

Arcanum: 18

Zodiac Affinity: Pisces

Element: Water

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



### Overview

The Moon is the 18<sup>th</sup> card of the Major Arcana and shows a full moon in the night's sky, positioned between two large towers. A symbol of intuition, dreams, and the unconscious; its light is dim compared to the sun, and only slightly illuminates the path to higher consciousness winding between the two towers.

In the foreground is a small pool, representing the water, subconscious mind. A small crawfish crawls out of the pool, symbolizing the early stages of consciousness unfolding. A dog and a wolf stand in the grassy field, howling at the moon, representing both the tamed and the wild aspects of our minds.

The moon is extremely prevalent in the mystical tradition as representative of the feminine.

### Keywords

*Intuition - Fear - Self-Deceit - Illusion - Hidden - Anxiety - Subconscious*

"A changeable and uncertain situation that is either fraught with deception or that will reveal important truths. It is difficult to know what is real right now." -Tarot of Pagan Cats, Lo Scarabeo.

### Key Phrases

- I. Tricky love affair
- II. Blind to the truth, unrealistic dreams
- III. Feeling confused
- IV. Feeling worried or apprehensive
- V. Trusting your intuition
- VI. Losing touch with reality

## General

A complex card because its very nature is deceptive, the Moon is very concerned with our sense of belonging or safety and security. When you are in familiar surroundings or with people you know, you feel safe. But there are times when we experience the darker side of our own natures, the unknown shadowy bits trying to see the light of day. This can make us feel disoriented, afraid, vulnerable, or anxious.

She needs expression and when she occurs in a layout the positive aspect of the Moon is to trust in those deeper realms, and to remember that mystery permeates life at all times, although we usually refuse to acknowledge it. The illusion of the Moon is simply that; and the advice is not to let self-deception and distortion of the truth lead you astray or away from your purpose. You have a goal, so stick to it.



The Moon shows a lack of clarity; something you might be half-sure of or a concept you're just grasping. She represents your fears and illusions and often comes out when you are projecting fear into your present and your future, based on your past experiences. You may have a painful memory that causes emotional distress, and rather than dealing with the emotions you pushed them down deep into your subconscious. Now, these emotions are making a reappearance, and you may find yourself under their influence on a conscious or subconscious level. For example, if you had a car accident when you were young but didn't deal with the emotions, you may get sad or anxious every time you get into the backseat of a car. To remedy this, connect with your subconscious mind and release any fears or anxieties holding you back. Hypnosis, therapy and shamanic healing can support this process.

She can indicate a time of uncertainty and illusion, when nothing is what it seems. Be careful of making fast decisions when the Moon appears because you may later realize you only had half the information you needed. You need to listen to and trust your intuition so you can see beyond what is in front of you. Feel into situations rather than thinking what they mean. Let go of your conscious mental blocks or negative self-talk and allow your intuition to guide you. Your dreams, intuitions and inner guidance lead you forward toward higher levels of understanding if you listen and use your judgment to help interpret the messages of the subconscious.

Pay close attention to the lunar cycles and attune to its divine power using ritual, visualization or tarot readings. Connect with the divine feminine and uncover deep intuitive insights and visions of what lies beyond everyday life. On the new Moon, set your intentions and plant the seeds of opportunity so they can grow. Honor your achievements and look at what you need to release so that new aspects of yourself can shine.

Interpret this card as a warning that things may not be all they seem. Maybe you are wrong, your judgment is unsound or someone is taking advantage of you. To fathom this one, try to tap into your intuition rather than your imagination because they are very different.

## **Relationships**

The Moon in regards to work or education means that you might not be grasping the bigger picture of things. Don't worry about your own perception; things are purposely being kept from you, or not being discussed generally. Ask around to see if there are any rumors floating around. In education, you may be doing worse or better off than you think you are.. Ask a teacher or lecturer about how you think you're doing and find areas to improve on.

In regards to finances, The Moon might mean you are a bit scared of your current financial situation. You need to be practical and logical and examine all of your incoming and outgoing money. Make sure nothing is being hidden from you. Check your bank statement, and check your pay-check to make sure nothing is staying hidden.

The Moon in romance may indicate an argument, either ongoing or about to spark. It's likely due to something being hidden from either of you. If a relationship is expected to last, you have to participate in the openness. What doesn't bother you might bother your partner. The reverse is also true. Make sure you're open with each other as much as possible. When you do argue, take some time to cool off. Don't act instantly based on emotion.

In regards to friendships, she really highlights the lack of clarity you may be feeling. Your friends may know something you don't know, or they may be meeting up without you. Additionally, if you're trying to block out a friend from your circle, he may have caught what you doing and mean to talk to you about it. There is no point in lying.



The Moon, at face value, strongly suggests that a check up with the doctor might be worth it; at least to put your mind at ease. You might have a minor condition now that can't be stopped. If something is bothering you, don't be afraid to tell the doctors. Make sure you do not over-indulge. When we're scared and unsure, it's a reaction to start eating, due to the comfort provided.

Now is a very spiritual time, you might feel in touch with the world. Make sure though, you're not led astray by anything and stay clear on your path.

## Past

The Moon in the Past position might mean that you've remembered something in the past incorrectly. It could be an event of how you have perceived a person. Have you just seen somebody recently after a long period of absence? They've likely changed by now. Have you witnessed an event that is coming up in conversation now? Be careful not to exaggerate, even if it is human nature to do so.



## Present

In the present, The Moon could mean that something is about to happen, or is currently happening that you can't initially understand. Unlike the Fool, you aren't completely ignorant. You might expect an outcome that won't occur, or things might not go to plan. The key is a lack of clarity. We worry about the unknown, a fear of the dark is not a fear of a lack of light; it's the fear of what you can't see. You won't ever see unless you go out in it though...

You may feel confused or unsure of what to do next; the Moon says to find your way, however hard it seems, or identify your fears. Trust in your instincts.

## Future

In the future connotation it may mean that you're unsure of where your life is going. It isn't an exaggeration to say that everybody feels this way, even the people with the most cemented views on life. You just can't know. We perceive time linearly, this is a rule you cannot break. Spend less time worrying about the future and more time bettering the present. You are only ever here and it is only ever now.

Someone will be dishonest, either yourself or a partner or friend. Also, you are so wrapped up in your emotions and feelings that you don't have a clear rational view of the truth anymore.

### **In Reverse**

#### *Release of Fear - Repressed Emotion - Inner Confusion*

The Moon suggests that your insecurities are holding you back, that you don't feel you belong to anything or anyone, maybe not even to yourself.

Indicates that you have been dealing with illusion, fears, and anxiety, and now the negative influences of these energies are subsiding. You are working through your fears and anxieties, understanding the impact they have on your life and how you can free yourself from such limiting beliefs. This is a truly liberating and transformational experience.

You may try to bury these feelings even deeper within your subconscious so you can avoid your dark shadows. You may not be ready to face your emotions, pushing them to the side as if nothing is wrong. This strategy might work in the short-term, but eventually, you will need to resurface these emotions and deal with them head-on.

The Moon, when reversed, can also show that you are receiving intuitive messages and psychic downloads but are struggling to understand what they mean for you. The message may be confusing, or your interpretation differs from what you read elsewhere. When the Moon is like this, you are being called to listen to your inner voice, and not the voice of someone else. Trust that the answers you need are already within you, and tune in to your inner guidance system to hear those answers. Pay attention to your dreams and keep a dream diary because this is how many of your subconscious messages will be relayed to you. If you're still stuck, record the messages you receive and come back to them later when you have more clarity.

