

Magic Of Tarot Session 2 - The Magician

Session Two Notes

A major theme of tarot is transforming the personality into a vehicle or instrument through which higher ordering forces flow into manifestation.

A General Practice: Viewing a Tarot image that you choose or pick “randomly”, simply ask the image to activate its power and guidance within you; close your eyes and see what happens.

A Fool Exercise:

Viewing the image of the Fool is viewing the representation of our true immortal self. Meditating on this image can therefore awaken past-life recall, particularly when you focus on the eye and eagle of the wallet, which represent past-life lessons brought forward.

The Magician: The Life-Energy Director:

- **Primary Practice:** What should I focus my attention or concentrate on NOW?

Begin consciously and intentionally directing the forces represented by this image. The degree to which we direct these forces consciously we liberate ourselves from domination by the personality and turn our personality over to the guidance of the God-Self and thus manifest heaven on earth.

Relationship with The Fool:

- The Fool (the ox) represents the process of plowing or preparing the soil of life, the open state of consciousness.
- The Magician represents the process of planting seeds in that soil for the garden of manifestation.

The arbor:

The cosmic context. The system of order, beauty, balance and harmony that guides the universe and every aspect of your life.

The garden represents the circumstances of our life and our personality. Your present circumstances and personality patterns are the “garden” you have created.

Number 1:

This number is represented by a straight line, representing alignment with the cosmic context.

1 is all about new beginnings, INITIATING change or direction. Meditating on this card activates this power in you.

Notice the connection between 1 and The Tower card. The tower is shaped like a number 1. The tower represents what we manifest. It is “the house” (Hebrew letter Beth, which is associated with The Magician) that we build for ourselves. It is the house of our life and the house of our personality that we construct with the Magician’s forces.

Notice the windows of the Tower. The Hebrew letter HEH means window (we will revisit this letter when we look at The Emperor). Every Hebrew letter represents a number. The letter HEH is number 5. $3 \times 5 = 15$. This connects us to Key 15, The Devil. The Devil image represents the false conclusions and beliefs we develop based on faulty or superficial observation – why? Because the Hebrew letter associated with Key 15 is Ayen, meaning the physical eye. When we judge from physical appearances alone we are heading off course. This image represents the state of being dominated by identification with physical appearances. Therefore, when we use our magical forces to create conditions based on the illusion that matter is all there is, we are destined to have the Tower of our lives blasted by the light of truth. The warning here is to use our magical forces WISELY.

Concentration is the essential power represented by this image. What you concentrate on you create. Watch what you concentrate on!

- Meditate on this image to help you to gain control of your power of concentration.

The Serpent: The Magician constrains his forces based on the understanding that every action brings back consequences.

The color of the serpent: the color associated with Scorpio, the astrology sign associated with death and reproduction. The meaning here is that the Magician understands the repercussions of his actions can carry out through lifetimes.

The Facial Expression: The Magician is in a solemn act of contemplating the ultimate will and wisdom to guide him.

Transparent Intelligence: The Magician is associated with Transparent Intelligence: the ability to SEE THROUGH appearances into the depths of higher guidance.

The Infinity Sign: represents the divine nature of concentration: the power to manifest.

Upraised Wand: Using his personal will to connect with the higher will and wisdom that is always available within.

Down-pointing finger: His concentration is a conduit through which the power of manifestation flows into the garden of his circumstances and his personality-transformation.

Six Petal White Lilies:

The number 6 in Kabbalah represents Beauty, Balance, Order and Harmony – the laws governing the universe.

The lily buds represent the fact that his cosmic consciousness is always being born at new and higher levels.

The yellow stems, represent the act of intellectual understanding of these laws with which he works.

The 5 red roses below: represent the physical manifestation (which we perceive through 5 physical senses) of his heart's desires, and the fact that desire always manifests conditions consistent with it.

The 7 Red Roses Above: Represent the victorious (7 represents victory in Kabbalah) realization of his heart's desire in his conscious awareness.

White Headband: The discipline to restrain thought (symbolized by black hair) in order to experience True Perception.

- To develop this, spend more time every day in a state of thoughtless, alert awareness in the present, and less in random thinking, opinionating, speculation, etc.

White hair: The mind receiving the light of True Perception and the divine power of the mind's manifestation power.

Red Cape: His action and desire nature, which he wears loosely because he is not identified with his desires; rather, he is open to receiving the True Desire of the higher will.

White undergarment: The purity of his personality, identified with following the highest spiritual path through any situation.

The table's legs: A symbol of architecture, reminding us that this card represents the building of the house of our personality and circumstances (consistent with the letter Beth).

The Implements on the table: these represent the fundamental powers of the Magician (the conscious manifester).

- **Wand**: represents will, intention. Knowing what you intend begins the creative or magical process.
- **Sword**: represents thought, particularly the power of analysis, which separates things. It represents the fact that the Magician must wield a sword of strength, precision, accuracy to penetrate the cloud of ignorance.

- **Cup:** represents the power of feeling and receptivity. It stands above the others because this card's image is all about receiving guidance from above in the form of feeling.
- **Coin:** action on a physical plane. The Magician knows how to direct his physical activities through the use of will, thought and feeling.

The pentacle on the coin represents manifestation of human mastery of the 5 essential powers of:

1. Awareness / Attention
2. Thought
3. Feeling: including desire and emotion
4. Action
5. Energy

Upside down pentacle: Notice that on The Devil card the pentacle is upside-down, meaning that the person is ruled by the habitual patterns that run these powers.

Relationship between The Magician and The High Priestess: This is a sexual relationship as the Priestess represents the soil (the subconscious) that receives the seeds of The Magician. In Key 3 we see the sprouting of those seeds.

Magical Practice: Stand in the pose of The Magician, with a stick or some other form of wand in your hand, concentrating of receiving the guidance from above as to what to do with your powers in the now.

The Method For The Magician: Eliminating blockages impeding flow and alignment with your True Will, Higher Purpose and Mastery of your power of concentration.