**Common Symbols**

**Animals**

* donkey – stubbornness
* elephant – having a good memory
* fox – cleverness
* lamb – gentleness, purity, sacrifice, innocence
* lion – royalty, ferocity, nobility, strength
* octopus – greed
* rat – person of contempt (strongly disliked)
* serpent – evil, poison, betrayal, lowness
* wolf – loyalty, guardianship, strength, independence, freedom
* dragon – wisdom, luck, or magic
* rabbit – comfort, vulnerability

**Birds**

* caged bird – imprisonment
* dove – peace, grace, divinity (holiness)
* eagle – power, vision, protection
* falcon – greed, vanity
* hawk, war
* owl – wisdom, learning
* robin – spring
* vulture – evil, scavenger
* raven – bad omen (bad things are coming)
* swan – grace, beauty, balance
* phoenix – (mythical bird) rebirth, renewal, immortality
* peacock – grace, royalty, confidence

**Numbers**

* one – unity
* three – holiness
* seven – luck
* twelve – something sacred
* thirteen – bad luck

**Seasons**

* autumn – old age
* spring – birth, new beginnings
* summer – prime of life
* winter – end of life

**Insects**

* butterfly – transformation, change
* spiders – mystery, growth

**Other**

* fire – punishment, anger, destruction
* flag – patriotism
* fountain – life source
* warmth – security
* heart – love
* water – cleansing, birth
* midnight – mystery
* rose – love
* rain – sadness, sorrow
* shadows – something bad is coming; unknown
* sun – happiness, power
* moon – femininity, eternity
* storm – danger, violence, trouble
* cross – religion, spirituality, healing
* arrows – direction, progress
* skull – danger, dread, fear
* crescent moon – new beginnings, making of dreams into reality
* light – purity, goodness, God (if shining down from above)
* dark – unknown, evil
* circle – wholeness, completion, eternity
* triangle (or pyramid) – power, stability
* angels – protection, goodness
* demons – weakness, internal struggles
* egg – potential for growth
* forest – entering the unknown