The Magic Of Order:

- The Tree Of Life Portrays Order As The Essence Of Creation
- God A Magician is one who creates order
- The word cosmos means order and beauty
- To be wise, to be like God, to create order and beauty, function in an orderly way
- Be the island of order and sanity in the sea of chaos and insanity

Reading From The Zohar:

"(He)...fills all worlds and surrounds all worlds..."

- "All worlds" refers to the four worlds.
- "Fills" represents the Divine Presence The Shekinah
- "Surrounds" represents the mysterious, transcendent nature of the Divine.
 - The Tree of Life represents the 10 attributes of the Divine Presence
 - Ain Soph, the No Limit, represents the true unknowable essence of the Divine
 - As human beings we possess both the 10 attributes and the Limitless Essence.

<u>The two foundational texts of Kabbalah</u> that predate the 13th Century publication of The Zohar are two relatively short, deep and cryptic texts:

- 1. The Sefer Yetzirah: The Book Of Formation (2nd century)
- 2. The Sefer Bahir: Book Of Illumination (1st Century)

In the Bahir we learn about Tohu and Bohu:

- Tohu: the shattering of the original vessels
- Bohu: the receptivity of those shattered parts to receive the holy (whole-making) light from above
 - In order to receive you must be willing to give.
 - You give the light, first by living it, than by being guided by it in the oral sharing of it.
- The shattering of the vessels made it possible for evil to exist
- The purpose of its existence is to:
 - Give us a choice of the inclination to follow
 - To root out the evil in ourselves when we encounter it in others
- <u>Tohu is repeated when chaos overcomes order.</u>
 - It produces Bohu: a greater receptivity to the light for guidance.

The key for transforming Tohu:

- chaos / crisis into order / harmony is to become Bohu receptive to the higher light of guidance.
 - See Key 12: the Power of Stillness to receive

Through inner stillness (inner order) we can awaken to the Inner Voice: see Key 5 of Tarot Notice that one ear is hidden: he is advising us to listen WITHIN.

<u>The Wisdom of Structure – Function – Order</u>

• When you function in line with your structure you produce life-sustaining order

Our Relationship To The Upper Worlds: Receiving and Giving

- As we bring the light of the upper worlds into Malkuth we strengthen the light and influence of the upper worlds, which then pours down a higher, stronger influence.
- When we react with dark emotion and thought, with angry violent action and impulsive blind force, we weaken the light in the upper worlds.
- Conscious evil is the direct attempt to weaken the light in the world
- We counteract it by bringing more light down through our responses

Key 15 in Tarot

- Represents how we give power to, and withdraw power from "the dark side"
- The upside-down pentacle represents bondage: our creative forces ruled by unconscious reaction rather than consciousness and wisdom.
- The chains around the neck represent the way of thinking that gives power over our lives to someone or something outside of ourselves
- This beastializes consciousness:
- They can be lifted over the head (freeing the mind from disempowering thought)
- The 2 dimensional platform represents the illusory nature of seeing someone or some situation as above our power over our own destiny.

The Power of Resemblance: functioning in an orderly way (like God) creates cosmos (order and beauty)

- (Listen to video: The Relationship Laws by Bob Lancer)
- We become take on the qualities and aspects of those we resemble
- To apply the Tree of Life to daily living, is to become like the Divine and thus to awaken hidden Divine Power within.
 - Notice who you resemble in your actions, gestures, thought processes, emotional patterns, etc. to recognize who's influences you are taking on.
 - \circ See Key 9 of Tarot: tuning into the influences of your True Self
 - The intersecting triangle of light of the Hermit represents the inner light that guides us in integrating our true self into our daily conduct.
 - See Key 7: Master of the house of influences
 - See how he is master of his drives through will,
 - Master of his moods and his emotions (crescent moons)
 - See the star of mastery of his mind on his crown (5-pointed star: master of the 4 elements with consciousness)

See the wall around the city representing keep out the "voices" of public opinion

The first work with the Tree of Life

- is to transform the "house" of our personality, to render it a more perfect vessel for higher wisdom for a higher level of creation.
 - Essentially, by stabilizing ourselves in Tiphareth (a state of beauty-balanceharmony) we render ourselves receptive to the guiding light of the Spheres on the Tree, and manifest the kingdom of heaven on earth: every outcome can be a step up in beauty.

Our purpose on earth: to maintain your order and create order

- also to build the "inner circuitry" needed to register and follow the Perfect Path emanating from Sphere 1 on the Tree: Divine Will (which is even higher than wisdom and understanding: IE beyond knowing, but we can channel it through openness to receiving and surrendering to it (Bohu)
- We surrender to it by eliminating all negative emotional resistance to whatever happens and surrender to the power that is in control with perfect faith (see Key 0 of Tarot: The Fool).

The Tarot Card associated with Sphere 1 on the Tree: Key 1, The Magician

This image represents:

- Raising personal will to align with Higher or Divine Will (Kether)
- The power of concentrating consciousness within on what you intend to create
- The Magical Power of Order: (order is represented by the orderly arrangement of the tools on his table the word table also suggests tabulating, which is an orderly mathematical operation.
 - Represents do first things first.
 - In every building, construction or creation there is a necessary sequence to follow:
 - IE: the foundation before the house
- As we see in the image, on the 4-sided table (4 represents order, as in Tarot Key 4: The Emperor) his tools are laid out and ready for implementation (this is the *first step* to using them)
- A magician is one who creates order out of chaos. We do this by functioning in an orderly, harmonious state in an orderly, methodical, unhurried manner.
- Functioning in an orderly way is natural to you. It generates order and avoids / rectifies states of disorder in the body, mind, emotions, relationships and circumstances.

- See how nature functions in an orderly way to produce material vessels for life to flourish.
- Your life will flourish like the Magician's arbor as you live and work in an orderly way: this strengthens and develops through the practice of order through life's ups and downs.
- Being in an orderly, harmonious, balanced state and functioning in an orderly, balanced, harmonious way proves to be infinitely more satisfying than reaching for experiences that create drastic highs, reacting with emotional ups and downs, living in crisis and drama consciousness.
- As you establish yourself in the inner paradise of inner order-harmony-balance-peace you lose your bucket list, as you have found all that you have been looking for, living in the higher light of the 3 supernals, centered and stabilized (Sphere 9, Foundation) in Tiphareth (Beauty).

Understanding the universe

- The universe supports balance (see the 3 Pillars on the Tree), not imbalance: Maintain your balance, create a balanced, structured, life-supportive day.
 - See Tarot Key 11: Justice
 - The scales represent weighing and measuring to maintain balance
 - The sword represents severing ourselves from patterns, people and circumstances of imbalance
- Learn how to flow with the universe: it is always creating order out of chaos, balance out of imbalance.
- The Natural Order of wisdom: Do, Learn, Transform
 - Turn everything you do into a test or experiment (see Tarot Key 14),
 - observe the results, adapt to the results
 - Life puts us through tests to see if we are ready to handle a higher level of power, responsibility and influence.
- The universe supports our self-transmutation:
 - rendering our personality or psyche a fit vehicle for receiving and following the higher light of the 3 Supernals – Divine Will, Wisdom and Understanding.
- Know your priorities:
 - As my teacher used to say: a wise husband does not read a book while his wife brushes her hair.
 - IE: what you ignore, you lose; what you focus on you receive
- True or higher magic is bringing order into our life, and thus into the world.
- You are a product of order and thus you thrive on functioning in an orderly way, creating and living in orderly circumstances.

- Chaos breeds confusion, darkness, ignorance, suffering and shattering (things falling apart).
 - \circ $\;$ When you are in the darkness, open up to a higher light.
- When you overcommit, you enter chaos:
 - when you cannot be counted on, what you count on showing up eludes your grasp.
- Human beings are like fingers on the hand (yod) of the universe
 - The universe is guided by higher, infinite intelligence
 - As you attune to this intelligence through order, it guides you perfectly into higher level conditions

<u>Use The Method and rest to clear out inner states of discorder or discord:</u> <u>trust the orderly state and the orderly process to manifest your heart's desire.</u>

> "You make the film in thought and speech That returns to you, the Law to teach." Isidore Friedman

"Ideally, life is a liberating experience. It is an opportunity To allow ourselves to express who we really are." Arnold Patent

"...we must be willing to relinquish the belief that perfection is either fanciful or unrealistic." Arnold Patent

Fully experience and explore what is happening Before wishing something else was happening. Bob Lancer