

10 of SWORDS – RUIN

Key Words: *Sun and Moon in Gemini; fear of insanity; broken heart; fear of the destructive energy of accumulated anger; negative thinking.*

Nine of swords direct their superior aggressive force from all directions at once against a tenth and destroy it completely. This tenth sword bears the symbols of the sun and the heart.

This card shows the destructive power of constant negative thinking. It is an image of insanity, a confused uproar of soulless mechanisms. Even the last remains of joy of life (Sun), love for yourself and others, as well as existence (heart) threaten to fall prey to this negativity. Negativity disrupts and destroys the soul's striving toward harmony and balance.

The situation is also a threat to your external conditions. This may make financial ruin, or the loss of other meaningful possessions or possible needs.

Indications: The first step is to recognize your fear of insanity and ruin. The second step is to understand the negative energy which lies hidden behind your fear. If you want to, you can vanquish this fear by recognizing it.

Questions: What are your greatest fears? How would the total destruction of your life look!

Suggestion: Once you have recognized in what areas your fears lie, formulate your own specific affirmations, using only positive terms, to help you »reprogram« yourself.

Affirmation: I invite the positive into my life and welcome it whole-heartedly.

The Ten of Swords symbolizes fear of ruin. This is a state of mental despair, or fear held in the mind to such a point that you have made a conscious decision that things are not going to work out in two arenas of your life, either in an emotional relationship, which is symbolized by the pierced heart, or about finances, which is symbolized by scales at the top of the card. The astrological aspect of this card is Sun in Gemini. Individuals who have Sun in Gemini are mentally gifted in synthesizing polarities, oppositions and paradox. Because they have this ability, they are able to look at all aspects of a situation, the positive aspects as well as the negative aspects, and in their facility to do this, sometimes they are able to see things which produce fear within their nature and especially in those issues concerning matters of the heart or finances, or practical implementation of creative ideas.

When you pull this card, it may indicate that in the next ten weeks or the next ten months you will want to resolve negative thinking that produces fear of ruin about your relationship with Gemini people in your life, anyone born May 21 to June 21; or in the next ten weeks or the next ten months, you may want to release fears of ruin surrounding financial situations or fears of ruin surrounding emotional relationships that are important to you at this point in time. Also, what you may be releasing could be old fears held in the mind or old memories that were imprinted about relationships or about finances that may go back to the last ten months or to ten years ago, or when you were ten years old. It might be interesting to take a look to see which of your parents had a lot of fear about finances, or fear about relationships not working out, because within the next ten weeks or the next ten months, you are determined to release old fears of ruin concerning finances and relationships that might have been imprinted through family conditioning. The number 10 is associated with an aspect of the Wheel of Fortune, so this is fear that is moving, or there is an attempt consciously in the mind to turn things in a more fortunate, positive direction in the next ten weeks and in the next ten months. The Wheel of Fortune card can be drawn upon for visual support in turning this situation into the direction of more positive results rather than fearful results. This symbol reminds us not to make statements such as "it's not going to work." or "I know it's not going to work," which is consciously deciding that things are not going to work. Somehow in the next ten weeks or in the next ten months, you will release the fear that produces negative thinking that leads to decisions about things not working.