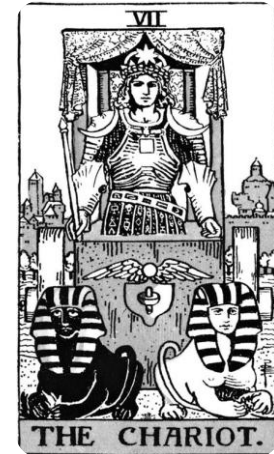


Arcanum: 7

Zodiac Affinity: Cancer

Element: Water

As a "Yes" or "No" Card: Yes



Overview

Numbered the 7th and part of the Major Arcana, represents success, determination, and achievement. Willpower is related to this card, showing that you can strive and apply yourself to succeed. Just do not give up. If you keep going, then you will not fail.

Many assume the character on The Chariot is a King; he is likely a prince, shown by his lack of a beard. Although, this does little to play down his victories so far; He has achieved much, but always for somebody else.

The charioteer stands tall – there's not sitting down from this guy, as he's all about taking action and moving forward. Above his head is a canopy of six pointed stars, suggesting his connection to the celestial world and the Divine will. In front of the vehicle sit a black and white sphinx (or horses in common modern decks), representing duality. Positive and negative and, at times, opposing forces. Not how the sphinxes are pulling in opposite directions but the charioteer uses his willpower and sheer resolve to steer the chariot forward in the direction he wants. As usual the Egyptian connection is clear, not only with the present Sphinxes, but also the light hieroglyph pattern on the prince.

Behind the chariot flows a wide river, symbolic of the need to be 'in flow' with the rhythm of life while also charging ahead towards your goals and intentions.

Keywords

*Diligence - Willpower - Honesty - Perseverance - Maintaining Control - Balance -
Ambition - Confidence - Success*

"using the force of a strong will to triumph in difficult circumstances. This situation is challenging, but you have the strength needed to succeed." -Tarot of Pagan Cats, Lo Scarabeo.

Key Phrases

- I. Control over feelings and thoughts
- II. Being pulled in two directions
- III. Learning to stick to the right path
 - IV. Sexual prowess
 - V. Being Successful
- VI. Determination to win at all costs
 - VII. Wanting victory
- VIII. High adventure and taking risks
 - IX. Being “in the driver’s seat”
- X. Mental and Physical journeys

General

The Chariot reveals that strong motivation and self-will are the key to progress. This card is all about confidence, healthy ego and self-belief. Either you will have the self-assurance and spirit to get what you want, or you will meet someone who represents this archetypal force in your life. They may not be particularly likeable, but they get results; they mean business.

You have discovered how to make decisions in alignment with your values with the Lovers card, and now you are taking action on those decisions. When the Chariot appears in a tarot reading, take it as a sign of encouragement. You have set your objectives and are now channeling your inner power with a fierce dedication to bring them to fruition. When you apply discipline, commitment and willpower to achieve your goals, you will succeed.



Balanced control of a situation allows you to benefit. Success comes through confidence and being centered. You must pull two opposing forces together to accomplish a goal.

Relationships

When it comes to things like work and education, The Chariot reminds us to focus on the bigger picture and our end-goal. To not let ourselves get distracted, but to help other people out if we can as well. If we're thinking of being self-employed right now...

go for it!

In areas of finance, you might even have enough money to go a bit wild and splash out. As always, though, focus on your responsibilities and debts first. There is literally no reason to buy something like a flashy car or clothing when you could put that money to a much more useful purpose.

In areas of health this is a good card to pull; especially for those with disabilities. Warriors rode chariots into battle... you are a warrior. A very successful life can be built up within the limitations that have been put on you; you only have to want it enough.

This card may show competition between partners and senseless bickering in areas of Romance. There might be one thing that both of you want and can't share. It might also mean there is a situation where only willpower will help you through. Do not be forced into anything.

Again, as with romance, this card can show signs of uneasiness. It may be a good time to be alone and to focus on non-interpersonal things like a practical project. Obviously, do not neglect your friendships, but don't get caught up and dragged along on things you don't want to do.

The Chariot suggests that you should take an active part in developing your spiritual side. There are many paths but you won't learn anything by dipping between them and being eclectic right now. Take some time to research into things a bit deeper than usual.

†Past

Here, this could symbolize past controlling influences on your life. You reached a point where you stood up for your own beliefs and made your own decisions based on what you wanted rather than what they deemed right for you. This also shows that this past event's victory is still carrying you today. If this card shows up here, look at your past achievements again, learn from them again, and think of where to go now.

†Present

Strong motivation and self-will are your keys to progress. You are confident and full of self-belief. You are about to, or are currently in the process of achieving something. You could be in the application process for a job you'll eventually get, or learn a great deal from. The Prince has a Neutral look on his face. Though achieving, there is always a greater goal.

Future

You will achieve success in any enterprise and overcome all obstacles in your way. Timing and control are essential to get what you want, so don't let the reins slip through your fingers; stay on top. Whatever your mission, only you can make it work; it is time to crack that whip.

Take control of your life and beat any rivals in your camp. You can master your emotions, concentrate your energy and get your own way, so trust in your own integrity and you will progress. Working alone, in fact, right now, might be good for you.



In Reverse

Being Controlled - Opposition - Lack of Direction - Lack of Self-Discipline

The Chariot implies that you are too controlling or that you are being hampered by someone who only thinks of themselves and won't let you take hold of the reins. Either way, there is a lack of willpower, control or direction when aiming for and achieving your goals. Be mindful of your current drives and aims; something may be wrong with the path you are on. Are you going the right direction?

You might bang your head against a brick wall, trying to push a project forward when really, you ought to back off or change direction. You might have lost your motivation and no longer feel as committed to the outcome as you did when you started. So, if something is not moving forward as you planned, re-evaluate the situation and check in to see if it's a sign that you need to change course. Then ask yourself: Is there a deeper reason things have become more challenging? What lesson can I learn here?

You are collapsing under pressure and losing your self-control. Your aggression is being channeled in the wrong direction - wildly at other people, at fate, at circumstances. This is a complete waste of your energy and resources. Redefine your aggression as determination and willpower, stop clinging weakly to unrewarding ideas, habits, people, and objects; move forward. Are you working on what you want to work on, or are you just helping somebody else achieve their dream?

Be careful not to sacrifice all of your energy for a goal you are not passionate about. Similarly, the Chariot reversed suggests that you may be trying to manage every minute of every detail in your life - but in doing so, you feel even more out of control. Loosen your grip and let things run their course. Be open to offers of help and then be grateful for what you receive, even if it's not perfectly aligned with your expectations. You do not always have to be in the driver's seat.