

# In Peace, We Believe

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A creative speculative piece on conflict prevention, peace mediation, and peacebuilding.

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What is peace|



## How did we get here?

In 30 years, peace is negotiated before a conflict can manifest. With the rapid advancements in surveillance technology, predictive AI, and behaviour psychology - sources of tension and potential conflict can be accurately surfaced through global data aggregation and deep learning pattern recognition.

Just in time too - the rise of extremist ideologies and transnational terrorism had been threatening public security and safety for decades. Diplomats and country leaders had gotten too psychologically involved and biased to do their jobs in an objective and constructive way. After Donald Trump and Xi Jinping came to blows is what is now known as “The great 2023 squabble” that resulted in the destruction of \$1.14 million of UN property, a new approach to how and where we conduct peace negotiations needed to be radically re-thought.

AI takes over human diplomacy and helps mediate conflicts before they even occur. So while humans still make the decisions (for now), diplomats and country leaders have to go through an AI facilitated peace ceremony.

## The Peace Ceremony

After a potential conflict has been identified, decision makers from the respective countries are transported to a small, sensory deprivation room that is live-streamed for public broadcast. Citizens around the world can tune in to the live broadcast and co-create the path of discussion through real-time polls, increasing the transparency and inclusiveness of peace-building negotiations.

The room is made up of living walls that can detect the underlying emotions of the enclosed humans. Sensory triggers are activated when certain emotions are detected to help the individuals inside build empathy with one another and de-escalate tension when required; the walls condensate and shed tears when it feels sadness, dims and soothes when it senses anger, or become bright and joyful when hope is inspired.

Below the feet is a grid of smart, interactive tiles - lighting up with a series of prompts to initiate conversation, facilitate a mutually desirable outcome, and discover common ground. Prompts are triggered by the Robo-diplomacy AI, Bertha (named after the first female Nobel Peace Prize winner); who, through a mix of mined personal behavioural data and live crowd-sourced input, reveal topics for discussion that are conducive to positive progress. These prompts facilitate a conversation with the collective human unconscious; a mirror into humanity, an exercise for revealing valuable insights.

## Bertha, the Robo-diplomacy AI

The tiles and prompts used by Bertha, the Robo-diplomacy AI follows the Major Arcana framework to tell a story of peace and compromise. Because, you see, Tarot is not so much magic, but a very ancient technology that helps humanity frame memorable, moving, motivating stories.

Psychologist, Carl Jung, believed that behind the scenes of human life lay archetypes: “constantly repeating characters which occur in the dreams of all people and the myths of all cultures”. Jung suspected that these archetypes are a reflection of the story we all share in common.

For thousands of years, this framework has been used by Tarot readers to help people explore their choices and motivations - understanding our life from different perspectives.

Similarly, Bertha is aiming to help us explore the never-ending narratives and multiple perspectives of peace. The prompts help decision makers understand the problem they are facing in a richer context and to think laterally. They are encouraged to let go of their old patterns and biases to enable the creation of fully formed stories during negotiations - to envision the future of our global home in new, different, and peaceful ways.

This is our vision for Peace in the future.

We have taken the liberty to adapt Bertha for you into today’s technology - into **In Peace, We Believe**, a toolkit for peace mediation. A future tool for peace mediation, that also works now. Let’s kick-start the conversation and start telling fully formed stories of peace today.

# **In Peace, We Believe**

A toolkit for peace mediation

## How to use this toolkit

**In Peace, We Believe** is a toolkit for anyone looking to open up conversations around conflict prevention, peace mediation, and peacebuilding. A modern alternative of the timeless Major Arcana in the narrative of peacebuilding.

Each card shows different aspects, as well as an archetype, in peace building. The synchronization of these cards will trigger stories and potential intuitions.

The aim of this toolkit is to make peace building more tangible and accessible for everyone. It will help you explore multiple perspectives of a problem and create new possibilities - rather than finding specific solutions.

At the end, there is no right or wrong way to use this toolkit.

## How to begin

You need to define a conflict, a topic, or a simple question that you want to solve or explore. As a next step, you will shuffle all cards and draw three of them from the staple. Put these three cards in front of you. Each card in the spread reflects an aspect of your question to consider.

**The first card** is telling you something about the past and the origin of the conflict or question.

**The second card** is used as a lens to reflect the origin of the conflict into the present.

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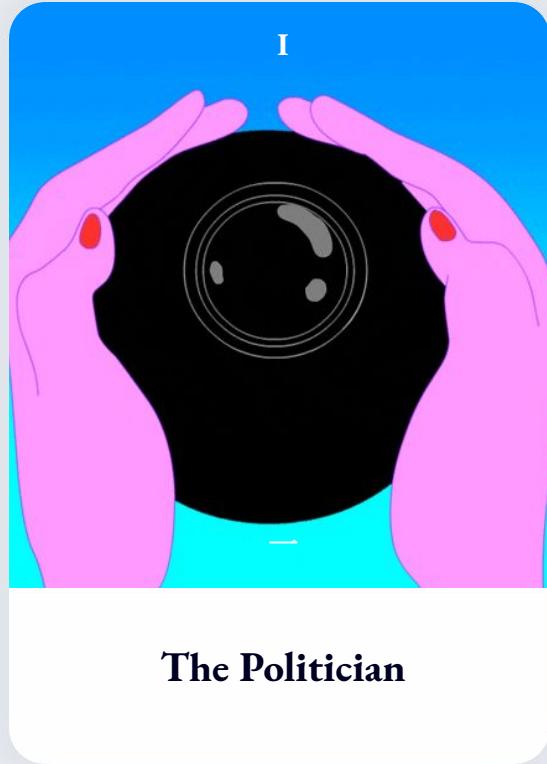
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The Humanity is the card of beginning. The Humanity stands for each one of us as we begin our journey of peace sustaining. The Humanity is unpredictable and full of surprises. This card reminds us of the unlimited potential and spontaneity inherent in every moment. The Humanity also represents the complete faith that peace is achievable and worthy of trust. The Humanity can signal a new beginning or change of direction - one that will guide you onto a path of adventure, wonder, and recognition in the journey of peacebuilding and sustaining. The Humanity also reminds you to keep your faith in human.

**Who are affected by this situation/problem?**

**What could cause people to lose trust?**

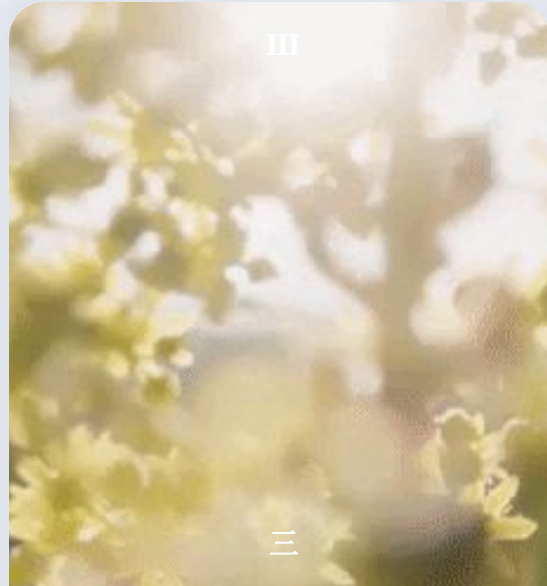


## The Politician

The Politician is not afraid to act. Whereas peace is not necessarily the outcome of political power, it is undeniable that political opinions drastically affect the journey of humanity in pursuit of peace. This archetype can focus with single-minded determination. As long as The Politician remembers the divine source of his/her/their power, the Politician remains the perfect conduit for achieving peace.

**Who are the opinion leaders?**

**Who are impacted by the Politician?**



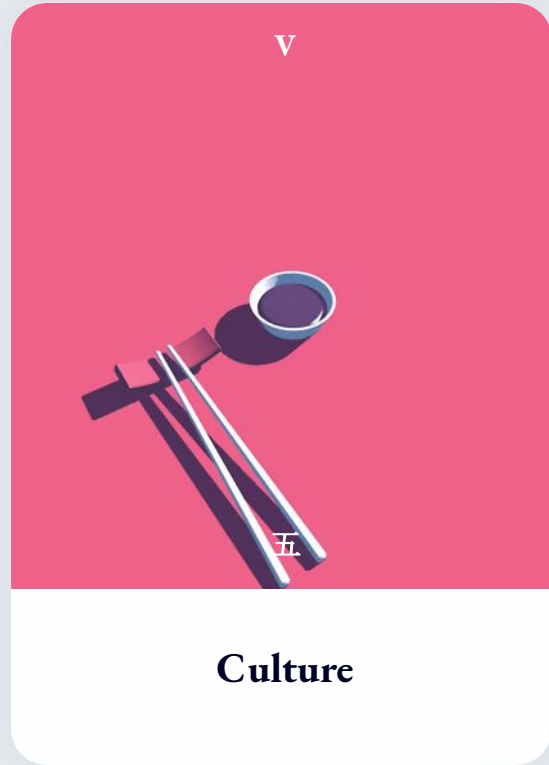
## Environment

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Environment represents lavish abundance of all kinds. From Environment, comes all the pleasures and joys of the senses and the abundance of new civilization in all its forms. Environment can suggest natural resources; development is tightly tied with the resources we're given too. Too often false sophistications and pleasures take us far from our roots, and development can come at a cost of harming the environment. Let Environment remind you to keep your feet firmly planted on the Earth.

**What are the resources we take for granted?**

**What environmental aspects could be potential threats?**

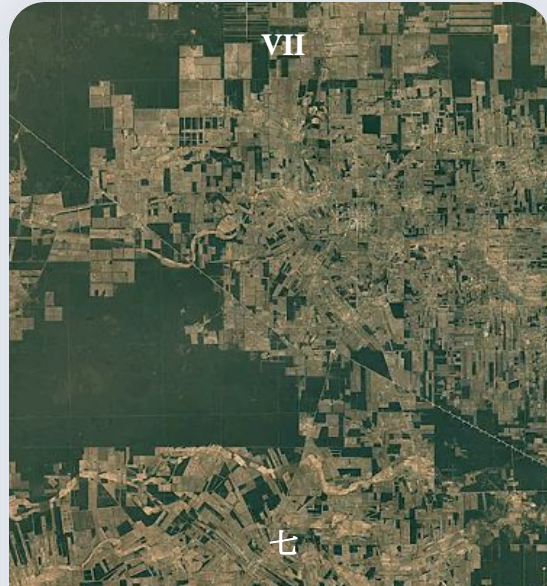


## Culture

Card 5, The Hierophant, stands for our belief system. It represents the ideologies and beliefs we inherited from an early age, especially within groups. In this new narrative, Culture takes the place of card 5.

**How might our cultural habits change the situation?**

**How will the peace we envision impact our cultural habits?**



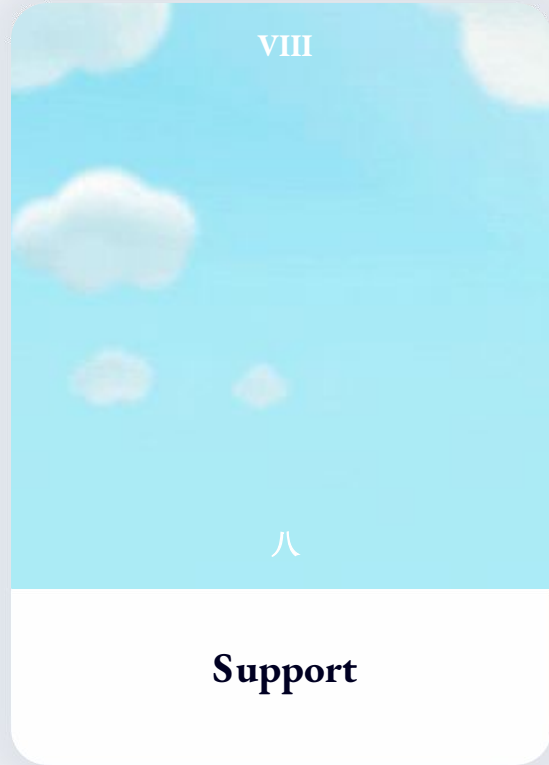
## Development

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Development is not always connected with actions contributing to peace, sometimes it can suggest the opposite. In mediating the future of peace, however, it is important to understand what kind of development we are talking about and how we can achieve peaceful development. A conflict-sensitive development framework promoting economic, social, and environmental sustainability, as well as peacebuilding is a great starting point of transiting a region from conflict to peace.

**What does development mean to us?**

**Who benefits from the development framework?**

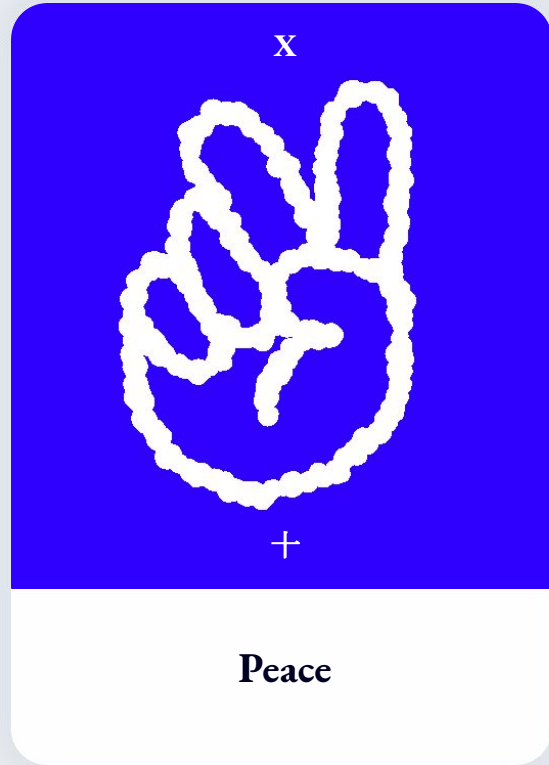


## Support

Card 8 represents the energy of quiet determination. It also represents patience and compassion. It becomes Support in this toolkit. Support can come from different forms. Peacebuilding support such as education and economical investment take time and effort.

**What Support will we introduce?**

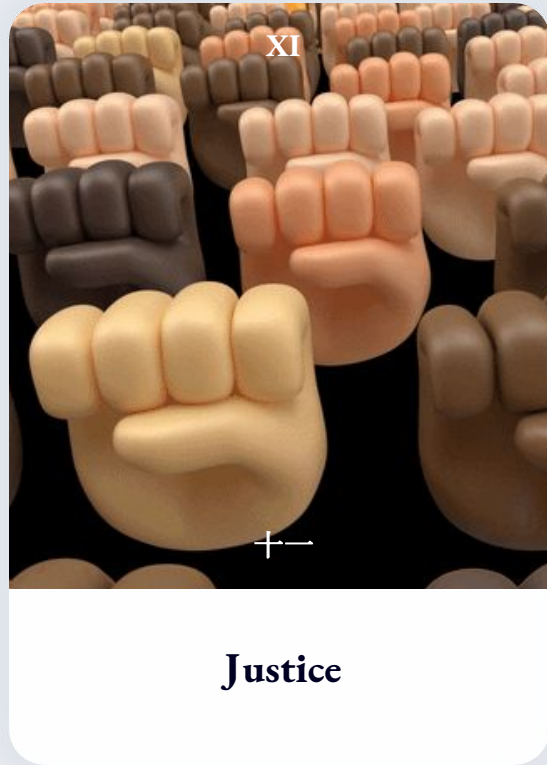
**Who can provide the Support we need?**



## Peace

What is peace without conflict? Peace isn't an answer to be bestowed upon the afflicted. Peace is not just antonym to "war". This card represents an open-ended storytelling with limitless possibilities, a plural futures. There is no one-size-fit-all solution. In the search for Peace, we must understand how everything connects, and become aware of a bigger picture.

**What does Peace look like in the short term and in the long term?**



## Justice

When facing this card, we look back over the past to trace the cause and effect relationships that has brought us to this point. The humanity takes responsibility for its past actions so we can make amends and ensure a more honest course for the future. This is a time of decision. We will be making important choices. Will we remain true to our insights, or will we slip back into an easier, more unaware existence that closes off further growth?

**What legal systems are in place to insure democracy?  
Who are considered citizens? And what are their rights?**





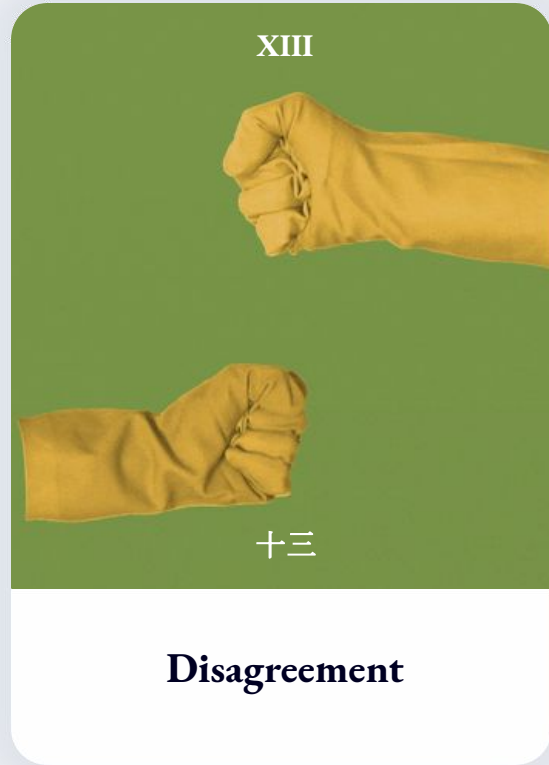
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Like a hanged man hanging upside down to view the world from a completely new perspective, we need to unlearn the ways we are working to build peace now in order to make changes. Unlearning reminds us that the best approach to a problem is not always the most obvious. When we most want to force our will on someone, that is when we should release. When we most want to have our own way, that is when we should sacrifice. When we most want to act, that is when we should wait.

**What are our hypotheses?**

**What can we unlearn?**



## Disagreement

Disagreement is not easy. Here we see the face of our deepest fear - our greatest unknown. We fear Disagreement because we think of it as the start of conflict. Yet Disagreement is not a permanent end towards peace, but a chance into conversation. To make peace - we must learn to "disagree", to find the energy that shakes the common ground we all stand.

**What could Disagreement do to the current situation?**

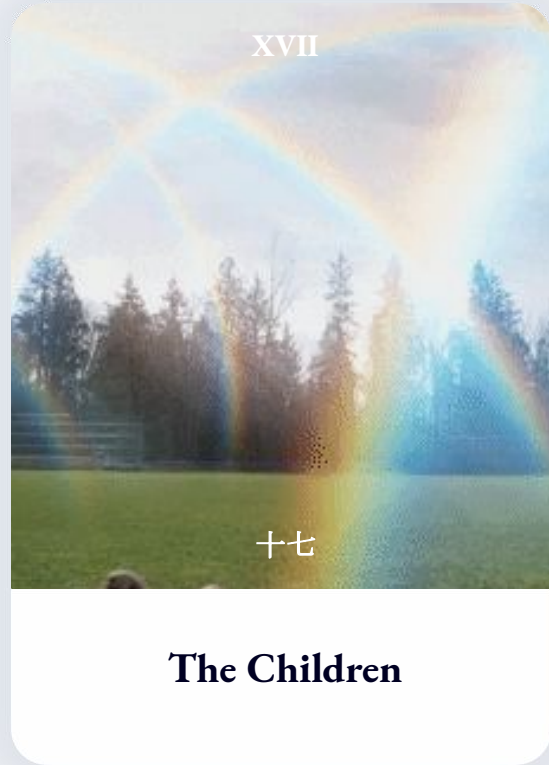
**Who are exposed to be the most vulnerable facing Disagreement?**



## Conflict

Card 15 stands for the Devil. The Devil is our symbol for what is bad and undesirable. In the narrative of peacebuilding, Conflict is the devil. Good and bad cannot be separated, just as you cannot separate a shadow from its source, you can't understand the value of Peace without Conflict.

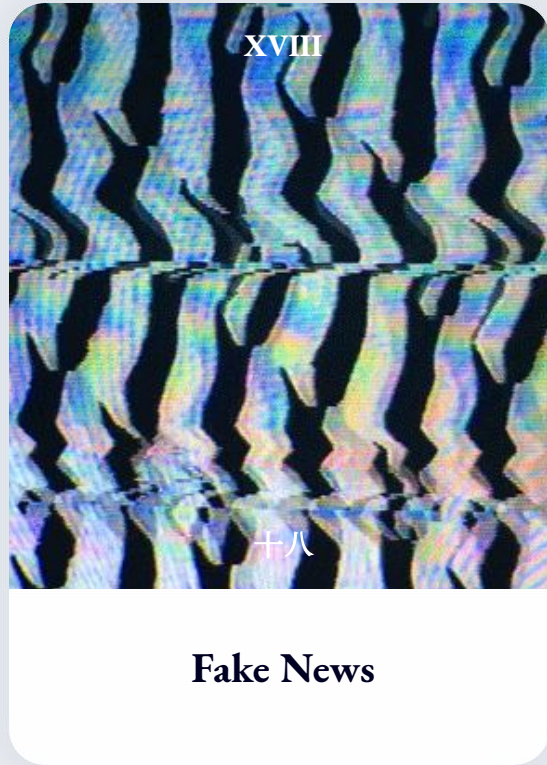
**What could be a worst case scenario?**



## The Children

People have always looked to our next generations as a source of inspiration and hope. Children always bring us peace of mind. In our darkest moments, we need to know that there is hope, that there is light at the end of the tunnel. This card reminds us that our children are usually the most vulnerable in conflicts, and the importance of keeping children's right and their future in mind when building peace.

**What future will our children want?**  
**What is Peace for the children?**



## Fake News

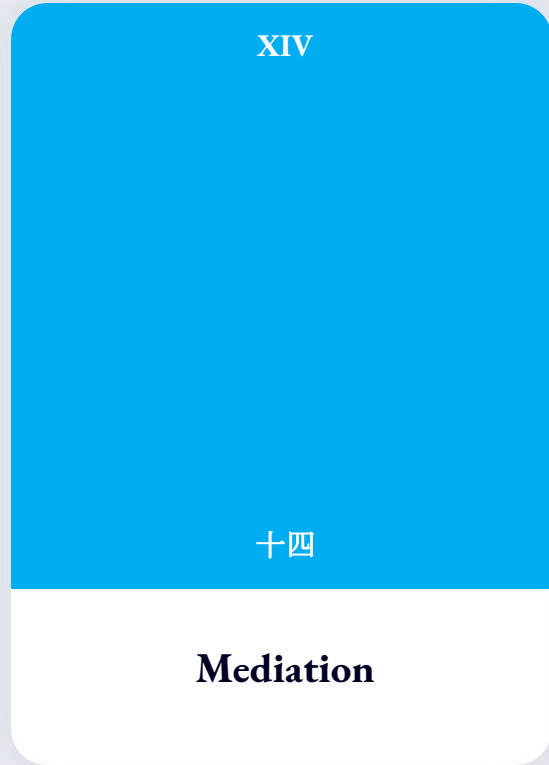
Most of the time we live in a tiny pocket of normality that we wrap around us like a security blanket. Fake News stands for fears and anxieties. It's very human and normal to believe in conspiracy theories and Fake News. It's a defense mechanism: we're primed to be suspicious and afraid of things that can't be explained. In the world where everyone is an influencer, be careful not to let deceptions and false ideas lead you astray. You must find your way back to the path, to your clarity of purpose.

**What are people sharing? What are we afraid of?**  
**Who do we listen to? What do we trust?**

## **An ongoing prototype of peace mediation**


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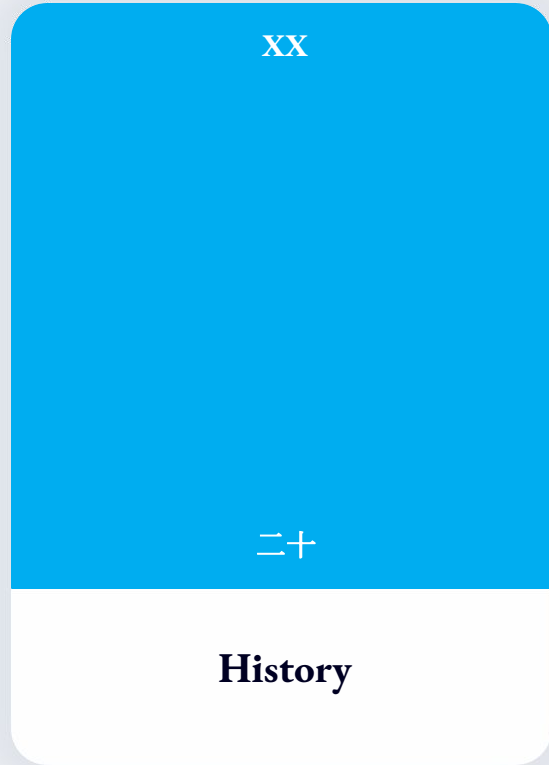
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## Mediation


Card 14, Temperance, stands for finding the middle ground. To be temperate is to show moderation and self-restraint.

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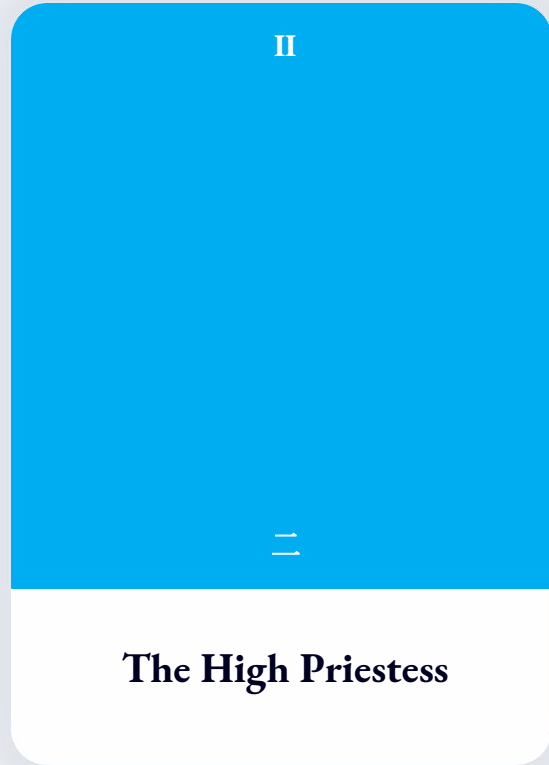


## History

Card 20, Judgement, comes in two forms. It is a reminder that judgments are necessary; sometimes you must decide.


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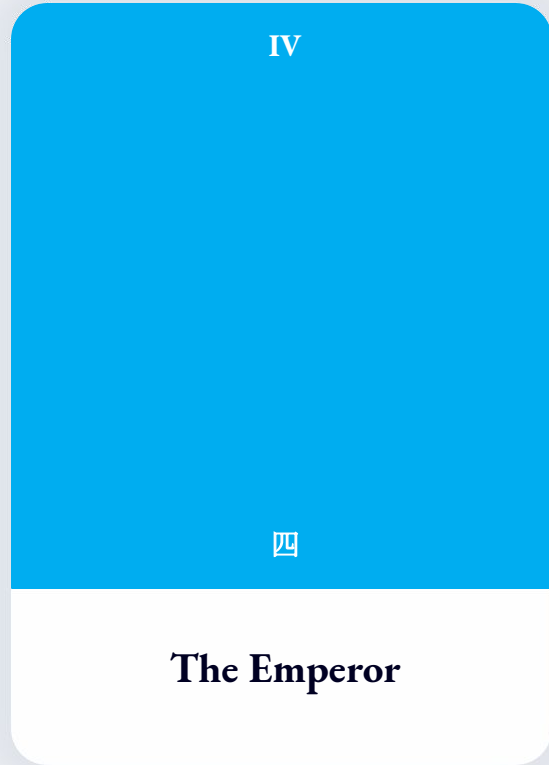




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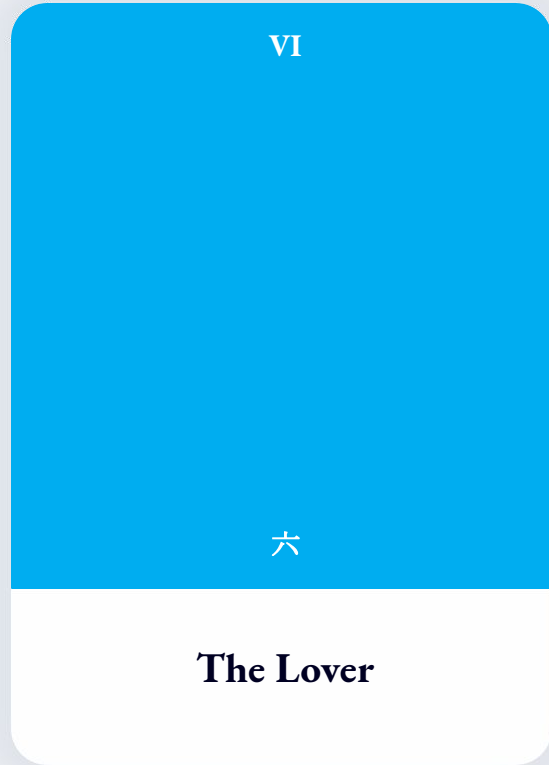
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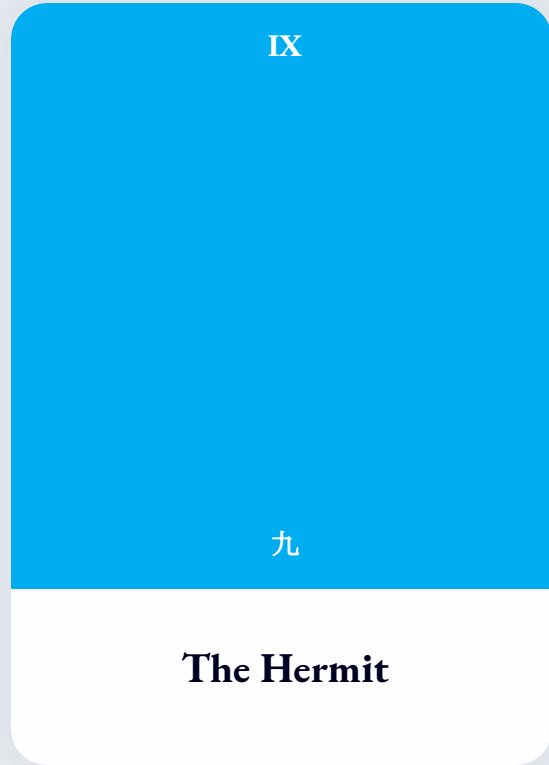
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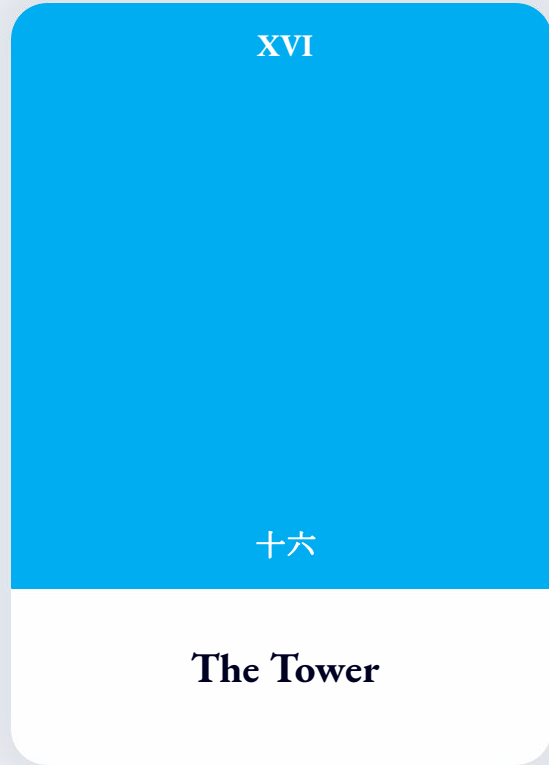
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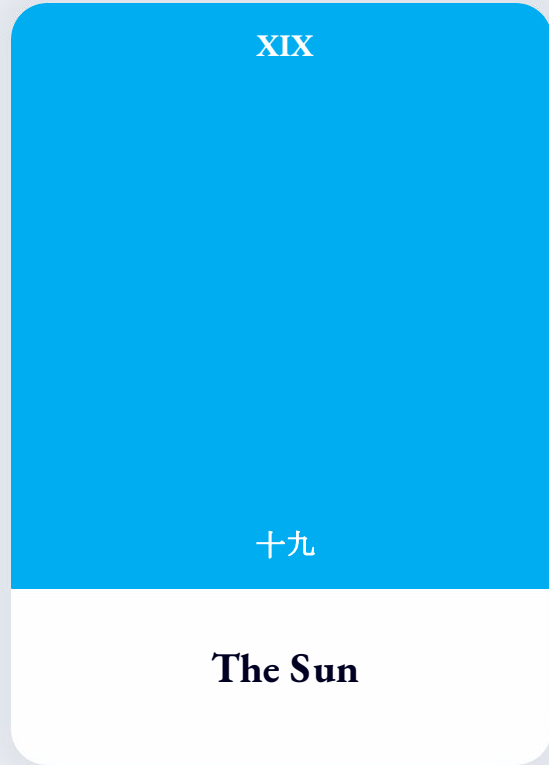
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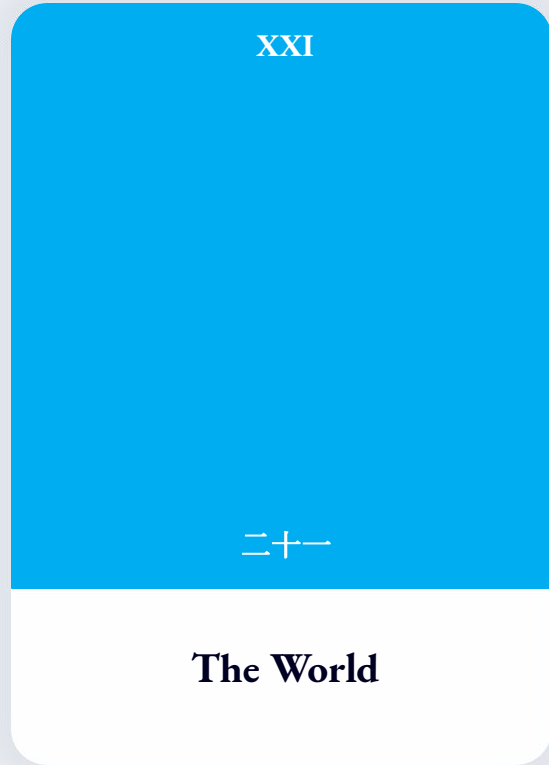
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