

Tarot Key 16: The Tower

AWAKENING TO THE COSMIC ORDER

The Tower:

- represents the false ideas and beliefs that we construct and try to live in, reinforced by our misuse of words.
 - The primary misconception has to do with belief in our separateness.
- The 22 lines of bricks correspond to the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet.

The two individuals are being set free from false belief as the universe steps in to turn their lives upside down. Their task is to trust the universe.

The Hebrew letter associated with this image is Peh, which means: mouth as an organ of speech. This key therefore portrays the consequences of using speech in ways that conflict with the actual working of the universe, which drives us into unconsciousness.

The Golden Crown:

- For a while it seems that our false concepts are paying off, like “you can get away with an injustice” or “money buys happiness, self-value and security”.

The Yellow sun

- represents the spiritual sun of True Light.

The Lightning Bolt

- represents the true spiritual framework of the universe, coming in to upset structures based on false belief.
- Its shape correlates with The Kabbalah Tree of Life: the true spiritual structure of cosmos.

The 3 Black Flaming Windows

- Windows correlate with key 4, The Emperor, associated with the Hebrew letter Heh, meaning window.
- They associate with the order the two people had constructed, and the false reasoning they relied upon to construct that order.
 - The blackness and the fire indicate that their reasoning had been false, based on ignorance.
- **3**
 - correlates with the 3rd Sphere on the Tree of Life, Binah – Understanding.
 - The color associated with Binah is black
 - the fires indicate that their understanding had been false, based on false premises, false reasons, and superficial judgement.
 - The color black associates with Saturn, which represents the hard lessons we learn as we veer off the path based on True Understanding.

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The 10 yods on the right

- correspond with the Kabbalah Tree of Life.
- Like the two figures, it is hanging in the air to demonstrate the underlying support that is always there.

The 12 Yods on the left

- correspond with the 12 signs of the zodiac,
- representing the celestial forces at work in our lives, always supporting us.

Combined the 10 plus 12

- This is another reference to the Hebrew alphabet, which is said to consist of 22 Yods as the basic form of each letter.
- Suggesting that we can use words in a manner consistent with the framework of the universe, to serve as our supports.

The woman

- represents the subconscious mind.
- She is in fear in the storm clouds
 - As we are cast out of our false structures of support, old programming brings our fear of being set free.
 - Notice that she is looking OUT (like the subconscious in the previous key) meaning she is reacting to appearances.
 - Compare to the subconscious (woman's gaze) in Key 6)
 - Her hand gesture indicates that she is giving up, surrendering to the flow of the universe, because at a deeper level she is still connected to Higher Mind.
 - **Her Crown**: represents the fact that her subconscious programming used to be in charge

The male

- is the conscious mind.
- He is clutching at the air, as we try to cling to our possessions, status and whatever else gave us our FALSE sense of safety and self-worth.
- Notice that he too is looking outward (compare key 1 - the Magician, looking within),
 - thus he is reacting with fear to appearances instead of concentrating on what he wants to create.

16 = 1` and 6: The wisdom to apply: Keys 1 and 6

They APPEAR to be falling

- they are actually suspended in space, supported by the invisible laws of the universe.
 - The "problem" is that he (conscious mind) is looking down and she (subconscious) is looking out.

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Everything red

- corresponds to the Mars energy that predominates the image.
- Mars is the planet of action, desire and war.
- This is an image of the results of being at war with the way the universe works
 - The universe always wins!

The color blue

- represents Venus, the planet of beauty, love and harmony,
 - represented by Key 3, The Empress.
 - This suggests that their creative imagination is already working to create beautiful outcomes of this seeming catastrophe.

The dark background

- represents the unknown that we are being called upon to surrender with trust to.

The form of intelligence associated with this key

- The Exciting Intelligence.
 - When we lose our structure of stability we are excited by the change and liberation.
 - If we channel this excitement properly it turns into higher consciousness, faith and higher creativity.
 - If we do not channel it properly, it turns into fear, terror and anxiety.

The brown stone foundation

- represents Capricorn, the sign of practicality.
- We believe we are being practical when we base our lives on false ideas and beliefs,
 - until we find out that those ideas breed expectations that are not supported by reality.
 - We ultimately discover that surrender to the universe with trust is the most genuinely practical way.

Gray storm clouds:

- our situation APPEARS threatening when the ideas we base our lives on prove to be erroneous.
- But the dark clouds of illusion and ignorance are actually parting

Path 7-8:

- The path on the Tree of Life this card falls on joins Sphere 7 (Victory) to Sphere 8 (Honor, Glory or Splendor).
 - Sphere 8 represents the perfect laws and structure of the universe.
 - Sphere 7 represents the forces of confidence, courage and desire that drive us toward achievement.

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- When our pursuit of victory is NOT established on a firm understanding of the laws and actual structure of the universe, chaos takes place
 - Again and again until we AWAKEN.

THIS IMAGE OVERALL REPRESENTS THE FIRST STAGE OF AWAKENING TO THE WAY LIFE ACTUALLY WORKS.

- It seems terrifying at first, as old structures fall apart,
But it ends up being vivifying as we channel our forces into illuminated functioning.
- The fundamental problem with words is that they are static representations of a fluid universe; everything is deconstructing and we are shocked when that process becomes too visible to deny.