

Your Tarot Year Card

2021 – 2022

From Mary K. Greer's *Archetypal Tarot* (Weiser, 2021)
or *Who Are You in the Tarot* (Weiser, 2011)

In this SIGHTSEE THE TAROT self-guided workshop, we are going to journal our year-end reflections prompted by your 2021 Tarot Year Card, and then write out our projections for the New Year to come, based on our 2022 Tarot Year Card. Your Tarot Year Card will reveal prevailing themes, lessons, trials, blessings, and life experiences that will be front and center. If your birthday is between January 1 and June 30, your Tarot Year Card will govern from January to January. For those with a birthday between July 1 and December 31, your Tarot Year Card will govern from birthday to birthday.

Tarot Year Card Reference Table

First Septenary		Second Septenary		Third Septenary	
1	Magician Year	8 *	Strength Year	15	Devil Year
2	High Priestess Year	9	Hermit Year	16	Tower Year
3	Empress Year	10	Wheel of Fortune Year	17	Star Year
4	Emperor Year	11 *	Justice Year	18	Moon Year
5	Hierophant Year	12	Hanged Man Year	19	Sun Year
6	Lovers Year	13	Death Year	20	Judgement Year
7	Chariot Year	14	Temperance Year	21	World Year

* What is your go-to tarot system? If the system that your deck is based on is the RWS, then work with the above-referenced Major Arcana correspondences. If, however, you work with a Tarot de Marseille or Thoth-based deck, then a Tarot Year Card calculation of 8 is going to yield Justice (or in the Thoth, Adjustment) while a calculation of 11 will yield Strength (or in the Thoth, Lust).

Minor Arcana Realms

Realms First Trinity				Realms Second Trinity			Realms Third Trinity		
1	10	19	Aces & Tens	4	13	Fours	7	16	Sevens
2	11	20	Twos	5	14	Fives	8	17	Eights
3	12	21	Threes	6	15	Sixes	9	18	Nines

Locate your Tarot Year Card number in the above reference table. If, for example, your Tarot Year Card is Key 19, then note how 19 is grouped with 1 and 10. Thus you'll be working with two Minor Arcana Realms—both the four Aces and the four Tens in your deck. If your Tarot Year Card is Key 20: Judgement, then note how 20 corresponds with the four Twos. Pull out the Two of Wands, Two of Cups, Two of Swords, and Two of Pentacles from your deck.

2021 Tarot Year Card Reflections

We are at the close of the year 2021 (or the start of 2022). Let's take a moment to reflect on our experiences from the past year, both the positive highlights and the challenges. What lessons have we learned from 2021 that we want to with us into 2022?

Month			+	Day			+	Current Year *											
	+		+		+		+	2	+	0	+	2	+	1					
Month & Day Total Sum							+	Year Total Sum (Base Year Card)											
							+	5											
Theosophic Reduction of the Month, Day, and Year																			
Tarot Year Card:										Minor Arcana Realm:									

* If you are working through this Tarot Year Card handout after 2021 – 2022, adjust accordingly. Example: For the year 2024, add the digits 2 + 0 + 2 + 4 = 8 for the “Year Total Sum.”



Example. For someone with a September 24 birthday, the calculation process would be as follows:

Month			+	Day			+	Current Year											
0	+	9	+	2	+	4	+	2	+	0	+	2	+	1					
Month & Day Total Sum							+	Year Total Sum											
15							+	5											
Theosophic Reduction of the Month, Day, and Year																			
20																			
Tarot Year Card:					Key 20: Judgement					Minor Arcana Realm:					Twos				

In the example of a September 24 birthday, the year 2021 was a Judgement Year. For this workshop exercise, since we are at the year's end, Key 20: Judgement and the four Two cards from the Minor Arcana will serve as journaling prompts for reflecting on the past year.

Also, for one with a September birthday, the Tarot Year Cards tend to govern from birthday to birthday (whereas for those with a birthday between January and June, the Tarot Year Cards tend to govern from January to January). For more info, read Greer's *Archetypal Tarot*.

2021 BASE YEAR: KEY 5: THE HIEROPHANT | Calculating the sum of the digits for the year 2021, the Tarot Base Year Card is Key 5: The Hierophant. According to Greer, a Hierophant Base Year is, globally, a year of power struggles and challenges to authority. Hierophant Base Years can be more challenging and on the international scale, as we are facing greater adversity than usual.

2021 Tarot Year Card. If you are working with Greer's text, turn to the Tarot Year Card chapter and read the entry corresponding with your Year Card. Take notes in the space below. If you are not working with Greer's text, think about the themes presented by that Major Arcanum card and take notes accordingly.

Tarot Year Card

THEMES | Brainstorm what themes this card represents.

REFLECTIONS | Think back throughout the past year and reflect on how the themes of this Tarot Year Card appeared along your life path? What milestone did this past year signify, as expressed by your 2021 Tarot Year Card?

Career & Professional Matters | Wands. In the space below, write out the Wands card from the Minor Arcana Realm corresponding with the numerology of your Tarot Year Card. *For example:* If the Tarot Year Card is Key 20: Judgement, then the corresponding Minor Arcana Realm, for 2, is the Realm of Twos. Here, you would write down “Two of Wands.” REFLECT on how the themes of this card played out this past year and your experiences in Career & Professional Matters.

Minor Arcana Realm

Love, Family, & Spiritual Development | Cups. In the space below, write out the Cups card from the Minor Arcana Realm corresponding with the numerology of your Tarot Year Card. The pip card from the suit of Cups notes the prevailing themes in the given year relating to matters of the heart and hearth, but also offers insight into the lessons you learned that influence your spiritual development. REFLECT on how the themes of this card played out this past year and your experiences in Love, Family, and/or Personal Spiritual Development.

Minor Arcana Realm

2022 Tarot Year Card Projections

We are at the start of 2022. Let's calculate our Tarot Year Card to see what it might reveal about the opportunities, challenges, and themes for the year ahead.

Month			+	Day			+	Current Year *						
	+		+		+		+	2	+	0	+	2	+	2
Month & Day Total Sum							+	Year Total Sum (Base Year Card)						
							+	6						
Theosophic Reduction of the Month, Day, and Year														
Tarot Year Card:														
Minor Arcana Realm:														

* If you are working through this Tarot Year Card handout after 2021 – 2022, adjust accordingly. Example: For the year 2024, add the digits 2 + 0 + 2 + 4 = 8 for the “Year Total Sum.”



Example. For someone with a September 24 birthday, the calculation process would be as follows:

Month			+	Day			+	Current Year						
0	+	9	+	2	+	4	+	2	+	0	+	2	+	1
Month & Day Total Sum							+	Year Total Sum						
15							+	6						
Theosophic Reduction of the Month, Day, and Year														
21														
Tarot Year Card:			Key 21: The World						Minor Arcana Realm:			Threes		

In the example of a September 24 birthday, the year 2022 will be a World Year. For this workshop exercise, since we are entering the new year of 2022, Key 21: The World and the four Three cards from the Minor Arcana will serve as journaling prompts for writing out the forecasts, prevailing themes, and what to expect for the coming year.

2022 BASE YEAR: KEY 6: THE LOVERS | Calculating the sum of the digits for the year 2022, the Tarot Base Year Card is Key 6: The Lovers. According to Greer, a Lovers Base Year is, globally, a year of focusing on interpersonal relationships. A key theme in the Lovers Base Year is that of choice: choosing between instant gratification and delayed gratification. This may also be global year of having to confront policy-making for the individual good vs. for the collective good. In general, The Lovers denotes mediation and negotiation to achieve interdependence.

2022 Tarot Year Card. If you are working with Greer’s text, read the entry corresponding to your Year Card. In the space below, take notes on your reading. If you are not working with Greer’s text, think about the themes presented by that Major Arcanum card and take notes accordingly.

Tarot Year Card

THEMES | Brainstorm what themes this card represents.

LESSONS | Personify this card as a Teacher. What type of education or lessons would a Teacher embodying this Major Arcana card impart? Muse and offer conjectures on how you think your Tarot Year Card will play out.

O M E N S | Think of this card as an omen appearing to you. What is it an omen of? Muse and offer conjectures on what omens you think your Tarot Year Card brings.

G A I N S & O P P O R T U N I T I E S | What gains, opportunities, positive potential, blessings, assets, advantageous attributes, or assists does your Tarot Year Card signify? Brainstorm and free-write your impression below.

C H A L L E N G E S | What challenges, potential difficulties, and hurdles does your Tarot Year Card signify? Brainstorm and free-write your impression below.

TEXTBOOK MEANINGS | Look up the meaning for this Major Arcana card in your favorite tarot book of card meanings. Consult multiple tarot books for meanings on this card. Copy down in the space below meanings, phrases, and interpretations that intuitively stand out to you. Conceptualize this as a form of bibliomancy.

Lined writing area for textbook meanings.

CHANNELED MESSAGE | Gaze meditatively at a subject featured on the card you drew. Personify that subject or imagine that it has come alive and is now sentient. Emotionally and communicatively bond with the subject. Speak to the subject, requesting that this subject impart upon you a divinatory message. Assure the subject, **“I am listening. Tell me what you know.”** Close your eyes. A message will come to you, by clairvoyance, clairsentience, clairaudience, or claircognizance. Write it down.

Lined writing area for channeled message.

O M E N S | Think of this card as an omen appearing to you. What is it an omen of? Muse and offer conjectures on what omens you think this card brings with regard to matters of your work life, career, employment?

G A I N S & O P P O R T U N I T I E S | What gains, opportunities, positive potential, blessings, assets, advantageous attributes, or assists does this card bring with regard to matters of your work life, career, employment?

C H A L L E N G E S | What challenges, potential difficulties, and hurdles does card bring with regard to matters of your work life, career, employment?

Love, Family, & Spiritual Development | Cups. In the space below, write out the Cups card from the Minor Arcana Realm corresponding with the numerology of your Tarot Year Card. The pip card from the suit of Cups forecasts the prevailing themes relating to matters of the heart and hearth, but also offers insight into the lessons you learned that influence your spiritual development. The Cups card designates the inner sanctum.

Minor Arcana Realm

T H E M E S | Brainstorm what themes this card represents. Think about how these themes might play out with regard to matters of your interpersonal relationships, matters of the heart, emotions, and/or personal spiritual development?

KEYWORDS | Brainstorm at least 7 (seven) keywords attributed to this card.

KEY SYMBOL | What one key symbol on the card is pulling at your attention? Note that pictorial symbol in the space below. Write out what such a symbol means to you, per your culture, your past experiences, your religious beliefs, spirituality, etc.

TEXTBOOK MEANINGS | Look up the meaning for this Cups card in your favorite tarot book of card meanings. Consult multiple tarot books for meanings on this card. Copy down in the space below meanings, phrases, and interpretations that intuitively stand out to you.

CHANNELED MESSAGE | Gaze meditatively at a subject featured on the card you drew. Personify that subject or imagine that it has come alive and is now sentient. Emotionally and communicatively bond with the subject. Speak to the subject, requesting that this subject impart upon you a divinatory message. Assure the subject, “I am listening. Tell me what you know.” Close your eyes. A message will come to you, by clairvoyance, clairsentience, clairaudience, or claircognizance. Write it down.

O M E N S | Think of this card as an omen appearing to you. What is it an omen of? Muse and offer conjectures on what omens you think this card brings with regard to matters of your role and status in your community, your social or professional networks, and what key conflicts this card signifies (man vs. man, man vs. environment, man vs. himself)?

G A I N S & O P P O R T U N I T I E S | What gains, opportunities, positive potential, blessings, assets, advantageous attributes, or assists does this card bring with regard to matters of your role and status in your community, your social or professional networks, and what key conflicts this card signifies (man vs. man, man vs. environment, man vs. himself)?

C H A L L E N G E S | What challenges, potential difficulties, and hurdles does card bring with regard to matters of your role and status in your community, your social or professional networks, and what key conflicts this card signifies (man vs. man, man vs. environment, man vs. himself)?

TEXTBOOK MEANINGS | Look up the meaning for this card in your favorite tarot book of card meanings. Consult multiple tarot books for meanings on this card. Copy down in the space below meanings, phrases, and interpretations that intuitively stand out to you.

CHANNELED MESSAGE | Gaze meditatively at a subject featured on the card you drew. Personify that subject or imagine that it has come alive and is now sentient. Emotionally and communicatively bond with the subject. Speak to the subject, requesting that this subject impart upon you a divinatory message. Assure the subject, "I am listening. Tell me what you know." Close your eyes. A message will come to you, by clairvoyance, clairsentience, clairaudience, or claircognizance. Write it down.

O M E N S | Think of this card as an omen appearing to you. What is it an omen of? Muse and offer conjectures on what omens you think this card brings with regard to matters pertaining to finances, assets or liabilities, business, income, though this suit also relates to your produced work product.

G A I N S & O P P O R T U N I T I E S | What gains, opportunities, positive potential, blessings, assets, advantageous attributes, or assists does this card bring with regard to matters pertaining to finances, assets or liabilities, business, income, though this suit also relates to your produced work product.

C H A L L E N G E S | What challenges, potential difficulties, and hurdles does card bring with regard to matters pertaining to finances, assets or liabilities, business, income, though this suit also relates to your produced work product.

DIFFERING CALCULATION METHODS

That's the fun conundrum with metaphysics—there are myriad different approaches and differing even contradicting correspondence systems. Case in point, elemental and directional correspondences in the tarot.

What's important is to understand your rationale for doing what you do, and to go with the method or a correspondence system that aligns with your own philosophy, per the rationale.

Parentheses in mathematical expressions indicate separation of ideas, so you want to do those operations separately, before adding together (left to right).

Since we have established the concept of a Base Year (e.g., 2021 is a Key 5 Hierophant year, 2022 is a Key 6 Lovers year, etc.), calculating the Base Year as a separate order of operation just makes sense. It echoes the philosophy that every Base Year is "predetermined" to the extent that we already know what the Base Year tarot card will be by its mathematical expression.

In astrology, the month plus day is the degree of the sun. That's then its own unit of a concept. Our birthday (month plus day and sun sign degree) is what "modifies" the global generalities of a Base Year tarot card mathematical expression.

It then stands to reason that the sun sign degree, as an independent concept converted to numerology for this purpose, would be its own separate idea, warranting another set of parentheses. To me, it makes sense to do this as a separate predetermined order of operation, and then add the two predetermined sums together for the third and final order of operation.

When you run the calculation method this way, you end up with three operations for a trinity, aligning the method with Hermetic and Neo-Platonic philosophy, which in esoteric tarot, are deeply influential concepts.

So that's the rationale for my approach. However, it differs from the approach instructed in *Archetypal Tarot* and what I'd call the present majority view, which is as follows:

Example: August 26, 2012

Month of Birth	8	
Day of Birth	26	
+ Current Year	+ 2012	
Total Sum	2048	2 + 0 + 4 + 8 = 14 (Temperance)

My recommendation is to explore the different approaches, determine which one works the best for you, and then stick with it, i.e., remain consistent. Ultimately, it's personal consistency that's key.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE TAROT YEAR

Birthday is between...	Tarot Year Card Cycle
January 1 – June 30	January to January
July 1 – December 31	Birthday to Birthday

In *Archetypal Tarot*, it's noted that if your birthday falls between January 1 and June 30, your Tarot Year Cycle is more likely to be felt from one January to the next, so cleanly aligned with the calendar year.

However, for those with a late calendar season birthday, i.e., you were born between July 1 and December 31, then your sense of the Tarot Year per the corresponding Major Arcana card is more likely to be felt from your birthday to the next birthday, or solar return.

22 AND THE FOOL CARD

In *Archetypal Tarot*, the cut-off point for the theosophic reduction calculation is 23, meaning if the total sum for calculating your Tarot Year card is 23 or higher, then you add the digits together to theosophically reduce to a single digit. However, if the sum is 22, then that is assigned Key 0: The Fool card. So Key 0: The Fool can be one of the birth cards, and in the case of this workshop exercise, one of the Tarot Year cards.

My personal approach is to opt for the continuity of trinities and the sacred sevens, so I don't personally observe the 22 here. I treat The Fool card as a signifier, the designation of a reference point of view. However, as noted earlier with regard to calculation method, it's the rationale and philosophy that matters—what aligns with your own philosophy of life? Go with that approach. There's no wrong or right here-- just what seems to work for you.

STUDY YOUR YEAR CARD FROM DIFFERENT DECKS

This is an especially fun exercise when you extract your Tarot Year Card from different contemporary decks, because the range of artistic interpretation is greater. 2021 was a Key 20: Judgement year for me, so if I'm exploring the Judgement card, I'll pull out Key 20 from the multiple tarot decks I own and set those Key 20s out in a spread for study.

If you've got quite the tarot deck collection, pull out your Tarot Year card from seven, eight, heck up to ten different decks and lay the cards out in a spread while you go through the journaling prompts in the handout.

Read the layout of Tarot Year card versions as its own spread, i.e., scan the landscape for symbols that stand out to you, and note which symbols or signs are calling to your focus. Synthesize the different interpretations of that Major Arcana card. Take a photograph of the spread and revisit it throughout the Tarot Year.