

Magic of Tarot Session 13 - Tarot Key 12: The Hanged Man

Session Thirteen Notes

- Keys 0 through 11 represent our powers
- Keys 11 – 21 represent the universal situations in which to apply those powers to develop life-mastery and fulfill the purpose of your soul.

Also known as the Suspended Man (Hindu Manas = Man and Mind)

- When you go through a reversal, like betting everything on red but it comes up black, suspend judgment.
- Do not judge an event or experience or episode in your life as bad, wrong, negative, damning or dooming. Hold your mind/thought in abeyance. STILLNESS.

12 lopped off branches:

- Signifies transcendence of the activity patterns of the zodiac – he has entered the point of stillness above it all.

Yod Beam Above

- He is depending upon or from the light or mind of the essence of Individuality or Self:
 - see the letter and cap of The Hermit and the peak with no room for action he stands upon – suggesting union with the True Self through stillness.
- As all letters come from Yod, STILLNESS IN UNION WITH THE SELF is the beginning of creation
 - for in stillness you connect with your True Self, and the Will, Kether, that is the True Self (1ness) of the Universe.

Hebrew Letter: Tav

- Tav represents
 - completion
 - the final outcome,
 - Mastery
 - You can always count on (depend upon) the perfect support provided by the way the universe works
 - He is DEPENDING from (therefore on) the perfect mastery that forms the universe and its ways
 - Mastering reversals is essential to mastery
- Brown Color: color of earthiness: mastering reversals is essential for mastering practical life on the earth-plane.

Basic Power of this Key:

STILLNESS IN THE MIDST OF REVERSAL

Number 12:

- 12 is the reverse of 21
 - 21= mastery
 - 12 looks like the reverse of mastery (utter helplessness, dependency and stuckness) but it actually demonstrates mastery of reversal, which is an inevitable stage of cyclic life.
- 1+2=3: This key represents the combination of the 3 basic cosmic Laws we encounter daily:
 - Key 10 – The Law of Rotation: Things go round and round, cyclicity.
 - Key 11 – The Law of Equanimity or Balance: where all flux is heading
 - Key 12 – The Law of Reversal: Bob Dylan: “You’ll find out when you reach the top, you’re on the bottom” – and “Better be nice to people on the way up because you will meet them on the way down.”
 - Listen to “Like a Rolling Stone”

Reversal:

- It is easy to see this as a form of punishment, but it a necessary step in orienting ourselves to the Cosmic Process
- Reversal of values from the outer to the inner
- Reversal of dependency from other people to the SELF
- Reversal of fortune – Similar to the story of Job
 - When your life appears to turn upside down you are still safe and heading for the reversal of the reversal
 - Example: the “perfect” love-affair on a business trip
 - Example: they bought a beautiful home, taken by emanant domain.
 - Ukraine
 - Look at your own past reversals
- During times of reversal, we often find ourselves alone, having to count on God alone.
- Following the path of True Self Individualization requires some solitude, and the group usually obliges one to do that.
- In the solitude of reversal, surrender or turn your life over to the universe or God

Like A Hanging Pendulum at rest: Basic Theme Of The Power Of Stillness

- Reversals tend to shake our faith
 - Maintain or attain inner balance / inner stillness to restore equanimity of circumstances
 - Arms folded behind back: Be at ease with being out of control

Yellow shoes: Like the fool’s, indicates travelling along the path of faith without negative mental interference.

White rope:

- Bound to Kether, Cosmic Will
- Double bind around ankle: represents duality, which reversal definitely demonstrates by implying one must be right-side up if the other is upside-down.

Crossed Leg / One Free

- Sign of crucifixion – reversal goes counter to desire and therefore feels like crucifixion
- Being Relaxed instead of struggling against his bounds
 - **Red Leggings** = action surrendered to momentary suspension
- **shaped like a 4:** see Key 4: mastering activity with reason
- mastering periods of inactivity is essential to mastering activity (ie: The Law of Rhythmic Alternation – there is a time for doing and a time for not doing – master both with inner equanimity, trust and patience)

Blue Jacket: Associated with water, the subconscious and the flow of life, signifying mastery of these aspects.

Silver cross on jacket:

- resembles cross of crucifixion
- silver: of the personality (lunar body)

Silver crescent moons: balancing of emotion and purification of the subconscious (see crescents on Chariot, High Priestess, Empress)

10 silver buttons on left side:

- 10 Spheres (Divine Powers) on the Tree of Life
- Silver: the personality, subconscious aligned with the 10 Divine Emanations
- On Left: the side of Severity, Justice, Karma on the Tree, indicating that:
 - Reversals are a karmic adjustment, unpleasant to the unenlightened
 - You have to do more prep work and inner liberation to sustain yourself at the higher level.
 - How our reaction to events are the actual cause of those events
 - This represents a reverse of how most people view the sequence of event and reaction

Flesh tone skin: Reversal is a universal Human experience

- When you envy others, you are looking at a momentary *appearance* only bound to reverse itself

White hair shaped like a beard:

- Reference to “the ancient of days” in Kabbalah, symbolic of the originating Will
 - Surrender your mind to alignment with Kether, Divine Will

- Even when you feel yourself to be at the bottom, open your consciousness to receive a vision of the ideal outcome

Yellow halo:

- Enlightened thought
- Like the sky of the fool: Trust in Life's flow (the quality of life like flowing water: MEM)

Gap In Earth: Parting of the veil (keys 2 and 11) of appearances, created by the steady stream of the "waters" of his consciousness going deeper, beneath the surface to connect with reality.

- In key 2 that veil hides the fact that subconscious process rule the eventualities of your life – the ideas, images and attitudes you place in your subconscious form the outer manifestations of your life.
- In key 11 that veil hides the perfect justice that ultimately rules and directs all conditions to balance

Head below surface: sees beneath appearances, "behind the veil"

- When it looks like others have stability and security you are only viewing a phase; reversal is inevitable to the human experience (flesh tone skin), based on the law of rotation.

Green grass: reference to the Empress: he makes good use of his creative imagination

Brown earth:

- Reversal is an entirely practical, earthy condition
- It is as if his higher consciousness is being planted in the earth below to bring for a new and higher life-form

Gray Sky

- The color of wisdom, balance: meaning, stay balanced

MEM = water : flow and the living waters

- water reflects things in reverse, makes everything look upside-down
 - We are viewing an aspect of life's FLOW,
 - deeper than this is the still point of cosmic stability
 - IE: the evolutionary laws and process of the universe (Tav) are stable - you can depend upon that.
 - Teaching: When you go through a reversal of fortune maintain your inner stability, maintain command of your creative imagination – when you lose your peace and poise you lose your power.
- Mem as living waters: here meaning we need the flux and challenge of reversals to spark new life in us, to keep us from becoming stagnant.

Type Of Intelligence: Ironically, The Stable Intelligence

True intelligence can be accessed and demonstrated as you develop your inner stability through reversals.

Astrological Association: Neptune

- Planet of water, emotion, feeling, intuition as well as delusion, dreaminess, escapism and intoxication
- When you STILL the waters of your mind during reversal you can reflect the heavenly light of truth, wisdom and understanding intuitively and clearly
- When the waters are turbulent, you can fall for delusion, the temptation for intoxication and escapism, capsizing your boat of life,

Eyes Open: he knows / understands or SEES what is going on here, and now, so will you when you face reversals.

12 = 7 (3x4, 3+4)

- Be the charioteer (controlling your forces with will) in Reversals
- IE: take inner command in the midst of outer reversals
- 12 = a relationship between 3 and 4
 - Supervise (key 4) your creative imagery (key 3) through Reversals

The sense of bondage in reversals:

- When you are going through a reversal, TURN IT OVER
- The first stage of dealing with reversals is letting them happen IN STILLNESS without resistance or hasty action, with the Fool's trust (yellow shoes, relaxed attitude).
 - Then, when the time is right, end the unravelling and begin re-ravelling through action (his red legs will be uncrossed and set free)

Applying your Tarot Powers to Reversal:

11: make choices that activate the karma that you want

10: stay above the ups and downs

9: Tune into your True Inner Light for guidance

8: Tame wild reactivity (with The Method)

7: Use your will to control your forces and align with the universe

6: Be discriminating (particularly toward thoughts)

5: Listen to your inner voice

4: Organize a reasonable plan of action

- 3: Open your imagination to beautiful ideas of possibility
- 2: Understand how your subconscious influences what happens
- 1: Be consciously intentional
- 0: Have faith

Meditation On Stillness

Stillness is a deep inner state of peace that exists in your core. You can connect with it and feel it even amidst the motions and commotions of daily living experiences. As you center and calm yourself in your core of inner stillness, circumstances seem to stabilize, organize and settle into a state order on their own. From inner stillness you can receive the most profound, clear, intuitive, inspiring inner guidance that leads you into just the right simple, easy action for beautiful, harmonious solutions and outcomes. Centering yourself in inner stillness, rather than reacting with stress or desperation, is the key for mastering any challenge or apparent crisis.

Feel your feelings fully and freely.

Feel grateful for how you feel, however uncomfortable or painful your feelings might be.

Feel the center of inner stillness at the root, core or base of how you feel.

Feel the subtle flow of energy in your center of inner stillness.

Feel that energy at the center of your inner stillness expanding until it fills the entire, infinite universe.

Feel yourself totally resting in the infinite sea of perfect inner stillness.

Feel your openness to receiving perfect intuitive guidance in your inner stillness.

Feel grateful to the energy in your inner stillness for directing all of your circumstances into a state of perfect balance, harmony, beauty and order.

Feel your willingness to trust your inner stillness for perfectly managing your circumstances.

Feel your willingness to let go of any thought, belief or fear that would persuade you to abandon your state of inner stillness under any circumstances.

Feel the presence of the Divine in your state of inner stillness.

Feel yourself uniting with the Divine Presence in your state of inner stillness, feeling yourself at one with It.

Feel grateful for the perfect guidance, safety, abundance and support lovingly provided to you by the Divine Presence that you can feel in your state of inner stillness.

Feel your willingness to remain rooted, steady and stable in your state of inner stillness under all circumstances.

Yield to the deep feeling of your soul being nourished on the energy of your inner stillness.