

South-easterly
At a Social Event
In a Large Group
With Associates
In a Hidden Place
At a Hospital
Through a Doctor
At a Retreat
At a Prison
At a Zoo
At a Secluded Place

Southerly
While On Vacation
At a Busy Place
In a Public Place
Outdoors
At a Workplace
Near Mountains
At a Boss's Home
On Public Property
At a Distance
At Lunch
In a High Place
In a Sunny Place

South
(Left Facing)
Southwest
(Right Facing)
Public/Social

South-westerly
At a Library
At a Museum
At School
At Church
Through a Teacher
Near a City
While Traveling

Westerly
With Friends
On a Date
Regionally
At Dinner
At a Friend's Home
In a Small Group
Outside the Home
Through a Lawyer
At a Planned Event
At a Reunion

East
(Right Facing)
Southeast
(Left Facing)
Solo/Local

“Sundial” Location Spread

West
(Left Facing)
Northwest
(Right Facing)
Group/Regional

Easterly
One-on-one
“Out of the Blue”
While Alone
Random Encounter
Locally
At Breakfast
With Siblings
With Neighbors
At an Unplanned Event
During an Adventure

North-easterly
In the Country
At a Bank
At a Sibling's Home
At a Neighbor's Home
On-line
By Mail
By Telephone

North
(Right Facing)
Northeast
(Left Facing)
Private/Family

Northerly
In Secret
In a Private Place
At a Peaceful Place
While at Home
Near Water
With Family
At a Parent's Home
On Private Property
With Children
In a Low Place
In a Dim or Dark Place
In a Cool Place
Indoors
Meeting After Hours

North-westerly
At a Sporting Event
At a Child's Home
At a Small Celebration
At a Private Party
At a Farm or Ranch
At a Veterinarian
In a Domestic Setting

Methodology and Interpretation

It's a well-known fact that tarot isn't very effective at answering "Where?" questions, since the cards only hint at physical locations that often have little to do with the querent's reality. After successfully navigating "What, Why, Who and How?" queries and maybe taking a stab at "When?" we're almost completely in the dark when asked "Where?" A good deal of imagination and inspiration are required to come up with an even remotely competent assumption. The attached spread is designed to partially fill that void; it is based on a "horoscope" model (East, North, West, South) and uses place associations from the "house" systems of both natal and horary astrology. Here is the recommended method for its use:

First, pick a significator from among the court cards to represent the question.

Shuffle the deck with the significator in it, cut and deal the cards, counter-clockwise and face-up, one at a time, into the four positions, starting at the East, until the significator turns up. Set the rest of the deck aside.

Look at the spread notes for potential locations associated with that position, and settle on likely possibilities in consultation with the querent. If a fortunate outcome is sought, these could show places to frequent or situations to encourage; if an unfortunate outcome is to be avoided, they could suggest localities and circumstances to shun.

The "cardinal, fixed and mutable" meanings of the astrological houses in each of the four quarters have been merged. If the figure on the significator is facing in a counter-clockwise direction (to the right in the East and North, to the left in the West and South), the entries in the following "cardinal" sub-quadrant (e.g. "Northerly") represent the range of possibilities. Cards with images turned against the counter-clockwise flow or looking straight out of the picture involve the entries in the preceding "ordinal" sub-quadrant (e.g. "North-easterly") since their focus is on the last half of the previous quarter. The first objective is to affirm a compass direction, after which the location can be fine-tuned with the querent.

The cards in the significator's pack can also be read as a background story showing the circumstances that might be encountered at the most likely location(s): a majority of Wands = adventure, fun, a warm or hot place; Cups = emotional stimulation, a comfortable or balmy climate; Swords = a learning experience, a city, a cool or cold spot; Pentacles = natural surroundings, countryside, a dry environment; court cards = a busy social scene, a crowded place; Major Arcana = a fateful place, an encounter with destiny.