

*“A great deal may be done by severity, more by love,  
but most by clear discernment and impartial justice.”*

*Goethe*

# XI JUSTICE

### **Divinatory Meaning:**

Justice; honesty and fairness. A time to *weigh things up*, or to find fair and rational solutions to problems. Justice served; equity in a legal matter or some type of fair exchange. Can also suggest not only successful resolution of legal matter, but also vindication of integrity or reputation.

Need for fair and balanced reaction; honest judgment and a clear perspective of motives (yours or others) behind actions; honest and equitable relationship in business or personal matters.

May be isolated by harsh opinion and unforgivingness toward a person or situation. *Look for the truth and not just the facts.*



*“I Judge”*

### **Symbolism:**

Seated between two pillars is an imposing figure staring straight ahead. Symbolizing harmony by balancing opposites, the figure wears a red robe and green cloak, red being the color of war, while green is the color of love. The raised right hand holds the sword of justice and mercy, while the left hand balances scales. Between the pillars hangs a purple veil, indicative of wisdom. With open eyes, this figure represents the need to look fearlessly at our own actions, past and present, and to make decisions based on impartial truth and honesty. No blindfolds here.

### **Practical Application:**

Balance and harmony can be achieved when we can look at the truths about ourselves, our past and the decisions we've made. This is a card of reality and responsibility - hence no blindfold. The scales represent a perfect balance of past and future, held in check by keeping a clear, unjaundiced eye fixed on the present. Only by understanding and accepting responsibility for our past actions can we be free of them.

The upturned sword represents mercy and compassion, both for ourselves and others. No one can behave above their own level of understanding. Don't expect others to act any differently than they can; don't assume people could or should behave better - they're working at their own level of understanding. As are we all.

We must respond to every event in life and are constantly called upon to exercise discrimination and judgment - a fact of existence. Justice allows us to see the truth of any situation, to acknowledge our own choices and to take responsibility for the results of our actions.

*“One cool judgement is worth a thousand hasty councils.  
The thing to do is to supply light and not heat.”*

*Woodrow Wilson*

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