

The High Priestess



Ecliptic Tarot - The Priestess – II –

As guardian to the gateway and link to hidden sacred knowledge, The Priestess shares the wisdom with those who may seek it.

The Priestess stands in front of an ethereal doorway which emits a strange glow. Mysterious and intriguing, the closed doorway beacons you to enter and find the wisdom you seek. What mysteries might you discover once you step across this threshold?

Here we see the link between the spiritual and the physical. We are called on to gain knowledge and understanding of our inner self and find what is truly meaningful to us. The Priestess card advises us to listen to our instincts and

trust in our intuition – to pay attention to our hunches and dreams. She could represent a counselor, a therapist, or spiritual leader.

The Priestess is a slow moving card and depending on the position and the concern, her advice will be to delay as you may need to do more soul searching. If confronted with a controversial or difficult situation and you receive this card, you will do better to keep your council for the moment and look inside for your answers. She may appear to be mystical and aloof, but she has your best interests at heart and wants to teach you to rely on yourself and your intuition in any circumstance you encounter.



1. Gilded Tarot Royale: The message of the High Priestess is about a kind of knowing that is beyond logic. Pay attention to your intuition and recognize that there are different ways of knowing. (from the companion book by Barbara Moore of the original Gilded Tarot)
2. Tarot of the Elves: Secrecy, mystery, the Unknown. Oracles and glimpses of the divine plan. Young women, virginity, and purity. Insight and intuition over facts and evidence.
3. Mysteries. Feminine, internal knowledge. Look within for the answers. What is hidden, secret, occult. Deep ancient knowledge. Create contrast or polarity.



1. The Incidental Tarot: The incarnation of yin energy, embodying the water element: emotion, intuition, connection. To feel, to see beyond the physical manifestation of energy is her gift: psychic energy, intuitive counsel.
2. Ancestral Path Tarot: Female receptive energy. Intuition, understanding, serenity, wisdom, and self-sufficiency. Purity, virtue, lack of guile. Seeming lack of emotion because emotional entanglements are avoided.
3. The Wild Wood Tarot: Inspiration and wisdom, Oracular prophecy, Inner vision, Shamanic flight, Soul healing, Empathy with nature.



1. Twilight Realm-A Tarot of Faery: Divine Wisdom. Enlightenment. Peace. Understanding or the need to understand the reasons things work the way they do.
2. Dream Raven Tarot: The High Priestess maintains and keeps her secrets. She is aware that there is a connection between the self and the divine. The intricate balance of relationships and of her place within the world exists on a higher plane of consciousness. It is the level of consciousness which attracts people to her, those seeking to better understand that which is a mystery to them.
3. Sacred Circle Tarot: The card of the High Priestess represents a link to the subconscious mind, the inner world of the Self, which cannot be accessed through the intellect or waking consciousness, but which is only revealed in dreams and symbols. Pay attention to your dreams and intuition. This card indicates that your life is changing. Things that once seemed so certain can no longer be taken for granted.

Other Keywords: Hidden wisdom, spiritual secrets, keeper of hidden sacred knowledge, suggests spending time alone, heeding the natural rhythms and cycles of the body. Moon rituals, women's ceremonies, secret societies.