

# The “Second Opinion” Moving-Line Spread

	Main Line (Option #1)	Moving Line (Option #2)	Extended Line (Optional Input)	Advice Cards
What Should I Do?	Card #1A Action	Card #1B Action	Card #1C Action	See Table
What Reaction Can I Expect?	Card #2A Reaction	Card #2B Reaction	Card #2C Reaction	See Table
How Will It Work Out?	Card 3A Resolution	Card 3B Resolution	Card 3C Resolution	See Table
What Should I Consider Next?	Card #4A Next Step	Card #4B Next Step	Card #4C Next Step	See Table

Main Line #1A - #4A = Major Arcana cards drawn from the deck (e.g. Magician as “1”)

Moving Line #1B - #4B = First Numerological Counterpart (e.g. Wheel of Fortune as “1 + 0 = 1”)

Extended Line #1C - #4C = Second Numerological Counterpart (e.g. Sun as “1 + 9 = 10; 1 + 0 = 1”)

This is a “Majors-only” spread that should be used with the 22 Major Arcana (“trump”) cards. It operates on the principle that every trump card except the Fool has one or more counterparts that are linked to it through numerological reduction. For example, the Hermit – Trump #9 – is related to the Moon – Trump #18 – because 18 reduces numerologically to 9 by addition of its digits ( $1+8=9$ ). The Magician - Trump #1 - has two counterparts: it is connected to both Trump #10, Wheel of Fortune ( $1+0=1$ ), and Trump #19, the Sun ( $1+9=10$ ;  $1+0=1$ ). Similarly, the High Priestess has two counterparts (Justice [ $1+1=2$ ] and Judgement [ $2+0=2$ ]), as does the Empress (the Hanged Man [ $1+2=3$ ] and the World [ $2+1=3$ ]). This calculation also works in descending order when higher-numbered trumps are drawn: the Devil - Trump #15 - corresponds to the Lovers - Trump #6 - since  $1+5=6$ .

This concept can be put into action in the same way “moving lines” are used in the I Ching; certain lines in a hexagram are switched from yin to yang to create an entirely new hexagram with a different meaning. The way to use the numerical correspondences in this tarot spread is to first draw the “Main Line” cards directly from the shuffled deck. This represents the first proposed course of action and its consequences.

Next, determine the numerological counterpart for each card drawn by finding the next card in the series - either up or down as applicable - whose digits reduce to the number on the face of the original trump. Populate the “Moving Line” with those cards. This constitutes the second proposed course of action.

Finally, if the Magician, the Wheel of Fortune, the Sun, the High Priestess and/or the Empress (all of which have two numerological counterparts) have been drawn for the “Main Line,” place the secondary counterpart card(s) in the appropriate position(s) in the “Extended Line.” This provides a third optional input for each affected stage of the process. If two or more of these cards have been drawn for the “Main Line,” you will need a second - and possibly a third - deck to fully populate the other two lines.

Read the Main Line as the initial outlook for development of the situation.

Read the “Moving Line” as an “alternate take” on the circumstances, in which situational awareness and developmental insights may change according to the derived “numerological counterpart” cards.

The card(s) in the “Extended Line” can be used as alternate input to the two-part narrative by consecutively swapping it (or them) for the corresponding card(s) in the “Main Line” and “Moving Line,” reading each of those lines again as third and fourth optional event chains. There is no need to carry this through into all four iterations if you're satisfied with the range of choices provided by the “Main Line” and the “Moving Line.”

The “Advice” cards should be identified from the attached table “Court and Minor Cards as Allies to the Major Arcana,” and will be court cards, Aces and/or the 6 or 9 of Wands, each of which should be read with its Major Arcanum “ally” card. They represent attitudes and behaviors to adopt (upright) or avoid (reversed) when dealing with each phase of development. If court cards, they may also show support (upright) or resistance (reversed) from other people involved at that point in time.

The event chain that offers the most positive developmental path and the best chance for success should be considered the preferred option for approaching the situation. In this spread, each counterpart card is part of the same numerological “family” as the trump card originally drawn, but the thrust often seems dramatically different at first glance. Certain similarities bearing on the matter at hand should emerge upon deeper contemplation.

## Court and Minor Cards as Allies to the Major Arcana

<u>Trump Card</u>	<u>Principle</u>	<u>Quality</u>	<u>Ally</u>	<u>Principle</u>	<u>Quality</u>
Fool	Initiation	Primal Air/Pluto	Ace of Swords	Root of the Power of Air	Air (Active)
Magician	Concentration/Will	Mercury/Air	Knight of Swords	Power in Action	Air of Air (Active)
High Priestess	Reflection	Moon/Water	Queen of Cups	Brooding Power	Water of Water (Passive)
Empress	Fertility	Venus/Earth	Queen of Pentacles	Brooding Power	Water of Earth (Passive)
Emperor	Authority	Aries/Fire	King of Wands	Potential Power	Fire of Fire (Active)
Hierophant	Traditional Values	Taurus/Earth	Page of Pentacles	Reception & Transmission	Earth of Earth (Passive)
Lovers	Choice	Gemini/Air	Page of Swords	Reception & Transmission	Earth of Air (Mixed)
Chariot	Material Triumph	Cancer/Water	Knight of Cups	Power in Action	Air of Water (Mixed)
Strength	Self-Mastery	Leo/Fire	Queen of Wands	Brooding Power	Water of Fire (Mixed)
Hermit	Practical Wisdom	Virgo/Earth	King of Pentacles	Potential Power	Fire of Earth (Mixed)
Wheel of Fortune	Evolution	Jupiter/Fire	6 of Wands (Victory)	Harmonizing Power	Fire (Active)
Justice	Deliberation	Libra/Air	Queen of Swords	Brooding Power	Water of Air (Mixed)
Hanged Man	Involution/Delay	Primal Water/Neptune	Ace of Cups	Root of the Power of Water	Water (Passive)
Death	Transformation	Scorpio/Water	King of Cups	Potential Power	Fire of Water (Mixed)
Temperance	Mediation of Forces	Sagittarius/Fire	9 of Wands (Strength)	Synthesizing Power	Fire (Active)
Devil	Materialism	Capricorn/Earth	Knight of Pentacles	Power in Action	Air of Earth (Mixed)
Tower	Disruption	Mars/Fire	Knight of Wands	Power in Action	Air of Fire (Active)
Star	Clarity of Vision	Aquarius/Air	King of Swords	Potential Power	Fire of Air (Active)
Moon	Illusion	Pisces/Water	Page of Cups	Reception & Transmission	Earth of Water (Passive)
Sun	Success	Sun/Fire	Page of Wands	Reception & Transmission	Earth of Fire (Mixed)
Judgment	Renewal	Primal Fire/Uranus	Ace of Wands	Root of the Power of Fire	Fire (Active)
World	Completion/Entropy	Saturn/Earth	Ace of Pentacles	Root of the Power of Earth	Earth (Passive)

### NOTES:

1. The Wheel of Fortune and Temperance represent evolutionary rather than revolutionary change. The Wheel of Fortune allies with the 6 of Wands, associated with the solar sephira Tiiphareth and Jupiter in Leo (Six was the "Second Perfection" of the ancient Greeks), while Temperance is attended by the 9 of Wands, associated with the lunar sephira Yesod and Moon in Sagittarius (Nine was the "Third Perfection"). Temperance occupies the 25<sup>th</sup> path, which unites these sephiroth on the Tree of Life.
2. The "power" principle of each courtly ally is derived from an unofficial Golden Dawn paper, "Description of the Tarot Trumps" by G.H. Soror Q.L. The rest come from Aleister Crowley and Paul Foster Case.
3. The modern planets (Uranus, Neptune and Pluto) have been assigned to the Major Arcana according to the following conceptual scheme:
  - a. In Greek mythology, Uranus was the father of Saturn; hence, assignment of Uranus to Trump XX as the predecessor to Trump XXI (Saturn) is logical.
  - b. Due to the elliptical orbit that takes it to the remote fringes of the solar system, Pluto (the outermost planet) acts as a "Cosmic Messenger" in the same way that Mercury (the innermost planet) acts as a "Solar Messenger." This corresponds well to the pronounced other-worldliness of the Fool.
  - c. By default, Neptune aligns with the Hanged Man, whose inward-looking focus is a good match for the clouded, cryptic nature of the planet.
4. The "Active," "Passive" and "Mixed" qualities of the "ally" cards were derived from elemental correspondences.