

The Elements



FIRE

Direction: South

Qualities: hot and dry, light and active

Color: Red Metal: brass, gold, iron, steel

Type of magic: tantra, healing, candle magic

Zodiacal signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Tattvic symbol: red triangle (Tejas)

Tattvic tide: March 21 - June 21

Season: Summer

Hour of day: Noon

Celtic name: Deas

Major Arcana Card: judgment (XX)

Minor Arcana suit: Wands

Symbolic creature: lion, fire-breathing dragon, horses

Alchemical symbol: right side up triangle

Symbols: fire, sun, stars, volcanoes, candle flame, hearth fire

Plant: nettle, red poppies, garlic, onions

WATER

Direction: West Qualities: cold and moist, heavy and passive

Color: Green Metal: copper, silver

Type of magic: fertility, mirror magic, purification, healing, divination, dream magic

Zodiacal signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces

Tattvic symbol: silver crescent (Apas)

Tattvic tide: September 23 - December 23

Season: Fall

Hour of day: twilight

Celtic name: iar

Major Arcana card: Hanged Man (XII)

Minor Arcana suit: Cups

Symbolic creatures: scorpion, snake, dolphin, dragon(serpent), all water creatures

Alchemical symbol: upside down triangle

Symbols: waterfalls, all bodies of water, waves, fog, rain

Plants: all water plants, fern, lotus, moss

AIR

Direction: East Qualities: hot and moist, light and active

Color: Blue Metal: aluminum, mercury, tin

Types of magic: To find an object that has been lost or stolen, magic of the four winds, visualizations, divination.

Zodiacal signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Tattvic symbol: blue circle (Vayu)

Tattvic tide: June 21 - September 23

Season: Spring

Hour of day: Dawn

Celtic name: airt

Major Arcana card: Fool (0)

Minor Arcana suit: Swords

Symbolic creatures: eagle, hawk, butterfly

Alchemical symbol: right side up triangle with a line through the middle

Symbols: sky, wind, clouds, incense

Plants: aspen tree, mistletoe

EARTH

Direction: North Qualities: cold and dry, heavy and passive

Color: Yellow Metal: lead, mercury

Types of magic: fertility magic, tree magic, herbal lore, prosperity, rune casting, knot magic

Zodiacal signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Tattvic symbol: yellow square (prithivi)

Tattvic tide: December 23 - March 21

Season: Winter

Hour of day: midnight

Celtic name: Tuath

Major Arcana card: Universe (XXI)

Minor Arcana suit: Pentacles

Symbolic creatures: bull, sphinx, stag

Alchemical symbol: upside down triangle with a line through the middle

Symbols: mountains, caves, gems, fields, rocks

Plants: red poppy, thrift plant, ivy, grains

SPIRIT

Direction: the Center Color: White

Metal: meteorite Qualities: timelessness, spacelessness

Tattvic symbol: black oval (Akasha)

Time: Now and all time

Major Arcana card: Fool (0) and Judgement (XX)

Tarot suit: Major Arcana

Symbols: spiral, the cosmos