

# The Hanged Man

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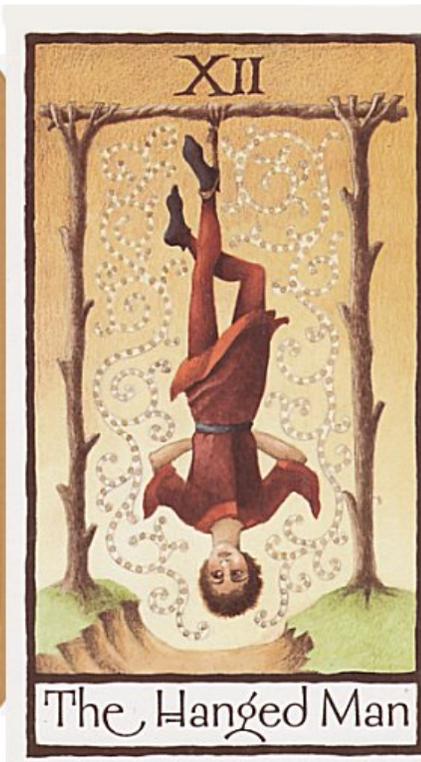
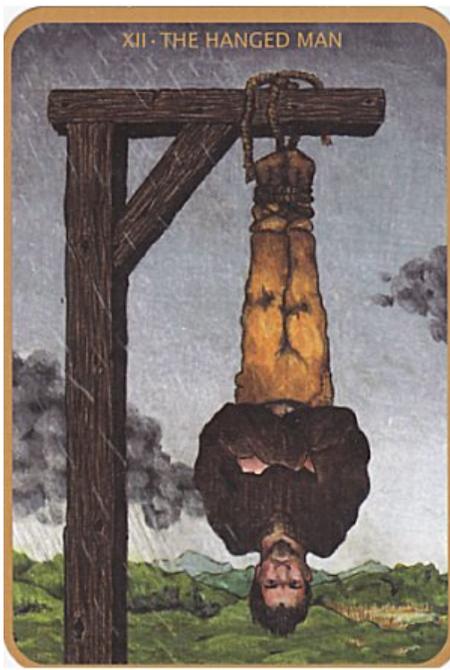


**The Ecliptic Tarot:** The Hanged Man – XII – The Hanged Man takes a moment to look at his life from a different point of view.

From this angle, The Hanged Man can envision a different point of view and perspective from what he previously thought were absolutes. He begins to question his earlier convictions and thinks he may need to re-examine his position. At first glance you may think he is hanging on by a thread, but that is not the case. He is actually hanging in balance as he surrenders his conscious will for a greater good. In doing so, he willingly sacrifices his time, his ego, and his personal agenda.

**Keywords/Phrases:** *Suspension, Sacrifice, Reversal, Humble, in-limbo, powerless to effect change, surrender, experiencing delay, A need to reverse your established order of doing something. Total trust in and surrender to a higher force or being. Suspending judgment and even expectations in the hopes of receiving higher knowledge.*

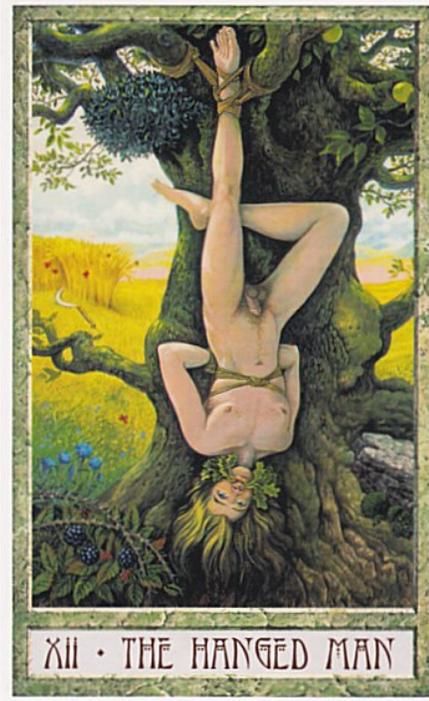
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**Anna.K:** The Hanged Man is the archetype of the Prisoner, the Prison and/or the Victim. He represents stagnation, being gridlocked, being passive and being at the mercy of an oppressive situation. He can also mean illness and abandonment.

**Old English Tarot:** A man is suspended, but relaxed and in no apparent pain, to indicate life in suspension, and a time of transition and uncertainty. Boredom leads to a need for change, improvement, and reconsidered goals. A period of respite between major events and undertakings.

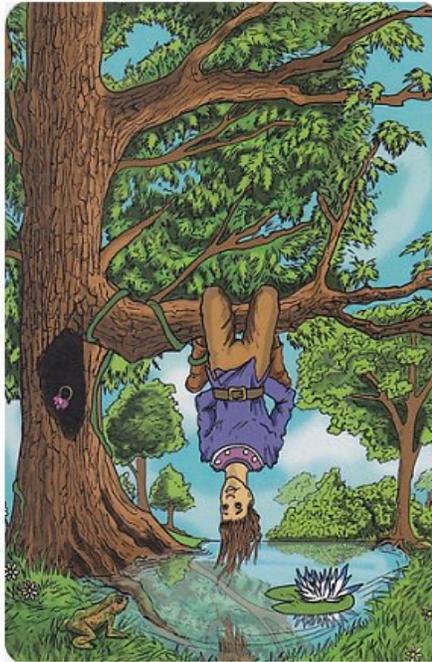
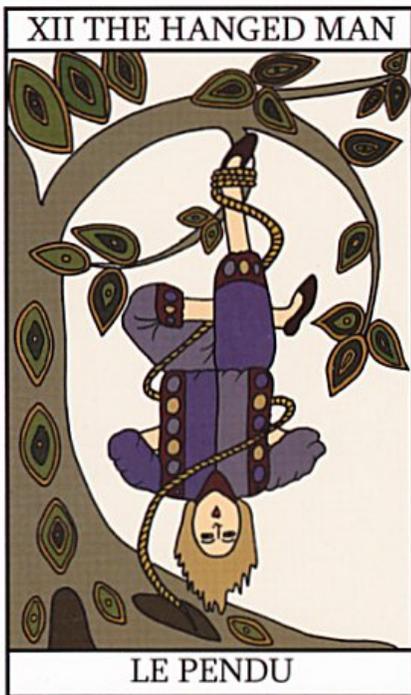
**Crystal Visions Tarot:** The Hanged man represents a period of suspension, indecision, sacrifice, and surrender. It is time to let go and find acceptance in situations in which one no longer has control. Change perspective or old ways of thinking in order to find freedom and continued growth.



**Pearls of Wisdom:** Through cheerful sacrifice and surrender to the inevitable, the Life-Death-Life cycle fulfills itself once again. The Hanged Man, though bound, is available to the totality of the experience. He is free from fear of loss. Able to sense the fullness of his own divinity, he is emancipated. In that sensing, all the exigency of sacrifice and difficulty is lost and forgotten. What is left is the wisdom and knowledge of who he is and who we all are.

**Druid Craft Tarot:** Peace, Understanding and Patience. The Hanged Man depicts a reversal of consciousness in which you voluntarily allow yourself to be immersed in the healing power of the Unconscious. Put simply, as Rachel Pollack states: 'Beyond all its symbolism The Hanged Man affects us because it shows a direct image of peace and understanding. The calm shows so strongly in the card because The Hanged Man has surrendered to the rhythms of life.'

**Gilded Tarot Royale:** The message of the Hanging Man is knowing when and what to sacrifice. Be clear about who you are and let all your actions and decisions hang from that vision. Even if your actions feel clumsy or out of sync with others, sacrifice their favorable opinion rather than be untrue to yourself. Do not put more stock in what other people think than in what you believe to be right. (Barbara Moore)



**Tarot Lovers' Tarot:** Devotion to a worthwhile cause. Temporary suspension of progress. Flexibility of mind and a willingness to adapt to changes. Sacrifice in the present to reap benefit in the future. A waiting period. Rebirth. Sacrificing one thing to obtain another. Transformation. Circumstances literally turned on their head.

**A King's Journey Tarot:** Complacent. What personal sacrifices are you making, or should you be making? Hanging out. Returning to the mindset of the innocent child with no agenda. Right now, you are so comfortable that you don't want to make a decision about what direction you want to go next. All you know is that you don't want to go backwards and relive what you've been through. Though, consider that you might not be sure of how you can move forward at this point in time.

**Mary-EI Tarot:** Hang in the balance, suspension, suspended action, in limbo. A time of rest and deep contemplation. Submission, submission to your destiny. Sacrifice, die to the self, self annihilation. Hang in the balance and submit to your destiny. Life, Death, and Rebirth.