

Magic of Tarot Session 15 - Tarot Key 14: Temperance

Session Fifteen Notes

Essentially what this Tarot Key is about:

- The Spiritual Alchemy Process
 - How to grow and rise (in wisdom, understanding and manifestation) to a higher level through life's tests and trials
 - The ultimate goal (gold) is to be a clear channel for the True or Higher Self
- Essential Practice: liberation from internal pressure through faith or optimism, remaining steadfast in peace and poise and openness to higher guidance, and trusting in inner support (or in the perfect support of the universe)

Key's Title: Temperance:

- The process of strengthening higher wisdom functioning through various forms of challenge that include: heating, cooling and pressure
 - IE: if you get heated up, cool down
 - If you get too cold, warm up
 - When feeling too much pressure, ease up
- Exercise moderation, measure and equilibrium

Type of Intelligence: The Intelligence Of Probation, Test or Trial

- The universe tests us to see if we can handle more
 - As you pass the test more is given and you rise to a higher level
- We demonstrate this Intelligence as we approach everything we say, think, feel and do as a test or experiment, observing and thus learning from the results.
 - Then there are no mistakes, only lessons.
 - See yellow path through mts.
 - This connects to true forgiveness: "forgive them for they know not what they do."

What is a "test or trial"?

- It happens when you feel challenged by your circumstances, in over your head, triggering feelings of fear; larger challenges trigger hopelessness and despair.
- It is the alchemical process your True Self and the universe put you through for your elevation and expansion.

How To Handle Your Tests and Trials

- Use your power wisely –
 - Foundation: Peace and Poise
 - Tune in for higher guidance
 - Be experimental
 - Trust what lies beyond control

Demonstration:

- How hot water poured into cup illumines wisdom.
- When *you* are in “hot water”, it is for higher wisdom’s lessons

Relationship between Keys 13 and 14

- **Key 13:** Death master endings by turning them into glorious new beginnings into higher circumstances.
 - The “death” is of the “old” or former self that conflicts with the cosmic flow o(change), to be born anew into a more perfect vehicle for higher wisdom and understanding.
- **Key 14:** Inevitably, that new self is then tested to see if it can maintain that new higher level of mastery.
 - When in “hot water” stay cool and apply wisdom
 - If you use your power wisely you graduate to and stabilize at a higher level of manifestation
 - If, under the pressure of your test, you revert to old unconscious negative reaction patterns and procedures, you descend, return or are “sent back” to a lower level or diminished position

Hebrew Letter: Samekh: Tent Peg or Support

- Life’s challenges give you the opportunity to build up your inner support of peace and poise.
 - And to reinforce the lesson that you really are always perfectly supported.
- Shape: Serpent with its tail in its mouth (see The Magician’s waist): symbolizing the wisdom based on the understanding that what goes around, comes around; you reap what you sow – so avoid being blindly reactive in challenge.
 - As the serpent sheds its skin, life’s tests and trials indicate the aspects of the personality that we have to shed for higher development.

Relationship between Keys 14 and 12:

- Key 12: Counting on the above when you have no control.
- Key 14: Developing underlying support through maintaining this in challenge.

Astrological Correspondence: Sagitarius: The Archer – key powers: Optimism, Philosophy

- Like the bow of the archer, we *quiver* during challenges
- The True Self / universe aims the arc of our lives toward higher development through challenge.
- Optimism: Trust that you will always end up where you belong
- Philosophy: challenge occurs to test our philosophy (higher wisdom) bring it down to earth (practicality)

The Archangel: Michael, whose name means, “Like unto God.”

- He represents your True Self that is the Divine in you, supporting you with Divine Power.

- **He is the Warrior Angel:**
 - at war against the ignorance of the unenlightened self.
- **You True Self is your CONSTANT inner companion,** the one with whom you commune when using Kabbalah Cards.

Path 6-9: The Path of soulmate love

- Be the mate of your soul (to manifest your soulmate and solve relationship problems).
- **Exercise:** commune with your soul (your True Self) to sense and meet its needs.

The pool of water:

- Represents subconsciousness (flowing from the lap of the High Priestess)
- Representing the transforming of your subconscious programming by applying higher wisdom through test and trial.
- Memory is an aspect of the subconscious: Awakening of your remembrance of who and what you truly are (Divine) – greater than every challenge.

Golden 7 pointed Star over his heart:

- The 7 major planets of the zodiac providing challenge through celestial influences.
- Drawing this figure requires skill and precision, representing mastery: as we meet our lives more skillfully, we improve the conditions of our life.
 - Apply your power more consciously (experimentally) and thus skillfully than your automatic reactions to raise the quality of your life.
- 7 associates with victory:
 - Victory over the self by the Self (Tarot Key 7 and Sphere 7 on the Tree of Life).
- Associates with the 7 colors of the rainbow: produced through the harmonious blending of opposites (heat and moisture): showing the promise of passing through challenge.
 - Also representing the promise of victory by withstanding the flood with faith in following God's inner directive.
- **Golden Color:** represents the fulfillment of the alchemical process being worked on the personality through challenge

White Dress of Angel:

- Color associated with Kether, Sphere 1 on the Tree, representing Divine Will
 - Our challenges occur in line with Divine Will, the ultimate purpose and driving force behind creation.

Tetragramaton on garment: Yod-Heh-Vuv-Heh: the Cosmic Creation Process through the 4 worlds:

- **Yod** (open hand): (World of Atziluth, Origins) essence of the Will of the creator
- **Heh** (1st): (World of Briah, Creation) the form (mental view, window) in the Creator's Mind
- **Vuv** (nail, link): (World of Yetzirah, Formation in the psychic level) transmission of form from to the physical level

- Heh (2nd): (World of Assiah, Making, Manifestation) the replication of the form held in Yetzirah in physicality.
 - Meaning: Our alchemical process is intrinsic to the design of creation.

Flesh colored skin: to remind us that the True Self which is your ultimate support abides in physical incarnation.

Angel's Yellow Hair: Our tests and trials come to us from / for Illuminate Mind

White Halo: similar meaning to white dress.

Red Wings: Michael, archangel of fire, is associated with red

- Wings: Symbolizing raising the level of your action and passion (red)

Rainbow above his head:

- This is the rainbow of promise to Noah saying: Through faith you will ultimately come out "on top" of whatever "flood" or challenge befalls you.
 - The "pot of gold" at the end of this rainbow is the master-self, the product of the alchemical process.

Orange Solar disk on forehead:

- Solar disk: symbol of the sun, the True Self, the True Light
- Forehead: power of true perception: Right Insight (yellow) leads to Right Action (red), meaning your tests and trials are just right for you.

Gold Background:

- Here again alchemical reference to the cosmic alchemy through our challenges.

Orange Vase:

- Orange = red (action and passion) and yellow (illuminated mind)
 - The True Self is providing us with the challenges for taming (tempering) passion (red) with higher intelligence (yellow)

Stream of blue water:

- Looks like vibration, the quivering, that loosens the dross; this is the function of challenge or wrath.
- The cooling element we need to apply to our fiery fierceness triggered by challenge
- Reprogramming of the subconscious amidst challenge for higher alignment with life's purpose ie: faith in place of fear.

Bringing fire to water and water to fire:

- Purpose of our challenges is to temper, balance of our reactive forces so we can keep under the control of higher wisdom and understanding.
- **Brown Lion**: Leo, a fire sign

- Brown: our daring is being tamed for practical purposes
- **Brown Eagle:** Scorpio, water sign:
 - Our willfulness is being tamed for practical purposes
 - Fire on water and water on fire: cooling our heat and warming our cool for balance.
 - **yellow beak and talons:**
 - Our willfulness illuminated, the “prey” we catch mentally are only right thoughts

Brown Handle of torch:

- Again, brown indicates implementing practicality.
 - Bringing our higher potential down to earth.

The yellow flame with red tint:

- The fire of challenge meant to purify our mind (yellow) for taking right action

The 5 yellow Yods:

- Refers to the 5th sphere on the Tree of Life, Geburah, meaning wrath, severity and justice: the karmic cause behind our challenges
 - When you react immediately, without considering what is going on, you are living unconsciously; life’s harsh results will teach you to be more conscious.

Foot in Pool of water:

- Pool represents Yesod, the Foundation Sphere (9) on the Tree,
 - Representing, among other things, the foundation of support of our subconscious and right use of reproductive power.
- Foot in pool: Our tests are putting pressure on our subconscious programming and creative energy to help us lift ourselves to a higher level.

Foot lifting up from land:

- For leverage: The amount of pressure is being carefully measured to be just right for you and designed to lift you up by your efforts and optimism.

Green Grass: New growth occurring through how we handle our tests and trials.

Yellow Path through mountains: Our incremental illumination as we wind our way up into higher functioning through challenge.

- Ie: the purpose of the pressure of challenge is to build our strength to go higher.

Violet mts.: heights of attainment toward which we are heading

Gold Crown The ultimate identification with Divine Will, the fulfillment of the alchemical process the universe and True Self are putting us through.

NOTES

MAKE USE OF YOUR CHALLENGES.

GO THROUGH THEM VOLUNTARILY AND OPTIMISTICALLY; DON'T CONDEMN THEM OR WISH TO ESCAPE THEM.

USE THE METHOD AS NEEDED.

Some on the path expect to reach a certain level where big challenges no longer happens; they are inevitably disillusioned, for there is always a higher level to attain, and we are intrinsically impelled to reach for it; and the way to that higher level is through wise passage through their present challenge.

The immature think, "I have done everything perfectly; that this disappointment or difficulty is happening to me is unfair," which indicates the delusion of believing their limited awareness of themselves is actually total and complete. They see challenge as a tragedy or punishment rather than the opportunity that it is to rise higher in the wise use of their power. The wise welcome their tests as bridges or doorways to their next higher level of consciousness, being and manifestation.