

Tarot Key 18: The Moon

Key 17 taught us to meditate on what we really want.

Key 8 teaches us what to want: Mastery

This image represents the total journey to Mastery

- Ultimate attainment is represented by the moon's alignment and unity with the sun in the image.
- This image represents the long process of evolution OF THE BODY we take our consciousness into the higher levels.

The moon is the personality that shines by reflected light.

- First, by the reflected light of your heavenly origins (infancy)
- Then, by the reflected light of your family's and society's programming
- The path to Mastery involves returning to your original state of oneness with the Sun of Truth,
 - So you can once again reflect that, but this time, through conscious intention.

Astrological Correspondence: Pisces

- Pisces represents the synthesis of the past
 - Pisces have a tendency to live in the past
 - This image represents the totality of our past from the earliest stages of unconscious life to full illumination.
 - Pisces are deep sleepers and big dreamers.
 - Pisces is ruled by Neptune, ruler of the sea, which corresponds with the primordial pool of subconsciousness.

This Image associates with SLEEP

- The sleep of unconsciousness that we are awakening from
- The sleep needed for physical transformation
 - Dreaming always involves some degree of sleep
- Direct your conscious dreaming into the visualization of your ultimate attainment of mastery
- A sufficient amount of deep sleep is necessary for higher awakening.
 - We need to feel well-rested to avoid slipping into lower levels of consciousness.
 - A tired state is a magnet for negativity.
 - Sleep is only necessary for those who cannot reach the same deep levels of restfulness through meditation.
 - In sleep your body is transformed to match your level of consciousness.
 - As we rise in consciousness there are periods of deep tiredness that demand much sleep and rest in order to build the new circuitry in the body.
 - Practice The Meditation On Peace, below.

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Corporeal Intelligence:

- This has to do with the body's intelligence for its own survival as well as continuing higher development.
- As you take charge of your mental images (your dreaming) you fulfill the image in both your consciousness and in your physiological development.
 - In other words, as you grow spiritually you are literally developing a new physical organism to serve as the instrument for higher consciousness and more enlightened functioning.

Qoph: means "back of the head", indicating the location where the subconscious and physiological organism connect.

- When you are around people strongly run by their subconscious you are likely to feel an uncomfortable pressure at the back of your head or neck.
- Yawning releases some of the unconsciousness that you are picking up from others, as well as your descent into the deeper regions of the content of your own unconscious.

Pool:

- This is the primordial pool of subconsciousness that gives birth to all form

Gray stones:

- Represents the mineral kingdom, the first level of physical formation
- They represent the lowest levels of human consciousness

Black spears of seagrass:

- The upward pointing represents the higher aspiration that is intrinsic to all states of being.
- The black color represents the earliest stages of vegetation emerging from the unknown.
- They represent the earliest stages of unconscious higher aspiration.

The crab represents the first form of animal life emerging as a crustation.

- Its shell represents the inherent defensiveness and insecurity of primitive levels of human consciousness.

The gray wolf,

the color of stone, represents the primitive, unconscious level of human evolution

howling at the moon, the aggressive, ferocious stage of primitive consciousness frightened of its own shadow.

Opposite the stone-wolf is the brown dog

- Representing the trained and obedient human level of blind conformity.
- Its brown color represents earthiness, that consciousness is still identified with the physical plane.

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The two towers represent the level of human artifice, still believing in separation.

The one window in each tower: represents identification with a limited, myopic point of view.

Notice that in this card there are no humans.

- Humanity at its current level is represented by what it produces, which are the towers.
- Where we are headed along the path of evolution is invisible, because at higher levels we identify with the INVISIBLE self.
- That self is also not pictured in this card because it is yet to be achieved. We achieve it through mastery of our creative forces, in particular, our mental images (which shine by reflected light, like the moon).

The 18 yods

- represent the New Humanity (union of the sun and moon).
- 18 = Chai, in Hebrew, which means life.
 - Yod is the letter of pure essence from which all other Hebrew letters (the building blocks of creation) are formed.

The yellow and red color of the yods indicate the higher use of mind (yellow) as it activates (red) physiological changes in the body.

The yellow path indicates our evolutionary journey advancing through the correct use of our mentality.

- **Notice the dips and rises along the way:** this represents how the journey progresses:
 - We rise through our efforts to a higher level, then descend to face our unconscious patterns, then rise again... until our lowest low is higher than our highest high ever was.

Dark blue sky represents night – the night or oblivion of sleep when our corporeal intelligence takes over.

The green grass refers back to the Empress, who brings to life the images we hold in our creative imagination.

The brown earth in the background represents as yet uncultivated aspects of our being that are the focus of our ongoing development.

The purple mts in the background represent the ultimate spiritual heights toward which we aspire.

- Notice that the path does not go straight up to the peak; this is because the peak is advanced toward forever.

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NOTES

This image is all about the process of self-creation as it works upon the physiological organism.

It correlates with the Biblical story of the Prodigal Son, who leaves his father's house to lead a life of licentiousness and debauchery, to finally realize it wants to return to the light; Similarly, we incarnate for the same purpose. This card represents the soul's return, the stages of unconsciousness we must past through to attain our full liberation.

Color gray in this image represents the mineral kingdom, or the word STONE. In Hebrew the word for stone also represents Unity With The Source, the essence of the Divine embodied in the most primitive forms of material existence.

Inner Peace Meditation

Introduction: Deep inner peace unites our consciousness with our true, infinite source. Unlimited power flows from our peaceful center, while struggle and strife indicate internal conflict that blocks our power and causes us to feel powerlessness to provide for and to support ourselves and others. Inner peace is choosing to let go of control, trusting in the infinite love, power and intelligence of the Divine that is always ready and waiting to take over.

Feel your feelings fully.

Feel love and gratitude for what you feel, however uncomfortable your feelings may be.

Feel the power of your feelings.

Feel open to the deep peace in center of that power.

Feel that peace expanding until it fills the universe.

Feel your oneness with this infinite state of peace.

Feel your willingness to relax into the feeling of perfect, peaceful trust in the higher purpose served by whatever happens.

Feel the harmony of the Divine abiding in the center of perfect peace within you.

Feel the joy in the harmony of your peaceful state.

Feel grateful to your peace for filling you with feelings of joy, love, harmony, and abundance in all its needed forms.

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Feel the peace that comes with trusting that everything that happens is perfect, including those situations you find challenging, uncomfortable, and even painful.

Feel your willingness to release any beliefs that favor stress and strife over dwelling in peace for your safety and success.

Feel grateful to the Divine for providing you with the situations that help you uncover, recognize and release from any internal reactions that cause you to limit or lose your peace.

Relax into the feeling of letting go of all effort to control your life, feeling the peace that comes with totally trusting in the Divine Love that rules the universe handling all aspects of your life perfectly.

Feel your willingness to totally yield and surrender to the quiet, joyful feeling of peaceful contentment and trust deep within you.