



## ALLIANCE

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**Earthly Meaning:** Make the most of networking opportunities. Respond to pressure by reaching out to people on different 'levels' of education, experience or social standing. Be wary of pretension or selective equality. A challenge brings people together. Cohesive relationships or a close-knit group. Building strength through structure and connection. Think in three-dimensions, e.g. past, present, future. Inclusion. Connect with people both younger and older than you.

**Spiritual Meaning:** You are part of an amazing universe, within and of creation. You are connected to and therefore have access to

all the colour of life's canvas. Mortal body, immortal soul, living many lives in endless forms throughout existence. You are in every word, every leaf and part of every star. You are the love that underpins the All. Bring this connection to consciousness.

**Insight:** Diamond is the hardest natural mineral on our planet. Graphite is one of the softest. One is brilliant and represents perfection and love, and adorns crowns. The other is dull and used in many everyday items, including pencils, brake linings and batteries. Diamond is so hard it is added to cutting tools, while graphite is so slippery it is used as lubricant. Diamonds refract light and can turn it into rainbows. Graphite absorbs light and is as black as night. Elementally, diamond and graphite are both pure carbon. They differ only in their structure. In graphite, the atoms bond in two-dimensional layers. In diamonds, the atoms bond in a three-dimensional lattice to make connections on all sides, not just to their 'neighbours' on the same plane. 'Valency' refers to an atom's capacity for connection. Diamonds are so durable because they use the valency of carbon to its full potential. Carbon's ability to bond in complex ways makes it central to cell-structure and, thus, to all life on Earth. It is our connections that make us strong. Our ability to make diverse and involved bonds is life affirming.



## BALANCE

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**Earthly Meaning:** The tedium or drudgery of a safe but unstimulating environment. Denying a problem worsens an outcome. Avoidance of the tough stuff causes dependence, stagnation or loss of self. Make mistakes with the purpose of learning from them. Aim to manage stress, rather than eliminating it. Minimise damage by turning a difficulty to your advantage. A challenge brings needed incentive.

**Spiritual Meaning:** Challenge helps you face and overcome fear. This challenge is a blessing that will in some way make you stronger and more resilient. Open yourself to the light of the

world. Draw it into you, be empowered by it and channel it into your environment for all to benefit from. Face all that comes your way and trust your ability to make change for the greater good.

**Insight:** In deserts, deep-sea volcanoes and the near-freezing waters of Antarctica, life persists in a show of creative resilience. Each pocket of life is linked to the temperature, soil, water, geography and to all the living beings in their shared environment. Energy enters a system as light and is transformed into nutrients that are recycled from plant to herbivore to carnivore, until it exits the system as heat. Over time, systems fall into a finely-tuned balance. A disruption to one element, impacts all other parts of the system. When wolves were eradicated from Yellowstone National Park, the result was so dramatic that even the course of the river changed. When they were reintroduced seventy years later, there were fears the wolves might devastate the wildlife and cause havoc for the park. However, they brought the balance the park needed. Keeping elk on the move allowed young plants to thrive and erosion decreased. With the availability of saplings, beavers returned to the park. The presence of predatory pressure was necessary for a balanced environment. The impact of even a small change can ripple across every area of your life. Take comfort in knowing that pressure is a vital element for growth and abundance.



## BRILLIANCE

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**Earthly Meaning:** An underlying fear of success. New ideas threaten old ways. Positive change respects the past and the future – put your thinking cap on and brainstorm. Step outside of conformity and well-meaning advice. Creative energy is generated through conversation and play. Be prepared for loud applause and the accompanying criticism. Experimentation recharges an interest. A sudden realisation brings dramatic change.

**Spiritual Meaning:** An inspirational thought flows into your heart and something new is born. You are focused, inspired and intuitively guided towards success. Much is accomplished with

seemingly little effort because the force of love and purpose is on your side. Your work and energy shall touch the hearts of many. Embrace your mental brilliance as part of your light.

**Insight:** Lightning repeatedly striking the vapour and gases present on the surface of the young earth produced amino acids, the building blocks of protein and the fundamentals of life. Lightning literally provided the spark of all life on Earth, but we are afraid of it. And for good reason, too! Lightning is many times hotter than the surface of the sun. (Despite this, people and animals can be struck by lightning and survive.) When lightning strikes, the surrounding air heats and expands so quickly that it creates great claps of thunder. Most lightning occurs within the clouds, but when it does ground, it can strike in the same place twice, and often strikes the same place many times over. Ideas can feel dangerous. Not everything we think up is destined for this time and place ... just like lightning, most ideas will never ground, but when they strike the right mix of elements, they can be world changing. Once one idea strikes, it increases the chances many more will follow. Generate brilliance!