

*“Judgment can be acquired only by acute observation... by ceaseless alertness to learn from others...by striving to analyze the everyday play of causes and effects, by constant study of human nature.”*

B.C. Forbes

## Queen of SWORDS

### **Divinatory Meaning:**

A need to clearly analyze plan or project before completion; may require solitude or withdrawal from activities for research or study.

May represent a period of sorrow due to loss; wisdom gained from ability to face the pain with courage, acceptance and honesty.

If representing a person: Quick intelligence and a no-nonsense attitude, this individual has a keen mind, a strong will and tireless determination for supporting her ideas and causes. Attuned to solitude, her detached nature makes her witty and erudite, comfortable with herself, able to support others and accept whatever life provides. If badly aspected, this energy can result in behavior that is malicious, petty, spiteful or vindictive.



*“Mental Creativity”*

### **Symbolism:**

Cloaked in a cape of clouds, with storm clouds banking in the background, the Queen of Swords is poised above them, her head in the clear air of truth. She wears a crown of golden butterflies and is seated on a throne covered with crescent moons, cherubs and butterflies, symbols of transformation, rebirth, freedom, and joy. In her right hand she rigidly clasps a sword representing the intellect's ability to judge and discern impartially. Holding her left hand open in benediction, a tassel resembling a cut rope hangs from the wrist, signifying her use of the sword of intellect to free herself from fears, doubts and confusion. Flying far above is one bird, symbol of the purity and strength of her wisdom and vision.

### **Practical Application:**

Often depicted as a grim and solitary figure, the Queen of Swords is a woman who does not suffer fools gladly, and who may on occasion, enjoy seeing fools suffer. She has a very clear understanding of reality, possessing the ability to judge and impartially discern without the undue influence of subjectivity or mawkish sentimentality. Having the courage to speak the truth, this queen is not simply fixed on the facts, but rather examines the larger, overriding issues before reaching conclusions.

However, an over-emphasis on cold, hard facts can lead to a loss of perspective that results in a lack of compassion and a cold disregard for emotional issues. Without the tempering of intellect with insight, feelings and emotion, when in a situation of pain or pressure, a strong mind can turn mean and end in harsh, angry words or a complete withdrawal from the fray. All actions that are, in the end, counterproductive to whatever the cause

Another reason for this queen's aura of isolation is that not many people are ready to hear the truth. With her no-nonsense attitude and dedication to intelligent reasoning, the Queen of Swords advises that it is far better to be alone than to compromise your vision or integrity.

*“Keen perception and a sense of humor can help you overlook the unattractive, tolerate the unpleasant, cope with the unexpected, and smile through the unbearable.”*

M. Waldoks

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