

## UNDERSTANDING THE MINOR ARCANA OF THE EGYPTIAN TAROT

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- Astrology is the Golden Key and the Mother of Alchemy and Magic
- Tarot is the Silver Key serving as a symbolic representation of Astrology and acting as a function of Magic.
- Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven'

[Matt 16:19].

- What is Egyptian Tarot?
- Every card corresponds to astrology, Horseman are “Thoughts” and Reversals are unique
- The Minors differ in four ways:
  - 1. They are not pictorial
  - 2. They represent the Decanates of the Zodiac
  - 3. The Coins (Pentacles) represent the element of air and the Swords represent earth
  - 4. The Tens are not part of the minors
- Pamela Coleman Smith
- Rider Waite Deck published in 1909
- Older Decks have Spots
- Before 1909, the Minors looked more like today’s playing cards
- Our playing card deck is the descendant of Tarot, minus the Trumps (Majors) except the Joker and the Horseman
- Coins are Air
- Coins (Pentacles) are Air and Swords are Earth in Egyptian Tarot
- In most other systems or decks, the opposite is true
- Egyptian Minors have Inner and Outer Meanings
- Outer (mundane or esoteric) meanings are a combination of the anchor Major Arcana and the Suit, or Element, of the Minor
- Inner meanings relate to the Decanate of the Minor Arcana
- Spiritual Meanings relate also to the Decanate of the Minor Arcana
- Egyptian Tarot Astrological Correspondences
- Majors correspond to the 10 planets and 12 signs
- Minors correspond to the Decanates
- The Court Cards correspond to the 12 signs, or personalities of the zodiac
- The Horseman correspond to the four Elements
- The Tens correspond to the four seasons
- Beginning Egyptian Tarot [www.churchoflight.tv](http://www.churchoflight.tv)
- The Minors I-IX are Anchored to the Majors I-IX
- The Coins - Air
- Spring Winds
- Currents – Money (Currency)

- Thoughts, Communication, News, Gossip
- New Beginnings (spring)
- Diamonds
- Scepters (Swords) - Fire
- Summer Heat
- Fuel, Wood
- Passion, Personal Interests, Authority, Career, Reputation, Enthusiasm, Power
- Clubs
- Cups - Water
- Fall Harvest and Holidays
- Emotions, both good and bad
- Hearts
- Swords - Earth
- Hibernation and Crystallization of Winter
- Struggle to find food, hardship, strife, illness, poverty
- Spades
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- The Majors Act Like Prisms
- The Outer Meanings of the Minors
  - The Mundane (Earthly), Exoteric, or Outer Meanings of the Minors are based upon a combination of the number and meaning of the Major Arcana and the Nature of the Minor's Element
- The Inner and Spiritual meanings of the Minors
- The Inner or Esoteric meanings of the Minors are based on the Decanates of the zodiac
- A third and yet deeper Spiritual meaning of each Minors is also based on its corresponding Decanate of the zodiac
- The Egyptians gave us Decanates
- *Deca* means *Ten*
- Each 30-degree zodiacal sign is subdivided into 3 10-degree decanates, each with their own constellation and mythology
- 3 X 12 zodiacal signs = 36 Decanates
- 4 Minors for each Major I-IX: 4 x 9 = 36
- Traversing the Decanates
- Ace (One), Two, and Three of Scepters
- The Symbols on the Minors
- The Element of the Decanate
- The Decanate of the Sign in the Upper Right-Hand Corner:
- The Star pattern represents the Constellation
- The Numerical Designation of the Minor in the Upper Left-Hand Corner
- Ruling Planet of each Decanate in Lower Left-hand Corner, called a Subrulership
- Lower right-hand, another symbol of the element
- Traversing the Decanates
- The Magus and 4 Aces (Ones)
- The Magus – Major Arcanum I
- Ruled by Mercury

- Number symbolizes the Beginning
- Symbolizes Consciousness, Reasoning, Logic, and Will – Key Words *I AM*
- Masculine, Positive, Energy
- Ace of Scepters (Wands)
- Mundane, Esoteric, Outer Interpretations
  - News of a Business Opportunity
  - Business Activity of a Mental Nature
  - Business Trip
  - Business Conference
  - A Telephone Call
  - The Decanates hold Two Meanings
- The Astrological Meaning, what we call the Inner Meaning
- And a deeper Spiritual Message
- Ace of Scepters – Triangulum
- Aries decanate of Aries, subruled by Mars
- Inner Meaning Key Word – ACTIVITY
- Spiritual Meaning: *All life, thought and action are the product of the union of positive and negative potencies.*
- Triangulum
- Ace of Cups – Outer Meaning
- Key Phrase for Outer Meaning is: A MESSAGE FROM A LOVED ONE
- Emotional Conversation
- A New Love Interest
- Travel concerned with Domestic Affairs
- A Sympathetic Mental Turn
- A Mood Demanding Analysis
- Ace of Cups – Canis Minor
- Cancer Decanate of Cancer, ruled by the Moon
- Key Word for Inner Meaning – MOODS
- Spiritual Message – *The wages of sin is death.*
- Canis Minor
- Ace of Coins – Outer Meaning
- Key phrase for Outer Meaning is: SHORT JOURNEY
- Money from the Sale of a Manuscript
- Writing or Lecturing for Money
- Friendly Conversation
- Union of Ideas
- Ace of Coins – Serpens
- Libra decanate of Libra, subruled by Venus
- Key word for Inner Meaning: POLICY
- Spiritual Message: *In matters of philosophy and in matters of action the true course usually lies somewhere between advocated extremes.”*
- Ace of Swords – Outer Meaning
- Key Phrase for Outer Meaning: NEWS OF SICKNESS OR DEATH
- Illness
- Troubled with your mail

- Struggle to gain organization
- A depressed turn of mind
- Just plain Bad News
- Ace of Swords – Cygnus
- Capricorn decanate of Capricorn, subruled by Saturn
- Key word for Inner Meaning: ORGANIZATION
- Spiritual Text: *Under certain conditions the stone is rolled from the entrance to the tomb and man consciously exchanges ideas with those who have entered the chamber of death.*
- Cygnus
- The Twos and Major Arcanum II
- Veiled Isis ruled by Virgo
- Number symbolizes Duality
- Key Words are: Analysis, Science, Labor, Subconscious, Intuition, Remembering, and Non-Communication
- Feminine Receptive Energy
- Two of Scepters – Outer Meaning
- Key Phrase: BUSINESS AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS
- Obstacles resolved through analysis
- Esteem of co-workers
- Bring order to personal and/or business life
- Service for business reasons
- Two of Scepters – Eridanus
- Leo decanate of Aries, subruled by the Sun
- Key word: EXALTATION
- Spiritual Message: *The fountain of immortal life springs from man's emotional nature; the vibrations of exalted love having a rate sufficiently frequent to affect spiritual substance and build a spiritual body.*
- Two of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase – WORK OF LOVE
- Romantic impulses
- Love of home
- Scientific methods used in the home
- Love of research
- A perfect union
- Reciprocal love
- Two of Cups - Hydra
- Scorpio decanate of Cancer, subruled by Pluto
- Keyword: REVELATION
- Spiritual Message: *Not through slaying desire, but through sublimating it to a higher plane of manifestation, do humans make soul progress.*
- Two of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MONEY THROUGH HARD LABOR
- Financial gain through ingenuity
- Profitable partnership in marriage
- Reward through mental effort

- Partnership in a scientific arena
- Two of Coins - Draco
- Aquarian decanate of Libra, subruled by Uranus
- Key Phrase: INDEPENDENCE
- Spiritual Message: *Deal justly, even with thy enemies, for it is better to suffer evil than to retaliate with vengeance.*
- Two of Swords – Outer Meaning
- Key Phrase: SICKNESS THROUGH OVERWORK
- Obstacles overcome by love
- Mental development through struggle
- Difficult road to success
- Marital trouble
- Two of Swords - Delphinus
- Taurus decanate of Capricorn, subruled by Venus
- Key Word: MARTYRDOM
- Spiritual Text: *Man by his thoughts, his emotions and his actions on earth, builds for himself a home in a higher realm where he will dwell after passing from the physical plane.*
- The Threes and Major Arcanum III
- Veiled Unveiled, ruled by Libra
- Number symbolizes Marriage and Action
- Key words: Marriage, Action, Gestation, Creation, Creativity, Social Relations, Harmony
- Three of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP
- Jovial disposition
- Take action for the future
- Business gains through social activity
- Advertising activity
- Three of Scepters - Perseus
- Sagittarius decanate of Aries, subruled by Jupiter
- Key Word: PROPAGANDA (News)
- Spiritual Message: *There is no vicarious atonement. Each soul is a responsible being, working out its own deliverance from the thralldom inherited from ancestry and forced upon it by environment.*
- Three of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MARRIAGE FOR LOVE
- Romantic activity
- Ideals realized through positive action
- Devotion to family
- A warm friendship
- Unbridled emotions
- Three of Cups - Argo
- Pisces decanate of Cancer, subruled by Neptune
- Key Phrase: RESEARCH

- Spiritual Message: *Poise is the one safe haven of the soul, therefore, under all circumstances keep an even mind.*
- Synonyms for *Poise*: Balance, Equilibrium, Self-possession, composure, assurance, dignity, calm, serenity.
- The Three of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MARRIAGE FOR MONEY
- Gain through social activities
- Profit from partnerships
- Reward for creative endeavors
- Success in selling
- Compensation as a result of a business trip
- Money in the mail
- The Three of Coins - Lupus
- Gemini decanate of Libra, subruled by Mercury
- Key Word: EXPIATION
- Spiritual Message: *It is impossible for a man to injure another without himself being injured, or for a man to benefit another without himself being truly benefited.*
- The Three of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: LAWSUIT OR DIVORCE
- Discord in business partnership
- Social split
- Argument with a friend
- Struggle in business
- Antagonistic communication
- The Three of Swords – Pisces Australis
- Virgo decanate of Capricorn, subruled by Mercury
- Key Word: IDEALISM
- Spiritual Message: *From the inner planes it is possible for man to attract any information whatsoever he is capable of utilizing.*
- The Fours and Major Arcanum IV
- The Sovereign ruled by Scorpio
- Number symbolizes REALIZATION
- Other Key Words: Sex, Reproduction, Spirit World, Death, Psychism, Other People's Money, Taxes and Conquest
- The Four of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: LEGACY
- Rulership
- Influences by people in authority
- Successful enterprise
- Good business credit
- Negotiations completed
- The Four of Scepters - Crater
- Leo decanate of Leo, subruled by the Sun
- Key Word: RULERSHIP

- Spiritual Message: *To learn to like anything, associate with it as many pleasurable thoughts and sensations as possible.*
- The Four of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: INCREASE IN THE FAMILY
- Enduring love
- Great joys are in store
- A strong and lasting friendship
- Loving, parental care
- Emotional intuitiveness
- The Four of Cups - Ophiuchus
- Scorpio decanate of Scorpio
- Key Word: RESOURCEFULNESS
- Spiritual Message: *Continual kindness between the sexes generates a power by which the heights may be scaled.*
- The Four of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MONEY FROM A PARTNER
- Gift from a friend
- Unexpected financial gain
- Profit through invention
- Increase in wages
- New avenue of realization
- The Four of Coins - Equulus
- Aquarius decanate of Aquarius, subruled by Uranus
- Key Word: ORIGINALITY
- Spiritual Message: *Next to love, man's most useful companion is knowledge, and in particular the knowledge of the manner in which the planets influence human life and destiny.*
- The Four of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: REMORSE FOR PAST ACTION
- Unfortunate romance
- Financial reverses
- Death of an artistic venture
- Hoarding of possessions
- Patience is rewarded
- The Four of Swords - Lepus
- Taurus decanate of Taurus, subruled by Venus
- Key Word: DETERMINATION
- Spiritual Message: *One of man's greatest enemies is fear.*
- The Fives and Major Arcana V
- The Hierophant ruled by Jupiter
- Key Words: RELIGION AND LAW
- Ethics, Good Will, Abundance, Generosity, Benevolence, Faith, Charity, Joviality, Good Luck
- The Five of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: GOOD FORTUNE IN BUSINESS
- Gain through speculation

- Theatrical success
- Inspiration through religion
- Practice Faith
- Good will of customers and clients
- The Five of Scepters - Centaurus
- Sagittarius decanate of Leo, subruled by Jupiter
- Key Word: REFORMATION or REFORM
- Spiritual Message: *It is more blessed to give than to receive, and to receive in full measure we must first give of that which we already have.*
- The Five of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: GOOD FORTUNE IN LOVE
- A deep seated attachment
- Steadfast affections
- Benefit from hidden influences
- Domestic Illusions
- The Five of Cups - Ara
- Pisces decanate of Scorpio, subruled by Uranus
- Key Word: RESPONSIBILITY
- Spiritual Message: *By sacrificing one's animal thoughts, desires and pleasures upon the altar of aspiration to higher things, it is possible to possess intellectual and spiritual pleasures that yield a far keener delight.*
- The Five of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: ABUNDANT WEALTH
- Reward for writing, teaching, or lecturing
- A trip for achievement
- Study for future success
- Money through original ideas
- Settlement for funds
- The Five of Coins - Pegasus
- Gemini decanate of Aquarius, subruled by Mercury
- Key Word: INSPIRATION
- Spiritual Message: *Under special conditions, while still maintaining physical life, it is possible for man to free himself from the physical body, to visit the homes of the dead, to enter the halls of learning, and to bring back in full consciousness the knowledge gained in higher spheres.*
- The Five of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: ESCAPE FROM DANGER
- Discrimination replaces impulsiveness
- Alertness pays off
- Benefit from reorganization of work space
- Overcome religious adversity
- Quarrels about possessions
- The Five of Swords - Orion
- Virgo decanate of Taurus, subruled by Mercury
- Key Word: STRUGGLE or COMBAT FOR SUPREMACY

- Spiritual Message: *The task of the soul on every plane of manifestation is to struggle with and overcome the limitations of its environment.*
- The Sixes and Major Arcanum VI
- The Two Paths, ruled by Venus
- Number symbolizes CHOICE and TEMPTATION
- Dilemma, Possible Consequences, Trial, Test, Love, Beauty, Sensuality, the Arts, Affection, Can't Say No, Peer Pressure
- The Six of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MUSIC, ART OR DRAMA
- Powerful love nature
- Social activity to promote business
- Ability to rule others in business
- The soft sell brings more success
- Reliance on Good Taste
- The Six of Scepters - Corvus
- Aries decanate of Leo, subruled by Mars
- Key Word: AMBITION
- Spiritual Message: *Man tends to become that which he most talks about and thinks about.*
- The Six of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: LOVE AFFAIR
- Beware the allurements of vice
- Carefully analyze your emotions
- Personal magnetism attracts
- Happy family event
- Guard against changeable loyalty
- The Six of Cups –Corona Australis
- The Cancer decanate of Scorpio
- Key Word: Attainment
- Spiritual Message : *Men should be esteemed not because of their race, color, sex, or ancestry, but for what they have accomplished for the common good. The true monarch is he who renders greatest service to his fellow man.*
- The Six of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: A SOCIAL EVENT
- Profit from social affairs
- Reward through humanitarian activities
- Merger for Money
- Creative partnership for profit
- Gain through original ideas
- Six of Coins - Cetus
- Key Word: REPRESSION
- Spiritual Meaning: *The monster which demands the sacrifice of the fairest youths of the land is Discord in Marriage.*
- The Six of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Word: DISSIPATION
- Budget your energies

- Struggle can lead to progress
- A slow, steady climb to success
- Scattered energies bring sorrow
- Delays in affectional matters
- The Six of Swords - Auriga
- Key Word: MASTERSHIP
- Spiritual Meaning: *The function of a master is to control the forces of nature and use them for the protection of the weak and the benefit of all.*
- The Sevens and Major Arcanum VII
- The Conqueror, ruled by Sagittarius
- Number symbolizes fulfillment on the physical plane
- Success in overcoming trials and temptations and moving on
- The Seven of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: SUCCESS IN TEACHING OR PUBLISHING
- Benevolent influences around you
- Keep aims on an ideal level
- Dissemination of constructive ideas
- Religious principles applied to business
- Personal philosophy wins popularity
- The Seven of Scepters - Lyra
- Key Word: DEVOTION
- Spiritual Meaning: *On every plane harmony is life and discord is death.*
- The Seven of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: SUCCESSFUL CHANGE OF HOME
- Resolution of domestic discord
- Gain by unselfish love
- Devotion to family
- Sympathy for friends and family
- Compassion brings victory
- The Seven of Cups - Cepheus
- Key Word: VERITY
- Spiritual Meaning: *As it is above, so it is below, and that which is below is like unto that which is above.*
- The Seven of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MONEY EARNED THROUGH A JOURNEY
- Directed mental energy solves a problem
- Profit from writing, teaching, publishing or teaching
- Communication leading to financial gain
- Cash in a letter
- Intellectual victory
- The Seven of Coins – Ursa Minor
- Key Word: INTUITION
- Spiritual Meaning: *Only through intuition does man contact the real underlying truth of things.*
- The Seven of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: DANGER THROUGH TRAVEL OR SPORT

- Progress follows conflict
- Victory through hard work
- Adverse publicity from co-workers
- Faith overcomes physical afflictions
- Fight discord with faith
- The Seven of Swords - Bootes
- Key Word: ACHIEVEMENT
- Spiritual Meaning: *From every event of life the soul may extract value, even as the verdant vine transforms indifferent waters into rich and sparkling wine.*
- The Eights and Major Arcanum VIII
- The Balance, ruled by Capricorn
- Undeviating Natural Law and Human Justice, which is limited and fallible
- The Eight of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: POLITICAL APPOINTMENT
- Business success through initiative
- Think before you act
- Action of a legal nature
- Transfer at work
- Prestige in the professional world
- The Eight of Scepters - Aqila
- Key Word: EXPLORATION
- Spiritual Meaning: *In sleep the soul wanders on the wings of its desires to the region most attractive to it; let that region, therefore, be the highest.*
- The Eight of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Word: EXTRAVAGANCE
- A Crying Jag – Overindulgence
- Don't let the heart rule the head
- Uncontrolled sensitivity invites disaster
- A lover's quarrel
- Caution in affectional matters
- The Eight of Cups - Andromeda
- Key Word: SELF-SACRIFICE
- Spiritual Meaning: *He who sacrifices his own desires for the welfare of others draws down the divine fire from heaven and with it kindles the highest potencies of his own soul.*
- The Eight of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: A COSTLY LAWSUIT
- Romance for money
- Study for promotion
- Perseverance at work brings reward
- Travel for love or money
- Marital litigations
- The Eight of Coins – Canis Major
- Key Word: FIDELITY
- Spiritual Meaning: *To thine own self be true: and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.*

- The Eight of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: LOSS OF HONOR OR BUSINESS FAILURE
- Life’s limitations bring strength
- Struggle to maintain balance
- Frustration results from confining experiences
- Added responsibility brings worry
- Disrupted routine of living
- The Eight of Swords- Hercules
- Key Word: EXPERIENCE
- Spiritual Meanings: *Perform conscientiously whatever work comes to thy hand, and because of thy experience, greater things to perform will be given thee.*
- The Nines and Arcanum IX
- The Sage, ruled by Aquarius
- Nine represents astral law
- Illumination, guidance, knowledge, and humanitarian gifts
- The Nine of Scepters – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: A WISE AND PROFITABLE FRIENDSHIP
- Happiness from children
- Success in the entertainment field
- Friends influence business
- Knowledge of human nature leads to popularity
- Business success depend upon prudence
- The Nine of Scepters - Sagitta
- Key Word: ILLUMINATION
- Spiritual Meaning: *Concentration is the arrow that pierces the illusions of matter and makes possible high accomplishment.*
  - *“Love and Wisdom are the avenues through which alone the advance of the soul is made.” C.C. Zain*
- The Nine of Cups – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: HOPE WILL BE REALIZED
- Passion supplanted by exalted love
- A love of humanity
- Search for Domestic Harmony
- Strong desire for affection
- Wisdom in the affairs of the heart
- Change in domestic affairs
- The Nine of Cups - Cassiopeia
- Key Word: VICISSITUDES
- Spiritual Meaning: *Man may pass from this life to the next, even through death, with no greater break in his affairs than would be occasioned by leaving his acquaintances in one city and taking up his activities in another city amid a different group of friends.*
- The Nine of Coins – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: MONEY SPENT ON ASSOCIATES
- Money gained through inventiveness
- Common sense to increase income

- Further education to demand a higher wage
- Unexpected gift from a friend
- Remuneration based on mental activity
- The Nine of Cups – Ursa Major
- Key Word: REASON
- Spiritual Meaning: *Reason points the way to truth and offers a valuable means by which the accuracy of the reports of the psychic senses can be tested.*
- The Nine of Swords – Outer Meanings
- Key Phrase: QUARREL RESULTING IN ENMITY
- Poverty overcome by wisdom
- Sickness of a loved one
- Discordant working environment
- Fixed mental attitudes bar achievement
- Letting go of the old conditions
- The Nine of Swords – Corona Boreallis
- Key Word: RENUNCIATION
- Spiritual Meaning: *He who would live the life of the spirit, here and now upon this earth, seen and known of men must have fortitude (strength of character) in times of adversity.*
- The Tens and Major Arcanum X
- The Wheel, ruled by Uranus
- Key Words: CHANGE OR DISRUPTION
- Originality and Individualism
- The Tens have no Spiritual Meanings because they correspond to the changes of season and not the decanates
- The Tens in Egyptian Tarot are not considered part of the Minor Arcana.
- The Ten of Scepters
- Key Phrase: AN INVENTION OR DISCOVERY
- A new business
- A change in status
- Alternation of working conditions
- Variety of personal activities
- Take initiative to maintain balance
- The Ten of Cups
- Key Phrase: UNCONVENTIONAL AFFECTIONAL INTEREST
- Avoid emotional crossfire
- Inconstant or changeable emotions
- Numerous and unusual friends
- Unexpected ocean voyage
- Sudden love affair
- Forgotten taxes
- The Ten of Coins
- Key Phrase: ALTERNATE FINANCIAL LOSS AND GAIN
- Give and receive reciprocally
- Unexpected air travel
- Inventiveness brings financial gain

- Money gained through associates
- Shaky speculation
- Gather and direct energies
- The Ten of Swords
- Key Phrase: SUDDEN LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT
- Scandal leading to practical changes
- Static conditions in personal affairs
- Victim of eccentric afflictions
- Do not abandon wishes, but keep trying
- You could be your own worst enemy
- Adaption to environment
- Practicing with the Minors
- Lay down the Major and arrange the corresponding Minor cards around it
- Study Doris Chase Doane's interpretations
- Come up with some of your own interpretations
- The Tarot Key
- THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT!
- For any questions/comments regarding this course that you would like to share with me in private, or for questions that you may have after reviewing your notes, please feel free to contact me at [ali@light.org](mailto:ali@light.org)