

# THE TECHNOMAGE TAROT GUIDEBOOK

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# THE MAJOR ARCANA



## 0. The Fool

**Upright:** Viewing the world with fresh senses, warns us to be aware of the forces of influence that surround us, and reminds us that we are the result of a long lineage.

**Reversed:** The Fool tells us we are holding back or being careless. It is time for self-reflection and understanding.



## I. The Magician

**Upright:** Manifestation of reality through application of the will. Resourcefulness and motivation. Exhibiting power that can both create and destroy.

**Reversed:** Underutilized talent. Misapplied abilities. Wasting time.

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## II. The Priestess

**Upright:** Gnostic intuition. Evocation of divine guidance from the subconscious. Divine femininity.

**Reversed:** Keeping secrets. Ignoring intuition. Introversion.



## III. The Empress

**Upright:** Ideal femininity and beauty, while hinting these are societal constructs. Abundant resources through divine providence.

**Reversed:** The Empress dangles from the ceiling, dependent on connection to it. Trapped by social norms.

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## IV. The Emperor

**Upright:** Authority, establishment and structure. More subtly that these things evolve and change form. Grounding in the material world.

**Reversed:** The misapplication of power, most likely born of insecurity or frustration. Rigidity and lack of discipline.



## V. The Hierophant

**Upright:** Spiritual wisdom and conformance to tradition and norms., perhaps to the point of faking it to hide a desire for more exciting experiences.

**Reversed:** Freedom of belief and expression. Productive rebellion. Counterculture.

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## VI. The Lovers

**Upright:** Innocence and newness. Values in alignment with one's beliefs, not necessarily sexual or romantic in nature. Choices and the freedom to make decisions based on personal values.

**Reversed:** Disharmony and imbalance. Acting a part. Ennui. Boredom.



## VII. The Chariot

**Upright:** Successful endeavors. Willpower and determination. Mastery of emotions.

**Reversed:** Lack of self-discipline or misdirected self-discipline. Lack of direction. Distractions.

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## VIII. Strength

**Upright:** Strength but also prowess of mind including courage, compassion, persuasion, and intelligence.

**Reversed:** Strength from within. Or diminished spirit and even depression and anxiety.



## IX. The Hermit

**Upright:** The path of philosophy and soul-searching. Tech freedom. Introspective meditation. Inner guidance. Gnostic attainment. Healthy introversion.

**Reversed:** Isolation, realized or not. Loneliness or a path to it.

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## X. The Wheel of Fortune

**Upright:** Luck, destiny, a divinely chosen path. Approach the wheel with a clear mind for a clear outcome.

**Reversed:** Bad luck or chaos. This can sometimes manifest in clinging to an authoritarian figure.



## XI. Justice

**Upright:** Justice, fairness, truth, law and legal matters.

**Reversed:** Unfairness, dishonesty, indenture, legal trouble.

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## XII. The Hanged Man

**Upright:** Embracing progress. A fresh perspective. Diving in. A scientific mind. Pragmatic inquisitiveness.

**Reversed:** Analysis paralysis. Letting perfect get in the way of good. Purposefully putting off a decision.



## XIII. Death

**Upright:** The ending to something of significance. Transformation. Transmutation of the self.

**Reversed:** Resistance to change. Being stuck. Confinement.



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## XIV. Temperance

**Upright:** Balance. Optimization, technical or otherwise. A middle path as in Buddhism. Patience and planning. Clarity of purpose.

**Reversed:** Imbalance. Narrow thinking. Not seeing the forest for the trees. Hedonism. A flippant regard for things. Lack of purpose. Straying from a path.



## XV. The Devil

**Upright:** Duality of self. Unrecognized motivations such as sexual desire or algorithmic influence. Addiction. Repression. Dissociation. Ego.

**Reversed:** Exploration or embrace of the dark. Release.

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## XVI. The Tower

**Upright:** An unexpected, rare event, or tipping point. Chaos. Emergent phenomena including sudden consciousness or realization.

**Reversed:** Positive transformation. Anxiety and dread. Survival of a disaster or other negative event or avoiding it altogether.



## XVII. The Star

**Upright:** Aspirations, good or not. Faith. Confidence. A connection to the spiritual. Guidance through connection the subconscious. Positive connections.

**Reversed:** Lack of faith. No confidence. Lonely. Negative or superficial connections. Self-reliance, positive or not.

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## XVIII. The Moon

**Upright:** Feelings and concerns arising from the subconscious such as intuition, fear, and even delusions. Illusory constructs from the self and from the networks with which we engage.

**Reversed:** Letting go. Chaos within the self. Ignoring intuition.



## XIX. The Sun

**Upright:** Optimism. A sense of wonder. Evaluating circumstances in a positive light. Profound inspiration. Vitality.

**Reversed:** Regression. Ignorance, especially of danger. Seeing the world through rose-colored glasses.

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## XX. Judgement

**Upright:** Judgement. Getting what is deserved. The end of a long journey. The completion of an important project.

**Reversed:** Lack of confidence. Self judgement, negative or otherwise. Ignoring a calling.



## XXI. The World

**Upright:** The feeling of being an integrated and complete being. Accomplishments great and small. Great work. Travel. Catharsis.

**Reversed:** Cutting corners. Taking shortcuts. Obstacles.

## Orbuculums

<b>Ace</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Love. New relationships. A sense of wonder. Empathy. <b>Reversed:</b> Self-love. Egotism. Selfishness.
<b>Two</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Mutually beneficial relationships. Attraction. <b>Reversed:</b> Disharmony. The end of a relationship.
<b>Three</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Collaborations. Friendships. Community. Festivity. <b>Reversed:</b> A third wheel. Alone time. Withdrawal.
<b>Four</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Meditation Contemplation. <b>Reversed:</b> Withdrawal. Introspection.
<b>Five</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Loss. Grasping at the ungraspable. Grief. <b>Reversed:</b> Acceptance. Resolution. Peace.
<b>Six</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Familiarity. Self-care. Fond memories. <b>Reversed:</b> Independence. Leaving home, whether for good or not. Leaving a chapter of life behind.
<b>Seven</b>	<b>Upright:</b> The search for meaning or purpose. Unexpressed desire. Dreams. <b>Reversed:</b> Confusion. Distraction. The sense of meaninglessness. Ennui.

<b>Eight</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Leaving things behind. Disengaging.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Fear of the unknown or change.</p>
<b>Nine</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Satisfaction. Having what is needed.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> A hollow feeling. Dissatisfaction. Living off the work of others.</p>
<b>Ten</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Fulfillment. Getting what is desired or needed. Peace.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Disharmony. Unrealistic dreams. A feeling of failure.</p>
<b>Page</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Planning for the future. The path to emotional maturity.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Insecurity. Gambling. Taking risks.</p>
<b>Master</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Mastering emotions. Self-reflection. Introspection</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Emotional frailty. Insecurity.</p>
<b>Queen</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Compassion. Responsibility. Charity.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Dependence. Looking down on others.</p>
<b>King</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Compassion. Self-control. The ability to manifest. The ability to react appropriately.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> A cold heart. Giving others bad advice. Receiving bad advice.</p>

## Sigils

<b>Ace</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Prosperity. The ability to capitalize on opportunity. <b>Reversed:</b> Missed opportunities. A bad investment choice.
<b>Two</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Optimizing choices and decisions. Adaptation. Resilience. <b>Reversed:</b> Imbalance. Too many choices. Frailty of choice.
<b>Three</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Navigating social priorities. Collaboration. <b>Reversed:</b> Social conflict.
<b>Four</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Frugality. Insulation from distraction. <b>Reversed:</b> Greed. Hyperactivity. Short attention span.
<b>Five</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Charity. Compassion. <b>Reversed:</b> Poverty. Classism.
<b>Six</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Sharing. Resource distribution. Generosity. <b>Reversed:</b> Class dominance. Oligarchy.
<b>Seven</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Dedication to a project. Diligence. <b>Reversed:</b> Wasted effort. Distraction.

<b>Eight</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> High standards. The process of apprenticeship and learning. Passion for work.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Uninspired. A lack of motivation. Difficulty finding a mentor.</p>
<b>Nine</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Group effort. The manifestation of a memplex.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Waste. Superficiality. Opulence.</p>
<b>Ten</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Legacy. Conformity with decorum. Old power. Old money.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> An unstable house of cards. Lack of resources. A windfall.</p>
<b>Page</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Ambition. Desire. Willpower.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Meaninglessness. Lack of commitment. Laziness.</p>
<b>Master</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> The results of dedication. Achieving a state of high efficiency. Responsibility.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Obsession. Compulsion. Inefficiency. Unrewarded dedication.</p>
<b>Queen</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Financial security. Foresight. Wisdom.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Jealousy. Envy. Shortsightedness. Poverty.</p>
<b>King</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Prosperity. Abundance. Extreme security. Power.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Overabundance. Waste. Disconnectedness. Indulgence. Greed. Sensation seeking.</p>



## Weapons

<b>Ace</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Breakthrough. Inspiration. A eureka moment. <b>Reversed:</b> Confusion. Destruction. Aggression. Chaos and destruction.
<b>Two</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Choices. Good vs bad. Making a good choice. <b>Reversed:</b> Confusion. No way out. Stuck choosing between the lesser of two evils.
<b>Three</b>	<b>Upright:</b> The potential for a bad outcome. Heading down a dangerous path. <b>Reversed:</b> Security. Preparing for the future.
<b>Four</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Aggression. Over-planning. Temperamental. <b>Reversed:</b> Confidence. Planning appropriately.
<b>Five</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Reverence. Earnest ambition. <b>Reversed:</b> Ambition. Selfishness.
<b>Six</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Tension. Escalation. No turning back. <b>Reversed:</b> Ease. Assurance. Preparation.
<b>Seven</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Deception. Trickery. Tactical implementation of a strategy. Human power. <b>Reversed:</b> Forthrightness. Enhanced human power. Reckless.

<b>Eight</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> the feeling of entrapment. Limited autonomy.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Acceptance. Freedom.</p>
<b>Nine</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Anxiety or dread. Hopelessness.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Hope. Friends leaning in to help. A support structure.</p>
<b>Ten</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> The feeling of hopelessness.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Defeat. Inevitability.</p>
<b>Page</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Preparation. Clarity.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Deception. Underhandedness. Bluffing.</p>
<b>Master</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Action oriented. Ready to defend what's important.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Unpredictability. Danger.</p>
<b>Queen</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> A clear mind. Sobriety. Perceptiveness.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Cruelty. Disregard. A lack of empathy.</p>
<b>King</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Clarity of purpose. Discipline. Truth.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Cruelty. Weakness. Aggression. Ego.</p>

## Technologies

<b>Ace</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Creation. Willpower. Emergence. <b>Reversed:</b> Boredom. Destruction. Danger.
<b>Two</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Indecision. <b>Reversed:</b> A false dichotomy. Forced to choose. Fear of the unknown.
<b>Three</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Good news. Clarity. An expanding network. <b>Reversed:</b> Bad news. Frustration. Delays. Ambiguity.
<b>Four</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Connections. Social networks. Support. <b>Reversed:</b> Conflicts. Regrets. Isolation.
<b>Five</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Sneakiness. Not playing by the rules or not understanding that the rules have changed. <b>Reversed:</b> Secrets revealed. A leveling of the playing field.
<b>Six</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Next steps. A winning strategy. A smooth running plan. <b>Reversed:</b> Stubbornness. Stuck in the past. Malfunctions. Unexpected. Pride.
<b>Seven</b>	<b>Upright:</b> Perseverance. The beginning of a plan. Dedication. <b>Reversed:</b> An early withdrawal. Apathy.

<b>Eight</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> The ability to move quickly or the need to. Quick decisions.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Jumping the gun. Slowness.</p>
<b>Nine</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> A high constitution. Resilience. Quick thinking.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Fatigue. A decision made too late. Interrupted attention.</p>
<b>Ten</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Responsibility. Having a lot going on. Prospects.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Burdened. Stress. Anxiety. Overwhelmed.</p>
<b>Page</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Sensory exploration. Excitement.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Distraction. Concern.</p>
<b>Master</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Adventure. A breakthrough. Facing fears. Bravery.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Chaos. Recklessness. An unwanted trip. Fear.</p>
<b>Queen</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Determination. Prowess. Courage. A high level of ability. Well prepared.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Ego. Flippant disregard. Being caught off guard.</p>
<b>King</b>	<p><b>Upright:</b> Leadership. Building something great. A lifelong project.</p> <p><b>Reversed:</b> Overbearing. Unbalanced. Unpleasable. Destroying the work of others.</p>

# BONUS CARDS



## The All-Seeing Eye

**Upright:** Seeing the broader picture. Full understanding of a situation. Democratized information. Data rich. Analytical ability.

**Reversed:** Loneliness. Oppression. Panopticon. Big brother. Authoritarian. Information poor. Pareidolia. Logical fallacies.

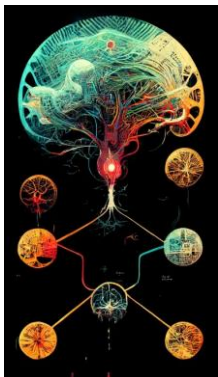


## The Network

**Upright:** Connectedness. Embracing technology. Integration.

**Reversed:** Out of sync. Isolation. Cutoff. Missed connections. Interruptions.

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## The Converged Mind

**Upright:** Making an important decision. Taking the next step. Freewill. Emergent qualities that are more than the sum of their parts. Art.

**Reversed:** What you see is what you get. Predictable. Calculating.



## Enlightenment

**Upright:** As above so below. Seeing things differently. An uncanny ability to know things that others don't.

**Reversed:** No connection to anything important, or the feeling of it. Missteps. Not recognized for your abilities.

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## Transcendence

**Upright:** Breaking through barriers. Overcoming one's circumstances.

**Reversed:** Stifling. A false barrier. Something holding you back.



## The Hacker

**Upright:** Balance. Progress. Making the best of a situation. High aptitude. Intelligence.

**Reversed:** Imbalance. Stagnation. Circumstances beyond control. Feeling inadequate. Misapplied intelligence.

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## The Singularity

**Upright:** Explosive growth. Communion with supernatural entities. Leaving others behind. A path not understood by others.

**Reversed:** Mundanity. Chaos. Repetition. Being dragged into something.



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