# **ASTROLOGY & THE TAROT**

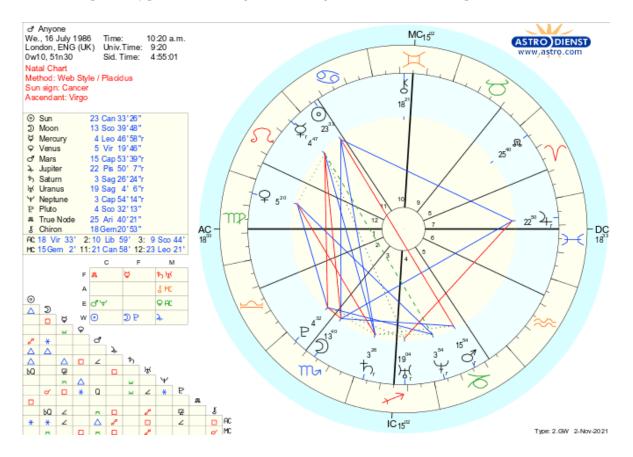
For Centuries, the Tarot and Astrology have been linked and using them together adds another dimension to your Natal Chart. Knowing which Tarot cards represent which planets and signs of the zodiac, and how they relate to your Chart, can add real depth and colour to your understanding and interpretation of its meaning.

An in-depth review of Tarot and the Card meanings is beyond the scope of this site but there are many online and printed resources you can consult. For free education and readings, we have found the following site to be particularly helpful:

https://www.biddytarot.com/tarot-card-meanings/

Tiffany Crossara's award-winning book 'The Transformational Truth of Tarot : The Fools Journey' is also a great place to start.

Here we will simply provide a step-by-step approach to working out which Tarot Cards are associated with which planetary placements, using the following Natal Chart as an example:



## STEP 1 : LIST THE SIGNS

The first step is to examine your Natal Chart and identify the signs that each planet appears in. (If necessary, refer back to Your Chart Explained). List the signs in the first column of Table 1 below, as has been done with the example Natal Chart.

TABLE 1 : WORKING OUT YOUR TAROT CARD ASSOCIATIONS					
	1.	2.	3.	4.	
PLANET	WHAT SIGN	WHAT IS THE	WHAT IS THE	TAROT CARD	
	IS THE	ELEMENT OF	ELEMENT OF	ASSOCIATION	
	PLANET IN?	THIS SIGN?	THE PLANET?		
Sun	Cancer	Water	Fire	King of Cups	
Moon	Scorpio	Water	Water	Queen of Cups	
Mercury	Leo	Fire	Air	Knight of Wands	
Venus	Virgo	Earth	Earth	Nine of Pentacles	
Mars	Capricorn	Earth	Fire	Three of Pentacles	
Jupiter	Pisces	Water	Fire	Nine of Cups	
Saturn	Sagittarius	Fire	Earth	Ten of Wands	
Uranus	Sagittarius	Fire	Air	Knight of Wands	
				Ace of Wands	
Neptune	Capricorn	Earth	Water	Queen of Pentacles	
Pluto	Scorpio	Water	Water	Queen of Cups	
				Ace of Cups	
North Node	Aries	Fire	Fire	The Emperor or The Magician	
South Node	Libra	Air	Air	Justice	
Chiron	Gemini	Air	Air	The Lover or The Magician	

## STEP 2 : RECORD THE SIGN'S ELEMENT

Now identify the Element that corresponds to each sign and record it in Column 2. By way of reminder, these elements are:

Aries – Fire	Leo – Fire	Sagittarius – Fire
Taurus – Earth	Virgo – Earth	Capricorn – Earth
Gemini – Air	Libra – Air	Aquarius – Air
Cancer – Water	Scorpio – Water	Pisces – Water

#### STEP 3 : LIST THE PLANET'S ELEMENT

Like the signs, the planets have elements. Consult the list below to discover these elements and fill in Column 3.

Sun	Fire
Moon	Water
Mercury	Air
Venus	Earth
Mars	Fire
Jupiter	Fire
Saturn	Earth

Uranus	Air
Neptune	Water
Pluto	Water
North Node	N/a - Look at the North Node's zodiac sign to choose a Major Arcana card (see below)
South Node	N/a - Look at the South Node's zodiac sign to choose a Major Arcana card (see below)
Chiron	N/a - Look at the Chiron's zodiac sign to choose a Major Arcana card (see below)

## STEP 4 : IDENTIFY THE TAROT CARD ASSOCIATION

For this part of the exercise, we use the Tarot's Minor Arcana – a deck of 56 cards, arranged into four suits, which broadly equates to a normal deck of playing cards:

- Swords (Spades) representing Thoughts (Air)
- Cups (Hearts) representing Feelings (Water)
- Wands (Clubs) representing Actions (Fire)
- Pentacles (Diamonds) representing Outcomes (Earth).

The main difference is that the Minor Arcana has 14 cards in each suit ( $14 \ge 56$ ), rather than the 13 typical of a standard deck. It still has ten numbered cards (Ace through 10), but it substitutes the 'Jack' with two Court Cards (a 'Page' and a 'Knight') before the Queen and the King.

Each of the 56 cards in the Minor Arcana has an astrological association relating to a planet's placement in a particular sign. These are listed in Tables 2-5 at the end of this paper. We will also use the Major Arcana – a set of 22 'trump' cards that complete the Tarot deck and represent the life lessons, karmic influences and major archetypal themes that influence your life and your soul's journey to enlightenment.

Now refer back to Table 1, Column 2. Taking each planet in turn, take the element of the sign the planet is in and locate the table that corresponds with that element from Tables 2-5.

For example, using the Natal Chart above, the Sun is in Cancer (a Water sign), so we refer to Table 3 – The Suit of Cups (Water).

Look to see if the placement 'Sun in Cancer' is listed in the right hand column. In this case, it is not. Therefore, take the planet's element (Sun = Fire) and the sign's element (Cancer = Water) and look up 'Fire of Water' in the same chart. This gives you the King of Cups.

The next planet 'Moon in Scorpio (again a water sign) is also not listed in Table 3. So again we use the Moon's element (Water) in the sign's element (Water) to derive 'Water of Water' – the Queen of Cups.

Continue to do this for all of the planets and record the results in Column 4 of Table 1.

You may find that some cards are repeated e.g. Uranus in Sagittarius indicates the Knight of Wands ('Air of Fire') but this card has already been taken by Mercury in Leo. In this case, defer to the root power of the element in question (fire) which is the Ace of Wands.

In the example chart, there is also a duplication with Pluto in Scorpio (Queen of Cups) which has already been taken by the Moon in Scorpio ('Water of Water'). So once again, we defer to the root power of that element – The Ace of Cups. These duplications are marked in red in Table 1.

If a third duplication occurs (which is interesting in itself), default to the Major Arcana list in Table 7 and select a card that relates to the sign the planet is in.

For the North and South Nodes and Chiron, select a Major Arcana card from Table 7 that relates to their zodiac sign. In the example above:

- The North Node is in Aries which corresponds to The Emperor or The Magician
- The South Node is in Libra which corresponds to Justice
- Chiron is in Gemini which corresponds to The Lovers or The Magician.

Use your intuition to decide which cards to use.

# STEP 5: LAY OUT THE CARDS NEXT TO YOUR CHART

When you have finished compiling your list, lay out the Tarot cards around your chart as shown below. You can examine and interrogate their placements as you would the planets – e.g. Which house do they occur in? How do they inter-relate? Which are opposite and in conflict with each other? Which are conjunct and/or sympathetic?



Much more can be learned on this subject and further reading is recommended. In our opinion, this site is particularly useful:

https://labyrinthos.co/blogs/learn-tarot-with-labyrinthos-academy/astrology-and-tarotcorrespondences-the-minor-arcana-pip-cards

We hope you enjoy the journey. Tables 2-7 now follow overleaf.

TABLE 2 : THE SUIT OF SWORDS (AIR)			
Ace of Swords	The Root of the Powers of Air	Gemini, Libra, Aquarius	
Two of Swords	The Lord of Inner Balance Moon in Libra		
Three of Swords	The Lord of Sorrow	Saturn in Libra	
Four of Swords	The Lord of Rest	Jupiter in Libra	
Five of Swords	The Lord of Defeat	Venus in Aquarius	
Six of Swords	The Lord of Earned Success	Mercury in Aquarius	
Seven of Swords	The Lord of Shortened Force	Moon in Aquarius	
Eight of Swords	The Lord of Bondage	Jupiter in Gemini	
Nine of Swords	The Lord of Despair and Cruelty	Mars in Gemini	
Ten of Swords	The Lord of Ruin	Sun in Gemini	
Page of Swords	The Prince of the Rushing Winds	Earth of Air	
Knight of Swords	Lord of the Winds and the Breezes	Air of Air	
Queen of Swords	Queen of the Thrones of Air	Water of Air	
King of Swords	King of the Spirits of Air	Fire of Air	

TABLE 3 : THE SUIT OF CUPS (WATER)			
Ace of Cups	The Root of the Powers of Water	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces	
Two of Cups	The Lord of Love	Venus in Cancer	
Three of Cups	The Lord of Joy	Mercury in Cancer	
Four of Cups	The Lord of Blended Pleasure	Moon in Cancer	
Five of Cups	The Lord of Pleasure Lost	Mars in Scorpio	
Six of Cups	The Lord of Friendship	Sun in Scorpio	
Seven of Cups	The Lord of Illusionary Success	Venus in Scorpio	
Eight of Cups	The Lord of Abandoned Success	Saturn in Pisces	
Nine of Cups	The Lord of Happiness	Jupiter in Pisces	
Ten of Cups	The Lord of Perfected Success	Mars in Pisces	
Page of Cups	The Prince of the Waters	Earth of Water	
Knight of Cups	The Prince of the Chariot of the Waves	Air of Water	
Queen of Cups	The Queen of the Throne of Waters	Water of Water	
King of CupsThe Lord of the Waves and WatersFire of Water		Fire of Water	

TABLE 4 : THE SUIT OF WANDS (FIRE)			
Ace of Wands	The Root of the Powers of Fire	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius	
Two of Wands	The Lord of Dominion	Mars in Aries	
Three of Wands	The Lord of Established Strength	Sun in Aries	
Four of Wands	The Lord of Abundance	Venus in Aries	
Five of Wands	The Lord of Strife	Saturn in Leo	
Six of Wands	The Lord of Victory	Jupiter in Leo	
Seven of Wands	The Lord of Courage	Mars in Leo	
Eight of Wands	The Lord of Swiftness	Mercury in Sagittarius	
Nine of Wands	The Lord of Strength	Moon in Sagittarius	
Ten of Wands	The Lord of Oppression	Saturn in Sagittarius	
Page of Wands	The Rose of the Palace of Fire	Earth of Fire	
Knight of Wands	The Prince of the Chariot of Fire	Air of Fire	
Queen of Wands	The Queen of the Thrones of Flame	Water of Fire	
King of Wands	The King of the Spirits of Fire	Fire of Fire	

TABLE 5 : THE SUIT OF PENTACLES (EARTH)			
Ace of Pentacles	The Root of the Powers of Earth	Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn	
Two of Pentacles	The Lord of Balance	Jupiter in Capricorn	
Three of Pentacles	The Lord of Material Works	Mars in Capricorn	
Four of Pentacles	The Lord of Material Power	Sun in Capricorn	
Five of Pentacles	The Lord of Material Trouble	Mercury in Taurus	
Six of Pentacles	The Lord of Material Success	Moon in Taurus	
Seven of Pentacles	The Lord of Unfulfilled Success	Saturn in Taurus	
Eight of Pentacles	The Lord of Material Prudence	Sun in Virgo	
Nine of Pentacles	The Lord of Material Gain	Venus in Virgo	
Ten of Pentacles	The Lord of Wealth	Mercury in Virgo	
Page of Pentacles	The Rose of the Palace of Earth	Earth of Earth	
Knight of Pentacles	The Prince of the Chariot of Earth	Air of Earth	
Queen of Pentacles	The Queen of the Throne of Earth	Water of Earth	
King of Pentacles	The King of the Spirits of Earth	Fire of Earth	

TABLE 6 : THE PLANETS AND THEIR MAJOR ARCANA CARDS			
PLANET	TAROT CARD	TAROT CARD	
	NUMBER		
Sun	XIX	The Sun	
Moon	II	The High Priestess	
Mercury	Ι	The Magician	
Venus	III	The Empress	
Mars	XVI	The Tower	
Jupiter	Х	The Wheel of Fortune	
Saturn	XXI	The World	
	XV	The Devil	
Uranus	Ι	The Fool	
	XVII	The Star	
	XVI	The Tower	
Neptune	XII	The Hanged Man	
Pluto	XIII	Death	
	XX	Judgement	
North Node	N/a	Look at the zodiac sign to choose a card (Table 7)	
South Node	N/a	Look at the zodiac sign to choose a card (Table 7)	
Chiron	XII	The Hanged Man (or look at the zodiac sign to choose a card - Table 7)	

TABLE 7: THE S	GIGNS AND THEIR	MAJOR ARCANA CARDS
SIGN	TAROT CARD	TAROT CARD
	NUMBER	
Aries	IV	The Emperor
	Ι	The Magician
Taurus	V	The Hierophant
	III	The Empress
Gemini	VI	The Lovers
	Ι	The Magician
Cancer	VII	The Chariot
	II	The High Priestess
Leo	VIII	Strength
	XIX	The Sun
Virgo	IX	The Hermit
Libra	XI	Justice
Scorpio	XIII	Death
	XX	Judgement
	XVI	The Tower
Sagittarius	XIV	Temperance
Capricorn	XV	The Devil
	XXI	The World
Aquarius	XVII	The Star
	Ι	The Fool
Pisces	XVIII	The Moon
	XII	The Hanged Man