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# THE HANGED MAN

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**Bound Foot:**  
Balance Between  
the Physical  
and Spiritual



**Position:** Unifying  
the Spiritual and  
Material Worlds



**Halo:**  
Holiness

**Yes/No Reading:**



*Yes*



*No*








*Maybe*

**Names in Other Tarot Systems:**

**Golden Dawn:** The Hanged Man

**Tarot of Marseilles:** Le Pandu

**Thoth:** The Hanged Man

				
PLANET Neptune	ZODIAC Pisces	ELEMENT Water	HEBREW Mem	COUNT Primordial Element

**Upright: *Perspective, Sacrifice, Surrender, Metamorphosis, Suspension***

The Hanged Man indicates that you may be in a situation where nothing seems to be moving, and it's a time to pause, reflect, and gain clarity. Rather than pushing forward, it is an opportune moment to pause and reflect, gaining clarity and assessing your current position. During this voluntary non-action period, you may find it helpful to let go of old patterns and beliefs that no longer serve you. Surrendering to the natural flow of life, even if it feels counterintuitive, can offer fresh insights and new perspectives.

Emulating the Hanged Man, you may consider making a temporary sacrifice or giving up certain comforts in exchange for greater understanding or long-term rewards. Although it may feel like stagnation or delay, remember that this pause can be beneficial. Allow things to unfold naturally instead of forcing decisions or actions, and you may be surprised at the positive outcomes that follow.

**Reversed: *Burnout, Ego, Resistant to Change, Stalling, Apathy, Confusion***

When the Hanged Man is reversed, it can signify a reluctance to accept necessary changes or sacrifices. This resistance may stem from a fear of letting go of old habits and patterns, despite recognizing their potential for transformation. There may be a tendency to avoid introspection or reject alternate perspectives, due to discomfort with facing the truth about oneself. If you've been waiting for a particular event or outcome, the reversed Hanged Man can suggest mounting frustration over delays or unfulfilled expectations.

However, instead of taking a passive approach, the reversed Hanged Man urges taking proactive steps. Overthinking or excessive analysis can impede progress. Additionally, it may indicate that current actions or decisions don't align with personal beliefs and values, prompting a reassessment of choices to better reflect one's true self.



**CHAKRA:**  
Crown

**TIMING:**  
Undetermined

**NUMEROLOGY:**  
3, 12

**ARCANA RELATION:**  
The Empress

**DEITY:**  
Attis, Artemis, Buddha, Ishtar,  
Jesus, Persophone, Odin, Osiris

**ANIMAL:**  
Eagle, Scorpion, Snake

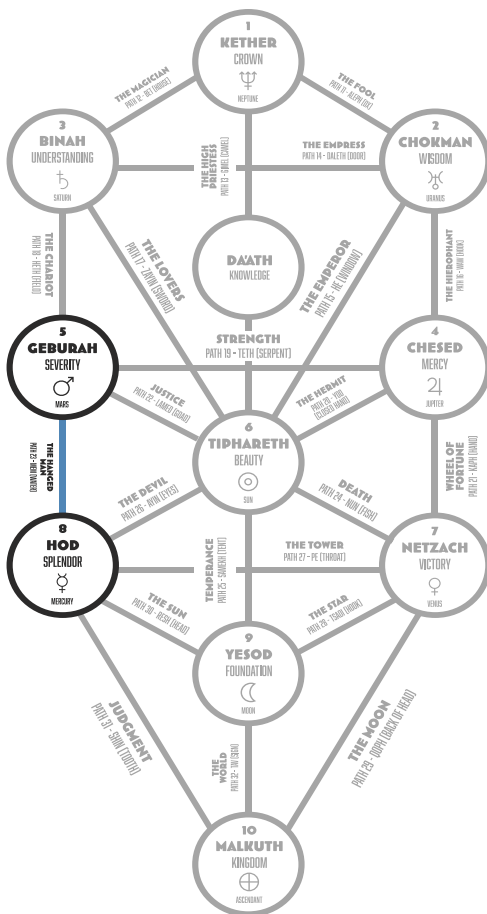
**CRYSTAL:**  
Aquamarine, Aquamarine,  
Beryl, Lepidolite, Moss Agate,  
Tiger's Eye

**PLANT:**  
Ash, Grape, Ivy, Kelp, Lotus,  
Marigold, Valerian, Water Plants

**MAGICKAL ITEM:**  
Conch, Cross of Suffering,  
Crystal Ball, Cup, Trident, Wine

**ARCHANGEL:**  
N/A

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**WHITE**  
Beginning, Humility,  
Purity



**SEA GREEN**  
Renewal,  
Fluidity



**INDIGO**  
Emotion, Fluidity,  
Expressiveness

At the core of the Hanged Man card lies a captivating feature: a person who is suspended upside-down in a precarious position, yet still appears tranquil, often encompassed by a halo or radiant light signifying enlightenment or a newfound perspective. This suspended figure represents sacrifice, particularly the act of sacrificing oneself for a higher purpose or to attain greater comprehension.

One of the person's legs is securely fastened to a crossbeam, while the other is bent at a right angle, creating a shape that evokes the number 4. This pose embodies introspection and deep reflection. Depending on the deck, the Hanged Man's arms may be positioned behind their back or forming a triangular shape with their head, underscoring the themes of sacrifice and spiritual perception.

The backdrop of the card differs depending on the deck, with some featuring a plain background indicating solitude, while others depict foliage that implies growth and transformation through self-sacrifice.



**ZODIAC:** Pisces (February 19 – March 20) is a Water sign ruled by Neptune. Pisceans are known for their emotional depth and keen intuition.



**PLANET:** Neptune governs the realm of dreams, fantasies, and illusions. It blurs the lines between reality and the ethereal, making it hard to distinguish between what's tangible and what's imagined.



**ELEMENT:** Water rules emotions and is a symbol of healing, peace, dreams, and compassion. It is associated with Winter, the Suit of Cups, and the West cardinal direction.



**HERMETIC QABALAH** Associated Hebrew Letter: Mem – Water (Overpower, Reversal)



**TREE OF LIFE PATHWAY:** 23rd Path Between Geburah (Severity) and Hod (Splendor)