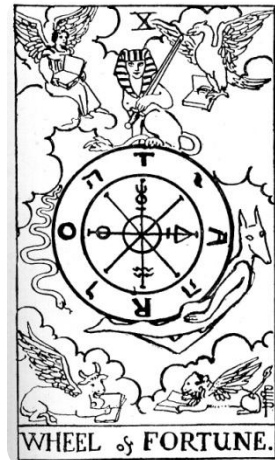


Arcanum: 10

Zodiac Affinity: Jupiter

Element: Fire

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



Overview

The Wheel of Fortune is the tenth card of the Major Arcana. Unlike the previous cards, it's harder to take an educated guess at what this one means, as there is no central figure in the illustration. You would be right, however, for assuming this card deals with Luck.

It shows a giant wheel with three figures on the outer edges. Four Hebrew letters – YHVH, also seen as YHWH in German, French, & Dutch languages, (Yod Heh Vau Heh), the unpronounceable name of God – are inscribed on the wheel's face. There are also the letters TORA, thought to be a version of the word Torah, meaning 'law', or TAROT, or even ROTA (Latin for 'wheel'). The middle wheel has the alchemical symbols for mercury, sulphur, water and salt – the building blocks of life and the four elements – and represents formative power.

On the outer circle is a snake, the Egyptian god Typhon (the god of evil) descending on the left side. The snake also represents the life force plunging into the material world. On the right side rises Anubis, the Egyptian God of the dead who welcomes should to the underworld and on the top of the wheel sits the Sphinx, representing knowledge and strength.

In the corners of the Wheel of Fortune, are fore winged creatures; each associated with the four fixed signs of the Zodiac: the angel is Aquarius, the eagle is Scorpio, the lion is Leo, and the bull is Taurus

Keywords

*Inevitability - Luck - Timing - Turning Point - Destiny - Positive Karma -
Opportunity - Rewards*

"The wheel of life is spinning and where it will land is uncertain. Those who are centered will feel the effects less than those who cling to the edge." - Tarot of Pagan Cats, Lo Scarabeo.



Key Phrases

- I. There is no certainty in life except uncertainty.
- II. Each moment is a new beginning
- III. The only constancy is change itself
- IV. Synchronicity and coincidence
- V. Seeing patterns and cycles repeating in life.
- VI. Feeling you are being swept along with the tide
- VII. Taking advantage of chance
- VIII. Opportunity knocks; open the door
- IX. Unpredictable Events.

General

The wheel of Fortune is about luck and chance - we can have good fortune and bad fortune - it is up to you to make choices that will lead to improving your sense of well-being or lifestyle. When you draw this card, the wheel signifies that, even though you are part of the greater cycle or universal or collective energies, destiny is about taking responsibility for your actions rather than blaming those actions on 'fate'.

Also known as the 'Wheel of Karma' it reminds you that 'what goes around comes around.' Be a kind and loving person to others, and they'll be kind and loving to you. Be nasty and mean, and you will get nasty and mean turning back your way. So, if you want happiness and abundance, make sure you're sending out that positive juju in kindness. What you send out into the universe, **WILL** come back your way.

This could show a critical turning point in your life. Opportunities you could never imagine are suddenly available to you, and you have the chance to make a significant change in your life. While it may be unexpected and unfamiliar, see this as an invitation to turn things around and take an entirely new direction in your life. The more you tune in to your intuition and allow the universe to guide you, the better the outcomes will be.

Relationships

The Wheel of Fortune in regards to a work or Educational relationship means that you're after a radical change. You've been bored for too long and want something new - A whole new

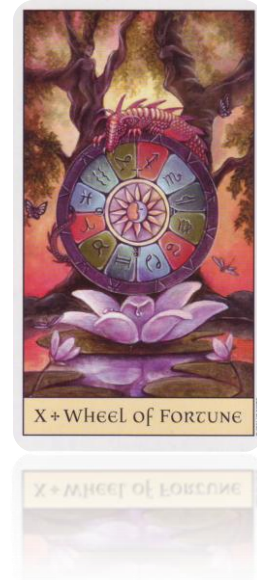
career maybe? You just don't have the passion anymore. Another good example would be that you've just finished a course, but you've lost the heart to continue in this field of study.

In regards to wealth, this is a good sign; especially if you are currently having a hard time financially. This means things will brighten up for you. It's all about change, not loose change, but a change in your current state. Be sensible and manage your money, if even you have a lot of it and feel you can be frugal.

When it comes to romance, this may not be the card you wish to see. It might not be the right time to pursue any romantic relationships right now, even if you have your eye set on somebody. Speed dating might work as a distraction, nothing more. Any existing relationships might go through a rough spot, but it shouldn't be anything too major.

You may want to get into a new group of friends when the wheel shows its face. You might know a certain friend better too, or if you're in two circles of friends, you might expand and merge into another circle entirely.

In regards to health – it could mean a few things. Things are going to change; if this card was brought up in topics concerning health & well-being, you could recover from an illness (assuming you've been suffering of late). If you're fit and healthy, watch out & continue to care for yourself. Maybe your mental health is more so to be spoken of here. Elements on this card symbolize different levels of consciousness; they must always be in balance, they are interdependent.



You may have a sudden change in your spiritual and religious beliefs. You may have read a new piece of religious or esoteric literature and gotten inspired to create something. The wheel of Fortune is just that; a wheel, so it's a good time to think about the cyclical nature of reality and how events can come back on themselves.

† Past

In the past position it represents a big change in your past that is currently affecting where you are going in life right now. Something like moving a homes, or starting a new job – whatever the change its having a serious effect right now. Take into account the other cards in your spread to interpret the changes; any swords? It could be a past time of violence.

Present

The Wheel in the present represents a current ongoing change. You have possibly felt lost for a while and pondered on something (like the Hermit, this is the journey of the fool you know!), and you've just recently found the answer to it. It's a good card to see in the present position, as it means a good change is currently ongoing, and you'll be able to see immediate effects of it.

Future

Here in the future position we see you're setting yourself up for a serious change in your life. The card is generally positive, so works well in the future position. It is something to look forward to at least. Consider what was in your mind when you decided to do this reading, and then consider what a good outcome of that particular scenario is. This card in the future position is likely to represent just that.

In Reverse

Feeling Fated - Imbalance - Negative Karma - Lacking the Control



You may have been experiencing a lack of control in your life recently like the universe is working against you. Look at and address imbalances in your life. Too much time working? Or maybe not enough time working? Look to address the issue... Also remember what we are just struck with bad luck... Life isn't a series of positive events; we have to learn to deal with the negative things that which occur in a healthy way.

What does not change stagnates, and it is impossible that things should always remain the same. All things are born and grow, then wither and die. This is the only certainty and it is not a bleak one - from death comes rebirth. One thing must end for another to begin. To welcome change is a liberating experience.

Changing your destiny starts with accepting responsibility for where you are now. Consider what role your earlier actions have played in your present circumstances. Even when you think everything is beyond your control, there is often something you could have done differently that might have changed where you are now. What can you learn from this

situation and how can you apply it to your future life, so you don't end up making the same mistakes?

The reversed Wheel can also reflect resistance to change, particularly if you feel it forced upon you. This card suggests that change has become a source of significant stress, and you may be trying to consciously or subconsciously stop events from running their course. Accept that change is inevitable and you will have a much-improved experience when you go with the flow.

On the positive side of this card's reversal, it may mean that you are finally breaking a negative cycle that has been present in your life. Perhaps you have realized how your actions have created a repetitive situation and are now ready to break free from the cycle. For some, this may flow naturally into a period of introspection and self-discovery. For others, things may need to hit rock bottom before you are ready to see what is no longer serving you (especially if the Devil or Tower is also in your reading).