

Arcanum: 11

Zodiac Affinity: Libra

Element: Water

As a “Yes” or “No” Card: Not certain - If the question is good and moral, yes; otherwise a no.



Overview

Justice is numbered the 11th of the Major Arcana cards. Sometimes you can take it literally; someone is going to suffer retribution. Other times, you can see it as restoration; a wrong will be put right. Sometimes it can represent a decision you will make (you are the one to provide justice in this case).

The figure of Justice sits in front of a loosely hung purple veil, signifying compassion, and between two pillars, similar to those framing the High Priestess and the Hierophant, which symbolize balance, law and structure.

She holds a sword in her right hand, showing the logical, well-ordered mindset necessary to dispense fair justice. The sword points upwards – expressing a firm and final decision – and the double-edged blade signifies that our actions always carry consequences. The scales in her left (intuitive) hand show that intuition must balance logic and are a symbol of her impartiality. Justice wears a crown with a small square on it representing well-ordered thoughts, and a red robe with a green mantle. A little white shoe pops out from beneath her clothing as a reminder of the spiritual consequences of your actions.

Keywords

*Fairness - Harmony - Equality - Cause & Effect - Justice - Truth - Law & Order -
Responsibility - Legalities - Karma*

“This is a time of karmic accounting. Whatever you have done has sown the seeds of your future. Whatever you are experiencing is the consequence of your own actions.” -Tarot of Pagan Cats, Lo Scarabeo.

Key Phrases



- I. Objective thinking restores balance
- II. Interaction and communication are essential
- III. Accepting the Truth
- IV. Taking responsibility for your choices
- V. Making decisions
- VI. Looking at both sides of the argument
- VII. Sexual equality

General

Justice represents Karma, Law, and Balance.

What is fair to one person may not be so to another, but when you draw this card you are being reminded to take a very rational view of the situation or issue at stake. How involved are you emotionally?

Can you see the wood for the trees or do you believe that someone else is being unfair or judgemental? Justice asks us to look logically and objectively at ourselves to find the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it means recognizing that we have made mistakes and this must make amends accordingly. What it also says is that you ought not to be judgemental about your actions or intentions or those of others. This card may turn up when a decision is needed to be made with a more rational viewpoint than previously thought.

If you seek Justice, then this card showing up in your spread is a positive sign that it will indeed be served. You may be part of a legal case or awaiting final judgement from the courts or a governing body or institution. A ruling will be passed down shortly. Once the decision is made, you must accept it and move on; there are no retrials or second chances with the upright Justice card.

At its core, Justice is about the search for truth. As you explore your truth, you will discover that things are not as clear-cut as you had thought. Be prepared to dip into the murky waters and explore what truth means to you. Be consciously aware of what you believe to be true and what you believe to be fair and ethical. It may not be as clear-cut as you think, so prepare to challenge yourself and to explore new territories of your belief system.

Relationships

Justice in regards to work and educational relationships mean that you should revise your current work/life balance. If all seems well, then have a look at your current workload in

your workplace. Are you the one working on one thing a bit too much? Maybe it's getting boring and you need a change, or maybe there is a way to spice up your current career with a little addition.

When it comes to saving or spending - It may be a good time to splash out on something that could be worth a lot more later on. If you are currently claiming some sort of compensation, this card is a good sign you'll receive what you are owed.

In regards to romance, it's odd. If you're single you may very well have your choice of becoming someone's partner soon. If you're in a relationship, it could mean you're about to split up. Either of these, however, will be because of a mutual decision.

It is good to have balance in your life, in the way of friends. Think about your friends and try to understand if any of them are toxic to your other relationships or other areas of your life. If anyone is a positive influence on your life, make sure you tell them!

Balance your life, take a moment to look at your body and mind from another's perspective. Maybe schedule a checkup. Are you treating your mind and body well?

Justice represents balance. Balance and equilibrium are cornerstones of many spiritual and esoteric practices. It is a good time to consider the opposing view of whichever side you currently believe.



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The situation is now as it is because of what you said, did or didn't do in the past, and now things are set to improve. Whatever the results of a series of events, things will now begin to work out for you if you are truly honest and take responsibility for your choices. Usually these things were something large, moving homes, a new job, or new partner.

As you explore your past, truth will surface about things that are not as clear-cut as you had originally thought them to be. Be prepared to dip into the murky waters and explore what that truth means to you now. Being consciously aware of what you have been taught to believe to be true and what you believe to be fair and ethical. It is time to prepare; explore past territories, and possibly even disclose new ones, to add to your already existent and ever strong belief system that is that of Justice.

Present

In the present position means you have a big decision ahead of you. Usually, we're faced with decisions every day, but Justice means that your choice could affect other people a great deal and drastically change your life. Are you currently taking a new path?

You are being called to account for your actions and will be judged accordingly. If you have acted in alignment with your Higher Self or Higher Power for the greater good of others, you have nothing to worry about. However, if you haven't, you will be called out and made to own up to your actions. If this has you shaking in your boots, know that the Justice card isn't as black and white as you may think. A level of compassion and understanding accompany her. Although you may have done something you regret, this card suggests that you will be treated fairly and without bias. Be ready to take responsibility for your actions and stand accountable for the ensuing consequences.

Future



In the future position, Justice means you are working towards a large decision. You might have to choose between two jobs or even two partners. You need to make an important choice with the potential for long-term repercussions. Be aware of the impact your decisions will have on your well-being and the well-being of others. Choose consciously by connecting with your inner guidance system (your intuition) and ask for the answer or answers that are most in alignment with the highest good of all.

Be ready to stand by your decisions as you will be held to account for the choices you make. You need to ask yourself, "Do I stand by my decisions and accept the consequences of my actions?" If you cannot, then dig deeper, plunging into the shadows of what is right and wrong, until you find the place where you can stand in integrity and strength. There will be enough time to think the situation through, but take this card as a forewarning, because it is, in every sense of the word.

In Reverse

Unfairness - Lack of Accountability - Dishonesty

Justice may reflect some dishonesty that is happening in your life, either from you or people you know. Somebody may be withholding the truth, or at least keeping something from you. Analyze any potential for deceit from your friends and family. It may also reflect something that has gone unpunished, which is negatively affecting your life.

It can simply suggest that you know you've done something that isn't morally right. Others may not see it yet, so you have a choice: you can hide it and hope no-one finds out, or you can own up to your mistakes and take a focused action to resolve the situation. Whichever you choose, you will need to live with the consequences on your conscience, so go with what feels right for you.

Maybe you are simply not willing to take full accountability for your actions and may be trying to 'dodge the bullet' and blame others for your mistakes. You are being dishonest with yourself and others – and your unwillingness to look beyond your own fears and ego blinds you to the broader lesson. Assess your situation once more, this time intending to discover where you can accept responsibility. Once you acknowledge where you made a mistake, do whatever you can to make it right again. In doing so, you will free yourself from any guilt or shame and empower yourself to make better decisions.

Your inner critic is in full effect. You may be evaluating your every move and coming down hard on yourself when you misstep. If this resonates, start from a place of forgiveness and self-acceptance. Show yourself a bit of kindness and compassion, knowing we all make mistakes. Thank your inner critic for bringing this private judgement to your conscious awareness, and trust you can now clear it away.

There could be legal complications or something that impedes justice being served. You may receive an unfair outcome or dispute the final judgement; calling in to question the legal process entirely. But if anything is to be learned... it's that karma will come back around and you will come to pass this legal matter again, and your side will be the victor forever more.