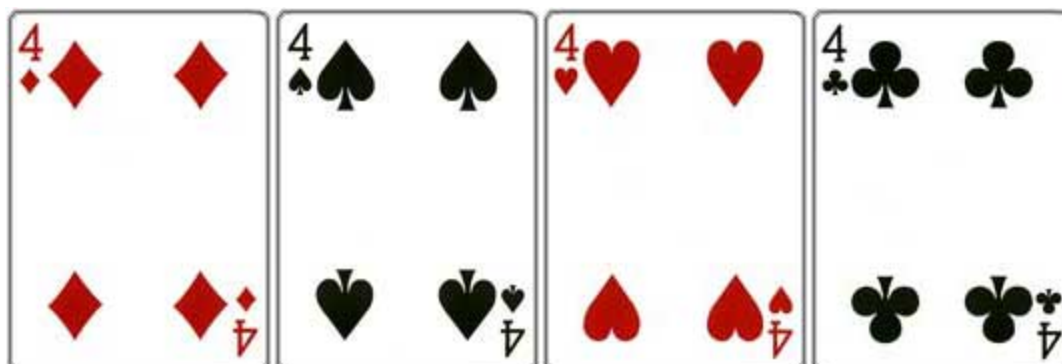


Birth Cards: Fours



Fours are family oriented. Their priorities are contentment, stability and security. This is the nature of the life of a four. Physically, they often appear round or square. Not only does this apply to Four Birth Cards but also to their Planetary Ruling Card. They appear and seem to be solid, grounded people. They make people feel safe and secure. In astrology Cancer rules the fourth house and represents security and safety. In fact, it is security that is of primary importance to Fours. They create order out of chaos and security out of uncertainty. Another keyword is protection. They perceive protection as their birthright. All of this requires work. That and that alone can bring about what they want. Procrastination and avoidance are the biggest enemies of fours. If they are not willing to exert the effort everything will go wrong to different degrees. Commitment and effort can bring about what they want. Unhappiness comes to Fours who try to avoid how much work they have to do. A lot of Fours worry about security too much. This can lead to an overly controlling type of person. Fours who do not measure up to their own commitments become controllers who try to keep everyone and everything in a box. The overly protective parent is probably a Four. Even if they have good intentions, they are stifling the development of their child with their overly controlling approach. Their main fear is one of losing their children, who are a large part of the security network they have created. Micromanaging bosses are cut from the same cloth. They worry so much about details that they cannot see the overall picture. They create problems and limits opportunities. Growth can be seen as a threat. The Four strives mightily to keep things exactly the way they are. They will change, of course, but not on anything pertaining to their security system. Fours that are Diamonds or Clubs can actually be progressive. They enjoy traveling, as do Fives. This could be the result of having Fives as their first Karma Cards. The relationship to the Five might also be a cause of frequent unhappiness in work. Conflict can exist in the Four of Diamonds and Four of Clubs because of their work and their wanderlust. Fours establish foundations. They are organized and set boundaries. Generally, they are not leaders. They prefer jobs where they can make a contribution but not be bothered by others. Creativity is not their primary ascent and they are not farsighted or open-minded. However they provide security, stability and a work ethic. After working hard their entire lives, they have the money and freedom to travel and live happy lives. So we can see that the feeling of security coupled with a love of travel are part of the Four's being. Thus a fine balance is required for a happy life; a balance of both movement and stability. Their willingness to work can be used to overcome this challenge.