Example Expressions** of the 2♥ in their life.

Experiencing the Soul Twin energy of the 2♥ means that the person born to play the A♣ would find the 2♥ energy to be sometimes a gift and sometimes a challenge. It's both. Effectively, the 2♥ would function in their life as both a Soul Gift and a Soul Challenge at once!



And the same advice to consciously welcome the Soul Gift and consciously master the Soul Challenge applies to each of the Soul Twin cards.

- So, the open invitation for each pair of the Soul Twins is to both positively welcome the energy of their twin card as a gift and to give willingly in support of that same energy.

## Practice Case

If you chose your birth on January 1<sup>st</sup>, then your Birth Card is the K♠ and your Personality Card is the 5♣. So you would look up the Soul Expressions for both these cards.

Looking up the Soul Expressions for these two cards, you would see that the K♠ is part of the Soul Trinity with the 8♣ and J♥. And the 5♣ has a Soul Challenge card of the 5♥ and a Soul Gift card of the 4♣.

Then, to understand how to interpret each of these Soul Expressions, you would review the **Table of Soul Expressions on page 216**. Here you can read about the meaning of the Soul Expressions for both your Birth Card and Personality Card.

Then, again, you have some cross-referencing to do.

For the K♠, you would look up the **Example Expressions** for the other two cards in the Soul Trinity, the 8♣ and J♥, to learn how you might more fully express yourself via the energies of these other two cards.

And, for the 5♣, you would read:

- The **Example Expressions** of the 5♥ to pinpoint your Soul Challenge in this lifetime.
- The **Example Expressions** of the 4♣ to recognize and begin to fully realize your Soul Gift in this lifetime.

## Reading Your Soul Expressions

First, go to your Birth Card and Personality Card and note your Soul Expression cards for each.

You can use the same Life Path Worksheet to note down your Soul Expression cards. Again, the worksheet can be downloaded from here: [www.lifeelevated.life/worksheet](http://www.lifeelevated.life/worksheet).

Once you make a note of your Soul Expression cards, go to the **Table of Soul Expressions on page 216** to review the interpretation of these various Soul Expression cards. You can note this meaning on the worksheet.

Then, go to the page for each of your Soul Expression cards to read the **Example Expressions** of each card.

Now you are ready to cross-reference the interpretive meaning found in the **Table of Soul Expressions on page 216** with the **Example Expressions** of each Soul Expression card.

NOTE: For a more advanced interpretation of the meaning of your Soul Expression cards, read the **Game of Life** section for your Soul Expression cards.

For example, if your Personality Card is the 5♣, then you have the 5♥ as a Soul Challenge card. And so, in addition to reading about the **Example Expressions** of the 5♥, you may also read the **Game of Life** section for the 5♥ to glean a broader perspective of the challenges you can expect in your life.

Likewise, you can read the **Game of Life** section for the 4♣, your Soul Gift, to better understand the innate gifts you possess.

NOTE 2: You can follow this same advanced interpretation strategy to divine the deeper meaning of each of the 13 cards in your **Life Path**. (As explained in the **Step 3 FAQ** section.)



## STEP 4 FAQ

**I'm confused about my Soul Expression cards, how to interpret them and what they mean. What do I do?**

I've made a companion video series to help you. The video training will help you understand how to interpret your Soul Expression cards. Once you create a simple login, you can watch the video series here: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)

**One of my Soul Expression cards also appears elsewhere in my Life Path. What does that mean?**

It means the same card has a double function in your life. For example, the 5♦ has the 9♦ as both its Mars Card and its Soul Challenge card. It means that this energy of the 9♦ plays a dual role as both the masculine side (Mars Card) of the 5♦ and the Soul Challenge.

**Which Soul Expression cards are most prominent in my life, the Soul Expression cards connected to my Birth Card or my Personality Card?**

That depends. The Birth Card *is* the primary pattern of our lives, meaning the Soul Expression cards connected to the Birth Card would *typically* have primary significance in our lives. And then, the Soul Expression cards connected to our Personality Card would have secondary importance in our lives.

However, if we are more identified with our Personality Card, which is *very* common, then we will identify more strongly with the Soul Expression cards of the Personality Card. And then, *these* Soul Expression cards would take prominence in our lives.

## STEP 5. Look Up Your Friends And Family

All you need is someone's birthday to look up their Birth Card and Personality Card in **The Table of Primary and Secondary Patterns on page 222**. This can be both fun and illuminating. You may have some massive epiphanies about the people in your life and why they behave the way they do.

You may also notice that some of the people you know have their Birth Card or Personality Card in your **Life Path**. If so, that person plays that specific role in your life, as indicated by the position of their Birth Card or Personality Card in your **Life Path**.

Alternatively, you may notice that your Birth Card and/or Personality Card appear in *their* **Life Path**. If that's the case, then *you* are positioned to play that energetic role for them, as indicated by the positioning of your Birth Card and/or Personality Card in their **Life Path**.

### Relationship Dynamics

Once you have looked up someone else's Birth Card and Personality Card and are ready to interpret your interpersonal dynamics, look up the **Table of Relationship Dynamics on page 211**.

In this table, you can reference your relationship dynamics with someone else's Birth Card and Personality Card. You can also do the reverse and reference someone else's relationship dynamics with you via your Birth Card and Personality Card.

Based on your relative positioning to each other, your relationship dynamics with people will vary. It's why, for example, children in the same family relate differently to the same parents. The relationship dynamics depend on the *positioning* of each child's cards vis-à-vis the parents' cards.

NOTE: The listed dynamics in the **Table of Relationship Dynamics on page 211** relate to both the Birth Card and Personality Card. We are reading the relationship dynamics to *both* the Birth Card and Personality Card. However, the dynamic is *typically* stronger if the connection relates to the Birth Card.

NOTE 2: The listed dynamics are reflected back and forth via a mirroring effect. It means that either positioning in the **Life Path**, whether yours in their **Life Path** or theirs in your **Life Path**, is mirrored back and forth between you both.

## Practice Examples

Let's say your Birth Card is the K♠. It means the Venus card for your life is the A♣. And so, the A♣ is the energy you would unconsciously consider attractive and beautiful. And it means that you would feel a loving chemistry with anyone born to play the A♣, as either their Birth Card or Personality Card.

And that loving chemistry is mirrored back to you, meaning: someone born to play the A♣ as either their Birth Card or Personality Card would share the same sense of loving chemistry with your K♠ energy.

Or let's say your Personality Card is the A♥. If so, then you have the 8♠ as the Moon Card for your personality. It means the energy represented by the 8♠ is the energy that nurtures and supports you to express your personality. And it means that someone born to play the 8♠ as either their Birth Card or Personality Card would be very supportive to you. And they may not even know why! They may just feel like they are supposed to support you. And, in return, you may be very supportive to them too!

Or let's say the Q♠ is your Birth Card. Then you have the K♣ as your Saturn Card. And so, the energy represented as the K♣ is the energy by which you learn your lessons in life. It means that anyone who has the K♣ as either their Birth Card

or Personality Card would energetically teach you lessons in life. And it may mean that you find such people to be loathsome and intolerable boors, who always seem to think they know better than you! But they may feel the same way about you too!

Or, as another example, let's say your Personality Card is the 2♥. Then the A♣ is your Soul Twin card. It means you both give and receive energy from the A♣. And so, it means that you would have a push-pull dynamic with anyone born to play the A♣, as either their Birth Card or Personality Card. And they would feel the same push-pull dynamic with you as well, both wanting to support you, but feeling challenged by you at the same time.

And, for example, someone playing the 2♥, as either their Birth Card or Personality Card, would have a different *kind* of relationship dynamic with the A♣ energy than would someone born to play the K♠. The *dynamics* between the cards are different, for example, in a Venus connection vs. a Soul Twin connection. And so, the K♠ energy would relate *differently* than the 2♥ energy to the very same A♣ energy.

Or, as another example, if someone is born to play the 8♥, as either their Birth Card or Personality Card, it means that the same A♣ energy shows up for them in life with the meaning of Pluto (the Pluto Card in their **Life Path**.) In Pluto, the A♣ represents the shadowy, unconscious fears held by the 8♥.

As such, the person born to play the 8♥ would have a *very* different energy dynamic with the A♣ energy than would someone born to play the K♠. Meaning: instead of easily and effortlessly loving someone born to play the A♣ (as a K♠ would), the 8♥ person might irrationally hate and fear the person born to play the A♣ for no apparent reason other than their *own* irrational, unspoken fears!

In this way, the little Book of Life helps you to clarify the relationship dynamics between yourself and all the people in your life.

## Reading Your Relationship Dynamics

First, using their dates of birth, go to **The Table of Primary and Secondary Patterns on page 222** to look up the Birth Card (BC) and Personality Card (PC) for your family and friends.

Once you make a note of their Birth Card and Personality Card, review both your own **Life Path** and the **Life Path** of their Birth Card. Take note if either of you have your Birth Card or Personality Card in each others' **Life Path** or as one of your Soul Expression Cards.

Then, go to the **Table of Relationship Dynamics on page 211** to get the flavor of the interpersonal dynamics between you both – based on the relative positioning of your Birth Card and Personality Card in each other's **Life Path**.

Repeat for as many people as you would like.

## STEP 5. FAQ

**I'm feeling overwhelmed by all the connections and how to understand what it all means. What do I do?**

It definitely can be overwhelming. I know. What I recommend you do is give yourself plenty of time and mental space to digest and process this information. Take it slowly, and go step by step.

When we dive into this knowledge, we are diving deep into our own lives. And *that* means we only start to understand this knowledge as we open our lives to receive the knowledge.

And if you would like further guidance, you can create a free login to watch the companion video series at: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)

**Oh no! My spouse's card is in my Life Path, but my card is not in his/her Life Path! What does it mean?**

Not to worry! It means that the same energy is reflected back to you.

There is a mirroring effect in these energies. So, whatever dynamic is indicated by the placement of their card in your life path is reflected back to you as well. For example, if his card is your Venus card, it means you have a natural love for him. And that loving energy is reflected back to you in the dynamic exchange of energy, and he feels a natural love for you too.



**What does it mean if I don't see either the Birth Card or Personality Card of my loved ones in my Life Path or Soul Expression cards, and I don't see my cards in their Life Path or Soul Expression cards? Does it mean we don't have any connection?**

No. That's not what it means. At this introductory level, we are only looking at the major dynamics between two people. We are not exhaustively reviewing all of the dynamics between two people.

This is a much more complex topic because, in fact, there are multiple other ways to read connections in the Book of Life. In this introductory book, we cannot possibly cover all the various ways in which relationships can be read and understood in the Book of Life. And actually, that's a whole separate book! (Coming Soon!)

For now, here are four additional examples of possible ways to interpret relationship dynamics. But even these additional four interpretative possibilities are not exhaustive of all the ways to interpret relationship dynamics.

1. Notice a Birth Card and/or Personality Card connection in the same suit (♥ ♣ ♦ ♠). It means you are well suited for each other. Pun intended!

Each of the 4 suits has its own love language. So, if your Birth Card and/or Personality Card are in the same suit as your beloved, then you both like to give and receive love in the same way. For example, both of your Birth Cards could be in the suit of Clubs. Or both of your Personality Cards could be in the suit of Diamonds. This creates an intimate connection based on a shared love language.

2. Notice a sequential, numerical connection within the same suit. For example, if one person has an 8 of Clubs card to play and another has a 7 of Clubs card to play, then these two people have a sequential, numerical connection. This sequential numerical connection within the same suit is a very strong connection. You might even feel like soul mates.

3. Notice if your spouse/lover is playing one of the same Birth Cards or Personality Cards as either of your parents. Or notice if your spouse/lover is playing one of the Soul Expression cards of either of your parents. If this is true, you know you are recapitulating a parental relationship, perhaps unconsciously hoping to resolve a wounding pattern from your childhood. As such, you would probably feel a very deep connection with this person.

4. If none of these three previous examples are true for you and you notice that you have picked (repeatedly) romantic partners with whom you seem to have no obvious connection, then it may mean you have issues with real intimacy. You may be unconsciously picking people who are *dynamically* out of reach, as a way to unconsciously protect yourself from the dynamics of real intimacy. This revelation, in and of itself, may be helpful for you. It may open up avenues of further self-discovery and healing for you.

### **I want to know more about my relationships, how can I learn more?**

The topic of relationships in the Book of Life is a big, deep topic. If you would like to learn more about interpreting your relationships in the Book of Life, please login to watch the video training series here: [www.lifeelevated.life/videos](http://www.lifeelevated.life/videos)



## STEP 6. Crack The Code

The Book of Life clarifies our psychological filters, the always on, already present filters by which we filter everything we see and hear in life.

It means that the Book of Life shows you the lens by which you see your world and the people in it. It reveals the unconscious assumptions and presumptions you make about life.

Once you see these preset filters clearly, based on your own cards to play, you suddenly have the power of insight. You now have consciousness where before was only unconsciousness. And that gives *you* the power.

For once you've made what was unconscious, conscious, you have shifted the balance of power in your own psyche. You now have conscious power over something that was previously unconsciously dictating the outcomes in your life.

It suddenly presents you with a conscious choice to choose a different outcome. It's how you can, if you want, transition from being a victim of your life to being the master of your life.

With your newfound consciousness, for example, you may release false expectations of others. You may also stop projecting your own shortcomings onto others. This enlightened awareness is especially helpful in relationships, both personal and professional.

And so, take note of all the cards in your **Life Path** and start noticing how you are projecting your entire experience as an extension of your own cards to play. This is a more advanced topic. It invites personal responsibility and personal accountability for everything we experience in life.

## Practice Example

Let's say the K♠ is your Birth Card. That means, for example, your Pluto Card is the 7♥. And *that* means you may project onto others the shadowy, negative meaning of the 7♥. It means, for example, that you may automatically assume others are going to disappoint you or betray you.

But really, the 7♥ is your *own* shadow pattern at play. And you continue to experience it in others because you continue to project it on to others, unconsciously.

In other words, if you continue to filter others' behavior through the unconscious expectation that they will disappoint you emotionally, then you will unconsciously look for proof of your unspoken assumption, *and* you will filter all their behavior through the lens of your expectation. It means you will *expect* them to disappoint you. *And* you will look for proof of your expectation.

Now, the deeper truth of life is that whatever we project is what we experience. It's in this way that we get trapped in self-fulfilling prophecies and inescapable loops that we can't seem to break: we project our own negative patterns onto others, only to find that they live up to exactly what we project on to them.

And worse, if the person, at first, does not match our negative assumptions, we may actually get suspicious. We may assume that the person is just fooling us. We may even test the person, probing and prodding until we find what we are *expecting* to find, based on our unconscious assumptions.

In our own hubris, we may even think we know them better than they know themselves! But really, we are just filtering them to appear in our perception according to our own preset, unconscious assumptions.

NOTE: It's not just the Pluto Card who's negative expressions we may project on to others. It can be any of our cards to play.

But it doesn't *have* to be that way. For example, if someone born to play the K♠ becomes aware of their own shadow side, then they can do the internal work of integrating their own shadow. It means they can stop projecting it onto others, which means they will no longer experience their own shadow reflected back to them in the behavior of others, and they will no longer experience devastating emotional betrayal.

In this way, the little Book of Life illuminates our consciousness, releasing us from unconscious projections, thereby releasing us from the prison of our own making.

## STEP 6. FAQ

**This is a lot to process... and I feel like I want more clarity, what do I do?**

My first suggestion is to take your time and live your way into the answers. The process of assimilating this knowledge will open and expand your consciousness. As it does, you will find clarity.

Then, too, sometimes it can be difficult for us to interpret our own cards. We may be too close to the meaning of these cards because we are entangled with their meaning in our lives! In this case, it can be very helpful to have someone else help clarify what we can't see for ourselves. And it's my purpose in life to help you do that. So please feel free to reach out, and we can set up a consultation for you. You can contact me from my website: [www.lifeelevated.life](http://www.lifeelevated.life)

## Step 7. Put It All In Play

With the Book of Life we can see exactly why life occurs for us as it does and why people occur for us as they do. It's all filtered through and based upon the energy patterns of our *own* cards to play. Our cards form the frame of reference through which we experience reality.

It's as if the Book of Life enables us to read the rules to the game of life. It's like knowing the laws of physics. It shows us why things happen as they do in life. And knowing these laws of life empowers us to make informed decisions about our lives.

As a silly example, if we didn't know about the law of gravity, we might repeatedly try to leap off a tree, as if, in our minds, we might float through the air... only to fall down in a crash. We might scratch our heads and wonder why we keep falling down. We might even get angry that we can't seem to leap up high into the sky without falling down.

So it is in our lives. We may repeatedly try to defy the energetic rubric of our lives, trying to defy the underlying patterns that shape our lives, perhaps even getting angry and confused that we can't quite seem to do it.

Once we have clear knowledge of our lives, however, we can, if we want, choose differently. We can stop trying to do the very thing that leads us to fall on our heads every time. Instead, we can, if we want, start living in harmony with the energetic patterns of our lives.

### From Darkness to Light

Reading your cards to play may give you many "ah-ha" moments of self-realization. It may provide you with validation for something profoundly true about your life that you weren't quite able to pinpoint, until now.

You may also find vindication for an aspect of your human being that was denied or suppressed. Plus, you may suddenly understand why the people in your life behave as they do.

The Book of Life brings to light things that may have been dim, foggy, uncertain or completely obscured within your consciousness. And this crystalline clarity can be, by itself, immensely healing. It may instantly soften your heart to greater self-acceptance. It may mean you stop judging yourself for the way you are. It can also be liberating, like removing a heavy burden of ignorance that was weighing on your soul.

But some of the things about your life, as written in the Book of Life, may be difficult to accept or process. Still other information may actually depress you. You may be saddened by some of the things you read.

Most of us have things about ourselves we would rather not know. And the Book of Life is unsparing in its clarifying light. It brings to light the very things we may have preferred to keep locked away in the back of our closets.

Worse, the Book of Life may remind us of what we perceive to be our familiar failings. In our cards to play, we may see an all-too-familiar theme of lessons we already know we're *supposed* to learn, but just can quite seem to get. In this case, it can be quite jarring to read about our all-too-familiar setbacks in life, things we really wish we *could* overcome.

And so, it's important to say that the Book of Life reveals the truth, nothing more. And, truthfully, it takes great courage to read the Book of Life – to stare into the face of our own existence. As Carl Jung fatefully intoned:

There is no coming to consciousness without pain. People will do anything, no matter how absurd, in order to avoid facing their own soul. One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious.

And if you are finding it at all painful to read your life in the Book of Life, I have a suggestion for you: I encourage you to shift your frame of self-reference. Perhaps the pain you are experiencing as you read about your life is actually the “growing pains” of your conscious evolution.

## **Towards A Compassionate Choice**

We always have a choice. And I invite you to choose to have compassion for yourself that parts of your life are painful, difficult, or challenging.

Instead of heaping more judgment upon you, it's my intention that the Book of Life releases you from self-judgment. The way it does so is to show you that *precisely* these things in your life *would* be challenging for you. It's written for you that way, in the Book of your life.

It's not personal. It's the energy patterns of your life.

And, in fact, anyone born on your birth date has the *exact* same cards to play, which means they have the *exact* same challenges in life. The details of *how* those challenges manifest will be unique for each person, but the underlying theme of that challenge will be present. And it will be present for your *entire* life.

In other words, the fact that you are experiencing these lessons and challenges repeatedly in your life isn't because you have done something wrong. *You* are not a failure because you are experiencing these difficulties and challenges in life. And *you* are not a failure because you find it hard to learn these lessons. It's written for you that these lessons would be life-long lessons.

So I invite you to have compassion for yourself as you engage your life-long lessons. Let *that* be the lesson – rather than judging yourself for your struggles, learn to love yourself



unconditionally no matter what your struggles or difficulties may be.

What I often tell my coaching clients is that life is a game, a game we've all taken way too seriously. But if the game weren't challenging, we'd lose interest. It would be boring. The game is challenging precisely so as to hold our attention.

And so, I invite you to welcome your challenges as the very things that make the game of your life interesting. See if you can approach your life's challenges as a puzzle to be solved. See if you can play the game of your life as a child might play with a difficult puzzle.

**Second:** Please don't make the mistake of comparing your life and your life's struggles with other people who have different cards to play. We often tend to compare ourselves to others and wonder why so-and-so isn't struggling with what we're struggling with. We may even wonder to ourselves judgmentally, "If so-and-so can do it, then why can't I?"

But based on our cards to play, we each have different strengths and weaknesses. And again, it's not personal. It's in the design of the mathematics.

What one person struggles with may be effortless and easy for another person with different cards to play. But *that* person will have different challenges or life lessons, as indicated for them in *their* cards to play. And that realization hopefully releases us from judging ourselves vis-à-vis their life. Plus, it hopefully helps us to have compassion for their struggles too!

And so it is that understanding the cards to play of our loved ones, family, and friends can help us to see them with compassion. In fact, it's my intention that the Book of Life empowers you to have compassion for the struggles, difficulties, and character patterns of everyone in your life!

It starts with a choice. And our choice to have compassion for both ourselves and others begins with the awareness that we each chose the game we wanted to play. As eternal souls, we each chose to play with these energy patterns in this human



incarnation as a way to experience them, understand them, and eventually master them.

The bigger lesson then is to accept and love ourselves, exactly as we are knowing that we are all simply playing out our cards in life.

We are each participating in the Divine Play of life, each of us playing different parts and different roles with different challenges and opportunities. And at our best, we can choose to play the game of life like a child at play. In other words, we can live our life like it's our favorite game to play!

## **Play Your Cards Right**

Reading the Book of Life gives us profound knowledge of our life upon this Earth. And as we know, knowledge is power.

But just because the Book of Life accurately names our challenges in life does not necessarily mean we suddenly have the wherewithal to overcome those challenges! Likewise, just because the Book of Life clarifies our strengths and our gifts does not automatically mean we can confidently bring forth those gifts.

Indeed, it's one thing to find out what's in the cards for us, it's quite another to play our cards right.

Here too, as you learn to play your cards right, I invite you to have compassion for yourself. It may not be easy to change the way you operate in life. Some thought patterns, emotional responses, or personal habits may be *very* hard to shift.

What's important to remember is that we've all been socially conditioned and programmed to see ourselves in a certain light, to think certain thoughts, and to hold specific beliefs. It may not have even been mal-intentioned. It simply is, as a result of our upbringing. And who we were raised to be may have little to no resemblance to what's in the cards for us. (See some examples from **Step 2 FAQ**).

It means that as you try to play your cards right, it may take concerted effort to peel away the layers upon layers of contrary conditioning. It means that it may take real work to reconnect with your authentic pathway in life, as indicated by your cards to play. In some cases, it may even mean revisiting emotional scars or wounds long covered over. In other cases, it may mean facing the very things within you that are most fearful and shameful.

It certainly may not be easy. This can be profound therapeutic work.

And so, again, I invite you to have compassion for yourself as you endeavor to remove all the internal blocks that prevent you from playing your cards right. Likewise, have patience with yourself. For it may, at first, feel like a near impossible task to activate the rusty, unused gears of your authentic self-expression.

It's at this point that a trusted friend, mentor, coach or trained therapist may become essential. And if you are struggling to play your cards right in life, I strongly encourage you to find someone with whom you can process your life story and activate the life you want for yourself.

I encourage you to ask for help, in other words. Find someone to help you resolve things within yourself and then develop a clear strategy to play your cards right. It's how you'll start to build the life you intended for yourself when, as a soul, you chose this game in life.

## **A Fairy Tale Ending**

It's worth it to do the internal work to clear away the thorns and brambles around our soul, so that instead of our eternal beauty lying asleep within, we can reconnect with ourselves, awaken to our soul's game-plan, and live happily ever after.

It's what I've seen over and over again with my own clients: as we start to play our cards right, magic happens.

It surprised me at first. I wasn't expecting that by helping people play their cards right, everything in their lives would effortlessly fall into place, doors would open up for them, they'd grow their business exponentially, meet their soul mate, and find peace within themselves!

But then, it occurred to me: once we start playing our cards right, we're attuning ourselves to the underlying energy currents of Life itself. In other words, by following the GPS coordinates as laid out in our soul's game plan, we get in harmony with Life itself. As we do, we show up in the right place, at the right time, to receive all of Life's blessings.

And if consciously choosing to play our cards right means we get everything we really want in life, which it does, then *Whoever* designed this game *wants* us to have every good and perfect gift. It's all in the cards for us!

It's just a question of consciously, with our own free will, choosing to be in alignment with the Divine design of our Earthly lives. And we do that by choosing to play our cards right.

It's then that we enter into a flow state, in the sweet spot of Life, in harmony with *What Is*, rowing our boat gently down the stream. And it's then that we know for ourselves the experiential reality otherwise known as God's grace.



## ♥ ♣ The Cards In Play ♦ ♠

This section of the book is divided into four parts, following the division of the four suits.

Each of the four parts begins with an overview of the meaning of the suit. Each part then follows sequentially in numerical order from Ace – King.

As you look up your cards to play in each suit, it will be helpful to also read the general overview meaning of that suit first.

The Joker is the 5<sup>th</sup> element of reality. As such, he is listed separately, apart from the other 4 suits, as a part unto himself.



## Part 1: Hearts

Hearts correspond to the season of Spring, when the blossom is fresh and life begins. Life begins with a heartbeat. And without a heartbeat, there is no life. People who are born to play a heart-based game, based on either their Birth or Personality Card, are those who stay “young-at-heart” throughout life.

In the four elements, Hearts represent fire. Indeed, the passions of the heart can keep us warm at night, light our way, or burn us up with envy and resentment.

In the reality of our human being, the suit of Hearts corresponds to the heart-center. Those born to play a Heart card as either their primary or secondary pattern are emotionally based people. For better and for worse, their feelings form their rudder in life. And their best decisions are made based on trusting their feelings.

Heart-based people are more emotional than others. They can be overly sentimental, hyper sensitive, and moody, or else hot-blooded and overtaken by their fiery passions. And yet, these are the passionate people of life who live from the heart and inspire others with their example.

NOTE: We all operate on all four planes of existence symbolized by Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, and Spades. What is indicated by the Birth and Personality Cards are simply the *primary* and *secondary* valences of our energy signature.

If you are not born to play a Heart card as either your Birth Card or Personality Card, it means you will express your feelings, your desires, and your passions in other aspects of your life, as indicated by the placement of Heart cards in your **Life Path**.

# 1. The Ace of Hearts

## Love, Initiated



### Example Expressions

Masterful love. Ambitious passion. Sensual desire. Self-reliant independence. Wild seed of love. Selfish focus. Profound insecurity. Childish attention seeking antics. Emotional desperation. Solitary experiences. Hyper-competitive desires. Single-pointed intensity. Entrepreneurial charity. Big-hearted generosity.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 8♠
- 1. Birth – A♥
- 2. Mercury – A♦
- 3. Venus – Q♦
- 4. Mars – 5♥
- 5. Jupiter – 3♣
- 6. Saturn – 3♠
- 7. Uranus – 9♥
- 8. Neptune – 7♣
- 9. Pluto – 5♦
- 10. Princess – Q♠
- 11. Prince – J♣
- 12. Queen – 9♦
- 13. King – 7♠
- Soul Challenge – A♦
- Soul Gift – 3♥



## A♥ Game of Life

Born to play the Ace of Hearts, you are here to bring forth your intense passion to its full-flowering.

Your purpose is to sprout seeds of love in the world. And your heart burns with a longing for recognition of your talent. Your drive for mastery propels you forward, ever eager to prove that you can Ace the test.

And so, be aware that you don't set up impossible standards against which to measure yourself. If you set the bar of growth too high, you might easily judge yourself a failure by comparison. And if you feel you could never reach that mark, you may feel worthless, in which case you may not bother to try at all.

To avoid the potential devastation of failure, you may scatter your passions around a variety of interests rather than focus all your effort on one goal. And yet, it's essential for you to let your heart lead you to do what stirs your real passion.

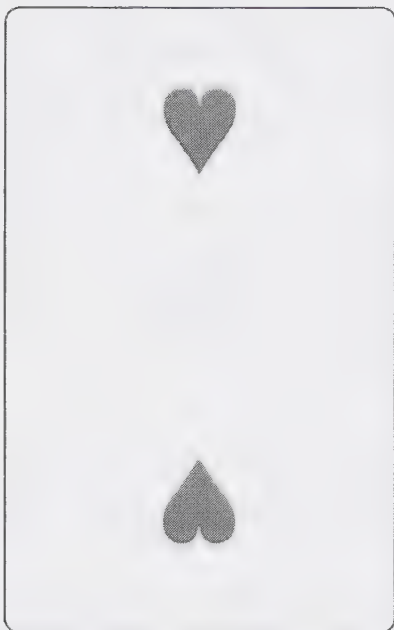
Your powerful heartfelt energy gives you the ability to play the emotional trump card. That could mean, you assert yourself like a cocky, insecure, spoiled brat who demands attention. Or with your profound empathy, it could mean you initiate emotional intelligence. But even as you do, you may fear that others will just use you as their emotional crutch. And it's true; you may become the "go to" person who provides others with a lift when they're down.

What you must realize is that you are here to give birth to your own desire. And so, don't neglect your own heart in service of others. Instead, cultivate the seeds of your own passion. For what grows forth from within you will stir the hearts of others. It's how you fulfill your purpose: your heartfelt example inspires others to water and grow seeds of love in their own lives.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my emotional mastery. And I focus all my attention to manifest my authentic desire.

## 2. The Two of Hearts

### Love, Unified



#### Example Expressions

Lovely partnership. Intimate connection. Passionate union. Heartfelt synergy. Heartsick for love. Romantic lust. People pleasing fears. Emotional distress. Wretched co-dependence. Stifled feelings. Passive-aggressive controls. Distrust of real intimacy. Strong empathy. Great networker. High emotional intelligence.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – 9♠
1. Birth – 2♥
2. Mercury – K♥
3. Venus – K♦
4. Mars – 6♥
5. Jupiter – 4♣
6. Saturn – 2♦
7. Uranus – J♠
8. Neptune – 8♣
9. Pluto – 6♦
10. Princess – 4♠
11. Prince – 10♥
12. Queen – 10♦
13. King – 8♠
- Soul Twin – A♣

## 2♥ Game of Life

Born to play the 2 of Hearts, you are here to join hearts together.

Your purpose is to create a whole that is greater than the sum of the individual parts. You instinctively know the wisdom of the proverb that “no man is an island.” You have a natural inclination to forge teams, build partnerships, and weave together supportive social networks.

It’s just that you may resent your role, feeling unappreciated or emotionally manipulated. But, in fact, you may voluntarily strip away your own desires in a vain effort to maintain a lovely accord. Your heart may bleed dry as a result, and to regain personal power, you may resort to passive-aggressive tactics.

Be aware of merging yourself with another in a co-dependent tangle of emotion, feeling that person’s feelings for them and acting out their desires. This inability to set up clear personal boundaries to maintain your own integrity may drive you, ironically, away from romantic relationships altogether.

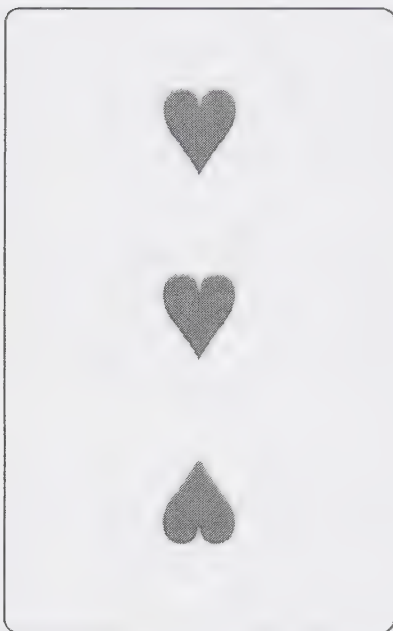
And so, you may prefer to leverage your emotional intelligence purely in the professional domain. And with your high EQ, you can rise to great heights in commerce. Your gift of empathy means people feel safe with you, which means they trust you and want to do business with you. However, you may feel a gnawing lack if you don’t also have a romantic partner to “complete” you.

For you to realize your purpose as a connector of hearts, you must first find wholeness within yourself. It means that instead of looking for love to fill up what you think is lacking, you choose to complete yourself first, giving yourself the same love and devotion you would give to another. Only then are you fully able to connect yourself with another.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I honor my feelings, and I uphold my integrity in all my relationships.

### 3. The Three of Hearts

#### Love, Created



#### Example Expressions

Creative self-expression. A variety of desires. Artistic flow. Penetrating passion. Excessive indulgence. Overwhelming emotions. A heart torn in two. Sexual uncertainty. Lurid promiscuity. Emotionally indecisive. Hypersensitive instability. A channel of unconditional love. Inspirational authenticity. Dynamic leadership.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – K♠
  1. Birth – 3♥
  2. Mercury – A♣
  3. Venus – Q♣
  4. Mars – 10♠
  5. Jupiter – 5♣
  6. Saturn – 3♦
  7. Uranus – A♠
  8. Neptune – 7♥
  9. Pluto – 7♦
  10. Princess – 5♠
  11. Prince – J♥
  12. Queen – 9♣
  13. King – 9♠
- Soul Challenge – A♥
- Soul Gift – Q♣

### 3♥ Game of Life

Born to play the 3 of Hearts, you are here to express the dynamic range of human possibilities. You are a vessel of passionate creativity, a throbbing embodiment of desire. And with such a rich emotional landscape, you may revel in music, art, dance and lovemaking. You can be a charismatic people person, possibly even the life of the party.

Be aware though that your heart can rage fiercely, overflowing socially accepted traditions and boundaries. Indeed, your purpose is precisely to open a clear, direct outlet for love's full, uncensored expression. It may make you decidedly a-traditional and non-conformist as you endeavor to express yourself exactly as you wish. And it can feel suffocating if you are in any way restricted from the full-throttle expression of your emotion.

It's just that you may not know how to realistically satisfy the ache in your heart. Your insatiable appetite may prove unwieldy or even scary. It can devolve easily into an addictive, lustful craving.

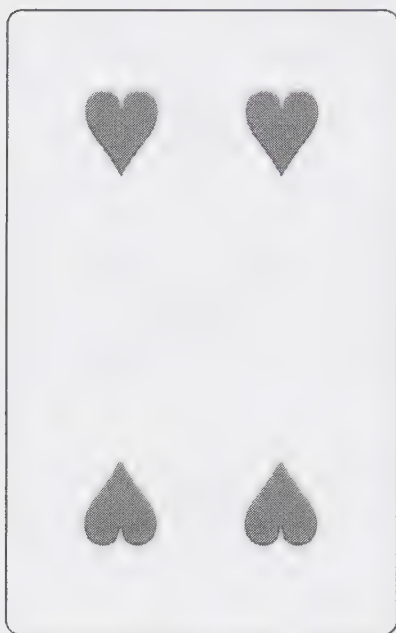
And so, you may have learned to play it safe, hiding and bottling up your torrent of urges behind a mighty internal damn. If so, a divided life may ensue, one in which you keep your ardent adventures separated from your work-a-day world. You may even develop completely different social circles according to the different versions of yourself you present.

And yet, your life purpose is not to fragment yourself so that you can fit in, but rather to "fit out" in your own unique, quirky, and unconventional expressions. At your best, you liberate the otherwise tamed human spirit, restoring a fresh aliveness to human being. Like a tuning fork, your authentic resonance attunes and enlivens others to the sound of their own individuality.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I honor my feelings completely. And I trust the guidance of my heart.

## 4. The Four of Hearts

### Love, Defined



### Example Expressions

A solid foundation of love. Emotionally supportive. A reliable caregiver. The family unit comes first. Stuck inside familiar routines. Emotionally closed. Passive-aggressive power plays. Defensively resistant. Anal-retentive. Stubborn complacency. Emotional struggles. Protectively loyal. Holding a safe space for feelings. Strong emotional intelligence.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – J♦
- 1. Birth – 4♥
- 2. Mercury – 4♦
- 3. Venus – 2♠
- 4. Mars – 8♥
- 5. Jupiter – 6♣
- 6. Saturn – 6♠
- 7. Uranus – Q♥
- 8. Neptune – 10♣
- 9. Pluto – 8♦
- 10. Princess – K♠
- 11. Prince – 3♥
- 12. Queen – A♣
- 13. King – Q♣
- Soul Challenge – 4♠
- Soul Gift – 10♠

## 4♥ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to build a house of love. Your purpose is to construct a safe, secure habitat for emotional expression. You are gifted with emotional intelligence to offer sage counsel, and you are a loyal friend. You have the empathy to be a safe harbor in the tempest.

Just watch out that you don't become the dumping ground for others' distress. You may even feel obligated to care-take others, as if it were your solemn duty to help others process their feelings. You can all-too-easily over-give, exhausting yourself and brewing resentment. You may keep your own feelings bottled up, ironically, even as you provide the sounding board for others to vent theirs.

You can be anal retentive, closed-minded, and risk-adverse. But even with such habitual repression and addictive patterning, you can nevertheless burst out with surprising anger or passion if triggered. If your integrity is challenged, for example, you can rage obsessively, bullying others into quiet submission.

Above all else, you want peace and harmony in your home. To get this, you may oscillate between passive, placating resignation and withering, argumentative insistence. The crux of the debate is always the terms and conditions of love. And your own tightly woven expectations are at stake. But instead of pointing fingers at others' moral failings or feeling guilty if you don't act charitably, you fulfill your purpose when you love unconditionally.

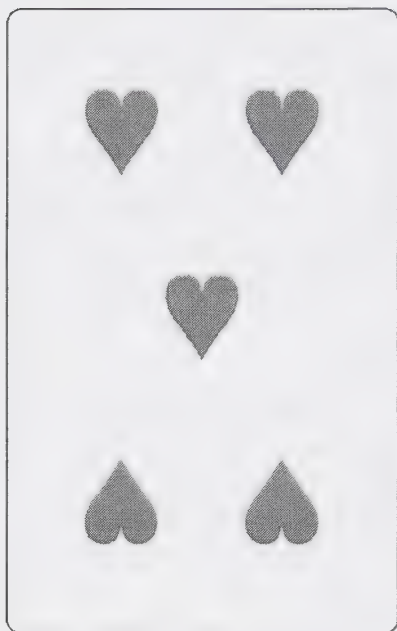
For it's only without strings attached that you can open your heart in compassion and serenity, neither forcing others to be something they are not, nor compelling yourself to be for others what they cannot be for themselves. It's how you create a genuine space for love, which is an opening for you to express your feelings too.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I exercise my heartfelt expression. My heart is a muscle that gets stronger as I use it.



## 5. The Five of Hearts

### Love, Innovated



#### Example Expressions

Openhearted self-expression.  
 Passionate exploration.  
 Inspirational artistry. Offbeat  
 taste. Sensual genius.  
 Unquenched desires. Changeable,  
 fickle cravings. Hot-and-cold  
 moods. Dissatisfied, anxious  
 feelings. Restless wanderlust.  
 Unfaithful philanderer. Dynamic  
 charisma. Mystical connections.  
 Unconditional, generous love.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – Q♦
  1. Birth – 5♥
  2. Mercury – 3♣
  3. Venus – 3♠
  4. Mars – 9♥
  5. Jupiter – 7♣
  6. Saturn – 5♦
  7. Uranus – Q♠
  8. Neptune – J♣
  9. Pluto – 9♦
  10. Princess – 7♠
  11. Prince – 2♣
  12. Queen – K♣
  13. King – J♦
- Soul Challenge – 4♦
- Soul Gift – 5♣



## 5♥ Game of Life

Born to play with a heart full of love, you may feel like your passion is bursting at the seams. It can feel wonderful to feel as much as you do. Or not. It may not always feel good to experience such a whirling torrent of emotional desire. And yet, your purpose is to expand the terms and conditions of love on this planet.

As you well know, love cannot be contained inside rational limits. Love is not bounded by our inherited traditions. And as you seek the deeper meaning of love, you can become something of a mystic, penetrating to the heart of the matter.

Just be aware of your wandering, restless itch, a fickle changeableness that conspires to keep you scattered across the superficial pleasures of life. It can feel as if you're on an endless human scavenger hunt, searching for a heart of gold.

It's just that your heartfelt quest can easily become a manipulative cry for help. And, in your endeavor to differentiate yourself – to live authentically, you may actually just live reactively to *any* norms, which means you may devolve into all manner of perverse behavior.

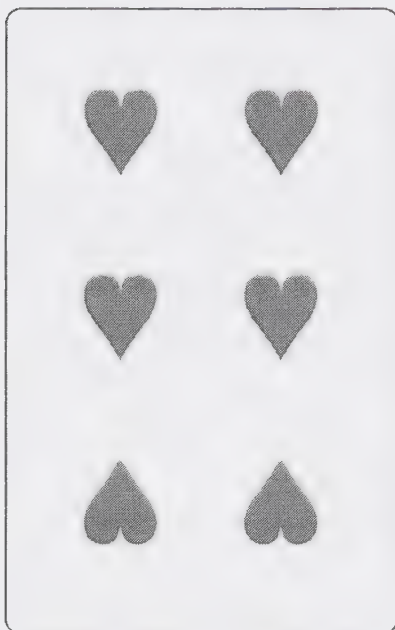
Alternatively, you may have learned early in life to bottle up your passion and play it safe, locking yourself up inside of so-called practical necessities. If so, you may love art and music and people who are free spirits, but you may be too fearful to actually give yourself permission to live your passion.

And yet, your life purpose is to uncork the mottled heart, shake off the closeted cobwebs that restrict the heart's freedom, and dance to the sound of a human heartbeat. At your best, you shine forth the radiant truth of love – that love is unconditional, with no strings attached. And as you do open up to this profound truth of love, you find yourself most at ease, most yourself, and most at home in the world.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I open myself to the deepest treasure of my heart's desire. I trust my heart completely.

## 6. The Six of Hearts

### Love, Aligned



### Example Expressions

Heartfelt responsibility. Passionate goals. Expressive emotional intelligence. Passive aggressive controls. Rigid expectations. Emotionally stuck, coloring only inside the lines. Sudden, dramatic ruptures. Obsessively measuring love, tit-for-tat. Self-righteous judgments. The family referee. Fair and balanced. Fated encounters. A 6<sup>th</sup> sense for what's right. Diplomatic peacemaker.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – K♦
- 1. Birth – 6♥
- 2. Mercury – 4♣
- 3. Venus – 2♦
- 4. Mars – J♠
- 5. Jupiter – 8♣
- 6. Saturn – 6♦
- 7. Uranus – 4♠
- 8. Neptune – 10♥
- 9. Pluto – 10♦
- 10. Princess – 8♠
- 11. Prince – A♥
- 12. Queen – A♦
- 13. King – Q♦
- Soul Challenge – 4♣
- Soul Gift – 3♦

## 6♥ Game of Life

Born to play the 6 of Hearts, you may feel like you are on a personal mission in this lifetime. It can make you a peacemaker in all that you do. And, in fact, your purpose in life is to hold true to the meaning of unconditional love.

You thrive in diplomatic roles where you bring people together. As such, you may find yourself acting as the rudder that steers a steady course through stormy emotional seas. And it may feel to you like others use you as their crutch. It may be hard for you to say “no.” And so, you can end up in co-dependent, resentful relationships caretaking the people in your life. And yet, you can be surprisingly stubborn in your own insistence of certain behaviors, especially if you feel like others owe you.

You may get caught into a form of emotional accounting, keeping personal score in the ledger of life. And while you may give willingly, if you feel unappreciated, you will demand your “pound of flesh” in return. The order of life is of supreme importance to you. And you will keep the scales balanced one way or another.

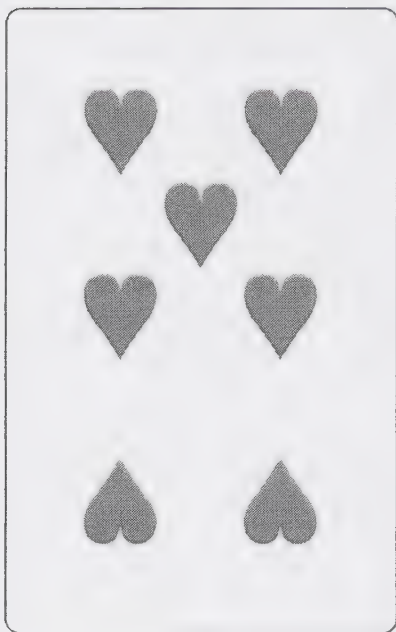
It’s important for you to open your heart wider to embrace the panorama of human frailty. Allow yourself and your loved ones the freedom to “color outside the lines,” with full permission to express the passions of the heart. You can build a tall tower of love in this life. Just remember that skyscrapers are stronger when they are built with an inherent flexibility to withstand the motions of the Earth’s crust.

You, who want to bring peace on Earth, remember to bend and flow with the movements of life upon the Earth. And instead of trying to fix everyone else, stay true to your only responsibility, which is to love unconditionally. It’s how you fulfill your purpose, lovingly, gently setting people free to stand tall on their own power.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I am strong enough to bend and move with the currents of life. I trust the ebb and flow of life.

## 7. The Seven of Hearts

### Love, Uplifted



#### Example Expressions

Joyful buoyancy. Passionate, exuberant connection. Unconditional love. Community builder. Mean-spirited, biting criticism. Seething resentment. Bitter betrayals and disappointments. A martyr for love. Manic mood swings. Deep depression. A lonely, doubting heart. Spiritual connection. Game-changing emotional intelligence. Profound compassion.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – A♠
  1. Birth – 7♥
  2. Mercury – 7♦
  3. Venus – 5♠
  4. Mars – J♥
  5. Jupiter – 9♣
  6. Saturn – 9♠
  7. Uranus – 2♥
  8. Neptune – K♥
  9. Pluto – K♦
  10. Princess – 6♥
  11. Prince – 4♣
  12. Queen – 2♦
  13. King – J♠
- Soul Challenge – 8♥
- Soul Gift – A♠

## 7♥ Game of Life

Born to play the 7 of Hearts, you are here to adjust the way we feel. Indeed, your desires may be the pivot point for an entire community. You may link together a variety of people through their shared connection to you.

Your purpose is to share, through your own example, the real meaning of love. It's a pathway that repeatedly brings you face to face with the pivotal option of forgiveness and compassion. And yet, needless to say, adjusting your heart to these higher emotional expressions may not always feel easy. In fact, it may feel impossible. Worse, it can feel like it's always up to you to be the one who *has* to offer emotional resolution. And that can feel like a thankless, exhausting task, leaving you feeling bitterly defeated.

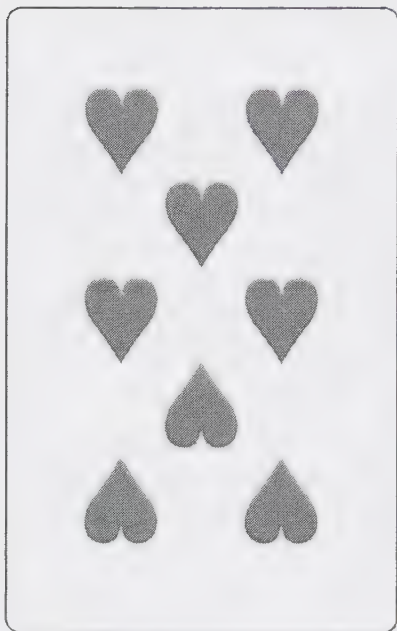
You may, as a result, devolve into a mean-spirited, spiteful tonality in your self-expression, lashing out at others to make them feel bad about themselves too. In this way, you may connect to others only through snide, snarky remarks that cut and hurt, rather than edifying language that lifts up and heals. It happens because you feel bad about yourself, and, well, misery loves company.

What's at stake for you is to neither play the victim, nor to make yourself a martyr. It means developing within your self a love that is unconditional of circumstance, without strings attached to outcomes.

Indeed, you fulfill your purpose when you give yourself full permission to feel happy for no particular reason. To reach that level of personal buoyancy, however, you must learn to fill up your own cup when your heart feels empty. And so, rather than serve yourself a broth of self-loathing, offer yourself love, no matter what, unconditionally. Thus do you express the kind of love that moves mountains. And it starts within your self.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I have faith in the power of love. And I choose to fill my heart with all that makes my heart sing.

## 8. The Eight of Hearts Love, Strengthened



### Example Expressions

Infinite heart-power. Persuasive charm. Expansive passion. Charismatic lover. Emotionally controlling. Passively manipulative. A heart tied-up in knots. Smoldering inner turmoil. Tangled, constricted relationships. Bullying demands. A petty tyrant. Politically persuasive. Inspired, emotionally intelligent leadership. A healing presence.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 2 ♠
- 1. Birth – 8 ♥
- 2. Mercury – 6 ♣
- 3. Venus – 6 ♠
- 4. Mars – Q ♥
- 5. Jupiter – 10 ♣
- 6. Saturn – 8 ♦
- 7. Uranus – K ♠
- 8. Neptune – 3 ♥
- 9. Pluto – A ♣
- 10. Princess – Q ♣
- 11. Prince – 10 ♠
- 12. Queen – 5 ♣
- 13. King – 3 ♦
- Soul Challenge – 7 ♠
- Soul Gift – 7 ♥



## 8♥ Game of Life

Born to play with the 8 of Hearts, you have the power to pull heartstrings. How you choose to do that is entirely up to you. You can manipulate just as easily as you can empower.

Your purpose is to weave together a basket full of love. You have the ability to gather a tribe. You can make everyone feel happy. It's as if you are a portable love generator. And with your emotional intelligence, you can paint the picture, sing the song, or otherwise inspire others to open their hearts, too.

You may feel like a healer who is a love-light in dim, dark places. You may also, however, be mystified by your own ability to persuade people to do what you want. And you may certainly abuse your charismatic influence. Irresponsibly, you may prefer to simply charm your way through life. Or alternatively, you may disengage from social obligations altogether because of how empathic you are.

You feel so much that it can be painful. You all-too-easily take on other people's emotional problems as your own task to untangle. Worse, you may butt in or intrude in order to provide your own emotional solution. As such, you can be so intent on controlling the lives of others that you constrict them inside the terms and conditions of your love.

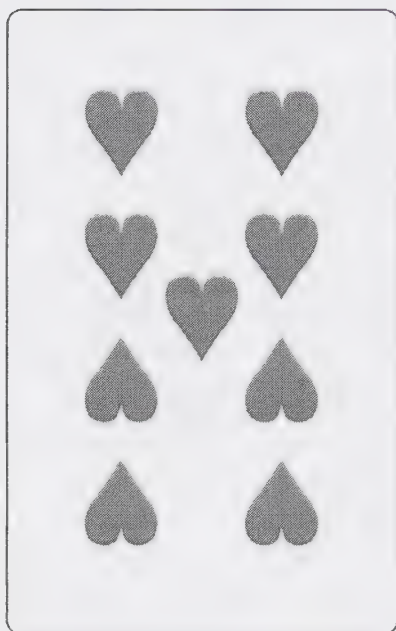
You can be emotionally suffocating to the very people you claim to be supporting. And if so, it's your own heart that most suffers from the compressed order you strive to enforce.

What's at stake for you is the realization that peace and prosperity come by grace, not force. It's this awareness that allows you to relax, soften, and yield. It's how you open your heart to offer more space for human expression. It means honoring the eccentricities of others even as you honor your own desires. And it's how you fulfill your life's purpose. For it's then that you can weave together a grand tapestry of love.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I soften and relax my heart. My heart is strong enough to make enough space for others.



## 9. The Nine of Hearts Transcendent Love



### Example Expressions

Unconditional love. Sublime passion. Universal compassion. Overly sentimental. Deep, inexplicable sadness. Tragic heartbreak. Emotional endings. Personal victim story. Passive-aggressive shaming tactics. Withholding love as a weapon. Naïve pretense. Raw vulnerability. Extremely empathic. Metaphysical sensitivity. Inspirational humanitarian.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 3 ♠
- 1. Birth – 9 ♥
- 2. Mercury – 7 ♣
- 3. Venus – 5 ♦
- 4. Mars – Q ♠
- 5. Jupiter – J ♣
- 6. Saturn – 9 ♦
- 7. Uranus – 7 ♠
- 8. Neptune – 2 ♣
- 9. Pluto – K ♣
- 10. Princess – J ♦
- 11. Prince – 4 ♥
- 12. Queen – 4 ♦
- 13. King – 2 ♠
- Soul Twin – 7 ♦

## 9♥ Game of Life

Born to play with the 9 of Hearts, you are here to find a pathway to higher expressions of love. But it can seem like your life is a series of emotional stumbling blocks that trip you up, knocking you down into tragic retreat inside your own hurt feelings. Or you can release your wounded pride, lighten your heavy load, and step up to express love unconditionally.

Indeed, your purpose is to inspire and uplift people with your love. But you can only do that when you lift up your sentiments to universally inclusive proportions. That means letting go of your sentimental attachments to specific people, places, and things in your life. It also means letting go of personal grudges.

In a word, it means forgiveness. It means giving-way first, yielding your personal story of righteous indignation, even if you feel like you are right and others have done you wrong. If you do fixate on being right, then you'll be stuck in a low place, perhaps sinking into a lonely, withdrawn life, colored over by mental rationalizations and kept busy by career aspirations.

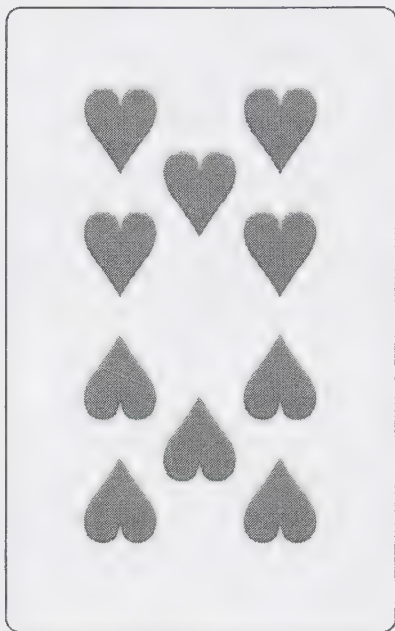
Alternatively, the path of love means transcending your own egotistical limits so as to fully open your heart. It's either / or. Either you realize compassion for other people's all-too-human foibles and limitations, or you seethe in a private cauldron of mean-spirited accusations.

At your best, you can be like a giant particle accelerator for love, magnetizing and super-charging fragments of love in every person, regardless of context or pre-condition. And it's what *feels* good! It supercharges your own heart to focus on expanding and growing love. It's also how you fulfill your life purpose as a true humanitarian. And it's how you experience real transcendence, which means you'll live a charmed, magical life, like a cat with 9 lives.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I let go of my victim story. I choose to lighten my heart with forgiveness and compassion.

## 10. The Ten of Hearts

### Love, Expressed



### Example Expressions

Open hearted self-expression. Expansive charisma. Socially entertaining. Thriving in the spotlight. Poorly defined boundaries. Superficial vanity. Narcissistic obsessions. Attention-seeking antics. Love-hate relationship with crowds. Feeling unworthy of love. An over-giving, bleeding heart. Profound emotional intelligence. Big game player. An ambassador of love.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 4♠
- 1. Birth – 10♥
- 2. Mercury – 10♦
- 3. Venus – 8♠
- 4. Mars – A♥
- 5. Jupiter – A♦
- 6. Saturn – Q♦
- 7. Uranus – 5♥
- 8. Neptune – 3♣
- 9. Pluto – 3♠
- 10. Princess – 9♥
- 11. Prince – 7♣
- 12. Queen – 5♦
- 13. King – Q♠
- Soul Challenge – J♣
- Soul Gift – 5♠

## 10♥ Game of Life

Born to play the 10 of Hearts, you are here to open up more space for love. Your purpose in life is to shine a light of love in the world. You may even feel like a princess, a dignitary, playing the role of an emissary from the royal kingdom of love.

You simply love to love! You may even be in love with love, or at least, in love with the reflection of yourself you see in the eyes of others. You have the charisma and charm to command center stage. And your heartfelt passion can light up the hearts of others.

It's just that you may love the attention a little too much. You want everyone to notice how much you're giving. You may not show it. In fact, you may outwardly shy away from praise or compliments. But inwardly, you may be desperately seeking love. And yet, you may not feel worthy of love. You may feel lacking. And so, you may over-give and over-extend yourself as an unspoken cry for love, as if your own investment of love entitles you to demand it in return. Worse, you may feel you have to prove you are loveable.

It means that those in your inner circle are very lucky indeed. You may give to them until you bleed. But you may over-promise and over-commit yourself socially only to find that you get double-crossed in the end. You can become resentful and spiteful as a result. And because you're highly social, you can get lost in superficial vanities. It happens because you're trying to fill up your heart with something, anything to make you feel good.

You must learn instead to find love for yourself in the stillness of your own heart. Cultivate your solitude. Set clear boundaries. It's only in the silence of your heart that you find a true wellspring of rejuvenating love. And tapping into *that* inner abundance enables you to fulfill your purpose... to bring forth from within yourself an over-flowing fountain of love.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I am comfortable in the solitude of my heart. And I gracefully express my true feelings.

## 11. The Jack of Hearts

### Love, Generated



### Example Expressions

Passionate creative production. Ardent romantic expression. A connoisseur's mastery. Obsessive fixations. One-sided perspectives. Roguish independence. Playing the martyr. Stubborn pride. Glaring blind spots. Self-righteous anger. Bawdy, playful humor. Spiritually adept. Charitable service. Profound emotional intelligence.

### Life Path

0. Moon – 5♠
1. Birth – J♥
2. Mercury – 9♣
3. Venus – 9♠
4. Mars – 2♥
5. Jupiter – K♥
6. Saturn – K♦
7. Uranus – 6♥
8. Neptune – 4♣
9. Pluto – 2♦
10. Princess – J♠
11. Prince – 8♣
12. Queen – 6♦
13. King – 4♠

### Soul Trinity

- J♥
- K♠
- 8♣

## J♥ Game of Life

Born to play with the Jack of Hearts, you are here as a royal prince of love. And the heart is more powerful than the mind. It's just that you may think otherwise.

Your purpose is to generate pure forms of love in the world. And so, how might you playfully inject more heartfelt passion, romance, charity, and laughter into our lives? It's your royal birthright to be something like a free radical of love. And you do prefer your independence, sometimes deliberately bucking controls just to prove you can. You can even be a stubbornly defiant brat.

And if your patience is pushed too far, you may snap in a sudden burst of anger. You can cut people down, making them feel quite small indeed, using your keen wit to destroy rather than create. You may likewise lash out in defense if you get shocked or caught off guard by something that emerges from your blind side.

What's important to realize is that you must rely on others to open your eyes to love. By yourself, you don't have all the answers; nor can you do it all alone. You may think you are supposed to be a sacrificial martyr for love. And your royal hubris may not permit you to ask for help. But again, this is the folly of the mind.

You fulfill your purpose when you express the heart's truth – that love is unconditionally given and received, without pretense and without ego. As you do open your heart, you open up a gift of profound emotional intelligence. It begins when you realize that you do not yet know the full meaning of love, which means, being an eager student of love in all you do.

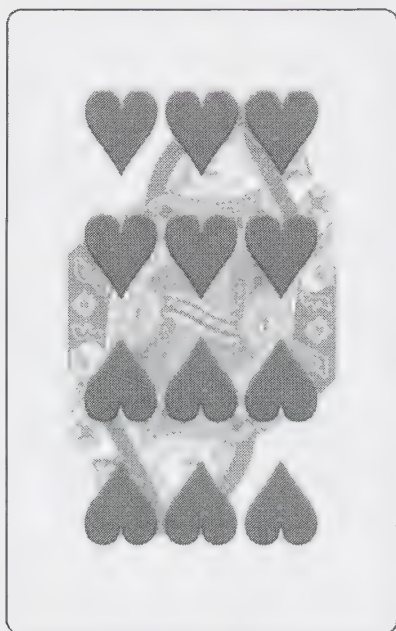
It's your only true responsibility in life, to initiate yourself into the mystery of love. As you do, you realize your alchemical gift to transmute leaden hearts into shining hearts of gold.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I am a humble student of love. My eyes are open to the expansive possibilities of love.



## 12. The Queen of Hearts

### Love, Perfected



#### Example Expressions

Heartfelt leadership. Charismatic nobility. Profound emotional intelligence. Lavish sensuality. Moody perfectionism. Emotionally manipulative. Irrational fits of rage. Addictive indulgence. Lustful infatuations. High-maintenance demands. Entitled pride and royal airs. Passionate connoisseur. Socially graceful. Compassionate authority.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 6 ♠
- 1. Birth – Q ♥
- 2. Mercury – 10 ♣
- 3. Venus – 8 ♦
- 4. Mars – K ♠
- 5. Jupiter – 3 ♥
- 6. Saturn – A ♣
- 7. Uranus – Q ♣
- 8. Neptune – 10 ♠
- 9. Pluto – 5 ♣
- 10. Princess – 3 ♦
- 11. Prince – A ♠
- 12. Queen – 7 ♥
- 13. King – 7 ♦
- Soul Challenge – 10 ♠
- Soul Gift – 9 ♣



## Q♥ Game of Life

Born to play the Queen of Hearts, you are playing *the* feminine archetype of the heart. And as such, your sensuality and nurturing ability are second-to-none.

Your purpose is to model an impeccable expression of love. In short, you show the rest of us how to love. You do so with your extraordinary emotional intelligence. You know exactly how to massage any situation to maneuver the emotional sensibilities at stake. Or not... if others don't meet your expectations, and your patience is tested, you may demand "off with his head!" You don't suffer fools easily. And, if displeased, you may throw a violent fit.

Your rage can be a torrent of energy that tramples all in its path. Likewise, your sexual drive! Your lovers are the beneficiaries of some good *luvin'* – so long as they can stand in the flame with you.

The real problem arises, however, if you attempt to "mommy" everyone, stray dogs and cats included. But in a caretaking role, you may actually dis-empower those you wish to serve, meanwhile exhausting your emotional reserves, leading to resentment, and eventually, breakdown.

Worse, you may slide into over-indulgence, decadence, and even addiction as antidotes to your bleeding heart. You're learning to open up and express, in beautiful terms, the raw emotional force of life. And you fulfill your purpose when you step into your given role of authority, vulnerably and willingly leading from your own heartfelt example.

It means learning how to fill up your own love tank without placing demands on others to do it for you. And it means modeling the behavior you wish to see from others, expressing your desires with compassionate awareness. As you do, your natural charisma and charm easily win the day.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I lead from my heart. I embody the wisdom of the heart in all that I do.

## 13. The King of Hearts

### Love, Commanded



#### Example Expressions

Lion-hearted leadership. A king of love. Passionate self-expression. Connoisseur's discernment. Overwhelming, unspeakable feelings. Self-sabotaging drama. Escapist debauchery. People-pleasing cowardice. Belligerent, bullying tactics. Explosive anger. Issues with authority. Innate emotional intelligence. Effortless authority. Commanding presence.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 2♥
  - 1. Birth – K♥
  - 2. Mercury – K♦
  - 3. Venus – 6♥
  - 4. Mars – 4♣
  - 5. Jupiter – 2♦
  - 6. Saturn – J♠
  - 7. Uranus – 8♣
  - 8. Neptune – 6♦
  - 9. Pluto – 4♠
  - 10. Princess – 10♥
  - 11. Prince – 10♦
  - 12. Queen – 8♠
  - 13. King – A♥
- Soul Challenge – 2♣
- Soul Gift – 9♠

## K♥ Game of Life

Born to play the King of the heart, you are fit to wear the crown of emotional intelligence. And, with your emotional power, you can easily gather a tribe. People naturally gravitate to you and place you in positions of authority.

Indeed, your purpose in life is to establish a kingdom of emotional wellbeing. But you may act instead like a petty tyrant, or a spoiled brat, bullying people into submission. That, or you may demur from your leadership role altogether, feeling the weight of the crown to be too heavy, preferring simply to indulge yourself. And you do have a regal taste for the delicacies of life.

It's just a question of whether you will stand up to your rightful placement in the circle of life. Out of vanity, you may adopt a demeanor of appeasement, attempting to curry favor with everyone, so that none dislike you. Or, from hubris, you may be verbally overbearing and condescending, as if you have a royal perspective that knows better. And you may oscillate back and forth between these two extremes, either dominating others verbally or closing your mouth completely.

It happens because you are learning to define and actualize your own feelings. You are learning to verbalize your deep, expansive emotions. More importantly, you are learning to express your heart's intention both gracefully and wisely, without resorting to passive-aggressive tactics. In other words, you are learning to call forth true emotional intelligence. As you do summon forth your authentic inspiration, you become a lion-hearted leader of people.

And by courageously sharing your feelings and taking a stand for the heartfelt truth, you fulfill your purpose: you inspire others to amplify their own emotional intelligence, which is how the kingdom of love grows wide and strong. And all the people rejoice!

**Affirmation to play it well:** I wear the crown of my authority with dignity and grace. I share my true feelings openly.



## Part 2: Clubs

Clubs correspond to the season of Summer, when life reaches its full bloom. The Club is actually a clover. And it represents the mind, the flower that grows on the soil of the heart.

People born to play a Club card as either their primary or secondary pattern are mentally based people. They are the students of life, always eager to learn. Their toolkit is language, concepts, categories, and communication. They put things into words and distill the ideas that shape our world.

Club-based people can, of course, get stuck in the machinations of their minds, locked inside mental abstractions, rationalizing their own existence. They may also get divorced from their feelings, operating instead with merely cold calculation in all that they do. And yet, these are the intelligent ones whose curiosity and ingenuity drive our philosophical and technological advancement as a species.

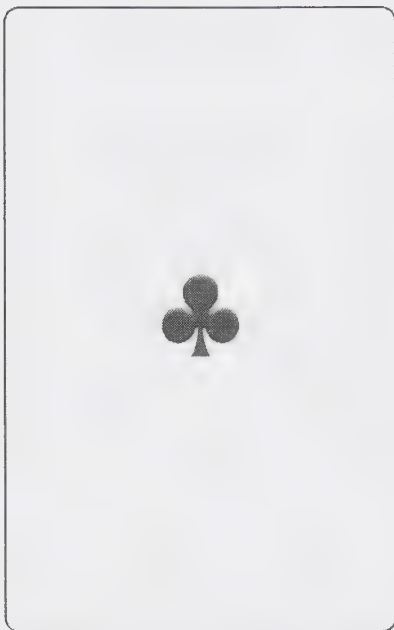
In the four elements, Clubs represent water. Indeed, our thinking can be like a babbling, gurgling fountain; meanwhile, the depths of our psyche may resemble the forbidding darkness at the bottom of the ocean. But it is the flow of our mental energy – like the flow of water – that creates channels and passageways upon the Earth. And with mindfulness, our mind can resemble the serene calm of a lake's surface.

NOTE: We all operate on all four planes of existence symbolized by Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, and Spades. What is indicated by the Birth and Personality Cards are simply the *primary* and *secondary* valences of our energy signature.

If you are not born to play a Club card as either your primary or secondary pattern, it means you will think about, learn about, and talk about the other aspects of your life, as indicated by the placement of Club cards in your **Life Path**.

# 1. The Ace of Clubs

## Knowledge, Initiated



### Example Expressions

Knowledgeable mastery.  
 Confident independence. Incisive  
 wit. Wildly scattered interests.  
 Informational overload.  
 Insatiable, restless curiosity.  
 Solitary disappointments.  
 Procrastination anxiety. Insecure  
 arrogance. Cutting, competitive  
 wordplay. Smug, selfish  
 impatience. Skewering insights.  
 Clever and ambitious inventions.  
 A self-taught virtuoso.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 3♥
- 1. Birth – A♣
- 2. Mercury – Q♣
- 3. Venus – 10♠
- 4. Mars – 5♣
- 5. Jupiter – 3♦
- 6. Saturn – A♠
- 7. Uranus – 7♥
- 8. Neptune – 7♦
- 9. Pluto – 5♠
- 10. Princess – J♥
- 11. Prince – 9♣
- 12. Queen – 9♠
- 13. King – 2♥
- Soul Twin – 2♥

## A♣ Game of Life

Born to play the Ace of Clubs means you are here to ace the mental game of life. You can be single-minded, focused, and driven. Your purpose is to initiate knowledge, to bring forth something into our world that was not here until you thought it. This role of midwifing new thought forms into being can seem quite daunting, however. You may put pressure on yourself to master everything you do, and if you *think* you won't do it perfectly, you may not do it at all.

You may procrastinate terribly, afraid you never know enough to either begin or complete the project. It can leave you scattered among too many interests and half-finished projects. As such, you can all-too-easily waffle about in the quagmire of your own highfalutin hubris. This cocky, intellectual pretense is, however, a mask for profound insecurity and fear of failure. And it may arise because you measure your self-worth entirely by your achievements, for which you can set a very high bar indeed.

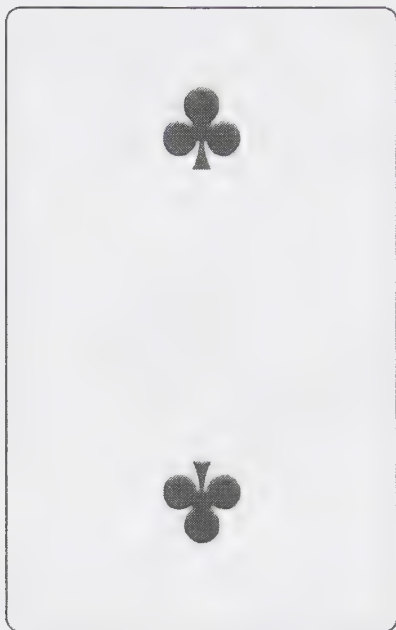
You want to prove you can ace the test you set for yourself! But, in the process of *trying* to ace it, since you haven't *yet* aced it, you may count yourself utterly worthless. And this resulting lack of perceived self-worth only dissolves your impetus for further action. It's quite a Catch-22... In romance, this lack of patience with the developing process can manifest as a restless itch or a wandering eye. Worse, you can engage in a game of co-dependent mental trumps with your loved ones, wanting to have the last word to outsmart them, ironically, as a way to prove you are worthy of their love.

You live your purpose, however, not in competition with others, but as a prime mover, a fire-starter of knowledge. You are here to contribute your own unique verse to the ongoing, ever-unfolding play of life. And you will be happiest on the leading edge, spearheading an inquiry into novel terrain.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my innate mastery. I have patience with the unfolding process of my own mastery.



## 2. The Two of Clubs Knowledge, Unified



### Example Expressions

Mindful communication. Faithful collaboration. A knowledgeable partner. Networked intelligence. Fearful, co-dependent mindset. Quarrelsome entanglements. Passive-aggressive manipulation. Gossiping. Recursive inner dialogues. Imagined conversations. Bossy and controlling. Thoughtful listening. Cooperative, helpful mindset. Synergistic genius.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 7 ♠
- 1. Birth – 2 ♣
- 2. Mercury – K ♣
- 3. Venus – J ♦
- 4. Mars – 4 ♥
- 5. Jupiter – 4 ♦
- 6. Saturn – 2 ♠
- 7. Uranus – 8 ♥
- 8. Neptune – 6 ♣
- 9. Pluto – 6 ♠
- 10. Princess – Q ♥
- 11. Prince – 10 ♣
- 12. Queen – 8 ♦
- 13. King – K ♠
- Soul Challenge – A ♠
- Soul Gift – K ♥

## 2♣ Game of Life

Born to play the 2 of Clubs, you're here to create a meeting of the minds. You have a gift of communication. And you thrive in the creation of partnerships united for a single objective.

Your purpose is to synergize minds together, forging alliances that solve shared problems. It's just that your mind may work overtime to ensure everyone agrees. Worse, in your desire to build connections, you may try to do the talking for others too, putting words in their mouth, or the opposite: you may bite your tongue just to keep the peace.

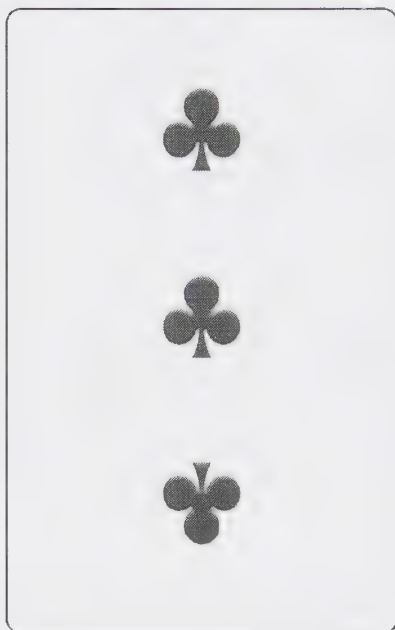
And while it may represent a desire to forge a strong union, it can also indicate an over-compensation born from a sense of lack, a sense of something missing. And it can result in controlling and co-dependent power struggles in relationships, both personal and professional. It can also lead you to over-extend yourself, as if it's up to you to support the whole team by yourself.

You do want to be helpful and supportive. It makes you quite thoughtful. But it can also make you bossy, and it can compromise your personal integrity and boundaries. You may overextend yourself in partnerships from fear of being alone. But then, others may repeatedly disappoint you, not returning to you as you gave to them, which only makes you wish you *could* be alone.

To live your purpose you must first fulfill yourself as a complete whole unto yourself. Then, you can come together with others in wholeness, not lack. The paradox, however, is that you do find your sense of self precisely in relationship to others. You benefit from the sounding board of conversational partners. You come alive in the alchemy of two minds firing together like two neurons in the global brain. Just remember that the electric spark of realization can only flash in the open space between two separately equal minds.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I am whole and complete in myself. I maintain my own integrity even as I forge synergies.

### 3. The Three of Clubs Knowledge, Created



#### Example Expressions

Creative, thoughtful artistry. Discerning wisdom. Intuitive comprehension. Superficial, anxious chatter. Divided second-guessing. Fearful over-analysis. Existential angst. A tortured genius. Paranoid self-reflections. Sharply cutting words. Blunt accusations. Witty self-expression. Insightful leadership. A sensitive virtuoso.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 5♥
- 1. Birth – 3♣
- 2. Mercury – 3♠
- 3. Venus – 9♥
- 4. Mars – 7♣
- 5. Jupiter – 5♦
- 6. Saturn – Q♠
- 7. Uranus – J♣
- 8. Neptune – 9♦
- 9. Pluto – 7♠
- 10. Princess – 2♣
- 11. Prince – K♣
- 12. Queen – J♦
- 13. King – 4♥
- Soul Challenge – 5♦
- Soul Gift – K♦

## 3♣ Game of Life

Born to play the 3 of Clubs, yours is the game of the author, in the largest sense of the word. Your purpose is to rewrite the story of life. It's as if you have a special antenna attuned to the freshest bubbling of ideas in our collective cognizance. It means you can download the latest and greatest ideas that will fuel our next evolution. It makes you good at any endeavor that involves creative thinking. And you can prosper in any career that leverages your keen, penetrating insights.

But you may doubt your intuition and get divided against yourself. You can overthink your own thinking, questioning the meaning of every letter of every word. And then, your own thinking can scare you. All the hypothetical possibilities may seem overwhelming, and you can creatively think up scenarios of your own demise.

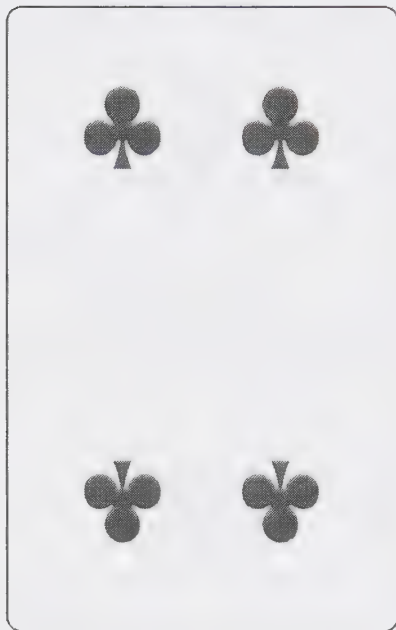
As a result, you may, at times, feel like you're drowning in fear. You may descend into existential anxiety or outright panic attacks. Alternatively, your pent up frustrations may explode, and you can be verbally abusive, slicing others to shreds. Your mind is a powerful weapon that, like any powerful instrument, can be used for good or for ill.

To find sanity and peace of mind, validation and re-assurance are essential for you. You benefit from a trusted sounding board against which you can clear your mind and hear yourself think. But ultimately, you are learning to completely trust your own intuition. You are dialed-in. Your mind is sensitive enough to receive the most up-to-date cosmic broadcast. As such, you know things others don't know.

And you live your purpose when you willingly share what you know, helping others to re-align their thinking accordingly. It's how you find the satisfaction of creative completion.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my insights, and I share my intuitive brilliance openly and graciously.

## 4. The Four of Clubs Knowledge, Defined



### Example Expressions

Strong mental clarity. Thoughtful organization. Comprehensive management. Regressive over-analysis. Verbally combative. Argumentative struggles. Risk-adverse refusals. Plodding complacency. Controlling expectations. Conspiracy thinking. Encyclopedic knowledge. A powerful wordsmith. Unruffled determination. Serene mindfulness.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 6♥
- 1. Birth – 4♣
- 2. Mercury – 2♦
- 3. Venus – J♠
- 4. Mars – 8♣
- 5. Jupiter – 6♦
- 6. Saturn – 4♠
- 7. Uranus – 10♥
- 8. Neptune – 10♦
- 9. Pluto – 8♠
- 10. Princess – A♥
- 11. Prince – A♦
- 12. Queen – Q♦
- 13. King – 5♥
- Soul Challenge – 5♣
- Soul Gift – 6♥

## 4♣ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to establish a wise kingdom. In other words, your purpose is to organize a well-oiled system of success. And you do love words. What others may call an argument, you call a sparkling conversation. You love to analyze and dissect the meaning. It helps you feel safe to know and be in the know. And if you don't know the answer, you make sure you know how to find it!

With your detective skills and strong mind, you have a gift to build coherence, synthesizing the vast array of possible outcomes into a neatly defined and usable system. You can sift through chaos to find the core, bullet-point principles upon which the whole structure relies. But be aware of getting caught inside a risk-adverse, boxed-in mentality, fearful of the unknown.

You can fall into self-limiting, closed-loop thinking. Watch out then for defensive, angry outbursts when others don't play by your rules or meet your expectations. In fear of what you can't control, you may inadvertently try to force too many a square peg into a round hole, so to speak.

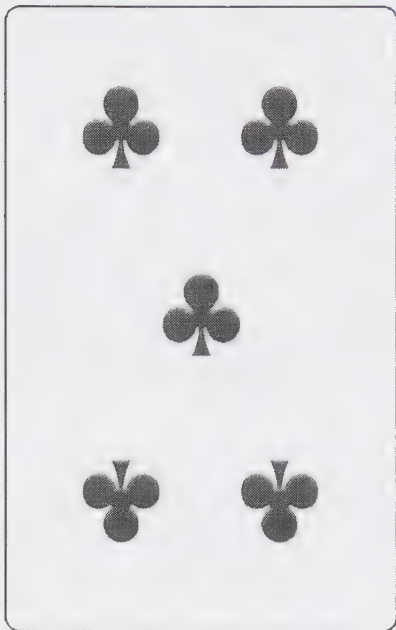
To live your purpose, you must learn to expand the walls of your mental castle. For you can't contain all of the world's knowledge inside your head, nor can you possibly know all the variables that will affect your decision-making. And so, the expansion of your mind only comes as you ease your tenacious grip on reality, easing your ongoing argument with what is.

And if you think about it, you'll realize that it's only when you let down your vigilant guard that you are actually open to learn more. It's the beginning of wisdom to know that you do not know. And in that child-like receptive posture, you lay the cornerstone for your own rock-solid peace and prosperity.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my innate mental power. I am strong enough to let down my guard and open my mind.

## 5. The Five of Clubs

### Knowledge, Innovated



#### Example Expressions

Out-of-the-box thinking. Intrepid explorer. Curious, refreshing perspective. Offbeat humor. Restless chatter. Scattered ideas. Defiant, rash reactions. Indecisive self-questioning. Incessant anxiety. Changeable, fickle temperaments. Neurotic over-analysis. Thought-provoking breakthroughs. Illuminating assessments. Intuitive genius.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 10♣
- 1. Birth – 5♣
- 2. Mercury – 3♦
- 3. Venus – A♠
- 4. Mars – 7♥
- 5. Jupiter – 7♦
- 6. Saturn – 5♠
- 7. Uranus – J♥
- 8. Neptune – 9♣
- 9. Pluto – 9♠
- 10. Princess – 2♥
- 11. Prince – K♥
- 12. Queen – K♦
- 13. King – 6♥
- Soul Challenge – 5♥
- Soul Gift – 4♣



## 5♣ Game of Life

Playing the adventurer of the mind, your life is like a treasure hunt. You are here to find the pearls of wisdom that may have been scattered and hidden in the most unlikely of places. And your purpose is to bring forth the intuitive, innovative knowledge that shines a new light of guidance for our world.

As you seek within yourself for the guiding light of your own intuition, however, it can mean you have a restless, unsettled energy, always itching to move. And with a mind so active, you can just as easily jump to either an optimistic or pessimistic conclusion.

Your mind can spin over all the possibilities to the point where you rethink your own thinking and then rethink that rethinking. This back and forth second-guessing can mean your mental engines are always revved to their exhaustive max. It can leave you scattered, paralyzed, and unfulfilled.

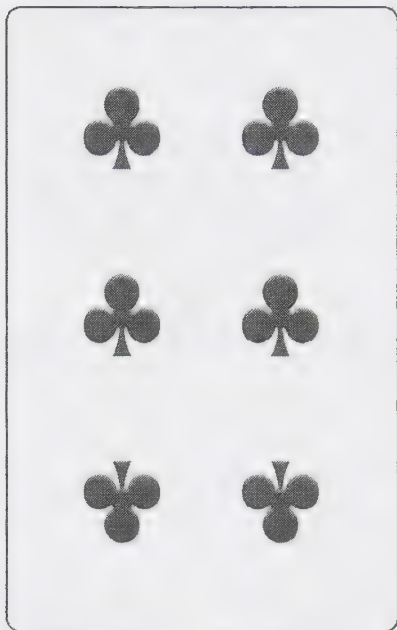
And so, despite your ebullient energy to charge across the horizon, your mind can just as easily shift into reverse, leading you into withdrawn and sullen introspection. It can make you unpredictable. And your changeable moods can make relationships challenging. You fear getting locked down or stuck in a box. And anything that smacks of mere rote adherence to tradition may be abhorrent to you.

It can mean that you often make changes just for changes sake, rather than for deep, meaningful reasons. It takes courage and great internal resilience to engage the gears of real change, so as to chart your own course on your own terms. As you do, your life may seem like a kaleidoscopic whirlwind at times, arousing both excitement and anxiety.

And yet, your purpose is precisely to open our minds to a fresh perspective. You are the explorer of new worlds. And through your eyes we can behold a whole new possibility.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my intuition to guide me. And I courageously chart my own course through life.

## 6. The Six of Clubs Knowledge, Aligned



### Example Expressions

Intuitive clarity. Clear-cut straight talk. Thoughtful diplomacy. Unsolicited advice. Co-dependent caretaking. Withering verbal abuse. Obsessively keeping score, tit-for-tat. Total lack of accountability. Stuck in a mental rut. Argumentative, self-righteous know-it-all. Skilled debater. Goal-directed focus. A fair and mindful verdict. A 6<sup>th</sup> sense for what's right.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 8♥
- 1. Birth – 6♣
- 2. Mercury – 6♠
- 3. Venus – Q♥
- 4. Mars – 10♣
- 5. Jupiter – 8♦
- 6. Saturn – K♠
- 7. Uranus – 3♥
- 8. Neptune – A♣
- 9. Pluto – Q♣
- 10. Princess – 10♠
- 11. Prince – 5♣
- 12. Queen – 3♦
- 13. King – A♠
- Soul Challenge – 8♠
- Soul Gift – 2♦

## 6♣ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here, as if on a mission, to make straight the ways of the world. Indeed, your purpose is to stand tall in the truth of what you know. It's just that you may think it's up to you to fix everyone's problems and set the record straight, as if you are the hero who will save everyone's day.

You may also think you have the answer that trumps anyone else's insight. You can be zealous in your argumentation. And you enjoy witty word play, as if sharpening the sword of your mind. What you may not realize is just how "psychic" you are. Your mind is like a channel. Intuitive insight pours through you such that it may be hard for you to "bite your tongue."

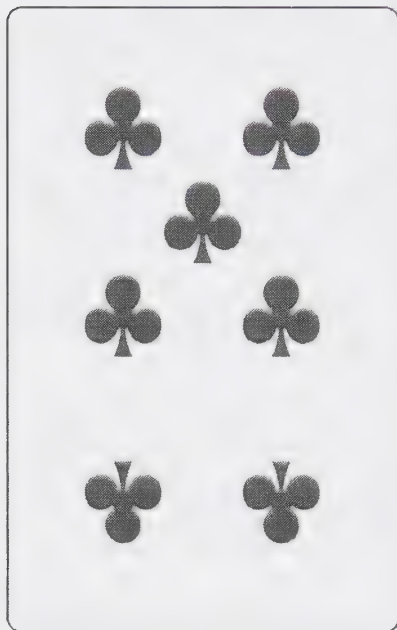
Your keen perceptions penetrate to the core, and your words can slice people open in their most vulnerable spot. Despite your blunt force confrontational tactics, however, you may also slide into a lethargic resignation of fated acceptance, shrugging your shoulders thinking, "whatever will be will be."

You have a gift to help people clear their minds, clarify their objectives, and define their goals. And yet, you're learning how to be more mindful yourself. You may think you have to be an immovable force in order to be strong. In fact, you are learning to be more flexible in your thinking and that open-minded dialogue is essential to success.

It comes with the realization that your own truth is just that, your own. And rather than try to conform others to your thinking, you live your purpose when you self-align to your profound intuition and live accordingly, irrespective of what others think. It creates a meaningful harmonic resonance in all you do. It's liberating, and it effortlessly brings greater coherence to the world. For it inspires the rest of us to live according to our *own* intuition as well.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I align myself to the resonant truth of my inner knowing. And I soften my mind to engage in real dialogue.

## 7. The Seven of Clubs Knowledge, Uplifted



### Example Expressions

Genius insights. Big-picture thinking. Rhetorical skill. A quick study. Jumping to conclusions. Negative thinking. Assuming the worst. Cynical criticism. Biting sarcasm. Mental instability. Crippling self-doubt. Dark mood swings. Spiritual curiosity. Metaphysical connections. Innovative thought leadership. Profound wisdom.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 9♥
- 1. Birth – 7♣
- 2. Mercury – 5♦
- 3. Venus – Q♠
- 4. Mars – J♣
- 5. Jupiter – 9♦
- 6. Saturn – 7♠
- 7. Uranus – 2♣
- 8. Neptune – K♣
- 9. Pluto – J♦
- 10. Princess – 4♥
- 11. Prince – 4♦
- 12. Queen – 2♠
- 13. King – 8♥
- Soul Challenge – 8♦
- Soul Gift – J♠

## 7♣ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to adjust the way we think. Indeed, your thoughts may become the pivot point for a whole school of thought.

Your purpose is to connect the pieces of the puzzle together and then connect others to your insightful solution. After all, the fun is in sharing your story. Otherwise, you may get lost in daydreams, imagining fantastic solutions to every worst-case scenario. It happens because you may all-too-easily doubt your mental prodigy.

Your penetrative genius can see the foibles and flaws in anything. You may even look for the flaws, assuming that there is always a fly in the honey. Alternatively, you may always seek the deeper reason for everything, procrastinating until you've found it. Your mind goes metaphysical, and you wonder about the meaning of life. You can have enlightened, eureka moments of sheer brilliance. And then, you can question everything, falling into a deep depression.

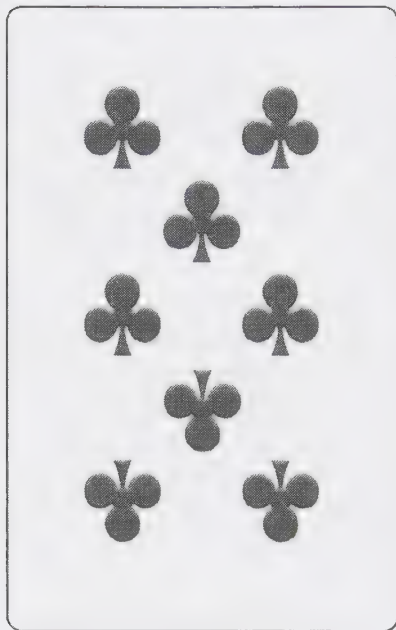
Thus, you may be either up or down, never in the middle. In fact, your quest for inner-peace can be, both for you and your loved ones, an excruciating exercise of hypercritical self-torture. You may compare yourself to others too much, wallowing on either side of both a superiority and inferiority complex. Your pathway to success, however, lies in trusting your own genius, irrespective of external accolades, validation, or approval.

Knowledge is power. And yours are the thoughts that, with time, move entire mountains. You must learn to trust your intuitive comprehension, with an abiding faith in your big insights. Then, as a thought-leader, you can patiently teach and share what you know. And your leading-edge wisdom will gradually uplift us to the next iteration of our humanity. And you will fulfill your purpose, which will make you happy.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my intuitive genius. And I patiently, confidently speak what I know is true.

## 8. The Eight of Clubs

### Knowledge, Strengthened



#### Example Expressions

Mental fortitude. Analytical tenacity. Psychological brilliance. Principled strength. Stuck on fixed ideas. Argumentative insistence. Closed-minded stubbornness. Dismissive decrees. A mind tied-up in knots. Regressive mental loops. Manipulative, controlling demands. Graceful intelligence. Mindful leadership. Elegant solutions.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – J♠
1. Birth – 8♣
2. Mercury – 6♦
3. Venus – 4♠
4. Mars – 10♥
5. Jupiter – 10♦
6. Saturn – 8♠
7. Uranus – A♥
8. Neptune – A♦
9. Pluto – Q♦
10. Princess – 5♥
11. Prince – 3♣
12. Queen – 3♠
13. King – 9♥

#### Soul Trinity

- 8♣
- J♥
- K♠



## 8♣ Game of Life

Born to play with the 8 of Clubs, you are here to unravel mysteries and solve problems. Your purpose is to weave together disparate information, framing it inside of a larger, coherent story.

The number 8 is the symbol of infinity. It represents good fortune, power, health, and wellness. With this energy, you have the aptitude to accomplish anything you put your mind to. You may know this intuitively, which can actually work against you, as your knee jerk reaction to any situation may be simply to apply more mental pressure. But that collapses your gift, reducing it to a curse, rather than a blessing.

You can thwart yourself with over-analysis. And you can constrict yourself inside the tightly woven loops of your own logic. Your mind may, as a result, resemble a knotted and snarled ball of yarn, rather than a splendid processor of algorithmic patterns. You can get fixated, micro-managing, lost in the details, and therefore missing the big picture.

To find peace of mind you must patiently dis-entangle the recalcitrant thought patterns to make space for an over-arching harmony. You must open your mind to alternative opinions, especially in relationships. You can be decidedly closed-minded and stubborn, thinking that others are ignorant and your own thoughts are best. Worse, you may think that unless you *do* have the answer, then others are just trying to dupe you or outwit you in a mental game.

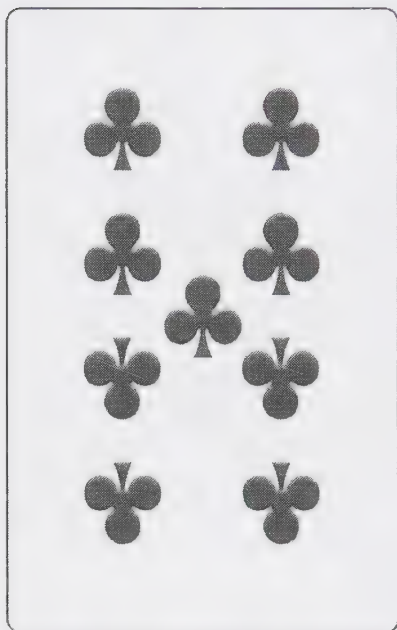
Instead of truculent, vain insistence, however, choose to move through life like a figure skater gracefully carving mindful loops of figure 8s upon the surface of life. For if you are ever trying to force or insist, then you will only short-circuit yourself. You fulfill your purpose when you relax and soften your mind to include others' perspectives. For only then, can you weave together a shared story of life.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I open my mind to integrate other perspectives, and I offer graceful solutions.



## 9. The Nine of Clubs

### Transcendent Knowledge



#### Example Expressions

Paradigm-shifting ideas. Sublime intelligence. Open, curious mindset. Verbal and rhetorical brilliance. Idealistic pretense. A victim story. Depressive self-loathing. Tragic endings. Manic over-analysis. Petty, spiteful accusations. Mean-spirited judgments. Self-sabotaging criticism. World-changing insights. Metaphysical acuity. A wisdom teacher.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – J♥
  1. Birth – 9♣
  2. Mercury – 9♠
  3. Venus – 2♥
  4. Mars – K♥
  5. Jupiter – K♦
  6. Saturn – 6♥
  7. Uranus – 4♣
  8. Neptune – 2♦
  9. Pluto – J♠
  10. Princess – 8♣
  11. Prince – 6♦
  12. Queen – 4♠
  13. King – 10♥
- Soul Challenge – Q♥
- Soul Gift – 6♦

## 9♣ Game of Life

Born to play the 9 of Clubs, you are here to think the big thoughts that break the mold. With your ideas, you help construct the next evolution of our world. At your best, you uplift our thoughts to higher, more expansive possibilities. And it starts inside your own head. You are learning to transcend your own self-critical thoughts, so as to adopt a more compassionate stance.

Your purpose, once you've gathered your groundbreaking insights, is to be a wisdom teacher opening a passageway to the next level. But don't take it personally when others don't immediately step up. Don't let narrow-minded, petty thoughts depress you or weigh on you, compressing your mind in ever-descending spirals of analysis. If you do, you may end up in a low place of judgmental, bitter resentment – thinking about how you've been unjustly victimized. And if so, your words will take on a scathing, snarky tonality as you attempt to cut others down from their "high horse."

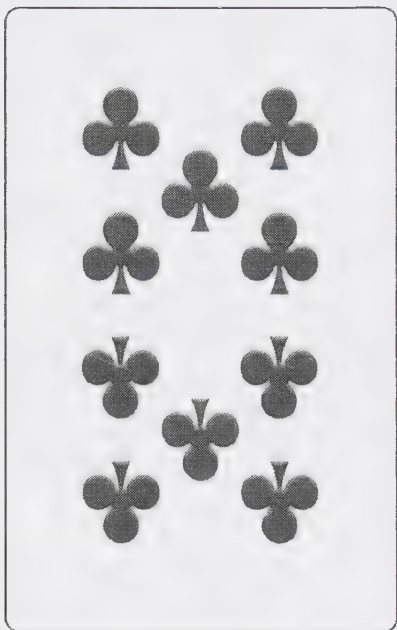
These mental stumbling blocks, however, are the very same stepping-stones for you to reach higher. They are opportunities for you to expand your thinking. Can your mind comprehend the wider, deeper human reality beneath the superficial noise? And rather than take offense, can you see our "all-too-human" foibles from a humanitarian perspective? Then too, can you forgive yourself your own trespasses? If so, you will step up to a high place indeed.

It's just that you may resent that it's always up to you to be the one to take the "high road" of forgiveness. And yet, it's how you fulfill your purpose, leading the way to a higher conception of human being. You can break through the cocoon of small-minded, constrictive thoughts to emerge as a liberated, freethinking butterfly. And then, others follow your brilliant example.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my groundbreaking insights. I willingly lead the way into unknown territory.

## 10. The Ten of Clubs

### Knowledge, Expressed



#### Example Expressions

Intuitive brilliance. Center stage magic. A curator of knowledge. Detail-oriented task management. Lateral mental turbulence. Over-committed and over-extended. Paranoid over-analysis. Performance anxiety. Narcissistic insecurity. Prima donna antics. Addictive obsessions. Entertaining self-expression. Meditative mindfulness. A wise ambassador.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – Q♥
- 1. Birth – 10♣
- 2. Mercury – 8♦
- 3. Venus – K♠
- 4. Mars – 3♥
- 5. Jupiter – A♣
- 6. Saturn – Q♣
- 7. Uranus – 10♠
- 8. Neptune – 5♣
- 9. Pluto – 3♦
- 10. Princess – A♠
- 11. Prince – 7♥
- 12. Queen – 7♦
- 13. King – 5♠
- Soul Challenge – J♠
- Soul Gift – 4♠

## 10♣ Game of Life

Born to play with the 10 of Clubs, you have the mental horsepower to shine a solution on any problem. Indeed, your purpose in life is to shine a bright light of intuitive wisdom. It's just that you may, ironically, *think* you have nothing personally to offer. You may also think that all knowledge comes from books, study, and education.

As a result, you may try to cram your head full of learning in a vain attempt to fill a perceived inner void and make yourself seem smart. You may likewise stuff your schedule full of "to-dos" – lists of things to keep yourself busy – tasks to complete, so as to label yourself "accomplished."

But it may seem like a never-ending chore to measure up to your own judgments. You may thus over-extend your efforts, and as a result, double-cross yourself and others. You may leave no space for yourself to breathe, cluttering your life with attempts to prove yourself worthy.

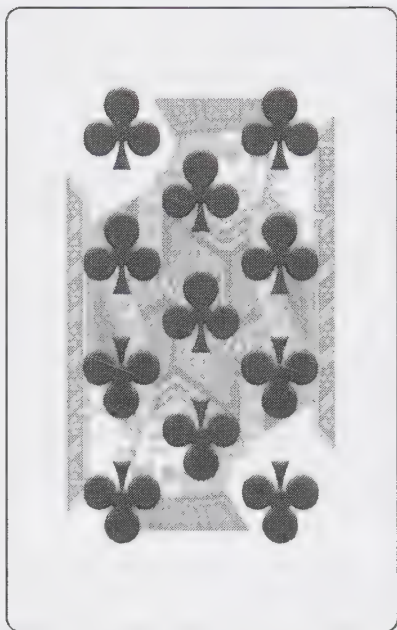
Be aware, then, of a gnawing resentment, feeling unappreciated, secretly wanting validation for your exhaustive work. It can make you mean-spirited and sharp-tongued with those closest to you. Worse, your life can be lost in lateral mental turbulence, headaches, insomnia, and acute over-analysis, pouring over details wondering why things aren't going according to your obsessive plan.

Alternatively, you can go deep within your psyche and become your own best friend, self-validating and self-authorizing. As you do, you discover, in the solitude of your inner garden, a bubbling font of wisdom; only, you can't hear it if your mind is too loud and too busy. And it's by tapping into your deep internal reservoir that you fulfill your purpose. For it's how you cultivate the nectar of intuitive wisdom that was within you all along. As you do, you can bring forth *that* sweetness as delicious, nourishing gifts of knowledge for all.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I set clear boundaries in my life. I make space to listen for and then express my profound truth.

## 11. The Jack of Clubs

### Knowledge, Generated



#### Example Expressions

Creative mental production. Brilliant storyteller. Expansive intelligence. Clever wit. Jack-of-all-trades, master of none. Endless rationalizations. Lost in imaginary scenarios. Know-it-all, argumentative pride. Intolerable advice-giver. The end-justifies-the-means mindset. Insufferable contrarian. Voracious curiosity. Independent self-expression. World-building genius.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – Q♠
  1. Birth – J♣
  2. Mercury – 9♦
  3. Venus – 7♠
  4. Mars – 2♣
  5. Jupiter – K♣
  6. Saturn – J♦
  7. Uranus – 4♥
  8. Neptune – 4♦
  9. Pluto – 2♠
  10. Princess – 8♥
  11. Prince – 6♣
  12. Queen – 6♠
  13. King – Q♥
- Soul Challenge – J♦
- Soul Gift – 10♥

## J♣ Game of Life

Born to play the Jack of Clubs, you are here as a prince of knowledge. Your purpose is to conceive and generate new mental forms, the structures that form the basis of our world. You are here, in other words, to build new sand castles on the shoreline of life, to recreate and remake the ever-changing kaleidoscope of life.

It's a question of trusting your own brilliance, and with humility and perseverance, always giving forth your best. It's just that, with your unmatched wit, you may think you *do* always know best, and you don't mind saying so. You give advice as easily as you exhale. Your mind can see both sides of any argument. You can easily pick apart any proposition. The phrase "too smart for your own good" may describe you all too well.

And certainly, it may seem to others as if you are impenetrable. You may place others on a classified "need to know basis only." Meanwhile, you may tell a great story about yourself that bears little resemblance to reality. And you have a quick verbal defense to easily divert the truth.

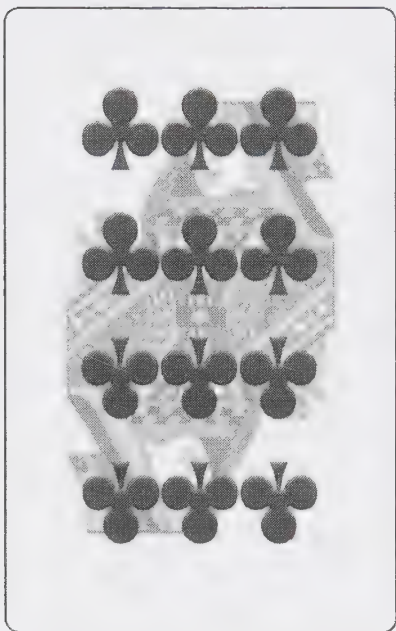
Plus, you enjoy playing the role of "devil's advocate" just to test people. You may resist actual vulnerability as only a royal brat can. You do, however, love learning, but only on your own terms. As such, you might be a "Jack-of-all-trades, but master of none." You may think you always have more information to gather before you can take a definitive stance. You may call it intellectual humility. It's really a fear of being held accountable.

And yet, you fulfill your purpose generating definitive forms of knowledge. To express this mastery, however, you must take responsibility for what you know is true, which puts you in obedient service to *that* knowledge. And so, paradoxically, it's as a servant that you graduate from student to master.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I humbly speak the truth, holding myself accountable to what I know is true.



## 12. The Queen of Clubs Knowledge, Perfected



### Example Expressions

Wise, thoughtful leadership. Uncanny intuition. Mindful awareness. Detail-oriented, multi-tasking abilities. Insecure perfectionism. Overflowing swamp of thoughts. Snarky, mean-spirited impatience. Neurotic rationalizations. Opinionated dictates. Airs of royal superiority. Intense verbal rage. Nurturing management. Maternal advocacy. Dazzling virtuosity.

### Life Path

0. Moon – A♣
1. Birth – Q♣
2. Mercury – 10♠
3. Venus – 5♣
4. Mars – 3♦
5. Jupiter – A♠
6. Saturn – 7♥
7. Uranus – 7♦
8. Neptune – 5♠
9. Pluto – J♥
10. Princess – 9♣
11. Prince – 9♠
12. Queen – 2♥
13. King – K♥
- Soul Challenge – 3♥
- Soul Gift – 10♦



## Q♣ Game of Life

Born to play the Queen of Clubs, you are playing a game of royal intelligence. Intuitive, psychic, and perhaps impatient with everyone whose mind doesn't work as quickly as yours, you represent the mother of knowledge. In ancient times, this was the archetype of the Goddess Sophia. And wisdom is her name. You too may step into this role, but only if you release all attempts to play a masculine game of calculated logic.

The feminine way to know relies not on linear causality and deductive proofs, but rather on premonition, clairvoyance, hunches, and dreams. In the quantum field of intelligence, you have VIP backstage access. You just know things. But do you trust what you know and act on it, or do you struggle within your own mind?

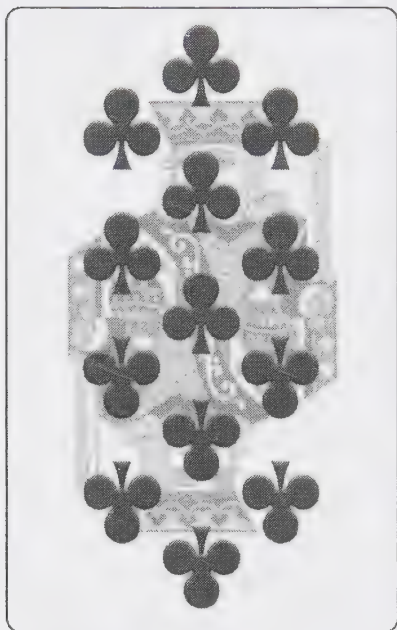
You may exhaust yourself searching for proof of your intuition, likewise trying to understand the inner workings of your own mind. Caught inside that regressive mental loop, bitchy and snarky humor may become your daily bread. It may also mean that you don't suffer fools easily. Plus, you may have idealistic, impossible standards. And then, when disappointed, you can be downright mean. It's a potentially toxic and lethal combination for relationships.

Your purpose in life is to be of service. After all, what good is knowledge that exists in a vacuum or merely on the pages of a book? Anyway, your best insights come, not from a book, but from life itself. And you fulfill your purpose when you leverage what you know to empower others.

You can be an advocate and champion for those without a voice. Your words can be a saving grace, or a shredder that slices and dices. It's up to you, and it starts with a choice to live at ease within yourself, in pleasure and in joy. For, when your own intuition becomes a welcome nectar to your soul, you can bring forth *that* divine sweetness from within.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust the quiet whisper of my intuition. And I act from my inner knowing in all that I do.

## 13. The King of Clubs Knowledge, Commanded



### Example Expressions

A font of knowledge. Thought leadership. Intelligent authority. Honest appreciation. Dense, highbrow logic. Supercilious know-it-all. Arrogant, authoritarian tone. Condensing smirk. Self-sabotaging perfectionism. Cowardly platitudes. Subversive insubordination. Authentic command. Effortless expertise. Enlightened heroics.

### Life Path

0. Moon – 2♣
  1. Birth – K♣
  2. Mercury – J♦
  3. Venus – 4♥
  4. Mars – 4♦
  5. Jupiter – 2♠
  6. Saturn – 8♥
  7. Uranus – 6♣
  8. Neptune – 6♠
  9. Pluto – Q♥
  10. Princess – 10♣
  11. Prince – 8♦
  12. Queen – K♠
  13. King – 3♥
- Soul Challenge – 2♠
- Soul Gift – 8♠

## K♣ Game of Life

Born to play the King of Clubs, you are here as a thought leader in our world. And everything in our world starts as an idea. As king of the mind then, your purpose is quite literally to lead the world... if only you would live up to your role in the circle of life. You carry the sword of truth, but you may prefer to pretend otherwise. You can cut out the false from the true, like an expert surgeon removing a tumor with a scalpel.

You have a noble, powerful mind. But you can be too self-absorbed in the mechanics of logic and reason, rather than in the application of truth and justice. You may continuously think you have more to learn, more information with which to equip yourself. It's as if you are ever sharpening your sword for battle. You may seek ever-greater proofs with ever-finer distinctions, corrections, and definitions.

Be aware, then, of merely regressive fixations on your own abstruse egotistical musings. Watch too that you don't simply try to out duel and out wit your romantic partners. It can lead to a game of mental trumps, with each of you trying to prove who knows best. You may also talk down to others, didactically, as if from your throne, pedantically instructing others as if they were mere school children.

Alternatively, you may resist the crown of your own knowledge, demurring logically (read: cowardly) from the seat of power. If you do allow your scruples about authority to overtake you, then you may find yourself underneath leaders whom you don't respect.

But then, if other would-be leaders aren't worthy of the role, it's high time for you to step up into your rightful place as the thought-leader you are. Indeed, you fulfill your purpose when you start wielding your sword of truth with grace and compassion, which is how our world becomes more just and equitable for all.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I wear the crown of my authority with dignity and grace. I speak the truth with love.



## Part 3: Diamonds

Diamonds correspond to the season of Autumn, the time of the harvest. All the heartfelt passion and creative ideas that have been sown are now reaped and put to good use.

In the four elements, Diamonds represent earth. Indeed, Diamonds represent the physical layers of reality, the energy of life that has hardened into material form, symbolized by the hardest naturally occurring material on Earth, a diamond.

The Diamond layer of reality is the material world that is available to our five senses. And so, if we can perceive it with our physical senses, it belongs to the Diamond plane of reality.

Diamonds correspond on the human body to the gut. People born to play a Diamond card as either their primary or secondary pattern have guts. And they are pragmatic. They want to know the practical value of something in concrete, material terms. They can have a tendency, however, to “judge a book by its cover” or else put a price tag on everything.

For Diamond-based people, every single thing might be reduced to its superficial appearance or dollar value – meaning they may measure their self-worth by either their net worth or their physical appearance. And yet, Diamond-based people are the ones to digest the meaning of life and embody what matters most.

NOTE: We all operate on all four planes of existence symbolized by Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, and Spades. What is indicated by the Birth and Personality Cards are simply the *primary* and *secondary* valences of our energy signature.

And if you are not born to play a Diamond card as either your primary or secondary pattern, it means you will be practical about the tangible value of other aspects in your life, as indicated by the placement of Diamond cards in your **Life Path**.

# 1. The Ace of Diamonds

## Material, Initiated



### Example Expressions

A master of what really matters. Ambitious instincts. Independent mastery. Goal-directed intensity. Ultra-competitive disappointment. Relentless desperation. Profound insecurity. Money hungry. Selfish craving. Solitary trials. Self-sabotaging impatience. Cocky self-importance. Entrepreneurial self-reliance. Self-disciplined pursuit. Gutsy achievement.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – A♥
- 1. Birth – A♦
- 2. Mercury – Q♦
- 3. Venus – 5♥
- 4. Mars – 3♣
- 5. Jupiter – 3♠
- 6. Saturn – 9♥
- 7. Uranus – 7♣
- 8. Neptune – 5♦
- 9. Pluto – Q♠
- 10. Princess – J♣
- 11. Prince – 9♦
- 12. Queen – 7♠
- 13. King – 2♣
- Soul Challenge – 2♦
- Soul Gift – A♥

## A♦ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to germinate something of real value. It's a big bang of creation, the inception of something from nothing. This is your purpose. But what you choose to call forth into being depends entirely on what you value. It could be that you value money. You could be entirely greedy and selfish, measuring your self-worth by your net worth. On the other hand, if you value relationships, then you give your all to the mastery of that endeavor.

It's just that your single-pointed energy may make it difficult for you to focus on any two values at exactly the same time. Either way, however, whatever is your focus, you may measure your own value strictly by tangible proofs of success. And you may be terribly impatient to achieve those proofs!

You know intuitively that there are no *almost* ace fighter pilots – one is either an ace or else, dead. And so it is for you, in how you evaluate life, yourself, and your goals: it's "all or nothing." As such, you may oscillate between exaggerated, grandiose intentions and contemptuous self-abnegation.

In vain attempts to overcome insecurity, to prove just how great you are, you may over-reach, only to fall flat on your face, which only breeds further insecurity. Or if you can't yet perceive the end result, you may think you will *never* reach the top of the mountain, and thus that you are completely worthless, which means you stop trying altogether.

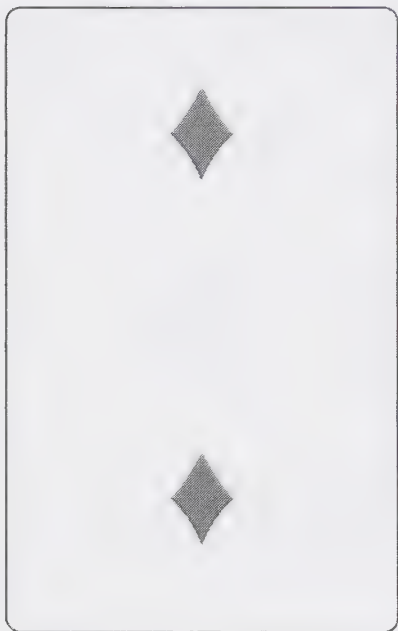
Your success in life boils down to trusting your inherent mastery, your talent to overcome any challenge. You already, prior to any material proof of your prowess, have what it takes to prove your point. It's just that you won't see the "proof in the pudding" until you actually make the pudding. It can seem like an intolerable paradox. And yet, you live your purpose in patient, persistent attention towards this very goal: the self-realization of your own mastery.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my innate mastery. I know the proof of my mastery unfolds perfectly over time.



## 2. The Two of Diamonds

### Material, Unified



#### Example Expressions

Collaborative partnership.  
 Networking maven. Great people  
 instincts. Loyal solidarity.  
 Financial-relational  
 entanglements. Co-dependent  
 controls. Shady exploitation.  
 Ethical distortions. Compulsory  
 agreements. People pleasing fears.  
 Compromised integrity. Lucrative  
 connections. Forging collective  
 alliances. Leading joint ventures.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – 4♣
1. Birth – 2♦
2. Mercury – J♠
3. Venus – 8♣
4. Mars – 6♦
5. Jupiter – 4♠
6. Saturn – 10♥
7. Uranus – 10♦
8. Neptune – 8♠
9. Pluto – A♥
10. Princess – A♦
11. Prince – Q♦
12. Queen – 5♥
13. King – 3♣
- Soul Challenge – 6♣
- Soul Gift – A♦

## 2♦ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to forge joint solutions for the collective benefit. You know that “divided we fall and united we stand.” Partnership and teamwork are your forte. Your purpose is to build networks and alliances to solve shared dilemmas. And with your natural skillset, you bring out the best in others.

Where you focus your efforts just depends on what you value. You can build pragmatic connections and valuable synergies aimed at purely financial gain or to safeguard the priceless treasures of life. In your love of and commitment to collaboration, however, be aware that you don’t “take one for team,” compromising yourself for the larger objective.

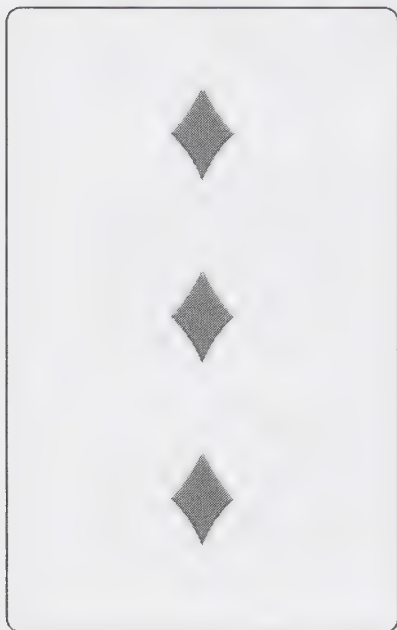
You may try to maintain the team dynamic all by yourself, as if you could simultaneously play on both sides of the tennis court. As a result, you may get locked into unhealthy, passive-aggressive control tactics as you vie for power in your relationships. And so, even as you seek to forge joint alliances, it’s critically important for you to maintain your own ethical integrity.

Don’t try to merge yourself with another or bend the rules to suit your ambitions. If you do, you actually compromise your ability to produce alchemical magic. For it’s only because of distinctly independent and equal forces that a magnetic field of attraction is generated.

Think of the North and the South Poles: their separately equal polarity generates a life-giving electromagnetic field. This is the model of partnership for you to follow as you play the game of your life. As we know, no man or woman is an island unto himself or herself. We are interdependent beings, each a singular part of a larger whole. And you fulfill your purpose uniting us together, so that the whole is indeed greater than the sum of the parts.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I maintain firm integrity and clear boundaries in all of my relationships.

### 3. The Three of Diamonds Material, Created



#### Example Expressions

Valuable creative expression.  
Physical and material artistry.  
Incisive gut instincts. A variety of  
options. Paralyzing indecision.  
Divided moral compass. Financial  
anxiety. Confrontational bully.  
Pigheaded stubbornness.  
Irrational nervous tension.  
Overwhelming insecurity. Sharply  
driven ambitions. Sensitive  
attunement. Principled  
leadership.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – 5♣
1. Birth – 3♦
2. Mercury – A♠
3. Venus – 7♥
4. Mars – 7♦
5. Jupiter – 5♠
6. Saturn – J♥
7. Uranus – 9♣
8. Neptune – 9♠
9. Pluto – 2♥
10. Princess – K♥
11. Prince – K♦
12. Queen – 6♥
13. King – 4♣
- Soul Challenge – 6♥
- Soul Gift – Q♦

### 3♦ Game of Life

Born to play the 3 of Diamonds, yours is the game of a catalyst, igniting new possibilities. You can be like a spark plug that incites the roar of the engine. And you can be a great creative force, designing beautiful new realities. You have natural instincts for proportion and symmetry.

It's just that you may second-guess yourself too much. You can be all-too-easily dissuaded of your own inspired instincts. And instead of leveraging your sensitivity, you may be brazen in your approach, operating more like a bulldozer than a finely tuned surgeon's scalpel.

What's at stake is anxiety about your material wellbeing. You may worry needlessly about money. And thus do you want the shortest, most direct line to your financial security.

As a result, you may slip into the trap of a career that doesn't stir your passion but promises material safety down the line, like a carrot on a stick. It's what happens if you don't trust your internal compass to point the way to your authentic success. You may doubt that following your own instincts will lead to an abundant payoff.

But then, instead of igniting the herd like a cattle prod, you may just follow the herd. If you do fall into line, however, attempting to play it safe, then you may feel paralyzed, unfulfilled, and stuck on a superficial plateau, all of which can make you critical and mean-spirited toward those around you. It takes guts to step out, take a risk, and test your mettle.

Your life purpose is to authorize a new pathway towards a fresh possibility. That means breaking the mold and finding a new way. And as you do march to the beat of your own drum, you kindle a valuable flame that grows into a rich material reward. It's just that it takes patience and persistence to realize the payoff for your efforts, further down the line.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my inner compass completely. I courageously march to the beat of my own drum.

## 4. The Four of Diamonds

### Material, Defined



### Example Expressions

Organizational structure. Financial security. Solid core values. Methodical industriousness. Argumentative struggles. Stubborn complacency. Overworked and unappreciated. Stuck in self-limiting orbits. Rigid, rules-bound expectations. Obsessively controlling. Micro-managing. Dependable loyalty. Fighting strength. A guardian of what matters most.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 4♥
- 1. Birth – 4♦
- 2. Mercury – 2♠
- 3. Venus – 8♥
- 4. Mars – 6♠
- 5. Jupiter – 6♠
- 6. Saturn – Q♥
- 7. Uranus – 10♣
- 8. Neptune – 8♦
- 9. Pluto – K♠
- 10. Princess – 3♥
- 11. Prince – A♣
- 12. Queen – Q♣
- 13. King – 10♠
- Soul Challenge – 5♠
- Soul Gift – 5♥

## 4♦ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to establish what matters most in life. Your purpose is to build value. It's just a question of what you value, what matters to you. You have fortitude. You've got guts. You don't back down and you don't give up. It can make you argumentative and confrontational. And you don't like it when people don't play by the rules.

You like to put things in order, and you have a natural gift of organization. It's just that with your core strength, you may take on too much, piling on too much work. You may even think that life is *supposed* to be hard work. But if you try too hard to help others manage their lives, you may get trapped in co-dependent relationships trying to bend the other person to your will.

Be aware, then, of self-limiting habits and controlling-addictive patterns. It's important for you, in your day-to-day routine, to make enough space to include your own health and wellbeing. In your calculus of values, you may over-give to others out of a paradoxical sense of your own unworthiness to receive.

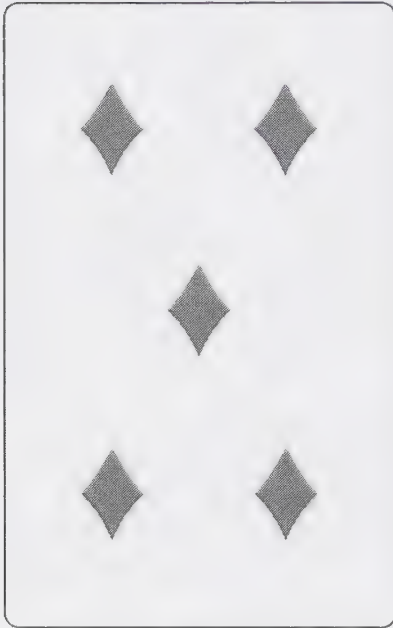
You must “put the oxygen mask on yourself first before attempting to help others.” It means realizing that you are made of flesh and blood like all human beings. And so, give your own humanity enough space to ebb and flow, expand and breathe. It means respecting your own human limits, which is, after all, how you ground yourself in reality.

For it's in material, physical and financial terms that you help to shape the right conditions for human life to flourish. It's how you live your purpose: you help construct the parameters inside of which we are all valued and valuable contributors. It's how you effectively contribute to a just society, one in which we are all safe to live and move and have our being.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I hold space for what matters most. And I value myself enough to make space for me too.

## 5. The Five of Diamonds

### Material, Innovated



#### Example Expressions

Expressive originality.  
 Extraordinary taste. Innovative  
 sales instincts. Friendly  
 authenticity. Back and forth  
 indecision. Unsettled itch.  
 Forever shopping. Constantly  
 churning. Clumsy awkwardness.  
 Unstable physical health.  
 Financial dissatisfaction.  
 Spontaneous adventure.  
 Irreverent beauty. Sensational  
 shine.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 7 ♣
- 1. Birth – 5 ♦
- 2. Mercury – Q ♠
- 3. Venus – J ♣
- 4. Mars – 9 ♦
- 5. Jupiter – 7 ♠
- 6. Saturn – 2 ♣
- 7. Uranus – K ♣
- 8. Neptune – J ♦
- 9. Pluto – 4 ♥
- 10. Princess – 4 ♦
- 11. Prince – 2 ♠
- 12. Queen – 8 ♥
- 13. King – 6 ♣
- Soul Challenge – 9 ♦
- Soul Gift – 3 ♣



## 5♦ Game of Life

Playing the game of the 5 of Diamonds, you're on an adventure seeking life's treasures. And you are at your best coloring outside the lines. You are learning to find your own authentic way of doing things, discovering your own balance in the movements of life.

For it's on your own terms, walking in your own path that you find uncommon novelty. Indeed, you have a gift to extract the sweet nectar from each encounter you have. Your purpose is to share what you've unearthed in your travels so as to refresh and revitalize our Earthly experience.

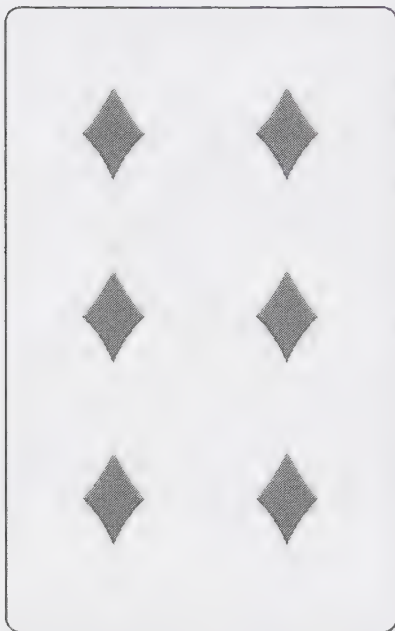
You make the mundane beautiful. You make the worthless, worthy. And you make what's boring, exciting. In your search for the good, the true, and the beautiful, however, be aware of a fickle changeableness. You may hop around superficially changing things just for changes sake. Or you may restlessly spin your wheels, like revving the engine of a car but not taking your foot off the brake.

You may fearfully avoid letting go, which is a necessary precondition of deep, meaningful change. You might, metaphorically, get trapped inside a revolving glass door spinning around and around gawking at all the pretty sights but afraid to actually step through the doorway into a brand new vista. It takes courage to trust your own gut instincts to lead you into new terrain. Don't over-rationalize your journey. Yours is an instinctual, sensory path.

It's the wisdom of your body that will steer you clearly in your ongoing explorations. And that may mean that you must guard the sensitivity of your gut as the delicate instrument of your inner knowing. For it's in trusting your own authenticity that you fulfill your purpose. It's how you blossom into your own truth, which is how you refashion the ordinary with your extraordinary contribution.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust my own gut instincts completely. And I live courageously outside the box.

## 6. The Six of Diamonds Material, Aligned



### Example Expressions

Principled virtue. Financial responsibility. Competitive, goal-directed tenacity. A loyal ally. Controlling and domineering. Self-righteous indignation. Stuck in a rut. Obsessively keeping score, tit-for-tat. Disorganized drudgery. Sudden ruptures & breakdowns. Total lack of accountability. Closed-minded, willful avoidance. Impeccable gut instincts. A 6<sup>th</sup> sense for what's right. Beautiful, healthy symmetry.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 8♣
- 1. Birth – 6♦
- 2. Mercury – 4♠
- 3. Venus – 10♥
- 4. Mars – 10♦
- 5. Jupiter – 8♠
- 6. Saturn – A♥
- 7. Uranus – A♦
- 8. Neptune – Q♦
- 9. Pluto – 5♥
- 10. Princess – 3♣
- 11. Prince – 3♠
- 12. Queen – 9♥
- 13. King – 7♣
- Soul Challenge – 9♣
- Soul Gift – 3♠

## 6♦ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to bring what matters most into peaceful alignment.

Indeed, your purpose in life is to stand strong in the truth of what matters most. You've got guts. You're loyal. You don't bend or break. You can reach your goals. But whatever your achievements, they are subject to the laws of karma. You can strive for purely personal reward or deep, meaningful contribution. It's up to you.

And you do have an instinctive sense of right and wrong, an innate ability to balance the debits and credits of life. It's just that you may willfully feign ignorance to the inherent give-and-take of life, assuming either too much or too little responsibility. You may blame others, casting scorn on their failure, or set yourself up as their fixer to do for them what they seem unable to do for themselves. It can lead to exhaustion and resentment.

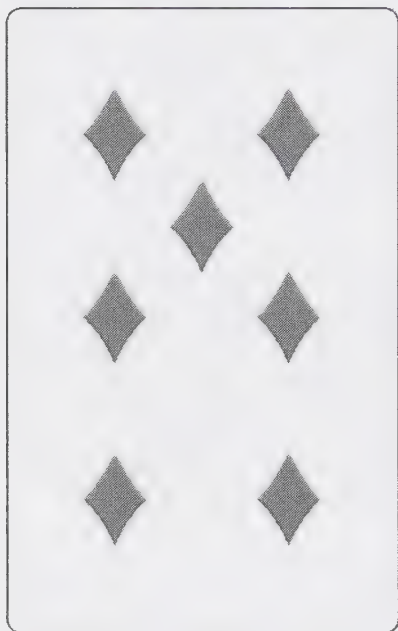
Alternatively, however, if you do nothing at all to serve the larger social order, you may slide into escapist, extreme behaviors. An instinctual sense of justice and righteousness is ingrained in you. Avoiding your sacred responsibility keeps you stuck in a monotone of unsatisfying routines. What's important is that you choose to align yourself with what matters most *to you* and then live those values unconditionally, irrespective of what others do or don't do.

It means realizing that you can't change others, but you can change yourself. And your own alignment with what matters most for *you* creates a meaningful harmonic resonance in all you do. It yields flexibility in how you treat others. And it's how you fulfill your purpose. It's liberating, even as it effortlessly brings greater social coherence. For your example inspires the rest of us to enact and embody our *own* highest values, thus generating a ripple effect of social virtue.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I align myself with what matters most. And I reach for my goals with flexibility and grace.

## 7. The Seven of Diamonds

### Material, Uplifted



#### Example Expressions

Keen aesthetic perception.  
 Peculiar genius. Trend-setting  
 leadership. Wild twists of fortune.  
 Naïve assumptions, turned worst-  
 case scenario. Financial betrayal.  
 Pessimistic expectations.  
 Paralyzing doubt and self-  
 criticism. Manic flip-flops. Love-  
 hate relationship with money.  
 Down and out despair. Spiritual  
 appreciation. Profitable instincts.  
 Enlightened sensibility.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 7♥
- 1. Birth – 7♦
- 2. Mercury – 5♠
- 3. Venus – J♥
- 4. Mars – 9♣
- 5. Jupiter – 9♠
- 6. Saturn – 2♥
- 7. Uranus – K♥
- 8. Neptune – K♦
- 9. Pluto – 6♥
- 10. Princess – 4♣
- 11. Prince – 2♦
- 12. Queen – J♠
- 13. King – 8♣
- Soul Twin – 9♥

## 7♦ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here to adjust our collective appreciation of what really matters in life. And *that* depends on how *you* evaluate what matters most in life.

Your purpose is to make the world a more beautiful place. And this lofty goal can feel alternatively inspiring and impossible. You may ride high on your noble intentions only to crash in a sense of utter betrayal. As such, you may attempt to opt-out of any larger social obligation, either drowning your disappointments with escapist episodes or else just focusing entirely on making money.

You can easily lose faith in people and the systems of society. The process of trying to make a difference may seem like a pointless exercise of rolling a boulder up a hill. Your personal equilibrium may feel the same, like a roller coaster of ups and downs. You can flip-flop between enlightenment and depression. Your experiences of life run the gamut. You can be extremely lucky and unlucky. And you do want to taste and touch all that life has to offer.

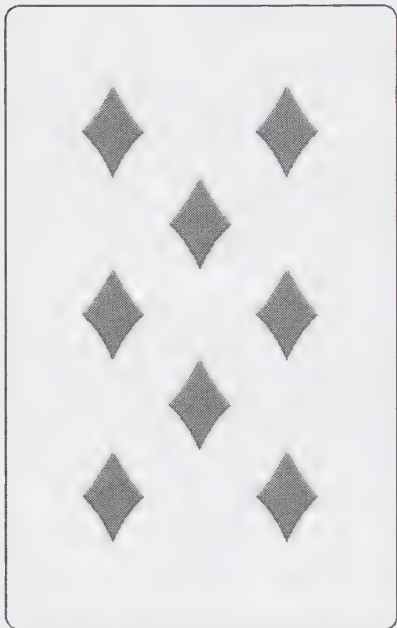
Your excited engagement can put you on the leading edge of trends and may make you a connoisseur. It can also make you haughty and aloof, like a disenchanted loner, disdaining what you perceive as the “ignorant masses.” What’s essential is that you stay connected, stay involved, and proactively engage in shaping the clay wheel of life.

You have the ability to elevate our physical reality, connecting us to a higher incarnation of human being. And it starts with your example. Instead of pointing fingers at others, expecting them to step up, choose to embody for yourself what matters most. Once you do “walk your talk,” your self-expression incarnates precisely *that* value in the world, which sets the tone for others to live their highest values too. It’s how you make the world a more beautiful place.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I have faith in myself, and I trust my instincts. I lead the way by my own example.

## 8. The Eight of Diamonds

### Material, Strengthened



### Example Expressions

Big money. Graceful leadership. The center of attention. An immovable force. Gut-wrenching constriction. Tied up in knots. Financial fixations. Wasteful spending. Self-sabotaging over-compensation. Manipulative power plays. A petty tyrant. Gutsy achievements. A powerful presence. Holding space for what matters most.

### Life Path

0. Moon – 10♣
1. Birth – 8♦
2. Mercury – K♠
3. Venus – 3♥
4. Mars – A♣
5. Jupiter – Q♣
6. Saturn – 10♠
7. Uranus – 5♣
8. Neptune – 3♦
9. Pluto – A♠
10. Princess – 7♥
11. Prince – 7♦
12. Queen – 5♠
13. King – J♥
- Soul Challenge – Q♠
- Soul Gift – 7♣



## 8♦ Game of Life

Born to play with the 8 of Diamonds, you are here to harmonize the physical world around you.

Your purpose is to weave together what matters most, creating greater coherence and abundance. Good thing you have so much power in your physical body! You've got the guts to do what's necessary. You can be the chief, the solid force that holds together a whole tribe.

Like the center hub of a wheel, you can be the focal point of attention, balancing the spokes of energy around you. The question for you is how do you hold the space? Do you gracefully orchestrate your world like a Feng Shui Zen garden, or do you hoard control, constricting and stifling the energy only to get yourself and others all tied up in knots as a result? You choose.

The number 8 is the symbol of infinity. It represents good luck and good fortune. It's also the ancient totem of healing, as the two snakes woven around the caduceus are used as the modern symbol of medicine. At your best, you can carve out the space for cooperative wealth, generating a bountiful yield from the soil of life, a financial harvest that benefits many. Or again, it can mean simply tenacious greed for your own closed loop of objectives.

To fulfill your life's purpose, however, you must cast your net wider, embracing more perspectives and more possibilities. You are learning that real power is not a stubborn, willful insistence. In fact, true power is subtle and malleable, flowing like water. And this fluidity always finds a way, even over the coarsest of rocks.

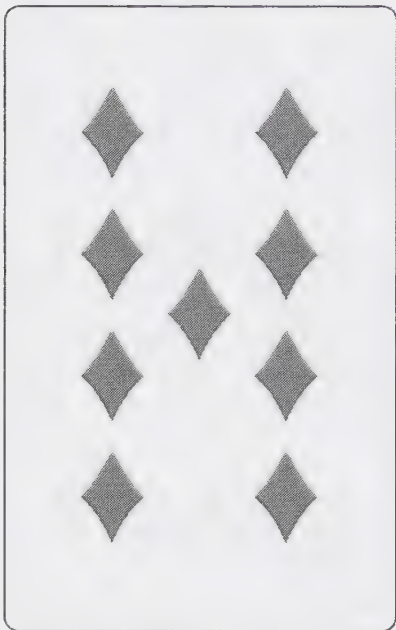
As you expand your presence, you may even realize that the greatest power of all is the unforced force – the force that does nothing but leaves nothing undone.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I gracefully hold space for what matters most in life.



## 9. The Nine of Diamonds

### Material Transcendence



#### Example Expressions

Elevated leadership.  
 Humanitarian instincts. Ambitious values. Pragmatic sensibility.  
 Victimized, poverty mindset.  
 Tragic loss. Inferior health.  
 Lottery-winning daydreams.  
 Defeatist, fatalistic outlook. Clingy greed. Whiny complaints.  
 Cowardly pretense. Letting go of what does not matter.  
 Metaphysical connections.  
 Enlightened perspective.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – J♣
1. Birth – 9♦
2. Mercury – 7♠
3. Venus – 2♣
4. Mars – K♣
5. Jupiter – J♦
6. Saturn – 4♥
7. Uranus – 4♦
8. Neptune – 2♠
9. Pluto – 8♥
10. Princess – 6♣
11. Prince – 6♠
12. Queen – Q♥
13. King – 10♣
- Soul Challenge – Q♦
- Soul Gift – 5♦

## 9♦ Game of Life

Born to play with the 9 of Diamonds, your purpose is to elevate what matters most. It starts in your own life, with your own example. And for you to rise up in your life, it means rising above personal loss. You are learning to let go of what has left you. It means coming to peace with loss, instead of complaining, whining, and arguing with reality.

Worse, shaking your fist at life, demanding it be something other than it is, only reverberates back to you like a hollow echo, the sound of which can trigger downward spirals of despair. And with your extreme personality, you can all-too-easily climb down Jacob's Ladder into your own private hell, wallowing in a victim story about how you've been shortchanged and unappreciated.

In your evaluation, you may perceive that it's always up to you to give and forgive. It can breed a gnawing, self-sabotaging resentment in the pit of your belly. Indeed, it is your pathway to transcend precisely these internal stumbling blocks. And *that* can only be done by forgiveness and compassion, accepting other people on their own terms, not yours.

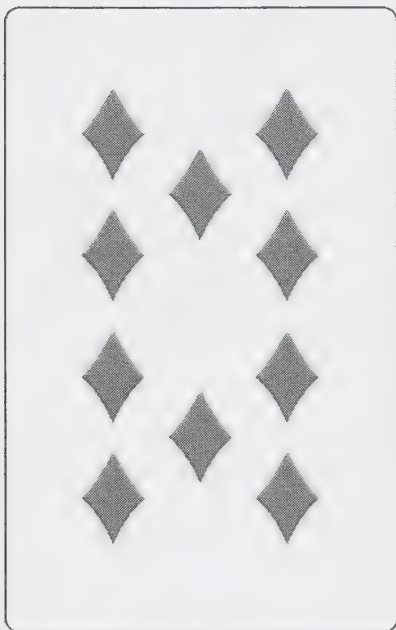
It means letting go of expectations. As you do, you, not only release a heavy burden, you fulfill your purpose, floating up to a higher plane of being. It can mean you rise to great heights in your chosen profession, climbing the ladder all the way to the top.

To climb up, however, you must overcome your fear of heights, so to speak. It takes courage. But once you do shift your inner paradigm and up-level your life, *then and only then*, do you find that you actually have an enlightened perspective. For thus do you behold what truly matters! And then, from within yourself, you can extend to all of us a personal invitation to step up to the same universal realization – to walk through the doorway to a brighter world.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I forgive, and I let go. I courageously step up and lead the way to a higher level.

## 10. The Ten of Diamonds

### Material, Expressed



### Example Expressions

Blessed good fortune. Thriving in the spotlight. Physical stamina and strength. Captivating charisma. Overstuffed, cluttered life. Superficial vanity. Obsessive drama. Discomfort with attention and compliments. Uncertain personal boundaries. Neurotic insecurity. Prima donna narcissism. Instinctive sense of abundance. Glowing from the inside-out. Generous expression of what matters most.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 10♥
- 1. Birth – 10♦
- 2. Mercury – 8♠
- 3. Venus – A♥
- 4. Mars – A♦
- 5. Jupiter – Q♦
- 6. Saturn – 5♥
- 7. Uranus – 3♣
- 8. Neptune – 3♠
- 9. Pluto – 9♥
- 10. Princess – 7♣
- 11. Prince – 5♦
- 12. Queen – Q♠
- 13. King – J♣
- Soul Challenge – Q♣
- Soul Gift – Q♠

## 10♦ Game of Life

Born to play the 10 of Diamonds, your purpose is to live in the spotlight. You shine like a 10-carat diamond. You can light up the room, drawing all eyes to you. As such, you may always find yourself, for better and for worse, at the eye of the storm.

And you do love the attention, even if you pretend otherwise. Compliments and praise may feel strangely awkward and uncomfortable. And yet, if people are not paying attention to you, you might pout, sulk or sabotage yourself just to be noticed. It can make for quite a neurotic push-pull dynamic. You can be the star of the show and incredibly insecure at the same time. It comes down to a sense of personal worth.

Like a celebrity princess, you may feel entitled to all the shiny jewels of life, as if you deserve only the very best. But when no one is looking, you may feel completely hollow inside. It can lead to tremendous performance anxiety, where *everything* you do is done as a request for love and approval. And it can drive you to all manner of vain attempts to fill up the empty space you perceive inside yourself. It can mean you over-stuff your home with clutter, or else double-book your social calendar only to double-cross yourself or others.

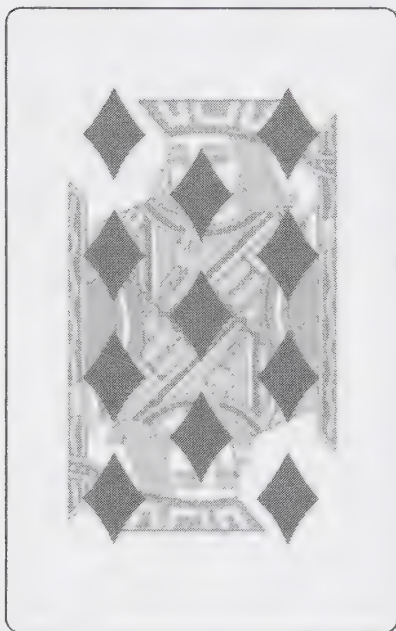
The key is to recognize the empty space inside, not as worthless, but as the opening to your true value. For the light of life passes right through you, like a twinkling diamond. But light can only shine through you when it has a clear opening. That means setting clear boundaries around yourself, to appreciate your true value as a vessel of light.

Indeed, you fulfill your purpose when you shine, through yourself, a spotlight on what matters most. It means redirecting the focus from the superficial to the profound. And *that* means transmuting all the good luck and good fortune that naturally comes your way. It's as if life's blessings can pour right through you, reaching a destination of your choice.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I know the true value of an empty vessel. I open a clear space for my light to shine.

# 11. The Jack of Diamonds

## Material, Generated



### Example Expressions

Princely wealth. Valuable creative production. Sales genius. High-achieving success. Jack-of-all-trades, master of none.

Unscrupulous dealings. Defiantly independent. Royal airs of entitlement. The end-justifies-the-means behavior. Avoiding responsibility. Manipulative greed. Youthful, competitive play. Physical mastery. Aristocratic values. A generator of what matters most.

### Life Path

0. Moon – K♣
1. Birth – J♦
2. Mercury – 4♥
3. Venus – 4♦
4. Mars – 2♠
5. Jupiter – 8♥
6. Saturn – 6♣
7. Uranus – 6♠
8. Neptune – Q♥
9. Pluto – 10♣
10. Princess – 8♦
11. Prince – K♠
12. Queen – 3♥
13. King – A♣
- Soul Challenge – 3♠
- Soul Gift – J♣

## J♦ Game of Life

Born to play the Jack of Diamonds, you are here to generate value. Your purpose is to create wealth in the broadest sense of the word. You can choose a narrow approach if you want, in which case you may engage in a selfish, singular pursuit of your chosen prize, believing the end always justifies the means. Or you can step up to your princely responsibility to bring prosperity to a whole tribe.

It's a question of what you value and your willingness to be held accountable to what you value. You may feel as if you are above the law, entitled to privilege and unwilling to take direction from those who claim authority. As such, you can be a royal, contrarian brat. You may also, however, suffer from an inferiority complex, with a chip on your shoulder, like you have something to prove to account yourself worthy.

In either case, your own independence is of utmost importance to you. It's again, just a question of how you invest your time. You can be lazy and undisciplined. Or you can be a self-starting dynamo breaking all records in your competitive pursuit of the big trophy. And to succeed greatly, it's important that you leverage your opportunity. Your instincts are unsurpassed. You can spot value that others have missed. And you know how to communicate that newly minted value so that people buy it.

In short, you have a gift of sales. But what are you selling? It depends on what matters to you: Health? Money? Fashion? Social justice? Spirituality? You decide. And you may have multiple interests as befitting your aristocratic taste.

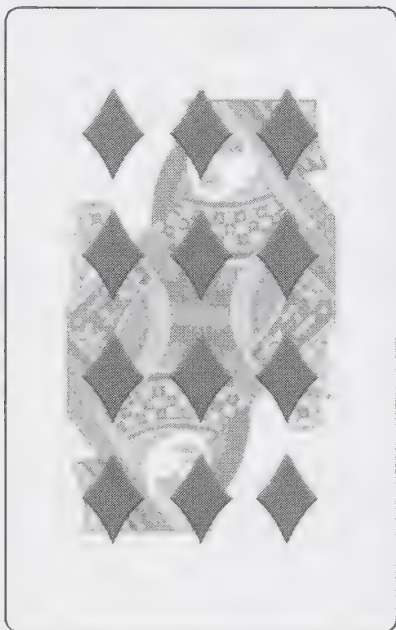
But you fulfill your purpose when you focus your prodigious energy on what matters most to *you* and devote yourself to materializing *that* in life. As you do, you find that all of life supports you, as if you have the wind at your back. What's more, you find your richest reward.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I hold myself accountable to my values. And I generate value that benefits others.



## 12. The Queen of Diamonds

### Material, Perfected



### Example Expressions

Elegant management. Masterful arrangement. Instinctive leadership. Physical mastery. Shrewd negotiator. Snooty consumerism. Mean-spirited perfectionism. High maintenance demands. Impossible double standards. Overspending on status symbols. Neurotic vanity. Financial anxiety. Stingy miser. Maternal advocacy. Noble virtue. Philanthropic generosity.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – A♦
- 1. Birth – Q♦
- 2. Mercury – 5♥
- 3. Venus – 3♣
- 4. Mars – 3♠
- 5. Jupiter – 9♥
- 6. Saturn – 7♣
- 7. Uranus – 5♦
- 8. Neptune – Q♠
- 9. Pluto – J♣
- 10. Princess – 9♦
- 11. Prince – 7♠
- 12. Queen – 2♣
- 13. King – K♣
- Soul Challenge – 3♦
- Soul Gift – 9♦



## Q♦ Game of Life

Born to play the Queen of Diamonds, you are here to lead by your own example. Your purpose is to be an exemplar of noble virtue. As such, your leadership emerges when you embody the values you wish to see in others.

With your natural giftedness, you can easily master the things of life. You can become a leader in all you do and quite the connoisseur too. Accordingly, you may have enormous pride. You may expect to be treated with royal deference, acknowledged and respected as someone of great importance. It can lead you to preen your feathers in vanity even as you demand unswerving loyalty from your nearest and dearest.

You can be quite generous, and those lucky enough to be in your tribe may be the beneficiaries of extravagant gifts, but typically only on your own terms. You prefer not to bow to obligations or restrictions. You make up your own mind, according to your own fancy. And your capricious behavior can be maddening for your romantic partners. You may, for example, pinch pennies in shrewd negotiation one moment, only later to spill money acquiring status symbols.

But to you, it's not a contradiction. "The queen gets to do as she pleases, while others must do as the queen pleases;" such may be your operating assumption. To play your game well, however, you must stop pointing fingers at others, demanding from them behavior you are unwilling to embody yourself.

Instead, exemplify that which you wish to see in others. It's how you fulfill your purpose, leading by example and walking your talk, in full integrity. It means discovering for yourself that which matters most, the imperishable treasure of life, and then giving your all to acquire and embody *that* treasure. It's how you become truly rich in life, attaining the status you truly deserve.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I choose to embody what matters most in life. And I willingly lead by my own example.

## 13. The King of Diamonds

### Material, Commanded



#### Example Expressions

Effortless authority. Physical mastery. Business and financial expertise. Laser-sharp, shrewd perception. Hyper-fixations and obsessions. Glaring blind spots. Cowardly vanity. Paranoid suspicions. One-sided imperial dictates. Nasty fits of rage. Issues with authority. Focused, disciplined achievement. Commanding presence. A leader of what matters most.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – K♥
- 1. Birth – K♦
- 2. Mercury – 6♥
- 3. Venus – 4♣
- 4. Mars – 2♦
- 5. Jupiter – J♠
- 6. Saturn – 8♣
- 7. Uranus – 6♦
- 8. Neptune – 4♠
- 9. Pluto – 10♥
- 10. Princess – 10♦
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- Soul Challenge – 3♣
- Soul Gift – 7♠

## K♦ Game of Life

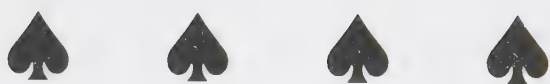
Born to play the King of Diamonds, your purpose is to command new realities. Like a master alchemist, you can “turn lead into gold.” It means you can sculpt your body and/or make money appear from any venture. But like King Midas of mythology, vanity or greed may overtake you, and you may inadvertently block yourself from possessing that which matters most in life.

You can get hyper-fixated on your target acquisition. And in your obsession, you may not see the full ramifications of your evaluation. It could be a simple oversight, or it could be willful ignorance. Either way, “pride comes before the fall,” and you can get blind-sided by an important detail you’ve missed.

Alternatively, you can be like a “bull in a china shop,” destroying what matters most as you plunge toward your goals. Thus, ironically, issues of insecurity and indecision may plague you. And from fear of tripping and falling, you may avoid taking any action. Your mind can think dark thoughts, imagining vast conspiracies. And, to avoid potentially being duped, you may “hold your cards close to your vest,” meanwhile outwardly showcasing much pomp and circumstance. But thus, you may compartmentalize your life dividing your power and lurking inside your own shadows.

And so, like the fabled lion, set free by the little mouse that gnaws away the ropes of the hunter’s trap, it’s essential for you to receive wise counsel to liberate yourself from your *self-imposed* traps. It’s also how you unravel what matters most in life. As you do, you can then transform the dim perceptions of others as well, lifting the veil to help others behold the imperishable treasure of life. Thus do you establish a kingdom upon that which matters most – the eternal treasure that never rusts nor corrodes. It’s how you fulfill your purpose, which is how you stand in full integrity.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I wear the crown of my authority with humility, and I graciously command the full breadth of my reality.



## Part 4: Spades

Spades correspond to the season of Winter when seeds lie dormant in the ground awaiting rebirth. What was felt, thought, and then put to good use must now come to an end, before it begins yet again.

In the four elements, Spades represent air, the subtlest and most powerful force of life. Indeed, it is only with air in our lungs that we have the power of life within us.

The Spade is actually an acorn (the seed of the Oak tree), and it corresponds on the human body to the pineal gland, the master gland at the center of the human head. The pineal gland is often called “the seat of the soul” and is experienced meditatively as the “third eye” of psychedelic vision.

Spades symbolize consciousness – the visions, dreams, and beliefs that are both the seeds of new life and the existential ground of our being. For what we believe is the fundamental force that drives us! And people born to play a Spade card as either their primary or secondary pattern are the imagination movers of life. They have the inner vision, and thus the inner drive, to get the job done.

Spade-based people have seemingly inexhaustible energy to re-make and refresh life. And while some Spade-based people can be lost in dreamy fantasies, most tend to be die-hard workaholics. They may not know how to rest or take a break. But they do all the work necessary to compost what was, overturn what is, and recreate the ground of our being.

NOTE: We all operate on all four planes of existence symbolized by Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, and Spades.

If you are not born to play a Spade card as either your *primary* or *secondary* pattern, it means you will direct your vision toward shoveling out space, planting new seeds, and working hard in other aspects of your life, as indicated by the placement of Spade cards in your **Life Path**.

# 1. The Ace of Spades

## Consciousness, Initiated



### Example Expressions

Conscious mastery. Self-starting dynamo. Independent ambitions. Metaphysical, mystical visions. Exhausted faith. Existential insecurity. Scattered seeds of unfinished business. Workaholic drudgery. Selfish drive. Hidden secrets. Irrational paranoia. Solitary encounters. Personal transformation – death and rebirth. Competitive fortitude. Self-reliant expertise.

### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 3♦
- 1. Birth – A♠
- 2. Mercury – 7♥
- 3. Venus – 7♦
- 4. Mars – 5♠
- 5. Jupiter – J♥
- 6. Saturn – 9♣
- 7. Uranus – 9♠
- 8. Neptune – 2♥
- 9. Pluto – K♥
- 10. Princess – K♦
- 11. Prince – 6♥
- 12. Queen – 4♣
- 13. King – 2♦
- Soul Challenge – 7♥
- Soul Gift – 2♣

## A♠ Game of Life

Born to play the Ace of Spades, you are here to shine the first light of awareness. Your purpose is to sprout forth a seed, sprung from your own vision, a seed that blossoms into a giant life-giving structure.

You are like a big bang of consciousness. It's alternatively a selfish, lonely and yet ambitiously magnanimous game to play. And you probably don't take it lightly. In fact, you may drive yourself into a monomaniacal frenzy trying to achieve great things in life. Compared to you, workaholics can appear downright lazy. Your drive to achievement, to prove that you are indeed worthy to be called a master, devolves into a work-a-day, slave-driven tone, however, *only* if you have divorced yourself from your true power source.

The Ace of Spades represents the portal through which new consciousness emerges in our space-time matrix. And so, once you surrender your mortal fears of death and the unknown, you yourself become this gateway of consciousness.

To do so means opening yourself to the vast unknown mystery of life, the numinous, non-ordinary, non-rational dimensions of reality. Drawing from this deep reservoir, you have unlimited power to accomplish what you will on Earth. It's how you transcend your tremendous existential insecurity, so as to ace the test of life. You simply tap in and give birth, through yourself, to new life.

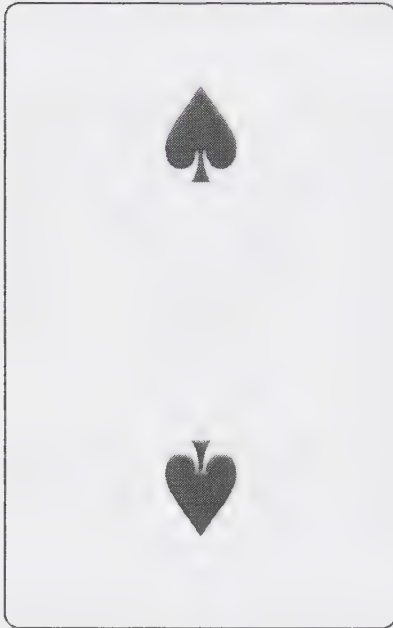
For it's not about *doing* just to do, nor *how much* you do. Rather, you fulfill your purpose receiving, downloading, and then offering what you know, not unlike a flower that blossoms to offer its beautiful fragrance. And thus consciously connected within yourself, you become both a deep dreamer and an effective doer together at once. It's how you open new wells of consciousness from which we all may draw life-giving water. And *that's* how you revitalize the face of the Earth.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I open my consciousness to deep transformation. And I trust my inherent mastery.



## 2. The Two of Spades

### Consciousness, Unified



#### Example Expressions

Visionary partnership. Working collaboration. Consummate team player. Faithful cooperation. Workaholic duty. Obligatory sacrifice. Willful manipulation. Team first, me second. Irreconcilable internal dichotomies. Passive compliance. Co-dependent controls. Networking mastery. Imaginative solutions. Enlightened synergy.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – 4♦
1. Birth – 2♠
2. Mercury – 8♥
3. Venus – 6♣
4. Mars – 6♠
5. Jupiter – Q♥
6. Saturn – 10♣
7. Uranus – 8♦
8. Neptune – K♠
9. Pluto – 3♥
10. Princess – A♣
11. Prince – Q♣
12. Queen – 10♠
13. King – 5♣
- Soul Challenge – 6♠
- Soul Gift – K♣

## 2♠ Game of Life

Born to play the 2 of Spades, you are here to work for the common good. Your purpose is to forge alliances to solve common problems that are beyond the resources and scope of any one individual to address.

You intuitively know and recognize the interdependent, interwoven fabric of human society. As such, it may pain you to observe any lack of conscientious consideration in others. You may believe it's up to you to counterbalance the apparent shortfalls and limitations of others' small-minded thinking.

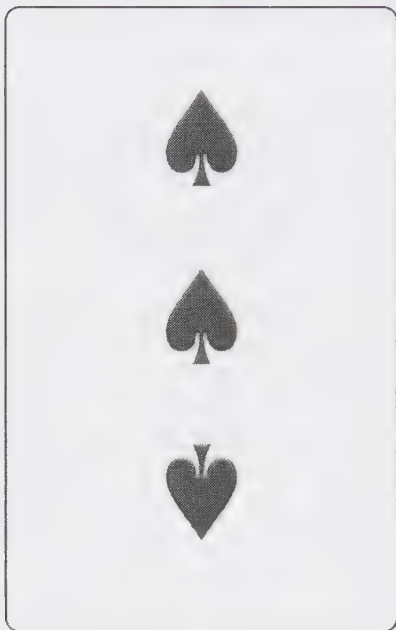
Thus, you may attempt to steer people toward a set of loftier goals, as if you could bend them to your will. And if not, you may take it upon yourself to do all the heavy lifting solo. In either case, you can be a consummate team player willing to sacrifice yourself to the larger cause, or at least to ensure that your corporate division outperforms expectations. To this end, you may over-work yourself even to the point of compromising your health and wellbeing. Worse, you may measure your personal self-worth entirely by your team, family, or company's performance.

Watch out then that you don't get stuck in a deep rut of controlling and constrictive interpersonal power dynamics. If so, brewing resentment may override your otherwise tolerant, placid demeanor, leading to sudden and surprising outbursts of pent up rage.

To successfully live your purpose, you must access your inner-vision and then live accordingly, doing what you know is true in your own conscience. It's from *this* existential stance that you can truly invite others to participate in a meaningful vision. It's also how your loyalty, tenacity, and personal power really have an opportunity to shine. For once you have veritable opt-in from others, you can indeed form collaborative partnerships to realize splendid solutions.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I honor my individuality and the individuality of others. I build dynamically successful teams.

### 3. The Three of Spades Consciousness, Created



#### Example Expressions

Creative genius. Sensitive mastery. Channeled artistry. A variety of possibilities. Lost in dreamy delusions. A life hopelessly divided. Existential anxiety. Procrastination as an art form. Paranoid avoidance. Workaholic exhaustion. Blunt, jabbing accusations. Laser-sharp intuition. Mystical awareness. Visionary leadership.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 3♣
- 1. Birth – 3♠
- 2. Mercury – 9♥
- 3. Venus – 7♣
- 4. Mars – 5♦
- 5. Jupiter – Q♠
- 6. Saturn – J♣
- 7. Uranus – 9♦
- 8. Neptune – 7♠
- 9. Pluto – 2♣
- 10. Princess – K♣
- 11. Prince – J♦
- 12. Queen – 4♥
- 13. King – 4♦
- Soul Challenge – 6♦
- Soul Gift – J♦

### 3♠ Game of Life

Born to play the 3 of Spades, you are here as a compass of our collective humanity, orienting us to our “true north” as a species. You know the way, and you can point the way for others. But first, you must live exactly what you know in your own conscience.

Your purpose gives you something like a mystical role of connection to the vast quantum field of un-manifest, untapped potential. And drawing from this vast reservoir means you can be an extraordinary channel of creativity. It may feel like you have a thousand volts of electricity pouring through your body. And with such power, you can accomplish anything to which you give your undivided attention. It can make you a workaholic, absorbed and intent on your craft.

And yet, although you may outwardly appear as driven, aloof, cold, and willful, you are actually disarmingly sensitive. You can easily get knocked off kilter or turned sideways. And you may ponder even the simplest of decisions as if it were a profound existential dilemma. It can lead to paralyzing procrastination and avoidance tactics where you attempt to skirt responsibility altogether.

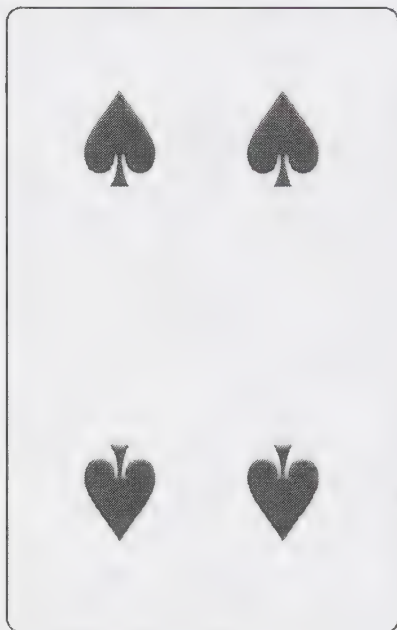
Worse, choosing a pathway of “least resistance” only means that, in fact, you create more internal friction within yourself. For if you don’t unite your dreaming and your doing together in a single pathway, you will find yourself torn in two: living in two different worlds that do not cohere.

To live your purpose is to realize that you have the juice to shape the soft clay of reality as you will. You don’t need to settle for a fragmented, incomplete, watered-down existence. And when you do self-authorize, giving yourself full permission to carve out the reality you want, you find that your authentic self-expression is richly rewarded.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I live exactly and only what I know is true. I express my conscience in both word and deed.

## 4. The Four of Spades

### Consciousness, Defined



#### Example Expressions

Visionary architect. Conscientious management. Disciplined work ethic. Robust wellbeing. Obsessive micro-management. Controlling fears. Work-a-day struggles. Compressed, contorted existence. Willful power plays. Self-limiting beliefs. Dissatisfied, griping complaints. Rock-solid faith. Conscious clarity. Zen presence.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – 6♦
1. Birth – 4♠
2. Mercury – 10♥
3. Venus – 10♦
4. Mars – 8♠
5. Jupiter – A♥
6. Saturn – A♦
7. Uranus – Q♦
8. Neptune – 5♥
9. Pluto – 3♣
10. Princess – 3♠
11. Prince – 9♥
12. Queen – 7♣
13. King – 5♦
- Soul Challenge – 10♣
- Soul Gift – 4♥

## 4♠ Game of Life

Born to play this game you are here to build a firm foundation for life. Your purpose is to outline the collective house of our being.

You arrange the existential ground upon which we stand. You draw the lines in the sand. And, with so much riding on your decisions, your mind may be overwhelmed with all the various possibilities of what could be. Then too, you can overwork yourself trying to implement all your ideas. So, instead of keeping an open mind to live a higher vision, you may slip into a myopic work-a-day haze. Worse, you may discount your dreams, living instead with your head-down, grinding out an existence against all odds.

Your gift is to help reframe reality for people such that they can transcend self-limiting boxes, spread their wings and fly. But it starts with your own reframe of reality. It comes down to the underlying principles that motivate you.

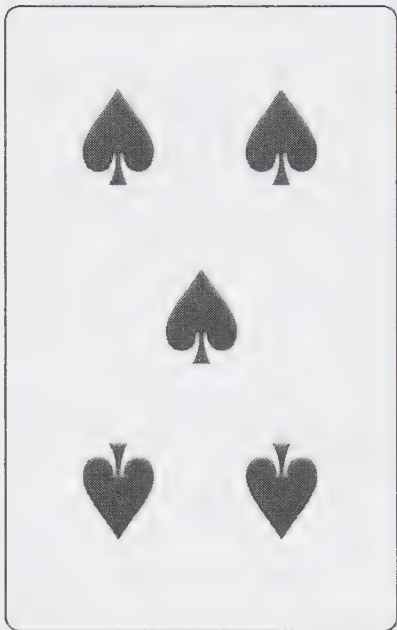
You can empower yourself and others to find a Zen contentment with what is. Or you can control and force, trying to shoehorn reality into a shortsighted set of expectations. If you do that, however, you may inadvertently oppress others inside of your stubborn, willful insistence. And you do have the will to get the job done. Your willpower is unassailable.

What's important is that you neither scatter yourself too thin, nor compress yourself too tightly inside your own parameters. It's not about nit-picking and splitting hairs to define the terms and conditions. It's about offering a more spacious and inclusive vision. And to live your purpose means enrolling others in a more expansive awareness. For it's only with greater consciousness that you can truly delineate a rock-solid basis for the house of our being.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I trust the natural rhythm of life. I am consciously aware of life's perfect order.

## 5. The Five of Spades

### Consciousness, Innovated



#### Example Expressions

Transformational vision. Open-minded evolution. Out-of-the-box imagination. Offbeat interests. Forever working. Unable to sit still – never satisfied. Futile, restless efforts. Endless distractions. Paranoid fears. Ethically crisscrossed. Self-sabotaging over-exertion. Courageous “early-adopter.” Super productivity. Enlightened awareness.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 7♦
- 1. Birth – 5♠
- 2. Mercury – J♥
- 3. Venus – 9♣
- 4. Mars – 9♠
- 5. Jupiter – 2♥
- 6. Saturn – K♥
- 7. Uranus – K♦
- 8. Neptune – 6♥
- 9. Pluto – 4♣
- 10. Princess – 2♦
- 11. Prince – J♠
- 12. Queen – 8♣
- 13. King – 6♦
- Soul Challenge – 10♥
- Soul Gift – 4♦



## 5♠ Game of Life

Born to play the 5 of Spades, you may feel like the wanderer in search of your shadow, crucified on the cross of existence. Or you might just be a workaholic, always in motion, always multi-tasking, always believing your answer lies just across the horizon. For indeed, your purpose *is* to find the answer.

The key that unlocks the answer, however, is hidden inside your own consciousness. It means opening the (perhaps) rusty doors to the temple of your own imagination and entering inside for prayer and contemplation. But quiet, serene non-activity is possibly the last thing on your mind.

You may even feel doomed to a fate of endless motion, as if you were like a shark that would die if you stopped swimming. In your process, you are learning to shed your ego, stripping away everything you thought you believed about yourself. It's a life of personal growth, which means you'll out-distance people, places, things... and most importantly, conceptions of your own identity. The answer you seek is indeed just over the horizon. It's beyond the rational limits of logical categorization. There's more to life than meets the eye; so you must learn or else suffer an ongoing, fist-pounding struggle to generate the fruit of a life well lived.

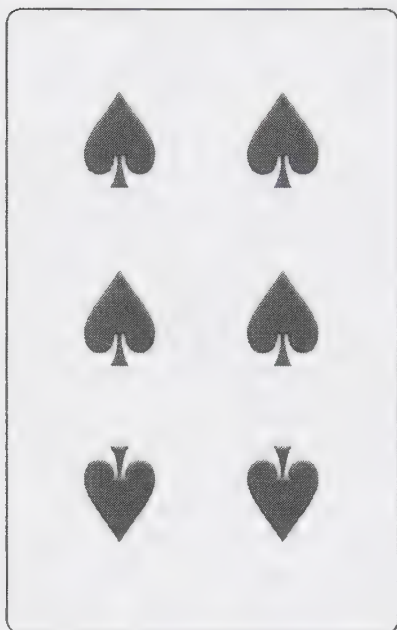
Worse, in your determination to produce results, you may even slide into unethical behaviors, crisscrossing yourself against your own hoped-for rewards. But, instead of dogged insistence, willfully trying to force apple juice out of an orange, plumb the depths. Don't skim the surface. Embrace your ongoing transmutation.

Like a whirling dervish, find the still point in the eye of the hurricane. It's how you find yourself in the midst of your own swirling activity. And it's how you fulfill your purpose, finding, naming, and then expressing the still point at the center of creation.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I courageously transform and reinvent myself, finding my still point at the center of all I do.

## 6. The Six of Spades

### Consciousness, Aligned



#### Example Expressions

Visionary go-getter. Powerful imagination. Self-disciplined execution. Paranoid sense of fated doom. Stuck in a self-righteous, cynical rut. Obsessively keeping score in life, tit-for-tat. Cold and aloof. Militant, judgmental disciplinarian. Willful ignorance. Escapist fantasies. Strange synchronicities. Lucid dreaming. Serene clarity. A 6<sup>th</sup> sense for what's right. Enlightened directives.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 6♣
- 1. Birth – 6♠
- 2. Mercury – Q♥
- 3. Venus – 10♣
- 4. Mars – 8♦
- 5. Jupiter – K♠
- 6. Saturn – 3♥
- 7. Uranus – A♣
- 8. Neptune – Q♣
- 9. Pluto – 10♠
- 10. Princess – 5♣
- 11. Prince – 3♦
- 12. Queen – A♠
- 13. King – 7♥
- Soul Challenge – 9♠
- Soul Gift – 2♠

## 6♠ Game of Life

Born to play this game, you are here as an ambassador of karmic law. You have a keen sense of purpose and a 6<sup>th</sup> sense for what is right. You are well aware of the scales of justice, and you know full well the karmic penalty for transgressing your own inner-sense of right and wrong. You're a visionary who enjoys dreaming into action what you know is true.

Watch out that you don't become a slave to your own vision, a workaholic who feels obligated to right all the wrongs of the world, or at least outperform last year's sales targets. It can leave you cold and aloof from romantic fulfillment. And it can leave you feeling burdened and heavy, resentful that others don't seem to notice what must be done.

Worse, life may appear like an unwinnable tragic comedy that's unfolding slowly before your helpless eyes. You may feel like fate leaves you little choice to alter the final outcome. You may feel stuck, powerless to implement what only seems like an idealistic fantasy. Even worse, the world may seem so completely at odds with karmic law that you prefer simply to escape from life altogether.

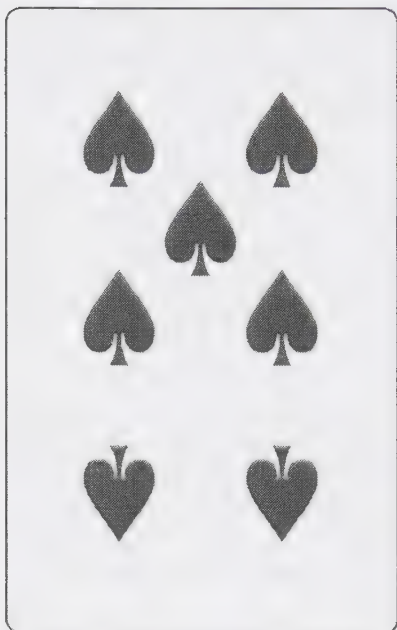
What's important for you is to clarify your own consciousness, to make straight your own ways. It's essential that you consciously align your life to your own conscience, living exactly according to your own truth, irrespective of what the "world" does or does not do.

As you do consciously choose to live what you know is true, unconditionally, it creates a meaningful harmonic resonance in all you do. Thus you fulfill your purpose, liberated by your own conscious choice. What's more, your decision transforms you into a lighthouse of consciousness, a bright beacon that illuminates a pathway through the darkness, a pathway we can now see and choose for ourselves, of our own free will.

**Affirmation to play it well:** My conscience is my law. With kindness and grace, I take clear action.

## 7. The Seven of Spades

### Consciousness, Uplifted



#### Example Expressions

Genius visionary. Meta-level consciousness. Imaginative workflow solutions. Peculiar mood swings. Strange, irrational experiences. Existential despair. Hypercritical put-downs. Self-sabotaging and self-loathing. Workaholic escapism. Willful avoidance. Hypochondriac. Spiritual awareness. Luminous leadership. Sublime connectivity. Enlightened conclusions.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 9♦
- 1. Birth – 7♠
- 2. Mercury – 2♣
- 3. Venus – K♣
- 4. Mars – J♦
- 5. Jupiter – 4♥
- 6. Saturn – 4♦
- 7. Uranus – 2♠
- 8. Neptune – 8♥
- 9. Pluto – 6♣
- 10. Princess – 6♠
- 11. Prince – Q♥
- 12. Queen – 10♣
- 13. King – 8♦
- Soul Challenge – K♦
- Soul Gift – 8♥

## 7♠ Game of Life

Born to play the 7 of Spades, you are here as a visionary to recalibrate our imagination. You see how everything can be done more gracefully.

Your purpose is to lift us beyond our self-limiting beliefs, helping us to behold the fullness of our potential. It means you see beyond what is, to see what's possible. You can see things others can't. At times, you might even think you're crazy or delusional. If you were born in a different time and place, with these same abilities, you might have become the next tribal shaman. You can read the omens and perhaps even talk to plants, as well as other things beyond the pale.

Your extraordinary abilities can be alternatively intoxicating or else terrifyingly distressing. But if you hide from yourself, dumb yourself down, or contrive to fix your inner visions, you may spiral into a tailspin of afflicted melancholy, which only makes you mean-spirited and vindictive to others.

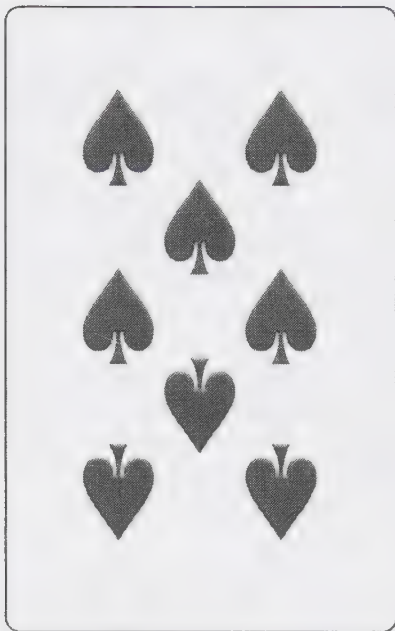
To avoid metaphysical angst, you may opt to be a workaholic, unless, of course, you can't even get out of bed in the morning. Such are your deep sinking lows that you may unfortunately label yourself as manic or bi-polar. You can be a hypochondriac too, making yourself physically ill with negative beliefs. Such is the power of your imagination!

What's at stake for you is to embrace your gift of seeing, even though it may scare you. It's only our cultural bias that discredits the non-rational. In fact, our rational mind knows so little. And with your expansive consciousness, you have access to so much. You can tap into a deep well of collective consciousness and draw up fresh awareness. You can thus help us activate the transcendent abilities buried within our unconsciousness. And in fulfilling your purpose, doing your life's work, you find deep and lasting satisfaction in your own consciousness.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I have faith in my furthest knowing. And I patiently enroll others in my vision.

## 8. The Eight of Spades

### Consciousness, Strengthened



#### Example Expressions

A force of nature. Indestructible willpower. Unflappable poise. Intimidating persona. Self-destructive over-exertion. Domineering entanglements. Workaholic compression. Stuck in a closed loop – squeezing the life out. Personal martyrdom. Tyrannical controls. Expansive consciousness. Big-picture visionary. Healing presence. Enlightened solutions.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 10♦
- 1. Birth – 8♠
- 2. Mercury – A♥
- 3. Venus – A♦
- 4. Mars – Q♦
- 5. Jupiter – 5♥
- 6. Saturn – 3♣
- 7. Uranus – 3♠
- 8. Neptune – 9♥
- 9. Pluto – 7♣
- 10. Princess – 5♦
- 11. Prince – Q♠
- 12. Queen – J♣
- 13. King – 9♦
- Soul Challenge – K♣
- Soul Gift – 6♠



## 8♠ Game of Life

Born to play the 8 of Spades, you are playing with the infinite potential of consciousness. There is literally nothing you can't do. And it begins in the tiny seed of your imagination. You can see what's possible, visualizing how to weave together a harmonic solution. It's a question of whether or not you trust the elegant simplicity of your vision.

Fear and self-doubt may lead you to grip life too tightly in the fist of tenacious resolve. But if you do clutch at life, then you may narcissistically extinguish all the oxygen in the room. And then, instead of graceful ease, you may be obsessively controlling of every last detail, to the point where you alienate others and make yourself a slave, or even a martyr, to your own grandiose goals.

Workaholics know nothing of how hard you can work! But your own over-exertion is precisely what blocks you. No one else can over-power you. You thwart yourself. You can tie yourself up in knots by your own furious insistence.

Your purpose in life is to be a visionary architect and builder, forming a life-giving framework for health, happiness and prosperity. You have the vision and the will power to make it so. You can dream it and do it. But you can't create what you do not first have for yourself. If you shortchange any part of your own wellbeing, you will inadvertently suffocate others in the same way.

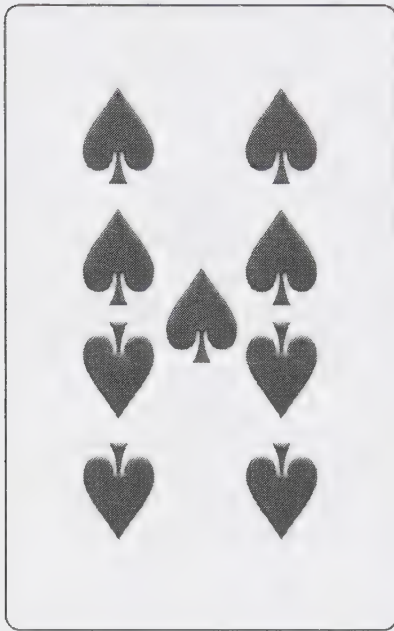
To fulfill your purpose, remember that flowing water is more powerful than resistant rock. Eventually the rough surface of rock yields to the smooth touch of water. And it's this depth of timeless wisdom to which you must open yourself. The more you "know thyself," the more you soften and relax into the unfolding harmony of life. And the deeper you expand into your own consciousness, the more resources you have at your disposal to do the work of your life.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I breathe deeply into myself. And I move through life with graceful ease.



## 9. The Nine of Spades

### Transcendent Consciousness



#### Example Expressions

Visionary ambitions. Profound talent. Imaginative breakthroughs. Elevated work ethic. Superiority-inferiority complex. Hypercritical and mean-spirited. World-weary, self-pitying depression. Dark personal tragedy. Paranoid suspicions. Desperate workaholism. Naïve, addictive escapism. Metaphysical dreams. Meditative mastery. Enlightened achievements.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 9♣
- 1. Birth – 9♠
- 2. Mercury – 2♥
- 3. Venus – K♥
- 4. Mars – K♦
- 5. Jupiter – 6♥
- 6. Saturn – 4♣
- 7. Uranus – 2♦
- 8. Neptune – J♠
- 9. Pluto – 8♣
- 10. Princess – 6♦
- 11. Prince – 4♠
- 12. Queen – 10♥
- 13. King – 10♦
- Soul Challenge – K♥
- Soul Gift – 6♠

## 9♠ Game of Life

Born to play with the 9 of Spades, you are here to make dreams a reality. You have direct access to higher consciousness such that meditation may be easy for you. And you have an active, fertile imagination. For better and for worse, you can visualize every possibility.

Your purpose in life is to shine forth an elevated awareness of what life *could* be like once we each choose to step up. You can paint the picture that captures our imagination, inspiring us to work toward the realization of *that* reality. And with your prodigious willpower you can do the work necessary to activate your vision. It's just that you may feel all alone in your efforts. And you may even feel like life is a cruel joke. You may see around you a wasteland of quiet desperation, of people merely shuffling through life caught up in the daily grind. You may thus find yourself in the same depressed position, unwilling to truly do what you dream to do.

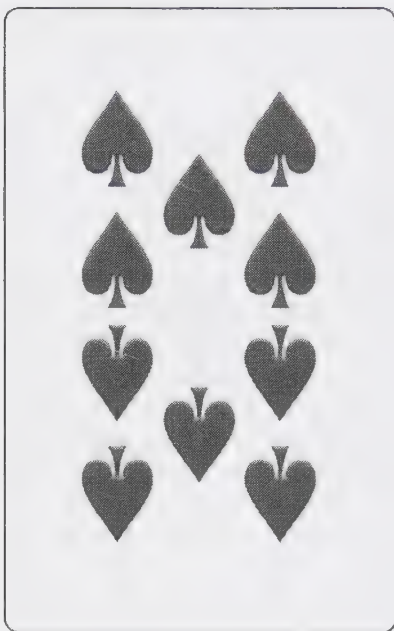
You may become thoroughly cynical about human nature to the point where your own fears come true and people repeatedly live up to your negative expectations. Caught in this self-fulfilling prophecy of doom, you may imagine the only way out is self-annihilation. Out of disgust with life, you may be tempted to check out completely. For you, it's all or nothing. What's at stake in your intense encounter with life is to overcome the internal stumbling blocks you face. Can you transcend the very things that trip you up inside your own consciousness? That's the question!

The answer only comes if you adopt a universally compassionate perspective. It's a Zen appreciation for each moment of life, not trying to change anything but simply witnessing what is. As you do uplift your awareness, something magical happens: you radiate a transcendent presence, which uplifts those around you. Thus do your dreams of an elevated reality become manifest.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I step up into the truth of my consciousness. And I make my dreams a reality.

## 10. The Ten of Spades

### Consciousness, Expressed



#### Example Expressions

Abundant success. Powerful performance. Visionary consciousness. Too busy to breathe. Endlessly superficially preoccupied. Over-extended and double-crossed. Performance anxiety. Narcissistic disarray. Addictive obsessions. Existential paranoia. Productive dynamo. Thriving in the spotlight. Focal point of leadership. Generous expression of grace.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – Q♣
- 1. Birth – 10♠
- 2. Mercury – 5♣
- 3. Venus – 3♦
- 4. Mars – A♠
- 5. Jupiter – 7♥
- 6. Saturn – 7♦
- 7. Uranus – 5♠
- 8. Neptune – J♥
- 9. Pluto – 9♣
- 10. Princess – 9♠
- 11. Prince – 2♥
- 12. Queen – K♥
- 13. King – K♦
- Soul Challenge – 4♥
- Soul Gift – Q♥

## 10♠ Game of Life

Born to play the 10 of Spades you are here to open a doorway of life. It can make you, ironically, an endless doer, always striving to manifest the vision.

Your purpose is indeed to dream reality into being. But it's a question of self-realization not heavy lifting. The work for you is opening your mind, allowing the light of consciousness to penetrate. It's how you manifest your vision easily, enjoying the work of your dreams. But if you are cut off from your powerful imagination, then your life may be a fruitless, thankless chase after abundance, like a dog chasing its own tail. For you do intuitively know that you can have it all. You may even feel *entitled* to have it all.

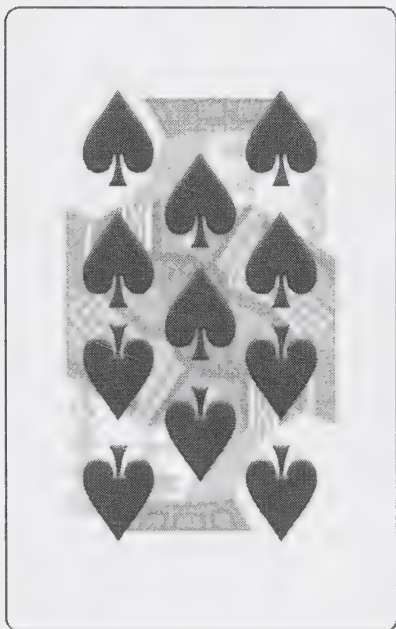
You may also cram your schedule full because you feel lazy if you're not constantly in motion. It can leave you juggling your activities like a many-armed Hindu goddess. But in your relentless, willful pursuit, you may over-extend and double-cross yourself, sabotaging your success. This striving to "fill up" your life only happens, however, if you have a self-image of lack. On the other hand, you may deliberately keep yourself preoccupied so as to *avoid* looking within. You may be terrified of your own rich, inner landscape. And as a coping mechanism, you may either dissociate yourself inside alternative realities or else bury yourself in mundane chores.

But you need not fear your own consciousness. This you must realize so that you hold the doorway open within yourself, to the depths of yourself. It comes with the realization that what's within you is what's really meaningful. It's not anything you do that proves your worth. You are already worthy to have all that life has to offer; it's already within you. It's about relaxing into that self-awareness and shining forth *that* consciousness in all that you are and all that you do. It's how you fulfill your purpose, bringing forth from within yourself the manifest truth of human being.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I hold a clear container for the light of consciousness. I make space for my truth to shine.

## 11. The Jack of Spades

### Consciousness, Generated



#### Example Expressions

Super talented creativity.  
 Theatrical magician. Fierce  
 fighting will power. Chameleonic  
 eccentricity. Shady half-truths.  
 Insufferable contrarian. The end-  
 justifies the means behavior. Jack-  
 of-all-trades, master of none.  
 Secret, hidden compartments.  
 One-eyed fixations. Nasty dark  
 side. A lone wolf. Lifestyle-  
 designing mastermind. Spiritually  
 adept. Imaginative, visionary  
 healer.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 2♦
- 1. Birth – J♠
- 2. Mercury – 8♣
- 3. Venus – 6♦
- 4. Mars – 4♠
- 5. Jupiter – 10♥
- 6. Saturn – 10♦
- 7. Uranus – 8♠
- 8. Neptune – A♥
- 9. Pluto – A♦
- 10. Princess – Q♦
- 11. Prince – 5♥
- 12. Queen – 3♣
- 13. King – 3♠
- Soul Challenge – 7♣
- Soul Gift – 10♣

## J♠ Game of Life

Born to play the Jack of Spades, your purpose is to remake reality as you see fit. It's an awesome privilege and responsibility, one that can be easily misunderstood or abused. It makes you a magician of life, with life itself as your canvas and beliefs as your instrument. And as you well know, beliefs are the most powerful force of life. If we believe a medicine will heal us, it will. It's called the placebo effect.

But far from maligning beliefs as an invasive nuisance or religious opiate, your role is to champion the power of belief, helping others plant seeds of consciousness for themselves. It means first activating your own intuitive, esoteric awareness in order to draw power from that deep reservoir. Otherwise, you may be stuck trying to bend reality by dint of sheer willpower. And/or, you may use your great powers simply to dupe others into believing what *you* want them to believe.

You can see into people's shadows, which means you can spot their vulnerabilities and easily manipulate them. And yet, you can be half-blind to your own manipulative maneuvers! If so, you may find yourself in the company of shady characters who are each trying to scheme and connive their own end game.

And since you know intuitively that reality is mercurial, made up by what we believe it to be, you may all too easily believe the end justifies any means necessary. Worse, you may get lost inside your own fanciful projections, not knowing what is authentic and what is merely, convenient.

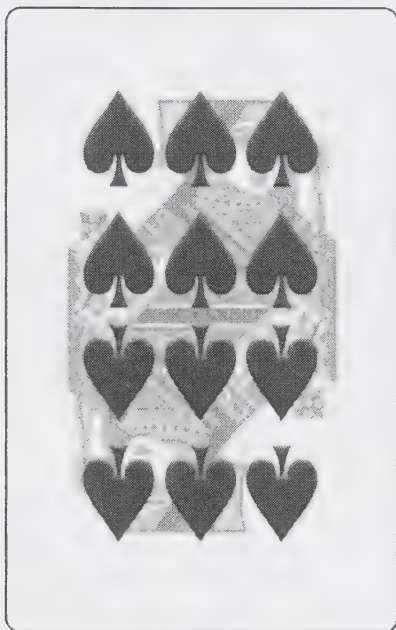
You fulfill your purpose, however, when you realize that your touchstone of authenticity is consciousness itself. And that means connecting yourself consciously to the subtle ground of all being. And with greater self-awareness, you can relax into your awesome powers. You can trust yourself creatively to call forth from within your imagination that which makes reality a more enchanted place to live.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I hold myself accountable to my own conscience. I take responsibility for what I know is true.



## 12. The Queen of Spades

### Consciousness, Perfected



#### Example Expressions

Visionary leadership. Evolved consciousness. Clarifying insights. Shrewd, industrious excellence. Authoritarian willpower. Manic workaholic episodes. Poisonous perfectionism. Obsessive vanity. Frigid pride. Haughty, judgmental airs. Nit-picking cruelty. Nurturing advocacy. Otherworldly talents. Zen-like, masterful awareness.

#### Life Path

- 0. Moon – 5♦
- 1. Birth – Q♠
- 2. Mercury – J♣
- 3. Venus – 9♦
- 4. Mars – 7♠
- 5. Jupiter – 2♣
- 6. Saturn – K♣
- 7. Uranus – J♦
- 8. Neptune – 4♥
- 9. Pluto – 4♦
- 10. Princess – 2♠
- 11. Prince – 8♥
- 12. Queen – 6♣
- 13. King – 6♠
- Soul Challenge – 10♦
- Soul Gift – 8♦



## Q♠ Game of Life

Born to play the Queen of Spades, you are expressing an evolved and enlightened archetype. With your access to higher consciousness, you can be like a Zen master, sipping tea with a twinkle in your eye, peacefully drinking in each moment in crystalline clarity. Indeed, your purpose is to shine a light of clear consciousness.

Your inner vision can penetrate the mysteries of life like a flashlight illuminating the dark recesses of human being. It's how you can lead us all into a more elevated awareness of existence. It's just that your same gift can devolve into mere obsessive, compulsive, judgmental perfectionism. You may demand pristine cleanliness, not just in your kitchen, but also in your mind and in the actions of others. You may leave no room whatsoever for the all-too-human flaws and foibles. You may rule yourself and others with an iron will, in a straightjacket of perfectionism.

And with your impressive willpower, you can certainly slave-drive yourself towards your goals. You may believe there's always more work to do, and that you *should* do more. Worse, rather than delegate work to others, you may just do it all yourself because you think no one will do it as well as you.

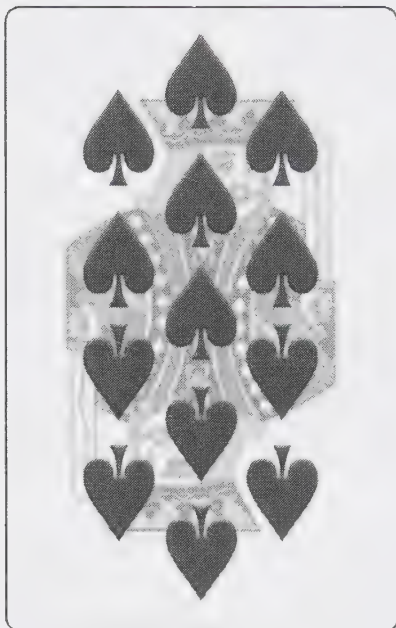
You can nit-pick and find the flaw in anything. Plus, you can be intolerant of failure. And yet, you may continually set yourself up for failure trying to measure up to an impossible ideal. It may lead you to clamp down with even more oppressive controls in a vain effort to bend reality to your will.

You fulfill your life purpose, however, when you stop struggling against life and instead surrender yourself to the refining, shaping, and polishing process of life itself. It means consciously relaxing into the momentary presence of life as it is, which is how you shine forth *that* perfect presence... in all that you are and all that you do.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I relax into the truth of life. I witness the perfection of life exactly as it is.

## 13. The King of Spades

### Consciousness, Commanded



#### Example Expressions

Commanding authority. Powerful decisions. Conscious presence. Irrevocable integrity. Authoritarian persona. Extreme workaholic. Drill sergeant disciplinarian. Simplistic, crude black-and-white dictates. Dictatorial insistence. Subversive laziness. Paralyzing paranoia. Childlike wonder. Effortless mastery. Enlightened leadership.

#### Life Path

0. Moon – 8♦
1. Birth – K♠
2. Mercury – 3♥
3. Venus – A♣
4. Mars – Q♣
5. Jupiter – 10♠
6. Saturn – 5♣
7. Uranus – 3♦
8. Neptune – A♠
9. Pluto – 7♥
10. Princess – 7♦
11. Prince – 5♠
12. Queen – J♥
13. King – 9♣

#### Soul Trinity

- K♠
- 8♣
- J♥

## K♠ Game of Life

Born to play the King of Spades, you are courting enlightened mastery in all you do. Indeed, your purpose is to both dream it and then do it with flawless execution. But what will you choose to do with your magnificent consciousness? You can command reality, bending life to your will.

You hold the sword of power. And with it, your decisions are final. When you slice your sword to make your decree, woe to those who disagree. They will only suffer in frustrated impotence. You have an iron, at times, almost inhumane will. And this scepter of final authority can weigh heavy in your hand. You may try to avoid such tremendous clout, feeling it more like an onerous and alienating burden. You may not want to intimidate others or subjugate them to your will. You may fear the consequences, especially in romance.

And your secret fears may poison your heart. Like the Emperor of China, who lived inside a “forbidden palace” and had food tasters to ensure he was not the victim of an assassination plot, you may recuse yourself behind carefully constructed social controls. It can stymie your great power and limit your influence.

You may attempt to sidestep this personal dilemma by simply burying yourself in career accomplishments. And with your inherent leadership, self-discipline and work ethic, you can succeed easily, reinforcing this social patterning.

The key to your happiness comes when you open your prodigious imagination to the art and science of personal mastery. Great leaders are always willing students. And in humility, you find what you seek. For by giving primacy of place to the innocence of a child and commanding *that* reality, you fulfill your purpose. Indeed, the kingdom of life belongs to a child at heart – such is the awareness of an enlightened master.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I am a willing student of life. I wear the crown of my authority with childlike innocence.



# 0. The Joker

## The Fifth Element



### Example Expressions

A mediator between heaven and earth. Direct channel to God. Not of this world. Workaholic self-absorption. Outside of time. A freak of nature. Alone and lonely. Wickedly deceitful. Incurably depressed. Totally cracked-up. In-between, with no place to call home. Theatrical mastermind. A playful jester. Superhuman, extraordinary abilities. Complete and whole unto yourself.

### Life Path – Joker's wild

0. Moon – Joker
1. Birth – Joker
2. Mercury – Joker
3. Venus – Joker
4. Mars – Joker
5. Jupiter – Joker
6. Saturn – Joker
7. Uranus – Joker
8. Neptune – Joker
9. Pluto – Joker
10. Princess – Joker
11. Prince – Joker
12. Queen – Joker
13. King – Joker

Soul Challenge – Joker

Soul Gift – Joker

## The Joker: 1 and ¼<sup>th</sup> of a Game

Born to play the Joker, you play a special role in life. You act as a mirror to those around you. It's the classic example of the court jester who lampoons the king, so as to reveal the truth in jest.

And you too, may find yourself able to play any part or impersonate any figure. But, to your chagrin, your own mercurial, quicksilver nature may leave you feeling that nothing is solid and nothing is trustworthy.

Worse, you may feel isolated by your awareness of the molten liquid nature of reality. Where the rest of us may seem to lumber through life like snails stuck in quicksand, you can do one-handed flying cartwheels. You see past the illusions of time and space.

It's as if you stand at the zero-point, before and behind the machinations of life. You may even feel like the wizard of Oz, standing behind the curtain of life, looking out upon the world as a play of puppets. At your best, you know that reality is indeed a playground for the soul, only we don't seem to see it, too.

You get the joke. But no one else may be laughing with you. Thus you may be like the stereotypical clown who entertains everyone only to slide into dark depression off-stage. As an antidote, you may opt to bury yourself in your work. And with your otherworldly skill set, you can succeed tremendously in any endeavor. And yet, the desire to "fit in" and be a "part of things" may haunt you.

You find a separate peace, however, when you self-validate and self-authorize your unique purpose in the game of life. Indeed, you wait in vain for the approval or accolades of others to fill you up or make you whole.

For it is precisely your purpose to complete the missing piece to restore wholeness. And you perform this function wherever you are, in whatever situation or social circle it may

be. It's just that you may resent always being the glue that holds the whole thing together, the missing piece that completes the puzzle.

You may start to feel like you are the one missing out, and the joke is really on you. Worse, you may utterly resent being the anomalous remainder in life's equation.

And it's true: you do stand as an outlier on the translucent edge of reality, in between an incomplete "Earthly" plane and a perfectly whole "Heavenly" plane. You straddle both dimensions of existence, acting as a mediator between the two. And you may know all too well that yours is a fractionated existence. You may feel split, uneven, never whole and never satisfied. But it's what gives you the shape-shifting abilities to play any part and act any role so as to equalize and stabilize reality.

At your best, you bring completion, wholeness, and healing wherever you are! Whatever piece or part is missing, you can morph yourself into that fragment so as to complete the circle. But since you do notice what's missing, it can cause you great despair to always see what's lacking.

The open invitation, however, is to behold the cracks of reality as opportunities to fulfill your purpose. It's in the cracks that you shine your light. Just be aware that you don't become totally "cracked up" in the process.

You stand in the cracks of reality, partway between incompleteness and completion, brokenness and atonement. And in this in-between place of limbo, you must learn to dance the limbo. It's how you make peace with your chosen role: you dance the part, you embrace the part wholeheartedly, and you savor the extraordinary opportunity to perform a completing role in the play of life. For you are indeed how reality fulfills itself.

**Affirmation to play it well:** I take life lightly, and life takes me lightly. I row my boat gently down the stream, singing my song merrily as I go.





# Applications For This Knowledge

## **Purpose-Finding Seminars**

The Book of Life pinpoints our life purpose. It helps us define our big *Why* in life. It does so at a deep level, however, at a depth that may seem abstract and theoretical.

To truly live our purpose, we must embody that purpose in our own particular manifestation. We must make that purpose our own. So, we may well need further guidance to materialize our life purpose in our own unique expression of that purpose. In this context, the Book of Life makes a perfect foundational tool to be used in purpose-finding workshops and seminars.

## **High-Performance Personal Development**

The Book of Life provides the template for peak-performance or high-performance personal development training.

The Book of Life reveals to us the game-changing knowledge of exactly how to master the game of life. From it, we receive immediate clarity that accelerates and empowers our personal development. Simply put: if we want to be the best version of ourselves that we can be, then this timeless toolkit is the Holy Grail.

## **Executive Leadership Training**

The Book of Life provides the toolkit to develop Emotional Intelligence (EQ).

Using the Book of Life, we learn what makes us tick as well as what drives the behavior of others. We can see the deeper energetic patterns of life, which helps us to transcend knee-jerk emotional reactions. It gives us an invaluable perspective that both informs and guides emotionally intelligent decision-making. In short, it makes us better leaders of people.

## **Corporate Team Building**

The Book of Life provides the blueprint that explains interpersonal dynamics and empowers more productive team performance.

Using the Book of Life, we can quickly and accurately assess the dynamics between all individuals. Once we see these interpersonal dynamics for what they are, we can bring out the best in the team. We can better utilize the full range of everyone's skill set and develop a comprehensive strategy to maximize team performance.

## **Psychotherapy**

The Book of Life offers an unparalleled window into the psyche.

Using the Book of Life, therapists can quickly diagnose the fundamental themes in their patient's lives. Again, the details of how those themes are expressed in each individual's life will be different. And working through those specific life experiences *is* the therapeutic work.

But the Book of Life provides the window to see past defenses and resistances, to see right into the troubled areas. One therapist told me that by learning her patient's cards to play, she learned more about her patient than she did in an entire previous year of weekly therapy. Her patient had been defensively talking in circles without ever acknowledging what was truly at issue. Once the therapist knew her patient's cards, she knew the right questions to ask, which opened up the therapeutic process.

What's also profoundly helpful is to realize that common "disorders" are connected to the lower expressions of these foundational 52 energies of life. For example, ADD restless behavior is common among those playing a 5 energy, while obsessive-compulsive behavior is an attribute of the 4 energy, and bi-polar, manic behavior is common to the 7 energy, etc.

## **Parenting, Family, And Relationship Counseling**

The Book of Life reveals relationship dynamics between spouses, lovers, siblings, parents, and children.

The Book of Life shows us why people behave the way they do and what impact it has on us at an energetic level. Once we see that for what it is, we can witness the exchange of energy for what it is and begin to develop unconditional love. People have often told me that learning the cards of their spouse, child, or parent helped them to have more acceptance and compassion for that person.

## **Dating and Matchmaking Services**

The Book of Life shows us exactly who we are best suited for romantically.

The Book of Life reveals the dynamic connections between people. It shows us the deeper reality, beyond the surface level. And so, it helps us to see with whom we are *truly* well-matched. This knowledge helps to cut right through social conditioning, false pretense, and wishful thinking. It puts us right on track to have the romantic fulfillment we really want.

## **Career Skills Assessments**

The Book of Life reveals to us exactly what we are gifted to do in this lifetime.

Using the Book of Life, we can assess exactly where we are best suited to have a rewarding and satisfying career. It also reveals to us exactly where, why, and how we can maximize our financial abundance.

## **Life Coaching**

The Book of Life provides the blueprint for goal-directed coaching.

In the Book of Life, we can read our life path. It means we know where we're going in life. And it also means we know exactly *how* to get there. And so, using the Book of Life, coaches can help their clients develop a specific game plan and strategy to reach their life goals.

## **Sports Coaching**

The Book of Life helps coaches to bring out the best in their players.

Using the Book of Life, coaches know exactly how to motivate each player and build strong team dynamics. See above for Executive Leadership Training and Corporate Team Building.

## **Intervention and Rehab Programs**

The Book of Life provides the roadmap to help people get their lives back on track.

For all the reasons stated above, the Book of Life is an extraordinary tool to help people in crisis who feel like they have no direction and no purpose. It shows people where and why they may have fallen into self-destructive behavior. It helps them to develop greater self-awareness of their trigger-points to self-destructive behavior. Most importantly, it helps people to find a Good Orderly Direction for their lives.



# What This Book Does Not Cover

This book about the Book of Life is just an introduction to this vast and deep system of knowledge. Some things not covered in this introductory book are...

1. **Love Languages.** In our cards, we can read our Love Languages, how we like to give and receive love. We can also read our Love Archetypes, who we are attracted to and why, as well as the Archetypal role we play in relationships.
2. **Keys to financial abundance.** When we learn how to read the overall interactions between all of our cards, we learn the keys that unlock our prosperity in life.
3. **Questions of personal health.** In the cards, we can read exactly what patterns negatively impact our wellbeing. And we can even offer solutions to wellbeing, based on which patterns we must shift in order to find our natural, healthy equilibrium.
4. **Our yearly cards to play.** Each year on our birthday, we are dealt a new set of cards to play, for just that year. We have cards in play for our whole life, as shown in our **Life Path**, and we have cards to play each year.
5. **Secondary influences in our Life Path and our Relationships.** In addition to the primary 13 cards, we also have underlying, secondary cards to play. These influence the overall tenor of the primary 13 cards in our life. And perhaps most importantly, they also influence our relationship dynamics.
6. **The cycles of our life.** We move through 7-year and 13-year cycles in life. At the transition points of these cycles, we often experience some form of personal initiation. We can read these initiatory cycles in the cards.



7. **The mathematics and mechanics of this system.** This book does not explain the esoteric mechanics of this knowledge – the algorithms, formulas and matrices that determine the cards in our **Life Path** and which cards are our Soul Expression cards, etc.
8. **How to advise others to play their cards right.** This book intends to give you an introduction to this timeless knowledge. It does not teach you how to guide others to play their cards right.
9. **Tips, strategies, and exercises to help you play your cards right.** Coaching assistance and guidance are beyond the scope of this book. But coaching is certainly available to you, if you want it.

NOTE: All 9 of these topics are available as additional resources on the website; some are available for free, and some are part of classes, products, or coaching courses. If you would like to explore any of these 9 topics further, please visit [www.lifeelevated.life](http://www.lifeelevated.life)



# Table of Relationship Dynamics

These dynamics apply to the Birth Card and Personality Card.

<b>0. Moon</b>	<p><b>A supportive, nurturing presence.</b></p> <p>People born to play this card are supportive to you. You likely share a strong sense of intimacy and connection with them.</p>
<b>1. Birth</b>	<p><b>A mirror with which to see yourself.</b></p> <p>People born to play this card are a mirror to you. You may feel like “two peas in a pod.” Or this person may reveal annoying, unacknowledged habits that you have.</p>
<b>2. Mercury</b>	<p><b>A close confidant.</b></p> <p>You have a strong mental connection with people born to play this card. You think alike. It’s easy to talk to this person, and you have much to talk about.</p>
<b>3. Venus</b>	<p><b>A lover and/or a dear companion.</b></p> <p>You may feel inexplicably drawn to people who have this card to play, like the arrow of Cupid has pierced your heart.</p>
<b>4. Mars</b>	<p><b>Sparks fly and/or passion heats up.</b></p> <p>People born to play this card stimulate you and excite you. However, they may also compete with you, challenge you, and confront you.</p>

<b>5. Jupiter</b>	<p><b>An expansive influence in your life.</b></p> <p>You benefit from people born to play this card. These people expand your horizons, opening you to receive more of life's abundance.</p>
<b>6. Saturn</b>	<p><b>A teacher or a taskmaster.</b></p> <p>People born to play this card may guide you in life. They remind you of your lessons to learn. As such, there could be friction and resistance between you both.</p>
<b>7. Uranus</b>	<p><b>A friendly, but variable presence.</b></p> <p>You may be friends with and receive pivotal benefit from someone with this card to play. But their connection to you may be uneven and unpredictable. And they may be full of surprises.</p>
<b>8. Neptune</b>	<p><b>An object of your hopes and fears.</b></p> <p>This person may be dreamy to you. You may see this person through rose-colored glasses, as if they could do no wrong... until that illusion is shattered, and you must re-establish your connection on solid ground.</p>
<b>9. Pluto</b>	<p><b>A shadowy, uneasy presence.</b></p> <p>People with this card to play reveal your shadow side, the very thing you may try to keep hidden. Until you are completely comfortable facing your own shadow, you may find these people awkward, invasive, and repugnant.</p>

<b>10. The Princess</b>	<p><b>A possible gift in your life.</b></p> <p>People with this card to play show up for you as a gift, if and when you are ready to welcome them fully into your life.</p>
<b>11. The Prince</b>	<p><b>Someone who tests your resolve.</b></p> <p>People with this card to play may irk you or frustrate you. Energetically, they challenge you to grow and take personal responsibility for your life.</p>
<b>12. The Queen</b>	<p><b>An advocate of your growth.</b></p> <p>People with this card to play help you embody the fullness of who you are in life. As such, they may take a supportive role in your life.</p>
<b>13. The King</b>	<p><b>An example for you to follow.</b></p> <p>People with this card to play will, at their best, model for you the path of your own greatness. You may, however, feel like they are distant, mysterious, or aloof.</p>
<b>Soul Challenge</b>	<p><b>A lucky recipient of your generosity.</b></p> <p>If someone plays your Soul Challenge card, then <i>your</i> card is their Soul Gift card. It means your role is to support them and give to them, and <i>that</i> you may or may not like.</p> <p>Negatively, people with this card to play may seem to exemplify all that you find intolerable about humanity. It means you may have a knee-jerk aversion to them. And/or, you may be jealous or envious of their ability to succeed where you seem to fail.</p>

Either way, you may feel as if you owe them something. You may enjoy your role as a giver, or you may resent that they always seem to take from you. But if you are eager to grow and evolve in life, you may really appreciate this person as a reminder of an outcome in life you wish for yourself.

### **Soul Gift**

#### **A champion or a saboteur.**

If someone plays your Soul Gift card, they are the giver and you are the receiver. And remember, it also means you represent their Soul Challenge in life.

People with this card to play unconsciously feel a need to support you. They may enjoy their role supporting you, and you may gratefully reap the benefits. Or negatively, they may be irrationally repulsed by you and resent your very appearance. And they may be jealous of you, in which case they may try to sabotage you.

For your part, you may not know how to be a willing and grateful recipient. You may take them for granted. You may not know how to appreciate them, which only breeds a gnawing resentment in them.

### **Soul Twin Pairs**

#### **Give-n-take or maybe even love-hate.**

A♣ – 2♥

and

9♥ – 7♦

You may have a strong sense of intimacy and connection with someone born to play your Soul Twin card. They may indeed feel like your twin flame. But you *may* also have a push-pull, love-hate dynamic with this person.

	<p>With a Soul Twin connection, someone is both your Soul Gift and your Soul Challenge, simultaneously. And so, both relationship dynamics of a Soul Gift and a Soul Challenge apply. <i>See above</i> explanations to understand the relationship dynamics for both the Soul Challenge and Soul Gift connections.</p>
<p><b>Soul Trinity</b></p> <p>K♠, J♥, 8♣</p>	<p><b>A shared fraternity or sorority.</b></p> <p>You may feel connected to these people, as if you are together part of an inner club. You may even feel like you both get the same inside joke. Watch out that you are not too cliquish and insular with each other. These people may both inspire and challenge you to play your cards right.</p>
<p><b>Family of Seven</b></p> <p>K♠, J♥, 8♣, A♣, 2♥, 7♦, 9♥</p>	<p><b>Familial connection.</b></p> <p>The cards that make up the Soul Twins and Soul Trinity are part of the same family of seven. It means that a sense of familiarity will prevail in the dynamics among all seven of these cards. Sometimes familiarity breeds contempt and sometimes familiarity fosters fierce loyalty.</p>



# Table of Soul Expressions

## Soul Challenge

For either the  
Birth Card or  
Personality Card

## A debt you must learn to settle.

It takes practice, persistence, and patience to learn to play this card well. And it's a good litmus test of your life choices to notice whether you are experiencing more of the negative or more of the positive expressions of this card. When the expressions of this card in your life *are* more negative, instead of taking personal responsibility for it, you may very likely blame others for the appearance of this negative energy in your life. And/or, you may feel helpless trying to solve the riddle of why the negative outcome keeps recurring. As you do learn to play your cards right, however, you will start to embody within yourself the positive attributes of your Soul Challenge card as an expression of your own mastery.

## Soul Gift

For either the  
Birth Card or  
Personality Card

## A supportive energy, if you welcome it.

This card represents the energy that comes to you freely as a gift of grace. It can be like the supportive wind beneath your wings. But most of us are not good at receiving gifts, let alone gifts we think we didn't earn. Until you soften your ego to receive the positive support of this energy pattern, you may struggle and sputter through life without enough wind in your sails – the positive energy you need to succeed. You may feel that you lack the support you really need in life. Worse, since Nature abhors a vacuum, without the positive reception of this energy, you will necessarily receive the negative aspects of

	<p>this card in your life. As you do positively welcome the support of this energy in your life, however, you start to embody this energy within yourself as an asset of your own character.</p>
<p><b>Soul Twins</b></p> <p>A♣ – 2♥ and 7♦ – 9♥</p> <p>For either the Birth Card or Personality Card</p>	<p><b>You give &amp; receive from the same card.</b></p> <p>If your Birth Card or Personality Card is part of either of these dyads, it means your card energetically swaps energy with the other card in your dyad. It's as if the other card is your twin flame in life. You simultaneously give and receive energy from the same card. The same card is thus both a Soul Challenge and a Soul Gift for you. And the same rules apply for you to take responsibility for your Soul Challenge as well as open your mind to receive your Soul Gift. <i>See above.</i></p>
<p><b>Soul Trinity</b></p> <p>K♠, J♥, 8♣</p> <p>For either the Birth Card or Personality Card</p>	<p><b>You exchange energy with each other.</b></p> <p>If your Birth Card or Personality Card is part of the Soul Trinity, it means your energy can be fixed, and without stimulation, your energy may easily stagnate. You must proactively give yourself an outlet for your energy. The other two cards in the Trinity represent pathways for you to express your energy. They also represent energies that influence you to express yourself.</p> <p>The cards within the Soul Trinity do not specifically support or challenge each other. They simply exchange energies, and then, only if they want to. And they can exchange energies with each other either positively or negatively, for better and for worse.</p>

# Table of The Life Path

<p><b>0. Moon Influence</b></p> <p><b>1. Primary Energy</b></p>	<p><b>This energy supports you.</b></p> <p>This card reveals the zero point from which your life emerges. It reveals the ground of your being. In both its positive and negative attributes, this energy nurtures and energizes you.</p> <hr/> <p><b>You shine this light.</b></p> <p>The Birth Card is your sun-shining energy. It's your primary gift to give. The other 12 cards in your <b>Life Path</b> act as the supporting cast in your life story.</p>
<p><b>2. Mercury Influence</b></p>	<p><b>You think like this.</b></p> <p>This card reveals the contents of your mind, positively and negatively. It's what you think about, how you think, and what you talk about. You may even <i>think</i> this is who you are.</p>
<p><b>3. Venus Influence</b></p>	<p><b>You love like this.</b></p> <p>This card reveals your feminine side, what you love in life, and what you consider beautiful. You experience this energy, both positively and negatively, in your romantic relationships.</p>
<p><b>4. Mars Influence</b></p>	<p><b>You act like this.</b></p> <p>This card reveals your masculine, aggressive side both positively and negatively. It represents the goals you have in life and how you work toward achieving those goals.</p>

<b>5. Jupiter Influence</b>	<p><b>You grow from this.</b></p> <p>The energy of this card expands your horizons, opening you to a richer, more abundant experience. Too much positive expansion, however, and the negative aspects of this energy can also inflate your ego.</p>
<b>6. Saturn Influence</b>	<p><b>You learn from this.</b></p> <p>This card reveals the negative patterns that repeatedly limit you in life... until you learn the lesson. As you do learn and grow, the positive side of this energy provides you balance and stability in your health and wellbeing.</p>
<b>7. Uranus Influence</b>	<p><b>The pivotal shift of your life.</b></p> <p>This card reveals what keeps you grounded, sane, and centered in yourself. Negatively, this energy can clip your wings, grounding you unexpectedly. Positively, this energy connects you to the upper reaches of your potential.</p>
<b>8. Neptune Influence</b>	<p><b>A fantastic power cloaked in illusion.</b></p> <p>This card reveals the subject of your recurring daydreams and fantasies. You can get lost in your illusions of this energy, or you can work to build a solid foundation underneath your dreamy castles in the sky.</p>

<b>9. Pluto Influence</b>	<p><b>The shadow that you fear.</b></p> <p>This card represents your unconscious, hidden side. You may irrationally fear the positive attributes of this card, meanwhile unconsciously acting out the negative attributes. In order to evolve, you must learn to integrate and express the positive attributes of this energy.</p>
<b>10. The Princess</b>	<p><b>As you grow, the reward you receive.</b></p> <p>This card reveals the reward you desire in life. You receive the positive aspects of this card as you play your other cards right. But still, you may not feel worthy to receive it. You are learning to receive the positive aspects of this energy freely, as a gift of grace.</p>
<b>11. The Prince</b>	<p><b>As you grow, you must take responsibility for this.</b></p> <p>This card reveals your responsibility in life. Instead of avoiding this responsibility and thereby acting out this energy negatively, you must take personal responsibility to generate the positive expression of this energy.</p>
<b>12. The Queen</b>	<p><b>As you grow, you exemplify this.</b></p> <p>This card represents the energy you are learning to embody and exemplify as your own. As you welcome the positive aspects of this card into your self-expression, its energy nurtures you to grow into the final stage of your soul's evolution.</p>

### **13. The King**

**As you grow, the commanding power you wield.**

This card reveals the energy with which you can command your reality. But this energy may feel distant and impossible to attain, like a foggy, mysterious cloud on the horizon of your becoming. You might even lose hope of attaining the positive aspects of this energy and shrink back in self-defeat. Or you can proactively seek to grow into the full expression of this energy.

NOTE: These energies are facets of your total life expression. As such, they can be experienced at any time in your life.

However, these 13 cards starting from your Birth Card do also represent distinct phases of your personal development. As such, they do follow a sequential progression of time. It means that you may not fully experience the energy of the later numbered cards until your later years in life.



## Table of Primary & Secondary Patterns

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	BC	PC	BC	PC	BC	PC
1	K♠	5♣	J♠	8♠	9♠	J♠
2	Q♠	K♣	10♠	5♠	8♠	9♥
3	J♠	10♦	9♠	2♦	7♠	8♥
4	10♠	7♦	8♠	3♠	6♠	Q♣
5	9♠	4♣	7♠	2♠	5♠	6♥
6	8♠	3♣	6♠	A♣	4♠	5♥
7	7♠	4♦	5♠	K♦	3♠	7♠
8	6♠	3♥	4♠	Q♦	2♠	K♠
9	5♠	K♥	3♠	9♦	A♠	2♥
10	4♠	A♦	2♠	8♦	K♦	4♠
11	3♠	J♣	A♠	9♠	Q♦	Q♠
12	2♠	10♣	K♦	6♦	J♦	Q♥
13	A♠	9♣	Q♦	5♦	10♦	3♠
14	K♦	8♣	J♦	6♠	9♦	2♠
15	Q♦	7♣	10♦	3♣	8♦	3♦
16	J♦	6♣	9♦	4♦	7♦	K♦
17	10♦	5♥	8♦	5♣	6♦	Q♦
18	9♦	4♥	7♦	K♥	5♦	J♦
19	8♦	10♠	6♦	A♦ or Q♦	4♦	8♦
20	7♦	2♥ or K♥	5♦	K♣ or J♦	3♦	9♠ or 7♦
21	6♦	A♥ or A♦	4♦	8♦	2♦	8♠ or 6♦
22	5♦	K♣	3♦	9♠	A♦	3♣
23	4♦	10♣	2♦	8♠	K♣	4♦
24	3♦	9♣	A♦	5♦	Q♣	3♦
25	2♦	10♦	K♣	6♠	J♣	2♣
26	A♦	7♣	Q♣	5♠	10♣	3♥
27	K♣	6♣	J♣	4♦	9♣	K♥
28	Q♣	7♦	10♣	5♣	8♠	10♥
29	J♣	4♥	9♣	2♦	7♣	J♣
30	10♣	10♠			6♣	10♣
31	9♣	4♣			5♣	7♥



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	APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
	BC	PC	BC	PC	BC	PC
1	7♠	J♦	5♠	9♣	3♠	9♥
2	6♠	8♦	4♠	10♦	2♠	8♥
3	5♠	9♠	3♠	7♣	A♠	7♥
4	4♠	8♠	2♠	6♣	K♦	6♥
5	3♠	5♦	A♠	7♦	Q♦	5♥
6	2♠	6♠	K♦	4♣	J♦	4♥
7	A♠	5♠	Q♦	3♣	10♦	8♠
8	K♦	2♦	J♦	4♦	9♦	7♠
9	Q♦	3♠	10♦	A♥	8♦	K♠
10	J♦	2♠	9♦	2♣	7♦	5♠
11	10♦	A♦	8♦	3♥	6♦	4♠
12	9♦	K♣	7♦	J♥	5♦	Q♠
13	8♦	A♣	6♦	10♥	4♦	2♠
14	7♦	9♣	5♦	J♠	3♦	A♠
15	6♦	10♦	4♦	8♥	2♦	J♠
16	5♦	9♦	3♦	7♥	A♦	Q♦
17	4♦	6♣	2♦	8♣	K♣	J♦
18	3♦	7♦	A♦	5♥	Q♣	10♠
19	2♦	6♦	K♣	4♥	J♠	9♦
20	A♦	3♣ or 5♥	Q♣	5♣ or 10♠	10♣	8♦
21	K♣	4♦ or 4♥	J♣	7♠ or 9♦	9♣	9♠ or J♥
22	Q♣	5♣	10♣	8♦	8♣	6♦ or J♠
23	J♣	7♠	9♣	9♠	7♣	9♥
24	10♣	K♠	8♣	6♦	6♣	8♥
25	9♣	2♥	7♣	5♦	5♣	10♠
26	8♣	4♠	6♣	6♠	4♣	6♥
27	7♣	Q♠	5♣	3♦	3♣	5♥
28	6♣	Q♥	4♣	2♦	2♣	7♠
29	5♣	A♠	3♣	3♠	A♣	3♥
30	4♣	J♠	2♣	K♣	K♥	2♥
31			A♣	Q♣		

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	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
	BC	PC	BC	PC	BC	PC
1	A♠	3♦	Q♦	Q♦	10♦	8♠
2	K♦	K♥	J♦	J♦	9♦	7♠
3	Q♦	A♦	10♦	10♦	8♦	K♠
4	J♦	K♣	9♦	9♦	7♦	5♠
5	10♦	10♥	8♦	8♦	6♦	4♠
6	9♦	J♣	7♦	7♦	5♦	Q♠
7	8♦	10♣	6♦	6♦	4♦	2♠
8	7♦	7♥	5♦	5♦	3♦	A♠
9	6♦	8♣	4♦	4♦	2♦	J♠
10	5♦	7♣	3♦	3♦	A♦	Q♦
11	4♦	4♥	2♦	2♦	K♣	J♦
12	3♦	5♣	A♦	A♦	Q♣	10♠
13	2♦	4♣	K♣	K♣	J♣	9♦
14	A♦	A♥	Q♣	Q♣	10♣	8♦
15	K♣	2♣	J♣	J♣	9♣	9♠
16	Q♣	A♣	10♣	10♣	8♣	6♦
17	J♣	Q♠	9♣	9♣	7♣	5♦
18	10♣	Q♥	8♣	8♣	6♣	6♠
19	9♣	J♥	7♣	7♣	5♣	3♦
20	8♣	J♠	6♣	6♣	4♣	2♦
21	7♣	9♥	5♣	5♣	3♣	3♠
22	6♣	8♥ or 6♣	4♣	4♣ or 2♦	2♣	K♣ or J♦
23	5♣	10♠ or 5♣	3♣	3♣ or 3♠	A♣	Q♣ or 10♠
24	4♣	4♣	2♣	K♣	K♥	6♥
25	3♣	3♣	A♣	Q♣	Q♥	8♦
26	2♣	2♣	K♥	K♦	J♥	9♠
27	A♣	A♣	Q♥	10♣	10♥	8♠
28	K♥	K♥	J♥	9♣	9♥	5♦
29	Q♥	Q♥	10♥	10♦	8♥	6♠
30	J♥	J♥	9♥	7♣	7♥	5♠
31	10♥	10♥	8♥	6♣		

# Table of Primary & Secondary Patterns

	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	BC	PC	BC	PC	BC	PC
1	8♦	3♥	6♦	10♦	4♦	6♠
2	7♦	J♥	5♦	9♦	3♦	5♠
3	6♦	10♥	4♦	6♣	2♦	4♠
4	5♦	J♣	3♦	7♦	A♦	3♠
5	4♦	8♥	2♦	6♦	K♣	2♠
6	3♦	7♥	A♦	3♣	Q♣	A♠
7	2♦	8♣	K♣	4♦	J♣	K♣
8	A♦	5♥	Q♣	3♦	10♣	A♣
9	K♣	4♥	J♣	2♣	9♣	K♦
10	Q♣	5♣	10♣	3♥	8♣	10♦
11	J♣	7♠	9♣	K♥	7♣	9♦
12	10♣	K♠	8♣	10♥	6♣	8♦
13	9♣	2♥	7♣	J♣	5♣	7♦
14	8♣	4♠	6♣	10♣	4♣	6♦
15	7♣	Q♠	5♣	7♥	3♣	5♦
16	6♣	Q♥	4♣	8♣	2♣	4♦
17	5♣	A♠	3♣	7♣	A♣	3♦
18	4♣	J♠	2♣	4♥	K♥	2♦
19	3♣	9♥	A♣	5♣	Q♥	3♥
20	2♣	J♦	K♥	4♣	J♥	K♥
21	A♣	10♠	Q♥	K♠ or 3♥	10♥	A♦ or Q♦
22	K♥	6♥	J♥	2♥ or K♥	9♥	J♣ or 9♦
23	Q♥	8♦ or K♠	10♥	A♦	8♥	8♦
24	J♥	9♠ or 2♥	9♥	J♣	7♥	9♠
25	10♥	A♥	8♥	10♣	6♥	6♦
26	9♥	Q♠	7♥	9♣	5♥	5♦
27	8♥	Q♥	6♥	8♣	4♥	6♠
28	7♥	J♥	5♥	7♣	3♥	3♦
29	6♥	J♠	4♥	6♣	2♥	2♦
30	5♥	9♥	3♥	5♣	A♥	3♠
31	4♥	8♥			Joker	



## ♥ ♣ Next Steps ♦ ♠

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