

Trump Cards as Timing Indicators

I sorted all of the trump cards first by elemental association, and found that there are five each of Earth, Water and Air-related cards, and seven of Fire. Twelve are by sign, seven are by planet and three are by primary element. So I lined them all up in a four-tier array, with Earth at the top and Fire at the bottom. Then I sequenced each line according to the posture and motility of the central figure: static to the left, progressively more dynamic to the right.

The idea is that Earth is the slowest-moving element, and seated Earth-card figures are the least expeditious when forecasting events, while Fire is the most vigorous, and mounted or mobile Fire-card figures are the fastest-acting of all – especially the planetary ones. Water is the second most deliberate and Air the second most volatile.

