# Tarot, Death & Grief - Lesson 2

## Death Cards

* **Death:** While not every time Death appears in a reading it’s speaking about physical death, and rarely indicates so on its own, it is present in many combinations that indicate actual death.
* **Wheel Of Fortune:** This card, for it’s cyclic nature, can be an indicator of death.
* **The World:** While it is mainly a card that speaks about completion, in certain combinations it can be speaking about the end of life.
* **The Tower**: This card is not usually an indicator of death on its own, but accompanied by certain cards, it can be a symbol of unexpected death.
* **The Chariot:** In the context of death, it refers to the journey or transition to the afterlife.
* **The Sun:** This card usually represents the afterlife, or appears in instances where the death is seen as freeing.
* **Ace Of Swords:** In the context of death, this card can be an indicator of a life cut short or life severed.
* **Four Of Swords:** Some consider the Four Of Swords to be the Minor Arcana equivalent of Death. It usually comes up to signify an expected death, usually after a period of illness.
* **Six Of Swords:** Similarly to the Four Of Swords, this card can be understood as a sort of The Chariot, speaking about the transition itself and the journey to the afterlife.
* **Ten Of Swords:** This card can be an indicator of grief as well as indicate death in certain combinations, specially when it comes after a period of physical suffering. It is as well a common card to get in suicide cases.
* **Nine Of Cups:** It can be a sign of a peaceful transition or when death is seen as freeing.
* **Ten Of Cups:** It can be understood in a similar way to the Nine Of Cups, and also it can speak about a person who died in their time, with a life fulfilled.

## Death Combinations

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| Death + 4 of Swords |
| 4 of Swords + Death |
| 4 of Swords + 6 of Swords |
| 4 of Swords + Death + 6 of Swords |
| Death + 6 of Swords / The Chariot |
| 6 of Swords / The Chariot + Death |
| Death + 6 of Swords + The Chariot |
| Death + 6 of Swords / The Chariot + The Sun |
| 10 of Swords + Death + 6 of Swords |
| Death + 6 of Swords + 10 of Swords |
| Death + The World |
| Death + The World + The Sun |
| The Wheel of Fortune + Ace of Swords + Death |
| 9 of Cups + Death |
| Tower + Death + 9 of Cups / 10 of Cups |