

## **Magic of Tarot Session 4 - The Empress**

### **Session Four Notes**

**The Empress:** Maternal Ruler of the Mind: How to use your imagination for beautiful creation

**The Luminous Intelligence:** Luminous images, inspired ideas

**Hebrew Letter:** Daleth = Door

- She is the door through which creation is physically manifested

#### **The Product of Keys 1 and 2**

Key 0: Open to and trusting in what happens

Key 1: Focusing on what you truly want

Key 2: Receives the input from Key 1 and transports it into

Key 3: The visionary or illumined mind where it sprouts into the fruition of ideas and material manifestation.

Key 4: Oversees organizes and reasonably arranges the images for practical results in the world of matter.

**6-pointed Stars above head:** Her thoughts are in harmony with the heavens: the cosmic process

**6-pointed Stars:** Integrating the spiritual and material:

- upward triangle is aspiration
- downward triangle is descent of inspiration

**Wreath of Leaves:** Queen or Victor of the natural process

- Her thoughts, images and ideas are like seeds of beauty in the garden of our life

#### **Lunar neckless :**

- Pearls are Venusian
- Throat is the chakra of communication: ie: she “communicates only beautiful thoughts into consciousness and manifestation.
- **Green dress:** The natural world is the garb of beautiful Divine thoughts

**Golden Band around dress:** Transmutation of the “south half”, directed energy of creation into the heart.

#### **Red Triangle in White bar:**

- Her activity (red) is ruled by love(heart level), guided by spiritual purpose (white beam).
- Triangle is Greek “delta” which is Hebrew Daleth

**Facing front with open eyes:** Like the High Priestess, she represents the subconscious which sees, records and responds to your every thought and feeling, what you do consciously and unconsciously, what you are transmitting to the universal mind for manifestation.

- **Staff and Shield:** Where love and sex (the reproductive faculty of mind) unite:
- **Staff** is a phallic symbol of will and authority, male in nature – stimulating the reproductive organ of mind.
- **Shield** is **heart-shaped with dove**: symbols of Venus, Goddess of love – protecting the mind from discordant thoughts and ideas
- **Globe atop staff:** Her ideas give birth to manifestation and thus rule the world
- **Gold band on globe:** Ruling the world from “the north half”: Love
- **Cross above globe:** has risen above the world, to determine consequences rather than being ruled by them (horizontal bar above the midpoint of the vertical: the cross of the crucifixion)

**Ripened Wheat:**

- flourishing of abundance through right use of imagery
- time for the harvest of mental imagery on the earth-plane

**Ornamental Gray Stone Bench:**

- Reference to art and architecture striving to copy nature’s beautiful ways
- Gray is the color of wisdom and balance: essentials for right use of thought

**5 red roses:**

- Refer to the fulfillment of desire as desire directs the Empress to produce its gratification.
- Roses are another symbol of Venus, Goddess of Love who appropriately rules the mind
- Refer also to the 5 physical senses which stimulate our desires.

**Stream and water fall:**

- This is the stream of consciousness flowing from the high Priestess (subconsciousness)
- The pool are the ideas being dwelt upon
- Waterfall: Streaming into pool is a reference to the male/female reproductive process of mind
- White foam: Spiritual realization and insights

**Cypress Trees:** More Venusian symbols, representing her alignment with long-standing cosmic principles

**Moon under yellow foot:**

- Yellow foot on moon: magician (mercury) directing the subconscious
- While the subconscious gives birth ideas, these ideas then impress and rule the subconscious.

- Moon also symbolizes the rhythmic nature (waxing and waning) of mental and physical manifestation: action-pause-action-pause, etc.
  - IE: she represents faithful patience in the natural order process of manifesting

**Parted fingers on right hand:** Balance: right is masculine...

- Expressing openness to the receptive side of reproduction
  - She is open only to love and love is her right hand power

**Gently open hand on base of wand:**

- NOT grasping, ruling gently (see Key 8 for Gentle Strength and Key 9 for NOT grasping)

**Yellow Sky:** Mental Consciousness

- She (the subconscious) is responding to the ideas or images implanted in her by Mercury, messenger of the Gods, The Magician.

**Her Pregnancy:** She is giving birth to ideas and material manifestations

**Green background:** We are viewing a natural process governing mind and matter