

## Magic of Tarot Session 10 - Tarot Key 9: The Hermit Session Ten Notes

**The Hermit is Your True Self, True Will, The Higher Self, The Master or Adept you already are (at the soul level) – the pure experience of your SELF alone**

- Last week we went down to “the valley” to tame the lion (key 8), now it’s up to the heights to meet and unite with our True Self and True Will
  - In last week's Tarot class we learned what it means to cultivate true strength, the strength to handle unlimited power in balance, wisdom and love.
  - This week we explore Key 9, The Hermit: the product or result of developing true strength.

### **Wisdom-Power Of The First 10 Keys:**

0= Being open and trusting

1= being focused and intentional

2= being receptive to suggestion

3= being imaginative and creative

4= being reasonable and orderly

5= being attuned to higher intuitive guidance

6= being discriminating

7= being in charge of your personality forces

8= being strong in your conquest over lower drives and influences

**9= All Of This Results In Being Who You Truly Are**

**Overall Meaning:** Identifying with your True Self, Uniting with your True Will

- **Practice:** copy the position of The Hermit, with staff in hand, meditating on your sense of or feel for your True Self and True Will, in stillness, at the highest, deepest point within you.

**Shape of Hermit:** He is shaped like the numeral 1, relating him to The Magician;

- meaning he represents the fulfillment of The Magician’s intent to be a conduit for Higher Will.

**Sense of touch:** represents the inner feeling of contact with your True Self or True Will

**Type of Intelligence:** Intelligence of the Will; meaning he is guided by True or Higher Will /Self.

**Astrological Association:** Where Mercury is ascendant: Higher Mental Capacity

Virgo – the virgin, representing pure Self-Consciousness with no adulterating influences (as achieved through key 7 – the fence and key 8 – strength over lower drives

**Hebrew Letter Association:** Yod – meaning: Open hand

- The Power of letting go is receiving something greater

- Represents the giving of the influence of Higher Will to the self-conscious state
- Represents the giving of or turning over of our lives to the Will behind all of existence (Kether)
- Notice that he is standing still at the pinnacle: He is the still point of Divine Will within
- The open hand is not grasping, but rather open to receiving (the higher influence of your True Self or True Will)
  - Including no clutching to past concepts: open to new light from above
- Yod is the essence of every Hebrew Letter, therefore representing the essence of who we truly are and all that is.
  - His yod-shaped cap represents that his mind is dwelling on the essence, the essential or ultimate Self and Will of all that is, which opens the crown chakra.
- Unity: Practice uniting in consciousness with your essence (on a feeling level).

**Snow Capped Mountains:** we are at the heights of awareness, Kether = white  
Coolness of snow: transcending personal sentiment

**Standing on the mountain peak:** He represents the highest level of attainment, the True Master you are, the highest level of self-consciousness.

**His mountain and cloak are gray:** the color of wisdom, balance with opposites

**Notice the higher peaks in the distance:** there is always a higher level to attain.

**Number 9 :**

- 9 is Yesod on the Tree of Life, meaning Foundation:
  - The Hermit represents the eternal foundation of your being
- 9 is considered a magical and prophetic number because whatever you add it to equals 9
- The figure of 9 consists of 0 and 1:
  - 0 = completion of a cycle
  - 1 = beginning of a new cycle of higher attainment.

**Dark Indigo sky:** He represents the higher light concealed by the dark gulf between consciousness and super-consciousness (our Oneness is hidden and concealed).

**Blue hat:** Blue represents the flow of higher consciousness vibrating (wave-form) from his Higher Mind

- Notice that the water flowing from the lap of the High Priestess is now raised to his crown, symbolizing the subconscious connection to superconsciousness.

**White hair and beard:** he represents the Ancient of Days, the originating Will that is older than existence itself; ie: Kether, the Crown on the Kabbalah Tree of Life.

**White Sleeve of Undergarment:** represents purity of intention and desire (like the white rose carried by The Fool).

**The Staff:** Will

- He no longer needs to apply will to ascend, because he represents the stage of mastery or complete ascension at this stage.
- He does not need to lean on the staff for balance, because he is poised and balanced by the Will of the True Self (non-reactive to opposites)

**Staff and shoe colored brown:**

- Brown = earthiness, grounding
  - His mastery is the product of practice in the midst of earthly daily experience.

**On One Foot:** another sign of balance, like the gray cloak and peak

**Wisdom Of Right Relationships**

- Ironically, one of the basic wisdom themes of this image (of a hermit) has to do with relationships:
  - Anyone dealing with loneliness or relationship difficulties can benefit IMMENSELY from this Key.
    - The wisdom and power transmitted by The Hermit prepares you for the state of conscious Oneness that dissolves all relationships into the fulfillment of your heart's desires.
      - It is all about learning how to stay focused on doing what is good for you rather than relying on others to do that for you.
  - **Kabbalah principle:** before you can marry another you must marry yourself (unite with your True Self for wholeness and completion).
  - Before you can build a balanced HORIZONTAL relationship, you need to build a complete VERTICAL relationship with your Higher Self.
    - **Six-Pointed Star:** The Vertical Relationship: triangle pointing upward is consciousness seeking union with the Higher Self; triangle pointing downward is the RESPONSE of the Higher Self; their interlacing represents union or integration
  - **The staff in his left hand:**
    - The staff represents the vertical beam of the cross of the crucifixion, meaning this card conveys the power of your VERTICAL relationship with your True Self or True Will
  - **Relationship Push Principle:** The more you push for control in a relationship, the more the relationship spins out of control.
    - Living the wisdom of The Hermit prepares you to maintain your balance in relationships
    - Live in the fulfillment of your union with your True Will/Self; then you can maintain your balance in the “best” and “worst” of relationship times.

### **The Law of Response:**

- You are attending this class in RESPONSE to a sense of inner calling within
  - Everything you say, think, feel and do is in RESPONSE to an inner guiding force.
  - This image conveys the power to respond to your True Inner Will or Self.
  - When you sincerely convey your desire for an inner connection with your True Will or True Self, that higher level responds with guidance.

### **Closed Eyes:** He is telling you to look within for your guiding light

- He is NOT ruled by appearances, but through inner contact with Higher Will

### **Downward face:**

- Humility: realizing that all of his strength and wisdom comes from a higher level, not generated by the personal sense of “I”.
- he is transmitting his / your True Self/Will awareness down to your current level of consciousness.

### **Light of lantern:**

- Rays going down represent the light of your higher or True Self/Will ever shining down to light the way of your upward climb
- The slight rays going up represent the suggestion that there is always a higher level to attain

### **Lantern hanged from little fingers:**

- A reference to the biblical statement: “...My burden is light.”
  - IE: his light emanates from his BEING (as does yours when you unite with your True Will/Wisdom) not personal effort

### **Green Frame:**

- The True Will is the inner driving force at the core or essence of all natural phenomena

### **Path on The Tree of Life:** 4 – 6

- Sphere 4 represents the essence of who you truly are
- Sphere 6 represents the dissemination of the light from above
  - Along this Path the light of who you truly are disseminates into your consciousness for daily expression, and into the consciousness of all you contact (“touch”).

### **Related Points:**

- “To be or not to be” is not the question, because you ARE caused by Divine Will
- The form of the Yod joins Will and Wisdom on the Tree of Life
- Key 9 is the natural product of Key 8
- Notice that he is not yet upon the purple peaks pictured in keys 6 and 8, which represent the ultimate, suggesting that this process goes higher and higher

**Meditation:**

The Temple Meditation on removing blocks to union with the True Self / True Will.