

## 2 of CUPS - LOVE

**Key Words:** *Venus in Cancer; receptive love; happy relationships; emotional exchange.*

If you love yourself, you are attractive to others. Your receptiveness toward yourself prepares you to give yourself totally to someone else. A deep emotional exchange will be possible, a giving and receiving of overflowing love. The union occurs in complete harmony, as symbolized by the entwined fishes. Two lotus blossoms rise out of the mud and bloom. The cups are filled, and overflow, symbolizing the overflowing emotional riches present. This is an image of complete joy and silent ecstasy.

The water is still and the sky clear and blue. Deep joy (yellow) flows into the emotions (water) and the energy of renewal (green) permeates them (compare Two of Swords). Thoughts are free and clear (blue sky). Seen through the eyes of love, the world appears transformed.

**Indications:** *Your readiness to receive love makes you attractive. Surrender: to yourself, to others, to life!*

**Question:** *With which persons, in which surroundings can you now share your love?*

**Suggestion:** *Pay attention to the love coming to you now. Remain open, and let it enter you and go deep inside.*

**Affirmation:** *There is nothing to do but enjoy what life offers. I am now ready to let into my life the love relationships which will fulfill me.*

**The Two of Cups** is love. This represents the type of love that is nurturing, creative, inspirational, clear, and equally fulfilling. This is love that reflects strong communication, as symbolized by the red dolphins, in total expression to each other. It's love that is internally experienced as well as externally experienced, which is reflected by the double pink lotus blossoms, representing the concept of "as above - so below, as within - so with- out." The Two of Cups represents love that is equal and special, which is symbolized by the equally filled cups. This is love that is not symbiotic. It is love that is fully expressed from an individual place, and love that is extended to another without self-abandonment or self-diminishment. It is the type of love where each of the individuals feels equal to the other and simultaneously very special to each other. We all have had the experience of what it is like to have an equal relationship and yet not feel special, which is often the collegial or professional relationship, and we've often had the experience of knowing what it is like to be special but not equal. The Two of Cups represents both equal and special love. It is a creative love, which is represented by the green sea. It's an inspirational and spiritual love which is represented by the yellow reflection on the water, and it's love that's clear and focused, which is represented by the blue sky. The astrological aspect of this card is Venus in Cancer. Venus is the planet of love, beauty and creative power; Cancer is the astrological symbol of nurturing, comforting, supporting, and healing. The sign of Cancer is associated with family and the home, so this is also love that is comforting, supporting, healing. It is also love that is very much expressed within the family and the home, and in all other areas of our life.

Whenever you pull this card, it indicates that within the next two weeks or the next two months, there will be an experience of emotional balance and emotional fulfillment with capacity to give love as well as to receive love in equal proportion. It also indicates that in the next two weeks or the next two months would be a good time to extend and receive love from Cancer people in your life, anyone born June 21 to July 21; or it would be a good time to extend and receive love from important family members or extended family members. This can also indicate a love for two people, two situations, two gifts, talents, resources that you have, and that somehow those two loves in your life whatever they may be, are equally balanced and fulfilling in the next two weeks or the next two months.