

## QUEEN OF WANDS

**Key Words:** the watery aspect of fire; self-knowledge, change, compassion.

The Queen of Wands has mastered self-knowledge. She has looked deep into her own nature which has led to a transformation of her being.

The story says that she at one time had black hair, and the panther, her companion, had black fur. The transformation she underwent left her with golden blond hair and turned the panther into a lion. However, her knowledge of her former condition filled her with compassion for those creatures not yet freed. In order to be able to help others, she chooses to wear reddish-brown hair, and keeps the lion in the form of a leopard, whose black spots bear witness to the darkness of the past.

The queen sits in a fiery throne wearing an armor of scales with a fish emblem on the breast. It is the unifying of water and fire, of intuitive recognition and emotional involvement, which effect inner transformation. Her crown of intellectual clarity and expanded perception still bears the nails of the crown of thorns, a reminder of the humiliation and suffering which preceded her transformation. Her eyes are closed in quiet ecstasy. The consciousness is turned inward, and her presence radiates the blessedness of inner peace. The pine cone at the end of the wand symbolizes spiritual growth. The wand held in this position reminds us to ground our self-realization in the earth, as well as to allow others to share in it.

**Indication:** You have worked on yourself and made progress. It's time to learn how to share this with others. Let your self-realization be expressed in your daily life!

**Questions:** How can you share what you have found for yourself with other people?

**Suggestion:** Meditate on the following statement: »Learning is finding out what you already know. Action is showing that you know. Teaching is letting others know that they know it as well as you.«\*

**Affirmation:** I am a radiant being filled with light and love.

The Queen of Wands is the knower of the Self. This symbol represents self-mastery, and the process of self-reclamation. She wears the symbol of Pisces on her chest (the clasp on her cloak) as a symbol of the fluidity and the aspiration that is required to attain self-knowledge, an attribute often given to Piscean people. Her process of transformation and self-actualization is best described by the story she represents of a woman who, before she knew who she was, had black hair and walked with a panther by her side. As she began to discover who she was, her hair turned brown and the panther changed to a leopard. When she fully realized who she was and began to manifest who she was in the world with her pine cone wand, her hair turned fiery red. At this stage of self-knowledge, she pinched the growth marks of the leopard to prevent it from transforming into a beautiful lion to match her self-knowledge because she wanted a reminder of the dark places from whence she had come (the spots of the leopard). This myth represents the process of self-discovery and the splendor of awakening to the deepest essence of who we are (the radiant crown).

### MASTERY OF SELF-KNOWLEDGE

If you are drawn toward the Queen of Wands as a symbol, you may be in the process of self-discovery or of experiencing more of who you are. This symbol represents the fire sign months of Aries (March 21- April 21), Leo (July 21 - August 21) and Sagittarius (November 21 - December 21), or fire sign people in your life who may be your age or older and who mirror to you who you are and who you are not. During the fire sign months, you may manifest more of who you are and recognize how much you have grown in order to be where you are at this point in time.

### Range of Interpretation for The Queen of Wands

The Queen of Wands, also, represents Pisces people in your life who may be your age or older or she can symbolize the month of Pisces. The astrological symbol of Pisces is shown as the clasp on her cloak. With Pisces people, or during the month of Pisces, it is essential that you demonstrate your self-trust and not abandon yourself in any way.

For men, this symbol can represent the inner anima, or magnetic part of their nature, that is committed to trusting internal and external experiences which have revealed self-knowledge.