"The Queen of Cups is the Worldly principle and Universal Archetype of Mastery of Emotional Integrity. The Beholder of Life is starting on a new journey, a new adventure, with fresh insight and a deep connection into the centres of Truth and Self. The Queen symbolizes emotional congruity concerning motherhood issues and female authority figures in one’s Life. The Queen is a dancer of Emotion, sparkling and teeming with boundless energy for Love, Compassion and Wisdom."
THE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE AND WORLDLY ARCHETYPE OF MASTERY OF YOUR PERSONAL EMOTIONAL INTEGRITY

“Guided by instincts, she is attuned to that otherworld and finds joy in that communion of kindred spirits. For someone else who did possess a comprehension of her synchronicity, a misstep from her position would mean a plunge into unfathomable depths, but no so for the Queen of Cups. She dances on, embraced by the endless azure ocean and heavens, and where the sea meets the sky, there is no seam.”

- Lisa Hunt (Animals Divine Tarot)

The Queen of Cups is the Universal Archetype and Worldly principle of Mastery of Emotional Integrity. The Magnificent Queen has her hand on the stork which represents her determination to express herself naturally and accurately, as she gives birth to fantastic new forms, new talents, new identities and new life, which are all symbolized by the purity of the stork.
The **Queen of Cups** is the *true expression* of emotional authenticity and congruity concerning *motherhood issues* and issues surrounding maternal and female authority figures in one's life, including one's own mother. The **Queen of Cups** is one of the *four motherhood symbols* in the Tarot deck (The **Empress**, The **Aeon** and the **Princess of Disks**).

In her other hand, the **vibrant Queen** holds the *crayfish shell*, which serves as a *reminder* that she *chooses integrity over illusion/deception* (*the fish standing on its tail making the sign of Neptune’s fork*). **Neptune** symbolizes *inspiration* or *delusion* when swimming in the vast Nature of one’s own *great emotional sea*.

“In Greek mythology Neptune is the God of the Seas, whose trident represents the three vital impulses of the spirit: conservation, reproduction and evolution (Cirlot, 1962). The Queen of Cups is committed to expressing Neptune’s inspiration rather than Neptune’s illusionary or delusionary qualities. The double reflection of the water is representative of her constant choice to reflect her feelings accurately ‘as above, so below’. Whatever she is feeling inside, she is determined to reflect accurately on the outside as a way of preventing any dichotomy between what is felt internally and what is being expressed externally.”

- Angeles Arrien (The Tarot Handbook)
The **fair Queen** also represents a *beautiful, fair* and *dreamy woman* who is *good, honest* and *devoted*, who does *great service* to the Querent. She is bursting full of *loving intelligence*, has the *tremendous gift of Vision, success, happiness, pleasure, wisdom* and *virtue*.

The **Fabulous Queen** symbolizes the constant practise of *owning one’s own feelings* and *expressing them without blame or judgement*. She *does not abandon, deny* or *repress her feelings*. She *communicates* her feelings *accurately* and *openly*. She *does not use her feelings to attack others*, nor does she *apologize for her feelings to anyone*. She stands strong in her unique Beauty!

For **men**, the **delightful Queen** symbolizes the *anima* figure, who is totally committed to *expressing feelings honestly* and *responsibly*. She symbolizes the responsibility of *communicating your feelings accurately* during the *water sign months* of **Pisces** (February 21st to March 21st), **Cancer** (June 21st to July 21st) and **Scorpio** (October 21st to November 21st) and to *water sign people* in your life.
The **Queen of Cups** requires that you reflect yourself honestly as you *make changes* and *give birth to new identities, new forms, new talents and new lifestyles*. It is important that you *express yourself authentically to water sign people*, and in the *water sign months* as you *make these changes and give birth to new parts of your life*. It is time to *express your feelings honestly* and *openly*.

In the **sparkling Shadowscapes Companion Tarot** by *Stephanie Pui-Mun Law* and *Barbara Moore*, the dancing **Queen** is shown as *poetry in pure motion, imagination incarnate*. She *dances* on the swells of the *ever-changing, ever-shifting seas*, in unison with the *dance of Life* that engages all the world and its *fantastic creatures*. 
“Though her steps seem random and impulsive, she relies upon a deep-seated knowledge. She draws her strength from the vast abyss of the ocean. The ancients of the deep, the sea turtles, the wise ones of the ocean: they come swimming up to join her in a joyous celebration. The world that they jointly move in is like a dream. Everything is fluid, one element melding into the next. It is the shifting landscape of the subconscious, overlapping with the material being of reality. This is the essence of creation and artistic expression.”

- Stephanie Pui-Mun Law & Barbara Moore (Shadowscapes Companion)

The brave Queen heeds her intuitions and follows her heart. She listens closely to the whispers of the stars, for she treasures their wisdom. The stars have witnessed the world from when the seas were young.

Within the twinkling Animals Divine Companion by Lisa Hunt, the Queen of Cups is akin to the Incan goddess of the Sea, Mama Cocha. Her qualities are full of expression, affection, emotion and in league with the inner psychic vibrations of your personal Life energy, teaming with comfort and compassion.
“Mama Cocha is the Incan goddess of the ocean. Revered by fishermen, she provides bountiful food from her watery realm. She is one of the oldest divinities of ancient Peruvian cultures. She is the giver of water and rain, providing nourishment and good health to all those that worship her. Mama Cocha is the sister and wife of Viracochas. Her name translates as “mother of the sea”. Her influenced rein high in coastal areas, where her provisions are vital to the survival of fishing communities.”

- Animals Divine Companion (Lisa Hunt)

The movement of the water represents active psychic energy. The ebbing tides upon the sandy shore contract sharply with the crashing waves and mirror the expressive side of our eternal inner being.

The elegant swimming dolphin is at one with the goddess, merging with her sparkling form and communicating through echolocation. Dolphins symbolize a higher intelligence and great intuitive powers. The fish are symbols of renewal and the crab a symbol of regeneration. The crab is an expert at locating hidden water caches. The spirals symbolize the omnipresent flow of energy.

The three seashells on the belt of Mama Cocha represent the natural beauty of the power of the ocean. The conch shell is multitudinous with its fantastic never-ending spirals. Mama Cocha wears a headband and armband, symbols of eternity and the oneness with all the creatures, fauna and flora of the ocean. She wears the mark of the triskelion, signifying the continuous nature of birth, death and rebirth.
Mama Cocha’s divine and eternal flow shows that we can be more connected with our own psychic life. The waters of the unconscious are teeming with life and insights into past, present and future. By learning how to connect with our inner life, we learn to become more attuned with our own inner being and vital energy. We become more empathic to everything around us. This is a fabulous opportunity to nurture our intuitive flows and become more sensitive and aware of the differing environments both within and without.

Written in the Magnificent Fantastical Creatures Tarot by Lisa Hunt and D.J. Conway the resplendent Queen is represented by the mermaid, who is strong and resilient with psychic power and feelings.

The beautiful mermaid navigates the great sea of emotions with confidence, grace and power. Her spiritual light shines over her like a giant halo. Encircling her are many little fish, which are ancient symbols of divinatory messages. The coral and seaweed represent emotional openness, the playful inner child, and the ability to attract true love.
Bubbles resembling *stars in the night sky* circle around the mermaid like *moons around a planet*. *Stars* signify *other lifetimes, spiritual progress of souls*, and the *ultimate connection* we all have with the *goddess and god*.

In the **ancient Kleopatra Tarot**, the wise *Queen* is symbolized by **Seshat**, the *ancient goddess of wisdom, Knowledge* and *writing*. She glows with the feminine love of a sincere woman, a mother, wife, lover and sincere friend. She *steers your endeavours into positive fields of great clarity and harvest*. The radiant *Queen* teaches how to be *sensitive to your own Soul*, allowing *great wisdom, faithfulness* and *fertility* to come into your *Heart*.

In the **heroic Haindl Tarot**, the legs of the ancient stone form *go deep* into the ground. The *Queen of Cups* is shown as *'Venus'* and is of the *Earth*. The *Moon* and the *Ocean* connect her with the *goddess energy*. The landscape is *green and fertile*. This symbolizes traits which are *earthy, plain, honest*, with a *deep connection* to **primal ancient forces**.
Within the honest and **Fabulous Learning the Tarot** by Joan Bunning, it is shown that the pensive Queen is a combination of the positive water energy of the Cups suit with the inward elegant focus of the vibrant Queen herself. The Queen has a sweet, loving and sensitive nature to everyone and never reacts with anger or impatience.

The heartfelt Queen feels deeply and has reverence for all aspects of Creation. Her love embraces everyone and everything. The gracious Queen of Cups asks us to think and feel as she does.

*Are you aware of the emotional climate?*
*Do you trust your heart completely?*
*Are you feeling the Joy of Love?*
*Have you received an intuitive message?*
*Have you been moved by another’s pain?*

The faithful Queen represents an atmosphere of gentle love, acceptance and respect for feelings. She tells you that her special energy has great meaning for you at this time. Let yourself be inspired by the Queen in whatever form she appears to in your Life.
In the graceful and elegant Book of Thoth by Aleister Crowley, the Queen of Cups represents the watery part of Water, its power of reception and reflection. In the divine Zodiac it rules from the 21st degree of Gemini to the 20th degree of Cancer. Her image is of extreme purity and beauty, with infinite subtlety; to see the Truth of her is hardly possible, for she reflects the nature of the observer in great perfection.

“She is represented as enthroned upon still water. In her hand she bears a shell-like cup, from which issues a crayfish, and she bears also the Lotus of Isis, of the Great Mother. She is robed in, and veiled by, endless curves of light, and the sea upon which she is enthroned conveys the almost unbroken images of the image which she represents.”

- Aleister Crowley (The Book of Thoth)

Principles associated with Queen of Cups are dreaminess, illusion and tranquillity. She is a perfect agent and patient, able to receive and transmit everything without herself being affected thereby. If ill-dignified, all these qualities are degraded; everything passing through her is refracted and distorted. Her characteristics depend mostly upon the influences that affect her.
In the Yi King, the Watery part of Water is represented by the 58th hexagram, Tui. The commentary is as colourless as the card; it consists of mild exhortations on the subject of pleasure. It can be said that people of this type have no character at all of their own, unless it can be called a characteristic to be at the disposition of every impact or impression. It is hinted that the chief pleasure of people of this type is to lead and attract others.

The dignified Lon Milo DuQuette in Understanding Aleister Crowley’s Thoth Tarot states that the luminous Queen of Cups bears a striking resemblance to Atu II, the High Priestess. The lustrous Queen rules from June 11th to July 11th and she rules the Ten of Swords, the Two of Cups and the Three of Cups.
The glowing Queen is known as ‘The Queen of the Thrones of Water’ and ‘Queen of the Nymphs or Undines’. She is Binah in Briah (Water of Water) symbolizing emotion directing emotion and is akin to women aged thirty six and older.

“Water of Water is tantamount to saying reflection of reflection, or mirror to mirror. The Queen of Cups is popular and makes friends easily because, when others look at her, they see only themselves. If ill dignified, she can be dangerous and cruel, distorting the reflections she casts back on her unsuspecting victims, who then see only monsters in the mirror.”

- Lon Milo DuQuette (Understanding Aleister Crowley’s Thoth Tarot)

The Magnificent Queen has appeared in your Life to give you a great gift. This is the Magnificent Nature of Emotional personal Integrity, allowing you a deep connection into your own Soul, granting you the tranquillity and power to listen to your innermost feelings and hence be sensitive to the feelings of others. It is a time of honesty within yourself and an opportunity to give birth to new forms, new energies in your own Life. See the world and yourself as a divine and sacred place and space.
Skills and Traits - facets of the Queen of Cups

being Loving
turning away wrath with caring
unconditionally accepting
sensitive to feelings of others
dispelling anger and hate
having infinite patience
oneness with God and the Universe

being Tender-Hearted
easily moved by another’s pain
having sensitivity and compassion
kind and gentle with all creatures
helping someone in need
feeling what others are feeling
having reverence for all Life

listening to Intuition
turned to emotional undercurrents
sensing the climate of the situation
being guided by the heart
trusting inner truth
understanding without need to ask
finding Joy in communion

Psychic Intuition
open to the unconscious
well-developed sixth sense
telepathic bond with another
has finely tuned sensibility
natural medium
appreciating deeper Life
World and Occupation

feeling Oneself Loved

humanity, idealism, true love, caring warmth, domesticity, sensitivity
passion, beauty, good taste, affection friendliness, artistry, lightness, home childbearing, motherliness, laughter romance, support, pregnancy, hearth generosity, marriage, charm

mediums, doctors, counsellors, nurses care-givers, clairvoyants, philanthropists healers, visionaries, psychic healers

Reversed

Going against the Divine

suspicion, loss of optimism, broken hopes relationship terminated or ruined, abandonment fears of motherhood and domestic responsibilities inability to physically bear children, indifference anti-social feelings, recrimination, misdiagnosis indecency, pessimism, betrayal, rejection, loss being denied a strong ally or friendship, lost care

warning against marriage and having children shallowness, withdrawal, feeling unsupported ostracization, woman not to be trusted, pain poverty, dishonour, abortion, parsimony poor health, miscarriage, death, coldness, vice someone out of touch with physical realities perversion, depravity, fatalism, ruin

(The reversal asks to strengthen the positive and release the negative. Any path will always lead to both being fulfilled)
Negative Path

Treading Path of Fear

 heedlessness, laziness, impressionability, hypochondria, superficiality, manipulation, hypersensitivity, apathy, smothering attention, extreme introversion, paranoia, irrationality, domination, gullibility, vacillation, neurasthenia, hesitation, weakness, intellectual retardation, emotional blackmail, timidity, vampirism, evil, neurosis, pettiness, vacuity, control, fear

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REINA DE COPAS
REGINA DI COPPE
REINE DE COUPES
KÖNIGIN DER KELCHE
BEKERS KONINGIN
Königin der Kelche
Queen of Cups
VENUS OF WILLENDORF

Mother of Cups in the North
Queen of Cups