

8 of SWORDS – INTERFERENCE

Key Words: *Jupiter in Gemini; problems with endurance; worry from thinking too much; difficulty in making a choice.*

Two strong central swords are crossed by six crooked sabers. You find yourself having to choose between two alternatives of apparently equal merit. You will not come to a decision by reflecting analytically. Your doubt, or fears of making the wrong choice, constantly destroy your inner clarity. You are also lacking endurance, which you will need if you are to clarify this confused situation. No matter where you turn, no satisfactory solution seems to exist. The more you try to unravel the tangled ball of yarn, the tighter the knots become.

Indications: Let things rest and develop on their own for a while. As long as doubt concerning these decisions remains, don't go for anything new. Jupiter is harbinger of unforeseen and unexpected change for the better. The problem which seems unsolvable now will find its own solution in its own way.

Question: What alternatives are you torn between now?

Suggestion: Relax and let things develop. Draw cards for the possible alternatives.

Affirmation: I am relaxed and trust Life.

The Eight of Swords is the doubting, non-trusting, over-analytical mind. Basically, it's the mind that is considering either two options, two issues, two situations, or two people, and then going back and forth on which would be the better option or the better choice.

Whenever you pull this card, it's a re- minder that when you are in states of doubt or confusion or interference, that it is a time to wait, it is not a time to act. The Eight of Swords represents that somehow in the next eight weeks or the next eight months, there will be more clarity. The work to be done at this time is to trust and wait rather than to over-analyze for purposes of attempting to control situations, or for purposes of over-analyzing things to such a degree that it creates doubt, confusion and interference. This symbol can also represent that in the next eight weeks or the next eight months there will be more clarity and it's important that when there is not clarity, that one waits rather than acts, until that clarity reveals itself. The Eight of Swords also represents that you may be considering ways of how you can bring two issues, or situations, or people, together to create a greater whole rather than feeling that you need to make a choice between two issues, situations or people. The Eight of Swords may also indicate there could be choices surrounding Gemini people in your life, anyone born May 21 to June 21, and that if you are in states of doubt or confusion about Gemini people, that it is not a time to act or be decisive, but it is a time to wait. The Adjustment archetype in the Major Arcana section is available to be drawn on for support in balancing and weighing the choices that one is considering at this point in time. Also, during the next eight weeks or the next eight months would be a good time to release old analytical, non-trusting patterns in the mind that may go back to eight years ago or may have been first imprinted when you were eight years old. It might be interesting to see which of your parents had a tendency to over-analyze to such a degree that doubt or interference was Created, because somehow, in the next eight weeks or the next eight months, you are no longer willing to be the lineage bearer or the legacy bearer of family over-analytical patterns or family doubting patterns held in the mind.

The astrological aspect of this symbol is Jupiter in Gemini. Jupiter is the planet that requires that we grow and expand and to wait on making decisions, which is Gemini. During this time, it is important to consider different options and to wait on making decisions if you are experiencing doubt or confusion.