

# Death

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What's interesting about this card is it seems when you watch a reading, whether it be in person or on TV, when the death card come up, people seem to go crazy. The instant acknowledgement is that 'they are going to die'. I will have to admit that before I knew anything about Tarot, I thought the same thing. Once I realized that was not the case, I felt more comfortable when the card appears in readings I do for myself or when someone is doing a reading for me and it comes up.

**Basic Card Symbols:** Skeletal Death, black robes or armor, sometimes with a scythe or a flag featuring a white rose on a desolate black field. There is often a rising sun. Sometimes there are other figures in the field. The most common, reoccurring figure on Death cards is a child.

**Keywords:** Ending, conclusion, transition, passage, departure.

**Range of Meaning: Upright/Positive:** bringing an unpleasant phase of life to an end. Recognizing and celebrating the conclusion of something. Putting bad habits to rest. Becoming a new person. Leaving one person, place, or thing for another. Letting go.

**Upside down/Negative:** Obsessing on death or dying. Refusing to give up old habits or unhealthy relationships, insisting that everything and everyone should stay the same forever. Fearing change. Failing to take good care of you.

**Correspondences: Archetype:** Death

**Hebrew Alphabet:** Nun/Fish/50

**Numbers:** 13 = 1 + 3 = 4 (stability, persistence)

**Planetary/Astrological/Elemental:** Scorpio

**Mythical/Spiritual:** Christ in the tomb. Hades. Hypnos. Thanatos. Stories of journeys into the underworld.

**Story:** At the midpoint of valued ally dies or is believed dead.

**For the month:** I feel that there is something in your life is coming to a turning point. Something is in transition, coming to an end. I feel it is a relationship whether it is romantic relationship, friendship; business partnership is in a transition. Look for this between October 23 and November 21. Here is information a little more detailed per situation.

**Relationship:** Figure out what is not working for you and put it behind. Take stock of the relationship itself. Dying flames can be rekindled if there is a mutual effort to do so. But embrace the ending if the ending is what is best for you.

**Work:** Close out lingering projects and tie up loose ends. Consider all your options including the possibility of moving on. Alternatively, you could put an end to feelings of unrest by deciding, once and for all, to stay put. Do what you feel strongly is best for you.

**Spiritually:** The death card is a reminder to focus on what matters. Alternatively, the card can suggest a need to contact or honor your ancestors.

**Personal growth:** Grasping the short, fleeting nature of life is one of life's hardest and most sobering lessons. Acknowledging your own impermanence can help you live your life more fully.