



# KNIGHT OF CUPS

M I N O R   A R C A N A

**Wings of  
Hermes:**  
Messenger



**Cup:**  
Presentation  
of Ideas and  
Opportunities



**Fish on Tunic:**  
Happiness,  
Subconscious



**Mountains:**  
Obstacles

**Yes/No Reading:**



*Yes*



*No*



*Maybe*

**Names in Other Tarot Systems:**

Golden Dawn: Prince of Cups

Tarot of Marseilles: Cavalier of Cups

Thoth: Prince of Cups

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PLANET	ZODIAC	ELEMENT	NUMEROLOGY	COUNT
	Pisces, Scorpio, Cancer	Water		

**Upright: Idealist, Romantic, Chivalry, Grace, Emotional, Imaginative, Sensitive**

This knight embodies the qualities of a romantic and poetic soul, approaching situations with compassion and understanding. They often bring messages of love and emotional proposals, such as romantic invitations, new friendships, or heartfelt offerings of emotion. The knight is a dreamer deeply in tune with their feelings and those of others, making them highly empathetic and considerate.

The upright Knight of Cups also represents creativity and artistic flair. This card can signify when one feels inspired to embark on a new creative project, explore their imagination, or delve into their subconscious through dreams and meditative experiences. The knight encourages introspection and encourages individuals to trust their inner voice and intuitive pulls and to express these emotions through art or spiritual practices. The Knight of Cups also cautions against becoming too lost in emotions and dreams. One should be mindful of the temptation to be overly idealistic, ignoring the practical aspects of a situation.

**Reversed: Moodiness, Deception, Vanity, Disappointment, Heartbreak, Sadness**

When introspecting, the reversed Knight of Cups suggests a period of emotional confusion, disillusionment, or creative block. It represents feelings of artistic stagnation or when emotional expression feels challenging or inauthentic. Becoming trapped in a world of unrealistic expectations or emotional escapism can prevent one from facing daily life’s real challenges and responsibilities.

Even in its reversed state, the Knight of Cups card calls for individuals to better understand their emotional landscape. It highlights the need to find balance by harnessing the depth and richness of emotions and intuition without becoming overwhelmed. It’s a reminder to ground oneself, seek clarity, and ensure that emotions, while a valuable guide, don’t cloud judgment to the point of inaction or self-deception. Taking a step back, reflecting, and seeking a balanced approach to emotions can help steer the ship back in the right direction and bring a sense of stability and peace.

## Upright Interpretations

**General Reading:** It may represent an invitation or proposal, or the arrival of something new and emotionally fulfilling in your life. The energy is dreamy, artistic, and introspective, signaling a time to trust your intuition and emotions.

**Love Reading:** This could indicate a new romantic proposal, invitation, or someone entering your life who embodies these traits. For those in a relationship, it suggests a deepening emotional bond and understanding.

**Health Reading:** This card is a gentle reminder to take care of your emotional and mental well-being. There might be a need for emotional healing or taking time to nurture oneself. Listening to your intuition and understanding your feelings will play a key role in maintaining or restoring health.

**Career Reading:** Expect proposals, new creative projects, or opportunities that align with your passions. The Knight of Cups in a career reading indicates pursuing what you love and possibly collaborating with someone who shares your vision and passion.

## Reversed Interpretations

**General Reading:** The Knight of Cups reversed suggests emotional turmoil, unrealistic daydreaming, or moodiness. It can indicate a person who is overly emotional, potentially manipulative, or not trustworthy. Alternatively, you might be feeling out of touch with your own emotions or facing creative blocks.

**Love Reading:** In the realm of romance, this card reversed might signify a relationship that's based more on fantasy than reality, or a lover who's elusive, moody, or insincere. It can also point towards infatuations that are short-lived or a warning against wearing rose-colored glasses.

**Health Reading:** You might be neglecting your emotional health or internalizing stress and feelings. There could be mood swings or a feeling of being overwhelmed by emotions. It's crucial to seek balance and possibly professional help if these feelings become too much to handle on your own.

**Career Reading:** There might be a lack of inspiration or motivation in your current job or project. The reversed Knight of Cups can also point to missed opportunities, feeling unfulfilled, or dealing with colleagues or clients who are unreliable or emotionally draining.

Depicted as a knight riding a white horse, the Knight of Cups is often viewed as the most romantic of the court cards. While the knight's armor serves as protection, it's lighter than other knights', suggesting a balance between guardedness and openness. Unlike the Knight of Swords' steed, the horse moves gracefully, reflecting a calm approach.

Holding a single cup, the knight signifies emotional offerings or messages. The cup is often ornate, showcasing the depth and beauty of emotional experience and the arts. The background typically includes flowing streams or a calm river, reinforcing the theme of emotions and intuition. The knight's helmet or heels might have wings decorated on them, symbolizing their connection with the fluid and dreamy realm of emotions and imagination.

The card's overall feeling is dreaminess, creativity, and romance. The Knight of Cups leads with their heart instead of their head, navigating the world with intuition, empathy, and emotional understanding.



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



Scorpio (October 23 – November 21) is a Water sign ruled by Pluto. Scorpions are known for their intensity and depth.



Cancer (June 21 – July 22) is a Water sign ruled by the Moon. Cancers are highly empathetic, although they can be initially perceived as cold and distant. They're often caregivers and nurturing.



**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: Heh – Window (Vision, Reasoning)



**QABALISTIC SEPHIROT:** Tiphareth (Beauty)



**TIMING:** October 13 – November 22