

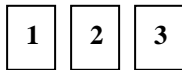
Divination Using the Investor Tarot



Successful use of the Investor Tarot requires a combination of intuition and economic skill. Yet, the basic techniques can be mastered in minutes. For example, consider:

Method One

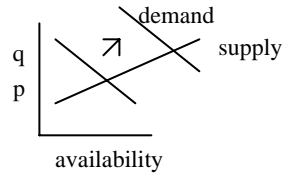
In which the Aspirant wishes to determine whether or not to invest in stocks, given share prices at the time of his/her Query. The Method is simple. One shuffles the deck, then one turns up three cards thus:



If all three cards are “reversed” (i.e., upside-down), then the answer is **No**. Otherwise, the answer is **Yes**, one should definitely invest in stocks.

[Mathematically inclined readers may theorize that **Yes** answers will tend to predominate in this Method, and indeed, experimenters in Prague have confirmed this. This “scientific” approach misses the point, of course, which is to draw answers from one’s subconscious and the surrounding life force. Readers seeking “scientific” answers are advised, however, to consider that other investors are at

this very moment casting divinations with their own Investor Tarot decks, using Method One, leading to an increase in demand for shares, as illustrated by the arrow in this figure:



As a result, we see that share prices increase from p to q , which is in the interest of all those consulting the Tarot using Method One.]

Method Two

The Aspirant first selects a card at random which is taken to represent the Aspirant himself/herself. This representation is symbolic, not literal. For example, if one selects the King of Cups (*the CEO*), this does not mean that the Aspirant is the CEO of anything. Rather, it may indicate that the Aspirant is one who has a low opinion of the CEO at place where he/she works. Or, if the Nineteenth Major Arcana (*the Bull*) is chosen, this need not indicate that the Aspirant is actually a bull, but rather that the Aspirant possesses some feature common to bulls, such as small horns. One places the card thus

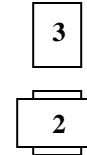


and says aloud: “That’s me.” Next, the Aspirant selects another card and, placing it across the first card,

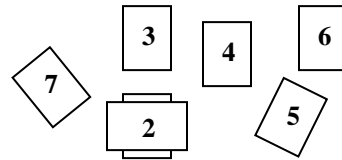


says aloud: “This renders my situation nearly hopeless.” The Aspirant must focus deeply to reach an appropriate interpretation of this card. If the card is the Sixth Major Arcana (*Bankruptcy*), for example, then one will be faced with the illustrated image of a small bank in the shape of a pig, with a slot on its back for coins. In this case, what vexes the Aspirant need

not be an actual pig-shaped bank, but rather may be *any* device into which one inserts coins, such as a pay phone or parking meter. Next, one turns up a card and places it thus



while saying aloud: “This sits on my head.” It represents one Aspect of the Forces Arrayed against the Aspirant. If this card is too fearful, one may turn up more cards until a relatively harmless one is found:



If appropriate, the Aspirant may say aloud: “That’s a relief.” The next card should be placed far to the right of the others:



This card signifies all that is Distant and Irrelevant to the matter at hand. It is best to ignore this card. The Aspirant should close his/her eyes and try not to think about the card. It may help to think about baseball, or one’s grandparents. Finally the Aspirant lays down the last card

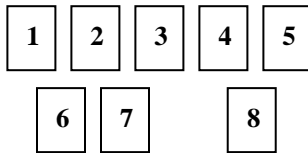


and focuses full attention, for this is the card that represents the future, the resolution of the question or matter. At this point, the Aspirant may recognize the card from a previous reading and may wonder if he/she may have forgotten to shuffle. No matter! The result is valid, whether or not the deck was shuffled. If the final card contains a human figure, it most likely represents a friend or acquaintance of the Aspirant. If the card

contains and amputated digit, it may represent something the Aspirant has lost or misplaced.

Method Three

This technique allows the Aspirant to perform a macroeconomic forecast. The cards are laid out as follows:



The FIRST CARD represents the amount of capital being applied to R&D. The SECOND CARD represents the growth in Real Gross National Product. The THIRD CARD represents the aggregate money supply, which affects the Assets Market in its mutually-reinforcing relationship with the Goods Market. The FOURTH CARD represents a viewpoint on Fractional Reserve Banking. The FIFTH CARD represents a long

corridor of power. The SIXTH CARD represents the connection between housing starts and non-farm unemployment, moderated by prevailing interest rates. The SEVENTH CARD represents the weather. The EIGHTH CARD represents the Aspirant's understanding of these factors, which are crucial to the success of his/her investments.

Method Four

The Aspirant should first collect all of the cards in the Suit of Swords. These should be shuffled well, then the first five cards laid out thus:



The Aspirant should say (and then reflect on) the following sentence: "Concerns about <FIRST CARD> deepen as fears about <SECOND CARD> and/or <THIRD CARD> cause financial markets to move in expectation of the onset of <FOURTH CARD>, leading key

government officials and market pundits to reflect on the real possibility of <FIFTH CARD>." The Aspirant should use his/her best newscaster voice when speaking aloud.

Method Five

The Aspirant should repeatedly turn up cards until one card from the Suit of Coins appears (normally representing a country or currency), then consider buying securities in the country so selected, unless the card is reversed, in which case the Aspirant may simply close his/her eyes and imagine floating god-like over the selected country.

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Note: Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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