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### MAJOR ARCANUM KEYS

Identify the two Keys from the Major Arcana that correspond with your date of birth. The first will be in accordance with your sun sign (often referred to colloquially as your horoscope sign) and the second will be in accordance with your planetary ruler.

### Your Sun Sign

SUN SIGN	DATES	TAROT CARD
Aries	March 21 – April 19	Key 4: The Emperor
Taurus	April 20 – May 20	Key 5: The Hierophant
Gemini	May 21 – June 20	Key 6: The Lovers
Cancer	June 21 – July 22	Key 7: The Chariot
Leo	July 23 – August 22	Key 8: Strength
Virgo	August 23 – September 22	Key 9: The Hermit
Libra	September 23 – October 22	Key 11: Justice
Scorpio	October 23 – November 21	Key 13: Death
Sagittarius	November 22 – December 21	Key 14: Temperance
Capricorn	December 22 – January 19	Key 15: The Devil
Aquarius	January 20 – February 18	Key 17: The Star
Pisces	February 19 – March 20	Key 18: The Moon

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## Your Sun Sign's Planetary Ruler Or Your Chart Ruler (Planetary Ruler of the Ascendant)

If you're not familiar with astrology or have never had your birth chart cast, then work with the planetary ruler for your sun sign. *Example:* You are a Taurus and your sun sign card was Key 5: The Hierophant. Locate Taurus in the left-most column below. Its planetary ruler will be noted in the second column over, or Venus. Thus, your second Major Arcanum key to your birthday is Key 3: The Empress. If you're a Scorpio, your modern planetary ruler is Pluto, so your Major Arcanum key is Key 20: Judgement.

*Note:* Planetary ruler correspondences vary depending on whether you're working with a traditional or modern approach. Within the traditional approaches, there is also the distinction between a single rulership and a day-night two ruler system. Here, I'm providing the single rulership traditional approach and the modern approach. Regrettably, the day-night two ruler system is not accounted for in this reference table.

ZODIAC SIGN	PLANETARY RULER	TAROT CARD
Leo	Sun	Key 19: The Sun
Cancer	Moon	Key 2: The High Priestess
Gemini	Mercury	Key 1: The Magician
Virgo		
Taurus	Venus	Key 3: The Empress
Libra		
Aries	Mars	Key 16: The Tower
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Key 10: Wheel of Fortune
Capricorn	Saturn	Key 21: The World
Aquarius	Saturn ( <i>Traditional</i> )	Key 21: The World
	Uranus ( <i>Modern</i> )	Key 0: The Fool
Pisces	Jupiter ( <i>Traditional</i> )	Key 10: Wheel of Fortune
	Neptune ( <i>Modern</i> )	Key 12: The Hanged Man
Scorpio	Mars ( <i>Traditional</i> )	Key 16: The Tower
	Pluto ( <i>Modern</i> )	Key 20: Judgement

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MINOR ARCANUM KEYS  
(DECAN RULER OF YOUR SUN SIGN)

If your birthday falls on a cusp, then the decan ruler correspondence noted below could be wrong. You'll want to check your sun sign degree to be exact.

For example, if you were born on March 31 but your sun sign degree is 10°, then even though the below chart says your decan ruler is sun in Aries, with your tarot card being the Three of Wands based on your date of birth, your decan ruler should actually be Mars in Aries, with your tarot card being the Two of Wands, based on your sun sign degree. Another example, if you were born on April 11, it looks like your tarot card should be the Four of Wands, but if your sun sign degree is 20° (and not 21°), then your tarot card should really be the Three of Wands.

In other words, your tarot card should be based on your sun's degree, not the date. However, if you don't know your sun's degree, then you can reasonably work with your birthday. It's just that those with birthdays on the cusp will need to be a little more careful. When the cusp baby is in doubt and you don't know how to ascertain your sun sign's degree, then work with both tarot cards around your cusp.

For example, if you were born on March 31 and you aren't sure of your sun sign's degree, then work with the Three of Wands and also the Two of Wands.

DATES	DECAN RULER, SUN'S DEGREE	TAROT CARD
March 21 – March 30	Mars in Aries 0° - 10°	Two of Wands
March 31 – April 10	Sun in Aries 11° - 20°	Three of Wands
April 11 – April 20	Venus in Aries 21° - 30°	Four of Wands
April 21 – April 30	Mercury in Taurus 0° - 10°	Five of Pentacles
May 1 – May 10	Moon in Taurus 11° - 20°	Six of Pentacles
May 11 – May 20	Saturn in Taurus 21° - 30°	Seven of Pentacles
May 21 – May 30	Jupiter in Gemini 0° - 10°	Eight of Swords
June 1 – June 10	Mars in Gemini 11° - 20°	Nine of Swords
June 11 – June 20	Sun in Gemini 21° - 30°	Ten of Swords
June 21 – July 1	Venus in Cancer 0° - 10°	Two of Cups
July 2 – July 12	Mercury in Cancer 11° - 20°	Three of Cups

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DATES	DECAN RULER, SUN'S DEGREE	TAROT CARD
July 13 – July 20	Moon in Cancer 21° - 30°	Four of Cups
July 21 – August 1	Saturn in Leo 0° - 10°	Five of Wands
August 2 – August 10	Jupiter in Leo 11° - 20°	Six of Wands
August 11 – August 22	Mars in Leo 21° - 30°	Seven of Wands
August 23 – September 1	Sun in Virgo 0° - 10°	Eight of Pentacles
September 2 – September 11	Venus in Virgo 11° - 20°	Nine of Pentacles
September 12 – September 22	Mercury in Virgo 21° - 30°	Ten of Pentacles
September 23 – October 2	Moon in Libra 0° - 10°	Two of Swords
October 3 – October 12	Saturn in Libra 11° - 20°	Three of Swords
October 13 – October 22	Jupiter in Libra 21° - 30°	Four of Swords
October 23 – November 1	Mars in Scorpio 0° - 10°	Five of Cups
November 2 – November 11	Sun in Scorpio 11° - 20°	Six of Cups
November 12 – November 22	Venus in Scorpio 21° - 30°	Seven of Cups
November 23 – December 2	Mercury in Sagittarius 0° - 10°	Eight of Wands
December 3 – December 12	Moon in Sagittarius 11° - 20°	Nine of Wands
December 13 – December 20	Saturn in Sagittarius 21° - 30°	Ten of Wands
December 21 – December 30	Jupiter in Capricorn 0° - 10°	Two of Pentacles
December 31 – January 9	Mars in Capricorn 11° - 20°	Three of Pentacles
January 10 – January 19	Sun in Capricorn 21° - 30°	Four of Pentacles
January 20 – January 29	Venus in Aquarius 0° - 10°	Five of Swords
January 31 – February 8	Mercury in Aquarius 11° - 20°	Six of Swords
February 9 – February 18	Moon in Aquarius 21° - 30°	Seven of Swords
February 19 – February 28	Saturn in Pisces 0° - 10°	Eight of Cups

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DATES	DECAN RULER, SUN'S DEGREE	TAROT CARD
March 1 – March 10	Jupiter in Pisces 11° - 20°	Nine of Cups
March 11 – March 20	Mars in Pisces 21° - 30°	Ten of Cups

COURT CARD SIGNIFICATOR

To mark the threshold between youth and adulthood, I'm working with the approximate age of the First Saturn Return, which is age 29. Gender notations are open to interpretation.

COURT CARD SIGNIFICATOR	GENDER	AGE	SUN SIGN
Page of Wands	Female	Up to 29	Aries March 21 – April 19
Knight of Wands	Male	Up to 29	Leo July 23 – August 22
Queen of Wands	Female	30 and over	Sagittarius November 22 – December 21
King of Wands	Male	30 and over	Cancer June 21 – July 22
Page of Cups	Female	Up to 29	Scorpio October 23 – November 21
Knight of Cups	Male	Up to 29	Pisces February 19 – March 20
Queen of Cups	Female	30 and over	Gemini May 21 – June 20
King of Cups	Male	30 and over	Libra September 23 – October 22
Page of Swords	Female	Up to 29	Aquarius January 20 – February 18
Knight of Swords	Male	Up to 29	Taurus April 20 – May 20
Queen of Swords	Female	30 and over	Virgo August 23 – September 22
King of Swords	Male	30 and over	Capricorn December 22 – January 19
Page of Pentacles	Female	Up to 29	
Knight of Pentacles	Male	Up to 29	
Queen of Pentacles	Female	30 and over	
King of Pentacles	Male	30 and over	

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THE ACES: ELEMENTAL DOMINANCE

The easiest approach here is to select the Ace corresponding with the element of your sun sign. E.g., you're an Aries, which is a Fire sign, so you would select the Ace of Wands to work with, or you're a Virgo, so you would select the Ace of Pentacles.

Alternatively (and preferably), select the Ace corresponding with your birth chart's elemental dominance. E.g., if your birth chart is Air-dominant, then you would select the Ace of Swords to work with.

To offer a short explanation for how astrologers might determine your birth chart dominance, the elemental dignity of all key planets and sensitive points in your chart are assessed and the strength of each of the four elements in your chart is tallied.

If your birth chart has twin dominance where two elements share equal strength in your chart, e.g., a chart is equally Fire and Air dominant, then for the Ace selection exercise in this episode, go with the Ace that corresponds with the element of your sun sign. E.g., despite being Fire and Air dominant, you are a sun sign Scorpio, so for this exercise you would work with the Ace of Cups, because Scorpio is a Water sign.

ELEMENT	SUN SIGNS	TAROT CARD
Fire	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius	Ace of Wands
Earth	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces	Ace of Pentacles
Air	Gemini, Libra, Aquarius	Ace of Swords
Water	Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn	Ace of Cups