

“Choices are the hinges of destiny.”

Edwin Markham



“Options”

II of WANDS

Divinatory Meaning:

This card is about options, choices and of making informed decisions. It is now time to look carefully at the differences between *possibilities* and *probabilities*.

May denote high aims and ideals and may also represent a pending partnership or business deal, with success achieved through strength and vision.

Can also suggest a tendency to *leap before looking*, which can include speaking before thinking, or not taking enough time for proper analysis before making a final decision.

Symbolism:

Flanked by two wands, the figure depicted stands on castle walls surveying the landscape stretched out in front of him. In his right hand he holds a globe, while his left hand firmly grasps a wand, both representing a *world of possibilities*. To the right of the figure the second wand is secured to the wall and symbolizes what has already been achieved. The white lilies (representing pure thought) and red roses (representing desire) indicate balance, or seeing what needs to be done in a situation to effectively move things along.

Practical Application:

Self determination is the primary message of this card. By carefully surveying the issues at hand, you can then match your skills and talents with the likely challenges ahead. This is the way to set tasks or goals that can reasonably be achieved.

The Ace of Wands affords you confidence in your own resources and the ability to proceed with surety, even though some of the minor details may be missing.

It is also important to remember this card is about combining intuition and intellect. Make it your business to find out what you **don't** know and put your knowledge to work with experimentation. By refusing to limit yourself, you can expand far beyond your present expectations. Careful consideration of your options is now necessary to provide a strong foundation for projects to follow.

“When you cannot make up your mind between two evenly balanced courses of action, choose the bolder.”

W.J. Slim

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