

## 7 of WANDS – VALOUR

**Key Words:** Mars in Leo; courage, daring; impact; taking risks; no compromises.

The male, warlike power of Mars combined with the daring of the lion produces incredible force and impact. The fight will be carried out impeccably. The violet in the background has become darker (compare with Six of Wands), and is now the color of the warrior who strikes without wavering and is satisfied only with a decisive victory.

The six wands in the background bear the Tibetan symbols for energy. They serve the powerful staff in the center, their energies united and directed toward the goal.

The Seven of Wands expresses an intensification of the conditions represented in the two previous cards. The valour expressed here is an outgrowth of your personal experience. It has arisen through your ability to learn from past experience. If you apply these lessons, you will be able to take further risks with greater awareness.

Compromises are out of the question now: they would require a denial of your own inner reality. It is time for you to stand your ground, and to remain true to your energies unconditionally!

**Indication:** Being true to yourself includes standing up for your own truth even in the face of immense resistance. Trust your power. In this present situation, you must assert yourself at all costs.

**Question:** Are you ready to accept all consequences? Become aware of whatever fears have prevented you until now from asserting yourself.

**Suggestion:** Study Don Juan's description of an impeccable warrior in Carlos Castaneda's Journey to Ixtlan.\*

**Affirmation:** I express my own reality openly and honestly.

The Seven of Wands represents the quality of valour. Valour is the courage to stay by what you value, not to compromise or to settle for less. The central niched wand on this card represents a reminder to trust your experience. If you have the courage to stay by what you value, things will unfold like the lotus blossoms, renew and regenerate themselves or allow you to move in new directions that you value, which is represented by the Ibis or Phoenix heads; and you are able to see things more clearly, and able to honor your vision and creativity, which is represented by the Eye of Horus, the winged Eye of Horus staff. The astrological symbol of this card is Mars in Leo. Mars is the planet of energy and vitality that can support your creative expression, which is Leo.

Whenever you pull this card it indicates that in the next seven weeks or the next seven months, it's important for you to have the courage to stay by what you value, especially in the month of Leo or with Leo people in your life, anyone born July 21 to August 21. In the next seven weeks or the next seven months, it's important for you to stay by what you value as far as your creative expression or work or career is concerned, and not to compromise or to settle for less. It is a time to trust your intuition and past experiences.