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TAROT READING

In-depth report

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THE QUESTION

I keep repeating the same mistake with money and I do not realise where it comes from. What is the root of this?

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The question and what the spread answers

Carlos, your question about why you always repeat the same mistake with money, touching upon a wound that you cannot close, hides a truth far deeper than a simple planning failure or a wrong investment choice. Beneath your doubt regarding financial management, the table reveals that your true issue is of an emotional nature and of family loyalty. What you are really asking is which invisible rules of your past you continue to obey when you sabotage your material stability, and in what way money serves as a screen for conflicts that your conscious mind has not yet managed to process. The spread answers this dilemma in a clear way, pulling the rug out from under your usual excuses and showing that the root of the problem does not lie in a lack of resources, but rather in the way you use those resources to negotiate your personal worth and your affections.

The general atmosphere of the table is of an unusual intensity, revealed by the strong presence of Major Arcana, which make up half of the cards in this pyramid. This indicates that the matter is not resolved with a mere spreadsheet or a consultation with a financial expert, as it touches upon deep structures of your identity, forces that escape your daily control and that demand a complete internal reorganization. The dominant element on the table is Water, through the suit of Cups, which confirms that money is here a vehicle for feeling, memory and the search for love or belonging. The most striking thing, however, is the total absence of the element Earth, the suit of Pentacles, which rules physical matter, real money and the slow time of sowing and reaping. The absence of Pentacles in a spread about money is the most revealing fact of all, showing that, for you, current money is not treated as concrete matter, but rather as an abstract symbol of something else. Air, the suit of Swords, is also absent, which denotes a lack of cold analysis and rational detachment at the moment of deciding. The table shows that you decide with the heart and with impulse, leaving logic out of your process.

The ground



1 · The Hierophant
(reversed)

The Hierophant, which appears here in its reversed form, represents the material and factual basis of this situation. In the traditional image of this lamina, we see a figure of spiritual authority, seated between two columns of a temple, with a triple crown on his head and a sceptre in his left hand, whilst with his right hand he blesses two initiates who kneel before him. This is the Major Arcana number five, the number of passage, of teaching and of established rules that guarantee social and family order.

When this card presents itself reversed at the base of your spread, it indicates that the factual foundation of your problem with money lies in a break in connection with traditional structures of authority or, on the contrary, in a blind and unconscious submission to family dogmas that no longer serve your current path.

This lamina, in this specific place which constitutes the concrete terrain of the question, shows that your financial behaviour is anchored in an invisible inheritance of beliefs about what money is, what it means and who has the right to possess it. The reversed Hierophant reveals that you may be trying to rebel against a rigid family model, spending in a disordered way to prove your freedom, or that, conversely, you are punishing yourself for not fulfilling the expectations that your ancestors deposited in you. The fact that this force shows itself blocked and turned inwards means that your relationship with the rules of the material world is distorted: there is a refusal to accept the authority of basic financial laws, as if you were above them or as if compliance with those rules represented a betrayal of your own deep identity. This resistance connects directly to the presence of Justice, which further up in the spread will come to demand a reckoning with reality.

The feeling



2 · Eight of Wands

The Eight of Wands occupies the place of feeling, bringing to the table an energy of urgency and acceleration. In the image of this card, we see eight wooden staves crossing a clear sky, flying towards the ground with great speed, without any hand being seen to launch them. This is the suit of Wands, associated with the element Fire, which rules action, desire, haste and vital force, and the degree eight represents the channelisation of that energy towards a rapid objective, the absence of obstacles and the imminence of an impact.

On your emotional plane, this card reveals that your internal reaction to money is characterised by an anxiety of speed and by an impulse of urgency that gives you no space to breathe.

Feeling this matter through the Eight of Wands means that, for you, financial decisions are experienced as last-minute emergencies that demand immediate action, preventing any maturation of feeling. When money reaches your hands, or when you face a financial choice, there is a discharge of adrenaline that pushes you to resolve the situation as quickly as possible, whether by buying, by investing without thinking, or simply by getting rid of the money to relieve internal tension. This emotional speed prevents you from inhabiting the present and from perceiving what you are really feeling beneath that haste. The feeling is not of stability, but of a constant flow that runs the risk of crashing down, an acceleration that finds a dangerous echo in the youthful impulse that is revealed right next to it, in the mind of The Fool.

The thinking



3 · The Fool

The Fool appears in the position of thinking, revealing that your mind deals with the material issue through an escape from gravity. The lamina shows a young wanderer advancing with head held high, looking at the sky with a slight smile, whilst taking a step towards the abyss opening before him, oblivious to the danger and to the dog biting his trousers to warn him. He carries only a small bundle on a stick, the symbol of one who travels without luggage and without a past.

Being the unnumbered Arcana, or the number zero, The Fool represents pure potential, absolute freedom, but also irresponsibility, the refusal of limits and the naive belief that the world will look after him without him needing to make an effort or foresee tomorrow.

Having this card govern your thought about finances explains perfectly the repetition of your error. Your mind comforts itself with the narrative that money is something minor, that true freedom consists of not worrying about tomorrow and that, in the end, everything will resolve itself in some magical way. It is the thought of someone who refuses to do sums because they consider planning to be a prison for the spirit, preferring the fantasy of a constant fresh start. This mental attitude is a direct reaction to the rigidity that the reversed Hierophant projects at the base of the spread: to escape the oppression of family rules, your head adopts the posture of the traveller without a destination who possesses nothing and owes nothing to anyone. However, this lightness of thought, which to you seems liberating, is in truth the trap that prevents you from putting down roots and from assuming responsibility for your own security, connecting in an intimate way with the infantile nostalgia that we find in the Six of Cups.

What comes together



4 · Justice

Justice rises in the position of what comes together, indicating the force that results from the combination of the three previous forces. We see in this image a female figure seated on a stone throne, looking straight ahead, holding a balanced scale in her left hand and a vertical sword in her right hand. This Major Arcana number eight represents the law of cause and effect, the need for balance, objective truth and the necessary cut with illusions so that order can be restored.

The fact that this card is born from the union of the rebellion of the reversed Hierophant, the haste of the Eight of Wands and the irresponsibility of The Fool shows that life is constantly bringing you the bill for your acts so that you learn to see things as they are.

The force that your current situation has already produced is an unpostponable demand for realism. Justice tells you that the combination of poorly resolved family dogmas with emotional haste and mental denial always generates an inevitable clash with material reality. The scales of this card do not let themselves be influenced by good intentions or emotional excuses; they weigh the facts. Money that goes out is money that is missing, and every impulsive choice has a mathematical consequence. This lamina joins your path to show you that the repeated error is, in truth, an attempt to force the balance that you refuse to establish for yourself. Life hands back the naked truth through financial difficulties to force you to look at your accounts with the same clarity with which the figure in the card looks at whoever contemplates her, connecting this need for rigour to the blockage that the Six of Cups imposes on the emotional plane.

What resists



5 · Six of Cups

The Six of Cups manifests itself in the place of what resists, revealing where the flow of development is currently blocked. The image of this card shows a nostalgic setting, where one child hands another a cup full of white flowers, in an environment that evokes the security of an ancient garden or a medieval castle protecting them from the outside world. The element of Cups, linked to Water, rules emotions and memories, and the number six speaks of harmony, the search for comfort and a return to what is familiar. In this place of resistance, the card warns that the greatest obstacle to your financial maturity is an excessive attachment to the past and an unconscious refusal to grow up.

This resistance shows that you use money as a tool to try to recover the innocence, security or affection that you feel you lost in childhood. Spending money to please others, going shopping to fill an emotional void or avoiding taking responsibility for your bills are forms of infantile behaviour that seek to recreate the atmosphere of protection of the Six of Cups. The force of this card is here turned towards the past, acting as an anchor that prevents you from moving forward. You resist becoming the responsible adult of your own material life because, deep down, you associate financial responsibility with a loss of love or a grey solitude. This loyalty to the past and the search for emotional comfort through financial transactions is the great knot that needs to be untied so that you can access the promise of renewal that is revealed in the Ace of Cups.

The meaning



6 · Ace of Cups

The Ace of Cups occupies the top of the pyramid as the lamina that indicates the profound meaning of this learning. The card displays a single large cup from which five streams of water overflow, falling into a lake covered in lilies, whilst a white dove descends from on high to deposit a host in the chalice, symbolising an inexhaustible fountain of love, intuition and spiritual renewal. Being an Ace, this card represents the pure seed of its suit, the beginning of a new emotional cycle, the discovery of a wealth that is not measured by coins, but by the capacity to feel and to value oneself from within.

The meaning of this repeated crisis with money is to teach you that your true security and your worth do not depend on what you possess or what you spend, but rather on your capacity to welcome your own emotions without needing to anesthetise them with consumption or financial chaos. The Ace of Cups invites you to fill your internal cup with real affection, self-esteem and acceptance, instead of trying to use money to buy belonging or to compensate for old scarcities in your family history. When you understand that your emotional stability is independent of bank balances, and that you do not need to sabotage your material life to stay faithful to your inner child, the error will cease to have a function in your life. The lesson that this spread brings you is that money must return to being just money, a neutral resource at the service of your life, allowing your sensitivity and your love to flow through the right channels, without interfering with your physical survival.

The reading as a whole

The mathematical and structural analysis of this spread reveals the true machinery of your problem, Carlos. With half of the table occupied by Major Arcana, it is clear that the repetition of your financial error is not a mere everyday oversight, but rather an enactment of deep forces that transcend you. The fact that we have a very strong

presence of the suit of Cups and an absolute absence of Pentacles and Swords tells you everything you need to know about the mechanics of this process. You are trying to solve a material problem without using the tools of matter. You lack the Earth of Pentacles, which would bring you pragmatism, patience and respect for the physical limits of reality; and you lack the Air of Swords, which would give you the capacity to analyse your numbers coldly, to say no to impulses and to plan strategically. Instead, the table is flooded with Water, which means that your money is managed by emotional currents, by old guilts and by impulses of escape.

The lines of force of the spread show a tug-of-war between the past and the present. At the base, the reversed Hierophant creates a latent rejection of the rules of the material game, which translates mentally into the uncommitted attitude of **The Fool**. This thought of someone who has nothing to lose works as a mask for the pain that the **Six of Cups** hides in resistance. You spend or become financially disorganized because, deep down, you still function like the child who expects to be saved or who tries to buy his integration into a family clan whose rules he rejects. But life, which does not let itself be fooled, constantly brings you **Justice**. This card rises in the middle of the pyramid to cut, with its sharp sword, the fantasy of The Fool, forcing you to confront yourself with the real consequences of your acts through scarcity or financial tightness.

The movement in time shows that this matter comes from a childhood or a family history where money was associated with control, rigid dogmas or an affective bargaining chip. In the present, you grapple with the haste of the **Eight of Wands** and the denial of **The Fool**, jumping from impulse to impulse so as not to have to face the pain of your resistance. However, the meaning towards which the spread points is of an immense beauty and liberation. If you accept the confrontation with **Justice**, assuming factual responsibility for your finances without drama or infantilisation, you will finally be able to access the **Ace of Cups**. The frank answer to your question is this: the error with money comes from an unconscious attempt to use matter to heal a wound of lovelessness and family rejection. The price of continuing on this path is the ruin of your peace and constant dependence on others; the price of changing is the effort to

grow, to look at the numbers with clarity and to accept that your worth as a person neither increases nor decreases with the balance of your current account.

Advice

Letting go of the clan's rules

Recognise that the limiting beliefs you inherited about money belonged to the history of your family members and do not have to dictate your current destiny. Write down on a piece of paper the set phrases about money that you heard in your childhood and that are born from the reversed Hierophant, and consciously decide to let them go, assuming that you can be prosperous without that meaning a betrayal of your history.

The pause of the Eight of Wands

Whenever you feel the urgent impulse to spend, to invest or to make a quick financial decision, impose upon yourself a mandatory pause of forty-eight hours. This direct action cuts the haste of the **Eight of Wands** and prevents the emotional anxiety of the moment from turning into a material error that you will regret later.

Facing the scales

Open your accounts and face your real numbers every week, without excuses or delays. This regular practice anchors the energy of **Justice** in your daily life, forcing your mind to abandon the denial of **The Fool** and to accept that mathematical clarity is the only tool capable of protecting you from disorganisation.

Separating affection from money

Stop using money as a way of buying company, of apologising or of proving your love to those around you, a pattern born from the resistance of the **Six of Cups**. When you feel the temptation to make an expense to please someone or to alleviate guilt, offer instead your presence, your attention and your time, keeping your wallet closed.

Self-care without spending

Find ways to fill your emotional cup through activities that do not involve any financial transaction, opening space for the energy of the **Ace of Cups**. Cultivate moments of silence, of contact with nature or of genuine affective sharing that bring you the sensation of internal wealth and sufficiency without needing to spend a single penny on it.

The signs of maturity

Carlos, the signs that you are on the right path will begin to appear in a subtle way over the coming weeks. The first sign will be the absence of jolts and a sensation of calm when you open your account balance, showing that the urgency of the **Eight of Wands** is giving way to the stability of **Justice**. Another clear sign will be your capacity to say no to superfluous expenses without feeling that you are depriving yourself of affection or freedom, a sure indication that your cup of the **Ace of Cups** is starting to fill up from within. If, on the contrary, you catch yourself hiding invoices or postponing the consultation of your accounts, you will know that the resistance of the **Six of Cups** and the denial of **The Fool** are once again trying to take control. The decision to grow up and rewrite your financial history belongs entirely to you.

About the pictures on the cards

The description of each card in this report follows the original iconography of the Tarot, which is what gives it its meaning. The decks do not always reproduce it in full: a detail described in the text may not be visible in the painting in front of you. In that case it is the text that the card is read by — it carries the traditional meaning.

The code for this spread

This block lays the table again. Copy it and paste it into «Paste a Spread», at www.soldaalma.pt: the cards return to the same places, and from there you can ask for this report again without drawing them anew.

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baralho: tarot_casa
cartas: M5*, P8, M0, M11, C6, C1
pergunta: I keep repeating the same mistake with money and I do not realise where it comes from. What is the root of this?
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The cards show tendencies and forces at work, not guaranteed facts.

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