

Magic of Tarot Session 5 - The Emperor

Session Five Notes

This image represents authority and your right relationship with it. Immature souls rebel against those they see as in charge, not realizing that this attitude gives away their power to run their lives. The mature soul realizes that I am the authority over my life, in that how I manage my creative forces determines what happens to me. Key 4 is the card of accepting your authority over your life by taking 100% accountability for your handling of what happens.

Represents the Cosmic Orderer that ensures that everything that happens in life serves the Purpose of the Cosmic Magician (Kether, the Will of the Most High). Develop your trust in this using The Method.

Additionally:

- He is the Master Mason
- The Stone Cutter
- The builder of order
- Arranges plans to do first things first

The 4 Fundamental stages of the Creative Process

Key 0: The Energy of Creation

1. Key 1: What you focus on you create
2. Key 2: Be open and receptive to higher guidance
3. Key 3: Fruition follows organically
4. Key 4: Order, organize, systematize fruition

1. *The Magician (concentration)*
2. *Stimulates the High Priestess (subconscious)*
3. *Who gives birth to the Empress' garden (the fruit of your mind and circumstances)*
4. *To be overseen by the Emperor (and supervised into a state of order).*

Note the sternness compared with Key 3: Contrast the feel the energy difference between details of 3 flourishing and 4 ordering.

- The Emperor is the measurer: in all things Right Measure:
The Empress is the mother who gives life; the Emperor is the father who keeps things under control. When they work in balance and harmony with one another beauty, the highest state of order, is manifested. When they out of balance the garden grows wild and is choked by weeds or the order imposed deadens it with oppressiveness.
- She gives birth (the mother principle), he brings order to it (the father principle)
- Notice that he is looking at her: she is the source he honors and oversees.
- This image is a channel for the ordering force of the cosmic mind; ie: how to think like God.
- The Power to ORDER your mind and your world.
- You tune into the Mind that orders the universe when you create an orderly system

The Emeror Represents the Power of Reason

Being Reasonable: IE: Be FUNCTIONAL

- Align with the Reason behind all that happens: IE: reconstruction of the personality to align with LOVE (see the shield of the High Priestess and all the Venusian references)
- Have a good reason for what you say, think, feel and do.

The Constituting Intelligence:

Exercise: create your constitution for your next step in spiritual evolution via personality reconstruction.

Aries Symbolism:

- Aries energy is about taking charge: its highest expression is in taking charge of your own mind.
- Aries rules the head, and The Emperor is the head of your life.
- Yellow Staff of authority: Aries takes charge: take charge of your mind with authority
 - The cross bar atop the staff is a symbol of mastery, as in the Hebrew letter Tav (see Key 21)
 - The circle atop the cross bar symbolizes completion, wholeness and working with Karma
- Military garb: Aries is militant, associated with Mars, the God of War: Wage the battle with the undisciplined mind until you have it under control.
 - Battle for control of the activities of thought in general and particularly the imagination. There are countless “mental invaders”, usually attracted to fear, to defend against.
- Igneous Rock: Associated with Mars Energy
 - Represents the crystallization of ideas into matter

Heh: Window:

- The original purpose of a window was to see who is coming to the door, friend or foe.
- This applies to watching and supervising the thoughts you permit to dwell in your head.
- Survey your circumstances and your responses to them to create higher levels of order in your life.
- Pay particular attention to the mental activities.
- Clean the window of your perception

Perch: Oversees the stream of mental activity originating in Key 2 and continuing in Key 3.

The Number 4:

- Notice that his legs are in the shape of a 4
- See Tarot Key 12 for that as well
- 4 is the number of completion, order, balance and mastery of the earth-plane (earth life)

- 4 is the number for the square, and the cube is made of squares.

Cube:

- The material plane:
 - Establishing order in your mind establishes order on the earth plane
 - This is the cube of the High Priestess, demonstrating his authority over the activities of the subconscious mind.
 - He is seated on a cube in the shape of a 4 (see Tarot Key 12), suggesting he is ruler over all four elements of the earth: fire (will), water (feeling, emotion, desire), air (thoughts and mental images), and earth (physical manifestation or action). He IS the power to create order
 - Note: the word Cosmos means Order and Beauty: this image represents the Divine Power that produces the Order and Beauty of the Cosmos, and you can draw upon it to create order and beauty (a cosmos) of your life.

Purple and Gold: Colors of wealth and royalty

- indicating the ultimate level of authority of Divine Order
- Also, YOUR POWER OF AUTHORITY TO RULE YOUR MIND AND WORLD WITH DIVINE ORDER..

WHITE TRIM: Another reference to Kether), the Ultimate Ruling Power or First Cause.

The Emperor is an elder, corresponding with to the Kabbalah symbolism of The Ancient Of Days. This corresponds to the first sphere on the Kabbalah Tree of Life: Kether, the Originating Cause of creation. This is known in Masonry as The Grand Architect Of The Universe. Trust that this

White Beard: Wisdom, Benevolence and associated with the originating cause:

- First Divine Emanation on the Tree of Life. Kether is the Divine Will that directs the “whole thing” to fulfill It’s purpose. We have the Divine Power of Will operating through us, giving us authority over the mind, to be the orderer of creation.

The green grass is part of the garden of the Empress (the garden of your circumstances internal and external). He sits above it to oversee it.

Brown Earth beneath the Grass: we are dealing with the fertility principle of The Empress which gives birth to our mental images

- IE: Water into the soil produces vegetation

Orange Sky: blending thought and action, meaning FUNCTIONAL thinking or PRACTICAL thinking

Globe in open left hand: Represents the world (see Key 3).

- He is supporting the world with perfect order
- You support your world as you channel the energy and function of the Emperor: IE: being an ordering force.

- Open hand refers to the Hebrew letter yod (see Tarot Key 9), which also associates with the First Cause.

Practical Summary:

- Meditating on this key will bring the Higher Ordering Forces into you, and through you into your life, to create order, beauty, balance and harmony of your mind, your emotions, your physical body, your daily activities and your circumstances.
- We can define heaven as order.
- To bring order into chaos, proceed in an orderly way, from an orderly state.
- This energy is the cure for all kinds of disorder in your life.
 - Be STERN in your resolution to overcome the desires and penchants for chaos, conflict and confusion in your life.