

Arcanum: 1

Zodiac Affinity: Mercury

Element: Air

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

### Overview

The Magician is the archetypal achiever. He taps into all the universal forces to get results. You have the spiritual (fire), physical (earth), mental (air), and emotional (water) resources to manifest your desires. When you combine them with the energy of the spiritual and earthly realms, you will become a manifestation powerhouse!

He symbolizes the bridging effect between the inner and outer you, how your unconscious desires filter through to your conscious and make things happen. When you draw this card it is important to be flexible, to communicate, how to listen to your inner voice. You might also have to guide a friend or partner towards making the right choice for them. Persuasion is your ally, so set the pace and inspire others with your ideas. This is a 'go out and get it' card.

### Keywords

*Initiative - Persuasion - Conscious Awareness - Action - Mastery - Understanding -  
The Middle - Adapting*

"Using the skills and resources you have, including your understanding of how the world works, to achieve your goals." - *Tarot of Pagan Cats, Lo Scarabeo.*

### Key Phrases

- I. Ability to manifest
- II. Realizing your potential
- III. Knowledge is the key to success but don't deceive yourself that you know all the answers
- IV. Focused on a goal
- V. As above, so Below

## VI. First steps onto a new path & a glimpse into the bigger picture

### General

The Magician also represents your ability to make choices and to confidently work with your skills and knowledge as long as you don't think you have the answer to everything.

The Magician is usually positive when drawn. The first step on the 'Journey of the Fool,' representing our first steps onto a new path and a glimpse into the bigger picture that is our future. Now is the perfect time to move forward on an idea that you recently conceived. The seed of potential has sprouted, and you are being called to take action and bring your intention to fruition. The skills, knowledge and capabilities you have gathered along your life's path has led you to where you are now; and whether or not you know it, you are ready to turn your ideas into reality.

Symbolizing potentiality, concentration and becoming more than yourself, as well as glimpsing into the structure and mechanics of the 'bigger picture.' In a quest to manifest your goals, you must establish a clear vision of what you will create (and why) before you act. It is not enough to be motivated by ego (money, status, or fame) – you need to have a soul connection to your goals and intentions. You are a powerful, creative being, and this is your opportunity to bring your Higher Self in alignment with your day-to-day actions to create the future you want.

As an observer, you are always in the middle. The Magician realizes this as a core foundation of the universe. There are always greater and lesser, better and worse, microcosm and macrocosm. You achieve and reach for new heights, you fail and there are new lows. You can always keep achieving, or always keep failing.

When you are clear about your 'what' and your 'why,' then the Magician calls on you to take inspired action. You will need focused attention and intense concentration to bring your goals to light. Focus on the ONE thing that will move you towards your goal. Commitment to the tasks is essential, so drop any distractions that may draw your focus away from what you want to achieve. Be methodical in your planning to make sure that you stay on track and carry out your tasks.

### Relationships

The Magician is a highly creative card in relationship issue layouts, and can signify masculine sexual energy. In regards to romance, means that you might find somebody new. Meet new people, now is the time.

Much like The Fool, the Magician means branching out into new groups. The positive energy of the Magician knows no bounds. You might meet lots of new interesting people through a new hobby or interest.

In business matters it can indicate you are the ultimate high achiever, have a knack for producing seemingly magical results or for turning a situation around that others couldn't see how to resolve. The magician brings wealth and the drive to create wealth. There are more important things, but a money-making opportunity will present itself. It might be unexpected, like a craft you didn't realize would be profitable or some sort of creative Endeavour. Perhaps you've started a new job, or are looking for a new job, or maybe a new path will present itself in your current job. Things can only get better. This is especially good to draw if you wish to transfer from a long period of unemployment.

Don't worry about your health, but look for ways to eat better and exercise more. Maybe join a gym or workout group or go for more regular walks. Try a new exercise activity. In all aspects of your life, look to group up with others who are better than you, and help those who you are better than.

The magician, as you'd expect, is tied to spirituality. Now is the time to look into systems of religion or beliefs that interest you. Are there any yoga or meditating groups near you? They might be worth checking out if you're interested in those but never don them. Meeting new people interested in those things are important to you right now.

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The Magician in the past position shows you have achieved something in the past, whether you feel the achievement or not doesn't matter, but you are still benefitting from it. The past is the best predictor of the future, how you have set yourself up well through a possible number of means; good grades, good relationships, or good experiences.

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It is timely to adapt to changing circumstances, juggle with ideas and find the right way forward. The magician in the present represents your ambition and confidence. You might have just started a project or new job. You may have new ways to help people, through either

learning from your elders, or helping those that you can. Consider this transfer of knowledge.

### **Future**

If the Magician is in the future position, it reveals that you will soon have to prove you can communicate effectively. The magician represents your potential. A good card to draw in this situation, you maintain your vision & see it through.

Do not get distracted by side projects, and don't think you know everything just because you've started with all the right tools and books.

### **In Reverse**

#### *Grand Illusions - Untapped Talent - Manipulation*

In reverse, the Magician often indicates that you are so focused on yourself that you are ignoring your deeper needs and values. Perhaps you need to acknowledge your true intentions, or practice what you preach.

Something is seriously wrong with the nature of your universe. You will need to make changes as soon as you can. The flow of above to below has been interrupted, through external influences that are causing illusions. Think about your life and the problems you are facing; do you have the means to solve your own problems right now?

On one level, the reversed Magician shows you that you are exploring what you wish to manifest, but you are not taking action yet. You are uncertain if you have everything you need and may be unsure about how to make it happen. If you take care of what you intend to manifest, the universe will work out the how. Stay attuned to your intuition and pay attention to opportunities as they arise. These are like little breadcrumbs that will take you closer to your goal.

If you are already acting on your goal, the reversed Magician can be a sign that you are struggling to see progress or success. Several factors may be at play. Perhaps you have an idea but don't know what action to take to manifest it. Perhaps you are not clear on your desired outcome so your efforts are misdirected or unfocused. Maybe you have lost touch with your 'why,' or it wasn't compelling enough, and now you're lacking motivation in completing the goal. Or perhaps your end goal is out of alignment with your Highest Good and the universe is sending you a big "STOP! Go Back!" sign?

At its worst, he signifies greed, manipulation and trickery. You may be masterful at manifesting, but if you are out touch with your Higher self, you may only do it for your personal gain and at the expense of others. Sometimes you may fall into this trap unintentionally. If your goals are not coming to fruition or something feels 'off,' tune into that and ask yourself if you are working for the highest good or solely for your own benefit.

You are not allowing yourself the opportunity to nurture and explore your skills. What has hindered you from using these abilities? What needs to change for you to reach your fullest potential?