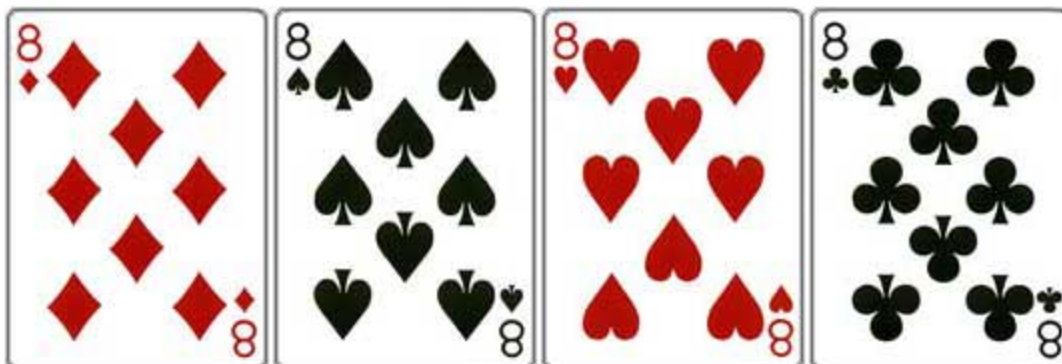


Birth Cards: Eights



Because the Four symbolized security, a good supply and is a cornerstone, the Eight constitutes even more than this because it is double Fours. It has progressed through the challenges faced by the Seven. It is a multiplication of energy because it is 2×4 . This is power which entails the necessary tools to bring about change in any direction. All that is needed is a focus of energy. Eight is the harvest. It is fullness. Eights are shining paradigm cases of production and creation. Eights are producers because they are hard workers. They enjoy seeing the results of power but, alas, like any of the other positives of the Birth Card, power can be used for good or it can be twisted. There is a lifetime of facing this challenge. Eights face this choice for their entire life. It is a focal point that many do not perceive. Power emanates not from us, but from the highest power. That is God the creator of the universe. Clearly power can be used for good like helping others. It can bring about goodwill and assistance to others. Unfortunately the flip side of this is addiction to escapism from lack of inner strength and insecurity. If power flows from the creator, we are also given a share of that power. This can lead some to believe they have a right from above to that power. We see this often by some in positions of power. Rather than being grateful for their gift, they distort things. They can believe they are incapable of error and have a right to power. The view of themselves is that they are some sort of demigod and even immortal. This situation is highly dangerous. It is like giving a child a loaded weapon. Eights who do not recognize that they are God's vessels will make the errors in conjunction with the misuse of power. There is a connection to astrology here. Natal charts of the majority of Eights contain a strong element of Scorpio. They also have Pluto or the Eighth House energy. The action of Eights is similar to Scorpios, without regard to their sun sign. The overall ruler of this element is Pluto. As the planet of death and destruction the Pluto influence is profoundly significant to the Eights. What comes into play with Pluto and Scorpio is self-transformation. With a strong Pluto or Scorpio influence in a person's character, as in Eights, there will always be some significant alteration in the person's life. This will repeat itself. Changes can pertain to relationships, finances, and work or location. Metaphorically speaking, all Eights pass through several deaths during their lifetime. The death will involve some part of their personality. The Eight is like Phoenix rising. From the very ashes of their own burial it flies again with new refreshed wings. Powerful people come into their lives and this can result in a power struggle for the Eight. The Eight must understand that the change is needed within. Turning their power inward in an effort to change can make them even more powerful.