



## Queen of Cups

**Traditional meaning:** “... Queens can be taken for actual people or parts of the seeker’s personality ... The Queen of emotions is a person who has reached a degree of understanding of her own emotional depth and lives to a large extent in the realm of fantasy and imagination. The Queen of Cups is often the object of the love of others attracting admiration for her qualities of gentleness and sensitivity, yet she has a certain air of containedness which makes her quite fascinating. She is highly artistic and creative, even mystical or prophetic. However, she is deeply involved in her inner world that it makes relationships of an everyday nature strangely difficult for her. The Queen of Cups has qualities which are often sought after by those who need to pay attention to their inner worlds as well as their outer ones.”

[The complete Book of Tarot, Juliet Sharman-Burke, 1985 Pan Books, London]

**Relationships:** In regard to relationships **Queens** represent our emotional maturation, our ability to take personal responsibility for what we are experiencing and materialising.

In this case, the **Queen of Cups** suggests we can fully grasp the depth of our emotional involvement with this person we are discussing and transform these feelings into a useful set of personal values that support our personal growth from here on. But there is a tendency to be distracted. This distraction can have us missing the inherent opportunity in this relationship we are discussing. While we are caught up in the emotions, the opportunity to develop this relationship into something even greater could be missed.

The Queen of Cups comes with a warning, or a gentle reminder that while what we want is possible, we maybe too distracted by emotional drama to benefit from this opportunity. Or simply too engrossed in our inner world to take advantage of our external reality which is also providing us with feedback regarding our ability to consciously create an ideal life ... or Earth Walk.

Are we really ready to take personal responsibility for our emotional wellbeing, as compared to a narcissistic obsession with our emotional state? This card showing up today suggests “yes”. That now is the time to lift our attention out of our daydreaming and to apply our imagination in a constructive and productive manner to materialise whatever it is we really actually want to experience; as compared to just daydreaming about it. To take action and therefore take advantage of our previous experiences and custom design a relationship that actually works for us.

At all times keeping our integrity by only expecting to change our own thoughts, feelings and behaviour, not the attitude or behaviour of others. The Queen of Cups has the personal power to cause change, but first she must awaken to her ability to use and direct her emotional responses productively, accumulating a great set of personal values to sustain her personal development.

Do we have what it takes? Yes, of course we do! By asking how/what questions and actioning the answers.

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[Image: Rider-Waite deck of Tarot]