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# THE DEVIL

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**Priestly Blessing**  
Hand Gesture:  
Benevolence



**Inverted Pentacle:**  
Dark Occultism

**Human Poses:**  
Subservience



**Chains:** Choice  
in Imprisonment



**Black Box:**  
The Unknown

**Tails:** Lust and  
Drunkenness

**Yes/No Reading:**



*Yes*

*No*

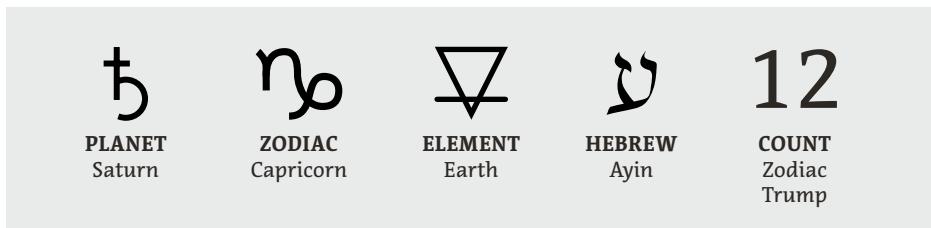
*Maybe*

**Names in Other Tarot Systems:**

Golden Dawn: The Devil

Tarot of Marseilles: Le Diable

Thoth: The Devil



### **Upright: *Addiction, Limitations, Obsession, Secrecy, Envy, Temptation, Fear***

The upright Devil card is a powerful symbol of temptation and the allure of material wealth, serving as a reminder of the seductive nature of all physical and emotional desires. Overindulging in habits, substances, or relationships can lead to bondage, and not just in the physical sense. Emotional dependencies and behaviors can also hold you back from personal growth.

The Devil card delves into the realm of the shadow self, bringing to light the aspects of one's psyche that is often suppressed. These can be dark desires, repressed emotions, or deep-seated fears that you struggle to confront. Acknowledging these parts of yourself is the first step towards healing.

Moreover, the Devil card warns against placing emphasis on material pleasures and instant gratification at the expense of spiritual growth and deeper connections. It prompts one to reflect on their priorities and consider whether they're sacrificing long-term fulfillment for short-term gains. It reminds to find a more balanced and holistic approach to life and avoid being blinded by materialism.

### **Reversed: *Independence, Release, Recovery, Restoring Control, Revelation***

The reversed Devil symbolizes liberation from restrictions and boundaries. What were once seemingly unbreakable chains now appear feeble, marking a newfound sense of freedom from past dependencies, unhealthy relationships, and self-imposed limitations. This position signifies a time of self-liberation and empowerment, as individuals come to terms with the restraints they've been held back by and actively strive to free themselves.

After confronting one's darker side and the allure of temptations, there comes a phase of enlightenment where individuals acknowledge the power of their own decisions. By taking the time to reflect and confront their fears, cravings, and harmful habits, they emerge with a better understanding of their true selves, prepared to make healthier choices in the future.



## CHAKRA: Root

**TIMING:**  
December 22 – January 19

## NUMEROLOGY:

## ARCANA RELATION: The Lovers

**DEITY:**

Lilith, Bacchus, Baphomet,  
Dionysus, Lucifer,  
Mephistopheles, Pan,  
The Morrigan, Satan

**ANIMAL:**

Ass, Goat, Oyster

## CRYSTAL:

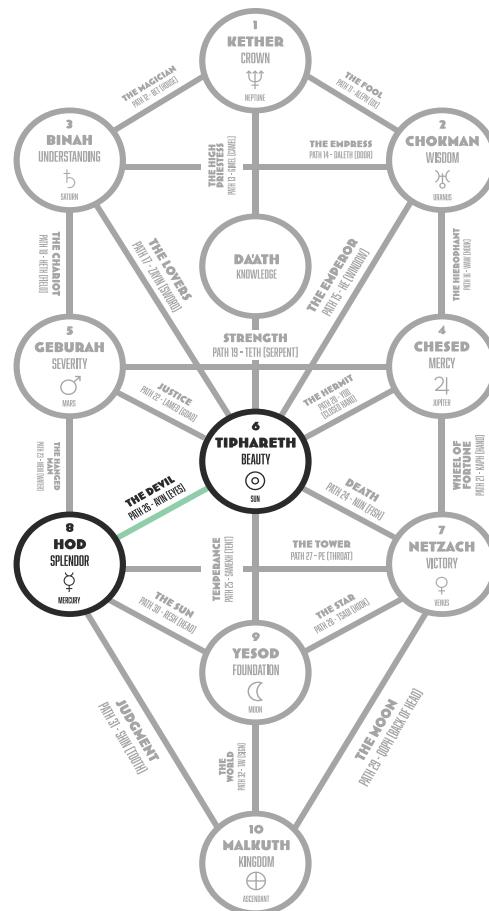
Apache Tears, Black Diamond,  
Black Garnet, Black Onyx,  
Hematite, Jet, Malachite,  
Obsidian, Tektite,  
Tourmaline, Turquoise

**PLANT:**

Carnation, Fig, Indian Hemp,  
Lobelia, Marijuana, Mugwort,  
Orris Root, Rosemary,  
Thistle, Yohimba

## **MAGICKAL ITEM:**

## ARCHANGEL: Azrael, Cassiel



GREY

## Stability, Neutrality Reserve



INDIGO

## INDIGO

### Emotion, Fluidity Expressiveness



## BLACK

## Dignity, Force, Stability, Protection

The Devil card is an impactful and evocative image, inciting strong emotional responses. This card often portrays a towering, horned devil sitting on a throne, observing two chained individuals, usually a man and a woman. This imposing creature represents temptation, materialism, bondage, and the darker aspects of humanity that lead to excess and addiction.

The figures chained at the card's base symbolize the consequences of surrendering to temptations or allowing primal instincts to govern one's actions. Their chains indicate their self-imposed captivity, signifying the feelings of entrapment, addiction, or unhealthy attachments one may face. However, a closer examination reveals that the chains are loose, indicating that one can escape such bondage with sufficient self-awareness and determination.

The card's overall dark palette, with its deep blacks, browns, and fiery reds, creates a sense of foreboding. The torch held by the Devil, often pointing downward, suggests the illumination of the underworld and the inversion of spiritual enlightenment. The barren, fiery background, void of any life or vegetation, speaks to the destructive nature of unchecked passions and the potential desolation that can result from being consumed by materialism and base desires.



**ZODIAC:** Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) is an Earth sign ruled by Saturn. Capricorns are known for their grounded, pragmatic approach, and are often focused on tangible outcomes.



**PLANET:** Saturn is often referred to as the “taskmaster” of the planets. It brings structure, discipline, and the boundaries that are necessary for both personal and societal functioning.



**ELEMENT:** Earth represents death and rebirth. It is the realm of abundance, prosperity, and wealth. It is associated with Autumn, the Suit of Pentacles, and the North cardinal direction.



**HERMETIC QABALAH** Associated Hebrew Letter: Ayin – Eyes (Experience, Knowledge)



**TREE OF LIFE PATHWAY:** 26th Path Between Tiphareth (Beauty) and Hod (Splendor)