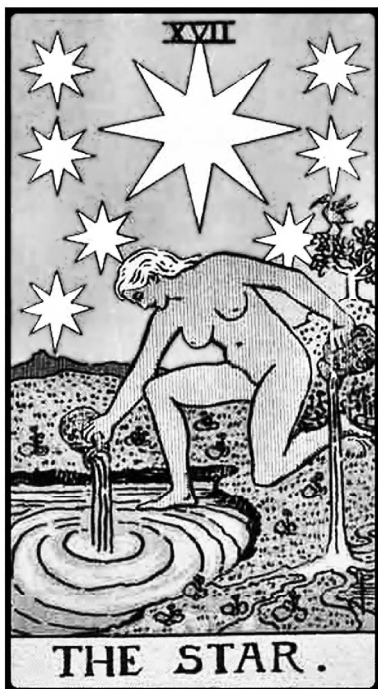


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Saturn

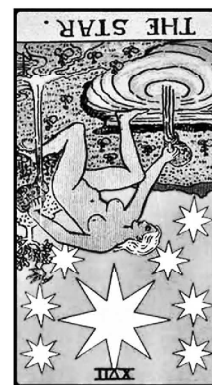


Uranus



AQUARIUS

Hope, Optimism
Inspiration, Visionary



REV:

Pessimism
Negativity
Maladies
Caution: Health

A nude golden-haired woman pours water from two jugs, one jug into a pool of rippling water and another onto land, which streams into the pool in rivulets. The land is green and fertile, skies are blue and adorned with eight-pointed stars,⁶⁰ one of them bright yellow, shining at the center. In the backdrop is a tree where a scarlet ibis perches. The ibis is the sacred animal of the Egyptian god Thoth, the ibis-headed deity of knowledge and writing. The sacred ibis is believed to be a defense against curses of the serpent.

KEY 17—THE STAR

The Star represents hope, inspiration, and mental health. The bird perched on the tree conveys new opportunities that will restore hope in the Seeker. The card exemplifies the abundance of happiness, harmony, beauty, hope, and peace in the Seeker's life. Note that the card is not about material abundance, but rather spiritual abundance. Key 17: The Star is the good omen of contentment. If the Seeker is a writer, philosopher, researcher, or academic, then The Star card is particularly optimistic: it suggests an individual who will be contributing significantly and leaving behind a great legacy. The Seeker can be prepared for a bright, hopeful future ahead.

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All around are newly budding red rose bushes, suggesting the nascence of accruing esoteric knowledge.

The Star suggests renewal or restoration of hope. It can also represent spiritual guidance through self-empowerment. Guidance is not coming from others, but rather it is coming from within, even from the divine. In practical application, the card could represent someone who is a spiritual counselor, who shares his or her spirituality with others to restore hope and inspire others. Star personalities master the balance between intelligence and love.

Compare: The eight-pointed star on the charioteer's crown in Key 7: The Chariot recurs here in full bloom in Key 17: The Star. There is a sense that The Star was the source of the charioteer's divine empowerment. Considering the numerical sequence of the cards, The Chariot almost appears to be returning from the future, giving a sense of fluidity in the space-time continuum. Yet The Chariot is about action and control. The Star is about the optimism and hope that such action and control will yield success. In practical application, if the two appear together in a spread, amazing and great success will come to the Seeker, success that will involve an extraordinary blessing of either fame or fortune.

Compare: Key 14: Temperance also depicts a figure with one foot in the water and one foot on land. The open sky and mountain peaks in the background, the green terrain between the peaks and water pool in the foreground are similar in both The Star and Temperance. Both call to mind the Freudian and Jungian concepts of superego, ego, id, the conscious and the unconscious. Here in Key 17: The Star, however, the superego is the dominant level of awareness, unlike Temperance, where the sun symbolizing the superego is smaller and in the back. Unlike Temperance, where there is a balancing between the levels of awareness, The Star card depicts a pouring out in one direction. The Star is about a release or giving of energies from the conscious to the unconscious, the superego to the ego.

It is also a card of divine charity. It affirms that the Seeker is a soul who shares generously with others, especially of the Seeker's spiritual resources and intuitive knowledge. It is about having a good heart and giving more than the Seeker receives. *Compare:* The Six of Pentacles is also a card about

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charity, though the Six of Pentacles pertains more to material generosity—giving one's money or time to the less privileged. The Star is about the giving of one's heart, of being deeply empathetic about how others are feeling. *Compare:* While The High Priestess is often a card associated with psychics, The Star card is often associated with empaths.⁶¹

The Star card appears chronologically in the Major Arcana after a great deal of pain: The Hanged Man, Death, The Devil, and The Tower. Thus, Key 17: The Star also indicates that the final low point in a situation has passed. After the downfall of The Tower, The Star is an indication of a turn upward for the Seeker. The situation will finally start to glimmer brighter after having gone through suffering and toil. The Star is about the spiritual replenishing of contentment in the Seeker's life. The card bodes well for personal rejuvenation.

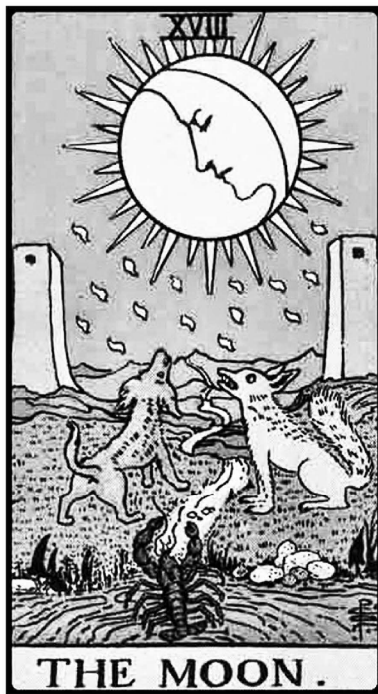
The element of Air governs this card; attributions associated with Air will represent the external forces at play in the Seeker's situation. This is due to The Star's association with Aquarius, the water bearer, which is an Air sign. Thus The Star suggests a rekindling of personal motivation through intellectual awakening. Yang energy is dominant. Key 17: The Star relates to the sign Aquarius and, timing-wise, could denote the period January 20–February 18.

Reversed Meaning

The Seeker's outlook is too pessimistic. Negativity may have adverse effects on the Seeker's health. Maladies present. Need to be more hopeful of the future and, at the same time, more attentive to one's own health and wellness. A negative outlook is part of the Seeker's current problem. The Star in reverse is often a sign of the beginnings of a downward spiral from boredom and ennui to impatience and pessimism, from self-doubt to disappointment, blame, and, ultimately, depression. The Seeker must turn that pessimism around to optimism. The Seeker is urged to find inspiration in the world around him or her. Be hopeful. The Star often appears in reverse when a Seeker is dealing with a crisis and has not been able to manage the crisis due to a lack of hope. The card in reverse often appears in readings for those prone to depression, typically depression sourced from the mental,

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intellectual plane, not the emotional. *Compare:* The Five of Cups indicates emotional depression, whereas The Star in reverse is about depression brought on by pessimistic ideology. The Star in reverse reminds the Seeker to adopt a more positive outlook, to be more confident about the future, and to be more hopeful and enthusiastic about humanity's future. These adjustments in personality and outlook will help the Seeker navigate the inner crisis at hand. The Star card in reverse can also express a deep pain within the Seeker that erupts in an urgency to cry, pain caused by sentiments of worthlessness, victimhood, or guilt. The Star card in reverse is often associated with the shedding of tears. Many tears have been shed by Seeker over a situation. Thus, the reversed Star card's message is "There, there, don't cry." The message to the Seeker is to reclaim his or her tears and to rejuvenate with hope and optimism.

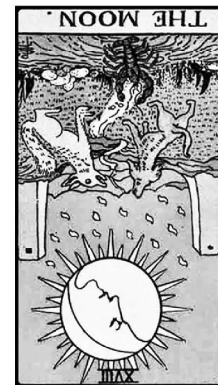


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WATER

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Jupiter Neptune

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PISCES

Reflection, Changes
Imagination



REV:
Inconstancy
Risk, Uncertainty
Confusion

Between two pillars, a dog and a wolf howl at the moon, one on each side of a path leading from the water to the mountains. A crayfish crawls out onto land. A waxing moon is embedded in the sun. The sun-moon has a face, a side profile, stern and in deep contemplation. Leaves from the Tree of Life float down to earth.