

TAROT KEYWORDS & CORRESPONDENCES

Rider-Waite-Smith	Upright Keyword	Reversed Keyword	I Ching Trigrams	Metaphysical Correspondence	Golden Dawn Attributions	Archetype	Figure; Role
Key 0: The Fool	New Beginning	Naivete; Reckless	Heaven	Air	3 Aleph, Ox	The Wanderlust	The Innocent; The Initiate
Key 1: The Magician	Manifestation	Manipulation	[Xuan]	Mercury	9 Bet, House	The Creator	The Adept; The Creator
Key 2: High Priestess	Perceive; Listen	Repression	Water	Moon	9 Gimel, Camel	The Oracle	Keeper of Secrets
Key 3: The Empress	Abundance; Nurture	Unproductive	Heaven	Venus	9 Daleth, Door	The Nurturer	Earth Goddess; Caregiver
Key 4: The Emperor	Dominion; Lead	Insecurity; Rigidity	Fire	Aries	12 He, Window	The Sovereign	The Strategist; The Ruler
Key 5: Hierophant	Tradition; Teach	Dogma; Misguided	Mountain	Taurus	12 Vau, Nail	The Teacher	Tradition Bearer
Key 6: The Lovers	Choice; Union	Indecision	Lake	Gemini	12 Zayin, Sword	The Union	The Beloved; Covenant
Key 7: The Chariot	Control; Steer	Loss of Control	[Xuan]	Cancer	12 Chet, Court	The Beast Tamer	The Conqueror
Key 8: Strength	Patience; Courage	Feral; Self-Doubt	[Xuan]	Leo	12 Tet, Snake	The Inner Warrior	Gentle Warrior
Key 9: The Hermit	Wisdom; Right Path	Wrong Path	Mountain	Virgo	12 Yod, Hand	The Seeker	Keeper of Mysteries
Key 10: Wheel of Fortune	Turning Point	Misalignment	Wind	Jupiter	9 Kaf, Fist	The Turning Point	The Sphinx
Key 11: Justice	Strive for Equilibrium	With Prejudice	[Xuan]	Libra	12 Lamed, Goad	The Balancing Scales	The Judge
Key 12: Hanged Man	Pause for Perspective	Stagnant Energy	Water	Water	3 Mem, Water	The Sacrifice	The Penitent
Key 13: Death	Metamorphosis	Fear of Change	Wind	Scorpio	12 Nun, Fish	The Shapeshifter	The Reaper
Key 14: Temperance	Flow; Alignment	Excess; Imbalance	[Xuan]	Sagittarius	12 Samech, Peg	The Alchemist	Divine Genius
Key 15: The Devil	Attachments	Detachments	Earth	Capricorn	12 Ayin, Eye	The Shadow	The Allure
Key 16: The Tower	Shock; Upheaval	Rectify the Crisis	Thunder	Mars	9 Pay, Mouth	The Catalyst	The Revelation; Liberated
Key 17: The Star	Hope & Healing	Lack of Faith	Lake	Aquarius	12 Tsade, Hook	The Visionary	The Inspiration
Key 18: The Moon	Confusion; Flux	Reveal Deception	[Xuan]	Pisces	12 Oof, Ear	The Dreamer	The Night Traveler
Key 19: The Sun	Glory; Clarity	Disorientation	Fire	Sun	9 Resh, Head	The Illuminator	The Inner Child
Key 20: Judgement	Salvation; Renewal	Misconception	Thunder	Fire	3 Shin, Tooth	The Awakened One	The Redeemed
Key 21: The World	Achievement	Almost There...	Earth	Saturn	9 Tav, Cross	The Achiever	Crown of the Magi
Ace of Wands	Opportunity Comes	Procrastination	Fire	Sacred Fire	11, Metatron	The Spark	Firestarter
Two of Wands	Vision of Future	Limited Options	Thunder	Mars in Aries	Dominion	The Stargazer	The Planner
Three of Wands	Expansion; Enterprise	Obstacles; Delay	Fire	Sun in Aries	Est. Strength	The Prospector	The Merchant
Four of Wands	Prosperity; Stability	Rite of Passage	Thunder	Venus in Aries	Perfected Work	The Celebrant	The Homebuilder
Five of Wands	Competition	Reconciliation	Fire	Saturn in Leo	Strife	The Challenger	The Provocateur
Six of Wands	Recognition	Pride	Thunder	Jupiter in Leo	Victory	The Triumphant	The Laureled One

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Seven of Wands	Perseverance; Defend	Overwhelm	Fire	Mars in Leo	Valor	The Protector	Defender of Cause
Eight of Wands	Swift Action	Misfire; Delays	Thunder	Mercury in Sagittarius	Swiftness	The Messenger	The Catalyst
Nine of Wands	Defend Boundaries	Exhaustion	Fire	Moon in Sagittarius	Great Strength	The Perseverant	Wounded Warrior
Ten of Wands	Burden; Hard Work	Overloaded; Release	Thunder	Saturn in Sagittarius	Oppression	The Burdened	The Laborer
Page of Wands	Curiosity; Enthused	Lack of Direction	Thunder	Earth in Fire	7 / 11 Malkuth	The Explorer	The Enthusiast
Knight of Wands	Passionate Courage	Impatience	Fire	Air in Fire	4 / 12 Tiphareth	The Energizer	The Rebel
Queen of Wands	Power of Attraction	Too Impulsive	Thunder	Water in Fire	4 / 13 Binah	The Inspiration	The Sun Queen
King of Wands	Visionary leader	Poor Planning	Fire	Fire in Fire	4 / 14 Chokhmah	The Firebrand	The Sun King
Ace of Cups	Fulfillment	Emotional Block	Water	Holy Water	11, Zaphkiel	The Vessel	Overflowing Heart
Two of Cups	Affinity; Reciprocal	Misunderstanding	Wind	Venus in Cancer	Love	The Beloved	The Soulmate
Three of Cups	Celebration; Gathering	Hedonism	Water	Mercury in Cancer	Abundance	The Reveler	The Circle Maker
Four of Cups	Reevaluate	Be More Engaged	Wind	Moon in Cancer	Blended Pleasure	The Disenchanted	The Discontented One
Five of Cups	Disappointment	Moving On	Water	Mars in Scorpio	Loss in Pleasure	The Mourner	The Heartbroken Seeker
Six of Cups	Reminiscence	Clinging	Wind	Sun in Scorpio	Pleasure	The Nostalgic	Bridge to Yesterday
Seven of Cups	Decoys	Purpose Revealed	Water	Venus in Scorpio	Illusory Success	The Illusionist	The Dreamweaver
Eight of Cups	Letting Go	Confront the Truth	Wind	Saturn in Pisces	Abandoned Success	The Pilgrim	Seeker of Deep Waters
Nine of Cups	Wish Granted	Unrealized Desire	Water	Jupiter in Pisces	Material Happiness	The Fulfilled	The Joyful Connoisseur
Ten of Cups	Family Harmony	Discord	Wind	Mars in Pisces	Perpetual Success	The Harmonizer	Rainbow Dreamer
Page of Cups	Dreamer	Quixotic	Wind	Earth in Water	7 / 11 Malkuth	The Intuitive	The Poet; The Artist
Knight of Cups	Charisma	Moodiness	Water	Air in Water	4 / 12 Tiphareth	The Romantic	The Questing Lover
Queen of Cups	The Empath	Codependency	Wind	Water in Water	4 / 13 Binah	The Empath	The White Queen
King of Cups	Wise Judgment	Deceptive Acts	Water	Fire in Water	4 / 14 Chokhmah	The Counselor	Benevolent Ruler
Ace of Swords	A Breakthrough	Mental Blocks	Heaven	Sword of the Spirit	11, Kamael	The Truth-Seeker	The Breakthrough
Two of Swords	Dueling Missions	Stalemate	Lake	Moon in Libra	Peace Restored	The Diplomat	The Guarded Heart
Three of Swords	Face Hard Truths	A Disquiet Mind	Heaven	Saturn in Libra	Sorrow	The Heartbreaker	Seeker of Clarity
Four of Swords	Recuperate	Burnout	Lake	Jupiter in Libra	Rest from Strife	The Resting Warrior	The Monk
Five of Swords	Win at any Cost	Avoiding Conflict	Heaven	Venus in Aquarius	Defeat	The Conqueror	The Outsider
Six of Swords	Healing Journey	Yearning Escape	Lake	Mercury in Aquarius	Earned Success	The Voyager	The Traveler
Seven of Swords	Deceptive Tactics	Accountability	Heaven	Moon in Aquarius	Unstable Effort	The Trickster	The Lone Wolf

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Eight of Swords	Limbo	Emancipation	Lake	Jupiter in Gemini	Shortened Force	The Bound	The Overthinker
Nine of Swords	Haunted; Fears	Overcoming Fears	Heaven	Mars in Gemini	Despair & Cruelty	The Tormented	The Sleepless One
Ten of Swords	Existential Crisis	Lessons Learned	Lake	Sun in Gemini	Ruin	The Fallen Hero	The Final Lesson
Page of Swords	Decisive Action	Gossip; Badmouth	Lake	Earth in Air	7 / 11 Malkuth	The Storyteller	The Interrogator
Knight of Swords	Determination	Rash Decisions	Heaven	Air in Air	4 / 12 Tiphareth	The Crusader	The Gladiator
Queen of Swords	Independence	Elitism; Cruelty	Lake	Water in Air	4 / 13 Binah	The Intellect	The Truth Teller
King of Swords	Intellectualism	Ulterior Motives	Heaven	Fire in Air	4 / 14 Chokmah	The Philosopher	The Authority
Ace of Pentacles	Prosperity	Miles to Go	Earth	Bread of Life	11, Haniel	The Seed	Prosperity Bringer
Two of Pentacles	Adapt to Change	Stressed by Change	Mountain	Jupiter in Capricorn	Harmonious Change	The Strategist	The Juggler
Three of Pentacles	Status Upgrade	Displacement	Earth	Mars in Capricorn	Material Works	The Collaborator	The Craftsman
Four of Pentacles	Possessiveness	Stubbornness	Mountain	Sun in Capricorn	Earthly Power	The Collector	The Protector
Five of Pentacles	Adversity	Recovery; Relief	Earth	Mercury in Taurus	Material Trouble	The Exiled	The Outcast
Six of Pentacles	Be Charitable	Fix the Inequality	Mountain	Moon in Taurus	Material Success	The Giver	The Benefactor
Seven of Pentacles	Patience Needed	Too Impatient	Earth	Saturn in Taurus	Success Unfulfilled	The Cultivator	The Patient One
Eight of Pentacles	Diligence	Mediocrity	Mountain	Sun in Virgo	Prudence	The Apprentice	The Perfectionist
Nine of Pentacles	Refinement	Materialism	Earth	Venus in Virgo	Material Gain	The Refined Spirit	The Aristocrat
Ten of Pentacles	Legacy; Prestige	Family Conflict	Mountain	Mercury in Virgo	Wealth	The Legacy Maker	The Patriarch; The Heir
Page of Pentacles	Scholarship	Lacking Diligence	Mountain	Earth in Earth	7 / 11 Malkuth	The Student	The Diligent One
Knight of Pentacles	Methodic	Timidity	Earth	Air in Earth	4 / 12 Tiphareth	The Builder	The Loyal One
Queen of Pentacles	Capital Gains	Vulnerability	Mountain	Water in Earth	4 / 13 Binah	The Provider	Lady of Means
King of Pentacles	Establishment	Shortsightedness	Earth	Fire in Earth	4 / 14 Chokmah	The Steward	Lord of Wealth

THE TAROT & I CHING TRIGRAM CORRESPONDENCES:

In this system, 72 of the 78 cards correspond with one of the eight trigrams of the Ba Gua. The distribution is balanced by 8 trigrams corresponding each with 9 cards from the tarot, creating an 8 x 9 symmetry that mirrors the 72-fold sacred numerology found in Kabbalistic, Solomonick, and Western esoteric traditions.

In Taoist mysticism, the 72 astrological/astronomical are personified as deities. 24 solar terms in the Chinese lunisolar calendar multiplied by 3 (three) 5-day periods (pentads) = 72 pentads. The cycle of the sun (Way of the Sun) is 360°. Divided by 24 solar terms = 15° per solar term (15 days per solar term in the lunisolar calendar system). Each of these 15 days are subdivided into 3 sets of 5-day periods (5 for the Wu Xing, so each day in the 5-day cycle corresponds with Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water), and there’s 3 of those in each 15° solar term (meaning 3 pentads). 24 solar terms x 3 pentads = 72 pentads. The 72 x 5-day Wu Xing periods equals 360 days marking one complete cycle of the Sun’s orbit.

☰ | THE XUAN HEXAGRAM REVEALED IN THE TAROT MAJOR ARCANA

Key 1	Key 2	Key 3	Key 4	Key 5	Key 6	Key 7
Key 8	Key 9	Key 10	Key 11	Key 12	Key 13	Key 14
Key 15	Key 16	Key 17	Key 18	Key 19	Key 20	Key 21

The remaining 6 Major Arcana cards (Magician, Chariot, Strength/Justice (both Keys 8 and 11), Temperance, and The Moon are assigned to Xuán ☰, the “mystery,” or ninth phantom guà: a metaphysical hexagram that represents the unseen, pre-manifest void. These six cards form the six lines of this “hidden hexagram,” expressing the doubled Tria Prima, the six-fold structure of magical equilibrium, and the “innate qi” underlying all 64 hexagrams. Thus, six cards correspond to Xuán because they embody pure spirit principles that cannot be reduced to yin/yang line patterns and therefore lie outside the eight-trigram matrix.

When any Xuán card appears in casting a hexagram from tarot, the other trigram card is “doubled,” producing its Spirit Helper (a doubled trigram):



THE EIGHT SPIRIT HELPERS









Heaven   Heaven	Lake   Lake	Fire   Fire	Thunder   Thunder
1 Qian  CREATIVE POWER	58 Dui  JOYOUS EXCHANGE	30 Li  THE SPARK	51 Zhen  JOLT ( <i>bolt of power</i> )
<b>Initiatory directive power, contact with celestial yang forces.</b> Alignment with Heaven’s Mandate. “Dragon channels” opened (leadership, decisive insight & action, righteous ambition).	<b>Inner joy, social success, agreements</b> or pacts. Clarity, charisma, diplomacy; successful negotiation. Career advancement; public presence; public speaking; allies, patrons, partners. Magnetized persuasion.	<b>Attraction.</b> Casting out a fishing line to hook an objective and reeling it in toward you. To tether to an object; What you reach for is ready to be drawn toward you. Aim with integrity and precision. Attract resources and gains toward yourself.	<b>Amplified, dynamic force.</b> To absorb the powers of thunder <i>qi</i> and amplify the magus’s personal power. Thunder-Qi. Surge of energy and ability. Magical potency in spells, prayers, workings. Remove obstacles. Amplify your inner thunder.
Wind   Wind	Water   Water	Mountain   Mountain	Earth   Earth
57 Sun  USE GENTLE FORCE	29 Kan  THE ABYSS	52 Gen  LISTEN TO THE WIND	2 Kun  SUPPORTIVE POWER
<b>Prosperity Flow, Favorable Fortunes.</b> Steady, continuous flow of resources and opportunities. Windfall. Cycle of profit begins. Small winds gather lasting prosperity.	<b>Spirit-World Navigation; The Underworld.</b> Guides safe passage through yin realms. Offers protection. Enhance mediumship and trance work; ancestral connections. Navigate unseen waterways.	<b>Third Eye Cavern.</b> Stabilizes the mind and spirit for meditation and mystical perception. Inner visions come. Awakening. Supports inner alchemy and crystallization of wisdom. Stillness reveals truth. Sanctuary of stillness.	<b>Fertility, mediumship, contact with sacred yin.</b> Enhances connection to ghost realms. Supports nurturing, caregiving, receptive wisdom. Safe gestation of all you wish to manifest. Creativity; project productivity.

When both cards in the pair are Xuán, the result is the phantom 65th hexagram, signaling direct presence of the Tao (the numinous void, the Great Mystery) or a concealed invisible force shaping events.

The system maps each of the eight trigrams to TWO Major Arcana cards, TWO court cards, and FIVE pip cards, organized by the elemental logic of yin/yang suits:

Active Suits		Passive Suits	
Wands = Fire	Swords = Air	Cups = Water	Pentacles = Earth
<div><div>▪ Yang trigram: Kings, Knights, odd numbers</div><div>▪ Yin trigram: Queens, Pages, even numbers</div></div>		<div><div>▪ Yin trigram: Kings, Knights, odd numbers</div><div>▪ Yang trigram: Queens, Pages, even numbers</div></div>	

Each trigram is therefore expressed through a coherent set of nine tarot cards reflecting its elemental and symbolic nature:

 Li   <b>Fire</b>	 Zhen   <b>Thunder</b>	 Xun   <b>Wind</b>	 Kan   <b>Water</b>
Emperor Sun Wands Fire-Yang set	Judgement Tower Wands Fire-Yin set	Death Wheel of Fortune Cups Water-Yang set	Hanged Man High Priestess Cups Water-Yin set
 Qian   <b>Heaven</b>	 Dui   <b>Lake</b>	 Gen   <b>Mountain</b>	 Kun   <b>Earth</b>
Fool Empress Swords Air-Yang set	Lovers Star Swords Air-Yin set	Hermit Hierophant Pentacles Earth-Yang set	World Devil Pentacles Earth-Yin set

Structurally, this yields exactly 8 trigrams each assigned 9 cards in the tarot for a total of 72 cards corresponding with the 8 trigrams, and leaving 6 Xuan cards forming the metaphysical ninth category. Those 6 Xuan cards in the Major Arcana align in a sacred trinitarian symmetry.

TAROT AND I CHING TRIGRAM CORRESPONDENCES

MAJOR ARCANA

Tarot	Trigram
Key 0: The Fool	Heaven
Key 1: The Magician	Xuan [Spirit Helper]
Key 2: The High Priestess	Water
Key 3: The Empress	Heaven
Key 4: The Emperor	Fire
Key 5: The Hierophant	Mountain
Key 6: The Lovers	Lake
Key 7: The Chariot	Xuan [Spirit Helper]
Key 8: Strength / Justice	Xuan [Spirit Helper]
Key 9: The Hermit	Mountain
Key 10: Wheel of Fortune	Wind

Tarot	Trigram
Key 11: Justice / Strength	Xuan [Spirit Helper]
Key 12: The Hanged Man	Water
Key 13: Death	Xuan Wind
Key 14: Temperance	Xuan [Spirit Helper]
Key 15: The Devil	Earth
Key 16: The Tower	Thunder
Key 17: The Star	Lake
Key 18: The Moon	Xuan [Spirit Helper]
Key 19: The Sun	Fire
Key 20: Judgement	Thunder
Key 21: The World	Earth

SUIT OF WANDS

Tarot	Trigram
Ace of Wands	Fire
Two of Wands	Thunder
Three of Wands	Fire
Four of Wands	Thunder
Five of Wands	Fire
Six of Wands	Thunder
Seven of Wands	Fire

Tarot	Trigram
Eight of Wands	Thunder
Nine of Wands	Fire
Ten of Wands	Thunder
Page of Wands	Thunder
Knight of Wands	Fire
Queen of Wands	Thunder
King of Wands	Fire

SUIT OF CUPS

Tarot	Trigram
Ace of Cups	Water
Two of Cups	Wind
Three of Cups	Water
Four of Cups	Wind
Five of Cups	Water
Six of Cups	Wind
Seven of Cups	Water

Tarot	Trigram
Eight of Cups	Wind
Nine of Cups	Water
Ten of Cups	Wind
Page of Cups	Wind
Knight of Cups	Water
Queen of Cups	Wind
King of Cups	Water

SUIT OF SWORDS

Tarot	Trigram
Ace of Swords	Heaven
Two of Swords	Lake
Three of Swords	Heaven
Four of Swords	Lake
Five of Swords	Heaven
Six of Swords	Lake
Seven of Swords	Heaven

Tarot	Trigram
Eight of Swords	Lake
Nine of Swords	Heaven
Ten of Swords	Lake
Page of Swords	Lake
Knight of Swords	Heaven
Queen of Swords	Lake
King of Swords	Heaven

SUIT OF PENTACLES (COINS *OR* DISKS)

Tarot	Trigram
Ace of Pentacles	Earth
Two of Pentacles	Mountain
Three of Pentacles	Earth
Four of Pentacles	Mountain
Five of Pentacles	Earth
Six of Pentacles	Mountain
Seven of Pentacles	Earth

Tarot	Trigram
Eight of Pentacles	Mountain
Nine of Pentacles	Earth
Ten of Pentacles	Mountain
Page of Pentacles	Mountain
Knight of Pentacles	Earth
Queen of Pentacles	Mountain
King of Pentacles	Earth