

Tiptoeing Through the Tarot – The Chariot

The Chariot – VII – The Charioteer, Apollo, is the only God that has the will power to control the team of horses as they pull the sun across the sky on its daily journey.

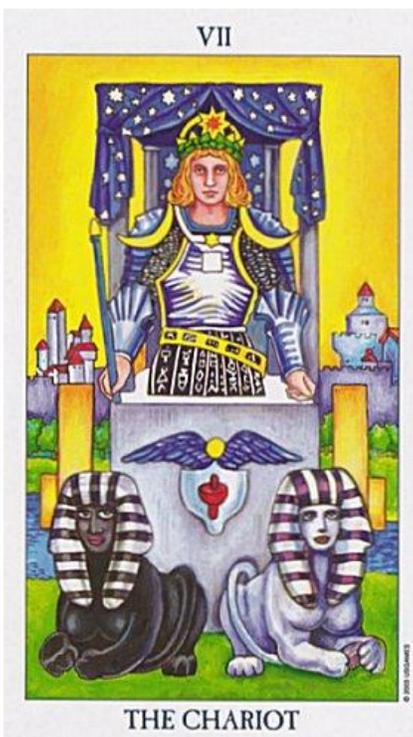


"No mortal can drive my chariot; even the other gods cannot control it. The road from the sea each morning is very steep and difficult for the horses, and when I race down in the afternoon, I can barely control them. At midday, I am so high that I fear looking down." As the story goes, this is the statement that Apollo made to his son Phaeton, trying to dissuade him from his request to be allowed to drive the chariot on its daily trek across the skies. Apollo gave in and Phaeton had a great time at first, but soon was unable to control the chariot's route. The sun began to travel erratically and caught the earth on fire. Zeus had to intervene, and Phaeton perished in the journey.

The Chariot is traditionally about motion and particularly about moving forward. We can only move forward in a controlled and safe manner if we have the will power needed to stay on track and keep our goal in sight. A successful charioteer has control of opposing forces, (the wild horses or sphinxes) and his instinctive desires. To gain control, we must first identify our own opposing forces that drive us. Once we do this, then

we can exert a modicum of will power to hold these forces in balance. A light, but firm hand on the reins, is all that is needed to keep The Chariot on a steady course.

*The Ecliptic Tarot by Bob & Koneta Bailey



"In readings, the Chariot means first of all success, especially success achieved through exerting your will on the world. The Chariot implies what used to be called "the good life": success: deserved pride, admiration from others, comfort. These material things can extend to success in love, for of course the card follows the Lovers. Success in the world, strong will, achievement, the respect of others. The tendency to show a calm exterior and keep feelings inside. On a very literal level, travel, maybe even a new car." ~Rachel Pollack, Tarot Wisdom-Llewellyn Publications 2009

*The Chariot from the Radiant Rider Wait Tarot



Ancestral Path Tarot Deck: Combining spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical energies to ride victoriously through life. Self-confidence acquired from family and community support. Fearlessly forging ahead, carving one's own path.

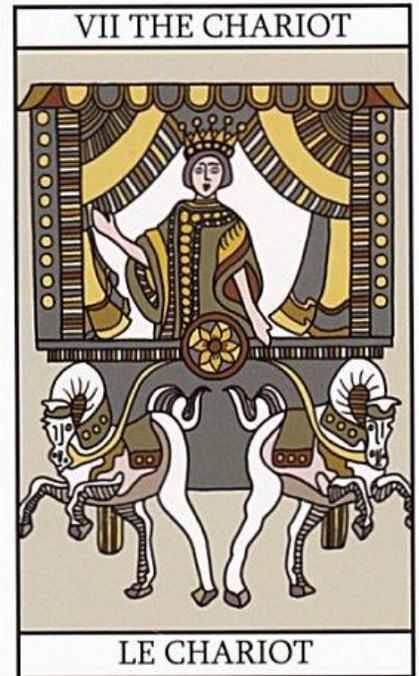
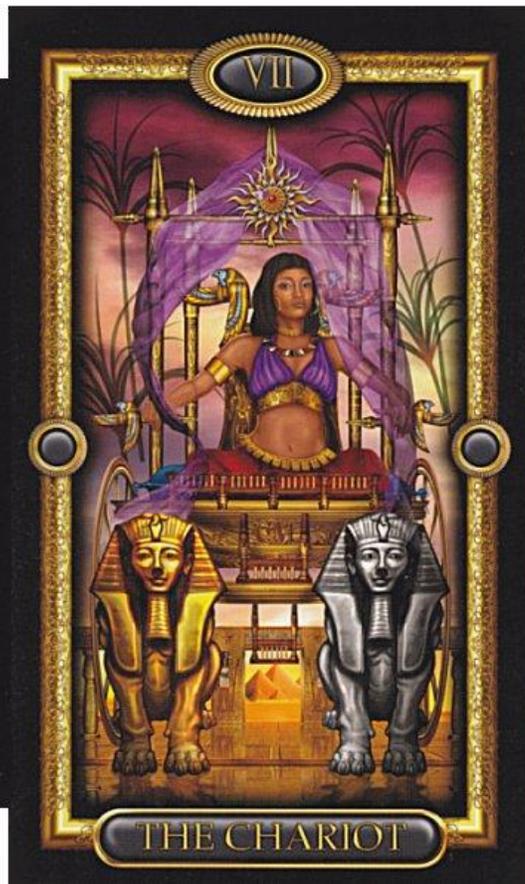
The New Palladini Tarot: Soul Development, fate, destiny, security, luck. The Chariot is a card of triumph, victory, and control of one's destiny. The Charioteer will soon confront trouble, opposition, and tremendous obstacles. He is prepared, however, and has already proved himself capable. Conquest, victory, success, Travel. Great achievements. Control of one's interests.

Anna.K Tarot: The Chariot symbolizes the energetic, hopeful departure of the hero into the unknown, into adventure, into life. He sets off, already to assume a risk, to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, to dig up the treasure, to kill the dragon, and to rescue a princess. This is the attitude you need to get out of a gridlocked situation or out of a confining relationship, and it is the attitude you need to make a true new beginning, to truly broaden your horizons.

*Ancestral Path Tarot by Julie Cuccia-Watts, U.S. Games Systems, Inc.

*New Palladini Tarot by David Palladini, U.S. Games Systems, Inc.

*Anna.K Tarot by Anna Klaffinger, 2nd edition independently published



Steampunk Tarot: The Triumph of will in difficult circumstances. If it is your turn to drive the chariot, you will find yourself wanting to move in a certain direction. You will be confident in that decision. Getting started will be the hardest part. Things are going to conspire against you, or so it will seem. Yet you have the skills and knowledge necessary to harness those contrary energies and head them in the right direction. Once you are moving, there won't be much that can stop you until you reach your goal.

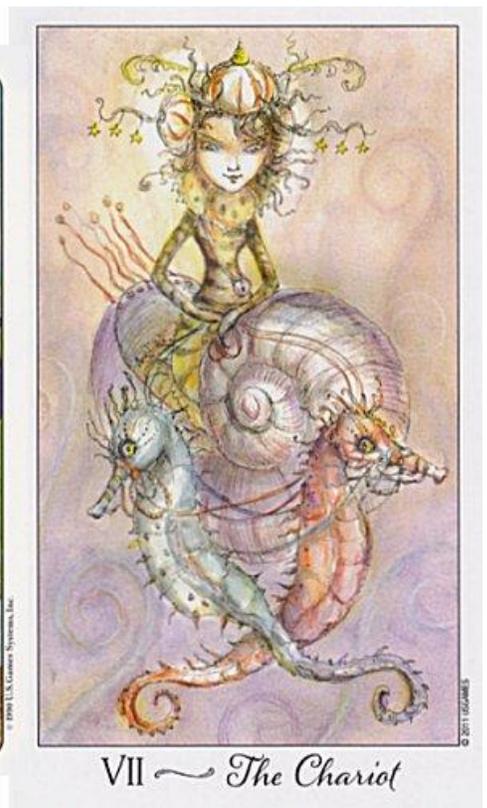
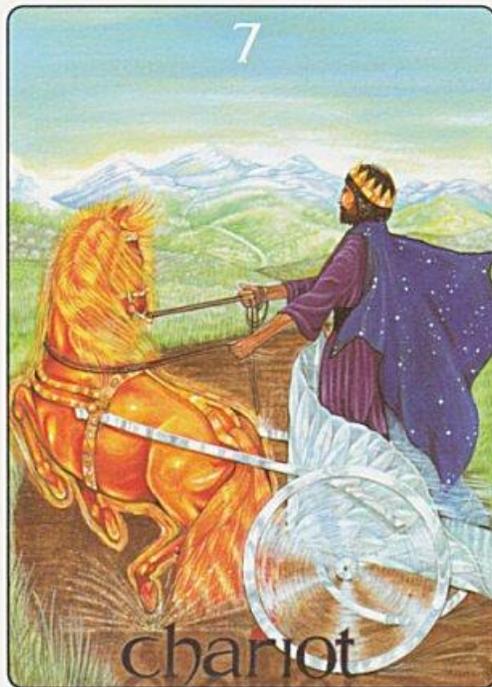
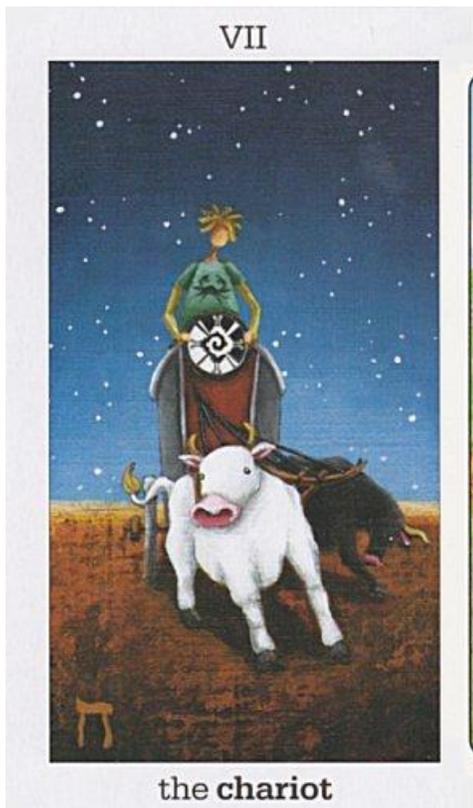
The Gilded Tarot Royale: *(excerpt from the companion book to the mass market Llewellyn edition)* The message of the Chariot is one of willpower and control. Recognize your own strength and ability to maintain order in the midst of chaos. Know that you can achieve more than you think you can. Celebrate your accomplishment.

Tarot Lovers' Tarot: Moving forwards, onwards, and upwards. Triumphant over adversity, overcoming life's obstacles, decisiveness and ambition in achieving one's goals, well-deserved victory. A period of struggle ending in worldly success. Self control, effort, perseverance. Working within the boundaries of one's life to build up a successful existence.

*Steampunk Tarot by Barbara Moore and Aly Fell, Llewellyn Publishing

*The Gilded Tarot Royale by Ciro Marchetti, Independently Published. Companion book by Barbara Moore.

*Tarot Lovers' Tarot by Karyn Easton, Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.



Sun and Moon Tarot: Associated with change and activity. The successful passage through the preceding cards brings victory. Triumph and self-confidence are important, but we are not our achievements. The charioteer channels his will and strength to turn ideas into action, projects, and experiences. As the giver of rhythm and movement, he holds the heart of the galaxy.

The Gill Tarot Deck: The central self has to control the wild, unruly strength of the horse while using that very energy to move himself forward at speed. He needs to maintain balance, as the light chariot can be upset or made unstable at any moment. He is the eyes and guide of the horse, which symbolizes the mighty desire nature.

Joie de Vivre Tarot: Focus, control, skill, action. With fortitude, Madam Chariotte maintains control of her seashell chariot by managing her headstrong seahorse companions, Fire and Ice. They attempt to guide her in conflicting directions, but her sheer determination keeps her from diverging from her path. By managing the reins of your mind and maintaining your will, you harness the powers to stay on course. With courage and focus as your driving force, you can successfully overcome obstacles in your journey toward victory.

*Sun and Moonj Tarot by Vanessa Decort, U.S. Games Systems, Inc.

*The Gill Tarot Deck by Elizabeth Josephine Gill, U.S. Games Systems, Inc.

*Joie de Vivre Tarot by Paulina Cassidy, U.S. Games Systems, Inc.

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