

Tarot Meditations Lesson 9: Atonement, Repentance, Sacrifice, Forgiveness

Opening Meditation

Practice for Re-Identification (Applying Tarot Key 8)

- When you say or think “I”, think God
- Drop concepts that separate you from Godliness (Godness)

True Forgiveness is giving someone, including yourself, freedom from a limited concept (Key 15)

Transforming Evil Into Good: Through True Forgiveness

- In Kabbalistic teachings we learn that evil arises for our good.
 - On the surface, this makes no sense, but as we look deeper at the transformative power of our consciousness (as represented by the Tarot), this begins to make sense.
 - When you find a way to BENEFIT from an evil act, you turn that evil into a servant of the good. It is the human purpose to transform evil to good by improving our functioning and releasing greater love.
 - This is why wisdom teachers tell us, “There really is no such thing as bad.”
 - “Bad” is just a distorted way of seeing good.

By responding to evil in ways that strengthen our inner powers represented by Tarot, we turn evil into a beneficial servant of our higher evolution, and the higher evolution of the world and all its members.

- “Hell Gives Birth To God”:
 - When life becomes so hard that we can’t go on, we are ready to
 - recognize it wasn’t life or God that was the problem, it was how we were thinking, feeling and acting
 - we are now ready to leave personal self’s control, let go of our old ways
 - As we cultivate the powers of the Tarot we find the way up
 - through atonement or at-one-ment
- What is God?
 - Omnipotent Love and Consciousness
 - Spheres 1,2,3,6 on the Tree: Intention, Wisdom, Understanding, Beauty (or Love)
 - As we re-mind ourselves of this definition of God, we use the power of suggestion (Key 8) to raise our energy from the bestial level to Higher Consciousness (the lion’s tail)

Atonement: The way to self-forgiveness

- Atonement = At-one-ment
- Hebrew Word: Kapurah:

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- **Kaph** = Closed Hand = Wheel of fortune (Key 10) = trying to grasp, stop or control the spinning wheels (cycles) of life
- 10 = Malkuth on the Tree of Life = the physical plane
- Kaph is also the first letter of Kether, the highest Sphere on the Tree, representing The Absolute Power of Divine Will.
- Thus, it is part of the Divine Plan that humans grasp at control of the physical world, in order to learn to trust and let go.
- **Peh** = mouth that formulates speech = The Tower (Key 16) = this is what happens when we try to hold on to control the wheel of fortune
 - Our sense of separation from and defense against the universe is pulverized and the ego feels utterly out of control
 - Ego feels smashed and beaten
- **Resh** = face = The Sun (Key 19) = we “lose face” and let go of the false self that was trying to be in control, we find our true self totally free, safe and in God’s Love.
 - As we FACE the truth we discover our attempt to control the wheel was based on imagination, illusion.
 - Thus, we find freedom from the false self utterly renewing as we return to the essence of our eternal self in the innocence of eternal youth
- **Heh** = Window – ie: Perception = The Emperor (Key 4) = we learn to consciously cooperate with the Higher Ordering Process that is in charge of our life
 - IE: we experience Divine Union, aka: atonement (or at-one-ment): returning to God as our guide

The Wisdom Sum of the letters:

Kaph = 20

Peh = 80

Resh = 200

Heh = 5

305 = 8 = Live in the Glory of God (Sphere 8 on the Tree is Glory)

Hebrew Letter 8 = Chet = Key 7, The Chariot

- Thus, atonement is about following the guidance of the universe, not your personality, programmed, lower or outside influences

Meditation:

- View Tarot Cards 10, 16, 19, 4 (= 49 = 13 = 4)
- What do you regret doing, where is there shame?
- What did you learn about the way you WANT to be?
- View Tarot Card 4 and tune into your alignment with Cosmic Order

Repentance or Return to Oneness = Teshuvah

“The gates of Teshuvah are always open”

This marks our journey UP the Tree from the lowest levels of consciousness in Malkuth (Sphere 10) to conscious union with the essence of Divine Will, Kether (Sphere 1)

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- **Tav**: = Signature or Mark – Representing the ways of Divine Mastery stamped upon creation = The World (Key 21) = Look beneath the surface to follow the ways of Divine Wisdom as outlined in Tarot and The Tree of Life.
- **Shin** = Tooth, as in puncturing outer appearances to digest the ways of Truth = Judgment (Key 20) = Realize the gates of return are always open, just follow the way as it is disclosed to you.
- **Vuv** = nail, fastener, joiner, link = The Hierophant (Key 5) = listen to your inner voice of principles
- **Bet** = house – the house of your life = The Magician (Key 1) = Align personal will with Divine Will
- **Heh** = Window – Perception = The Emperor (Key 4) = bring order to your life that matches Divine Order, the order of the cosmos – Cosmic Alignment

The Wisdom Sum of the letters:

400

300

6

2

5

713 = 11 = Divine Will Above (1) and Below (1)

1 + 1 = 2 = Follow Divine Wisdom (Sphere 2 on the Tree)

Hebrew Letter 2 = Bet = Key 1, The Magician – Unite your will with Divine Will

Whatever you hold against God, another or yourself holds *you* back from all your heart desires.

Meditation:

- View Tarot Cards 21, 20, 5, 1, 4 (= 51 = 6)
- Who do you hold a grudge against or resist feeling unconditional love for?
- Imagine them giving you the love, adoration, respect and understanding you craved from them.
- View Tarot Card 6 and tune into your will to be a lover (to be love) in all relationships.

Sacrifice is a major aspect of repentance, atonement and forgiveness.

- But it is not symbolic sacrifice!
- Sacrifice: Sphere 5 on the Tree of Life: Geburah, Justice
 - What do you need to sever from in your personality pattern to be more aligned with or closer to Divine Will (Kether, The Crown on the Tree).

Hebrew word for sacrifice: korban: means Coming Closer (to God)

- Hebrew letters: qoph-resh-bet-nun:
- Tarot Keys: moon,sun,magician,death

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- Sacrifice of personality (the moon) rule for the sun (see it in keys 18 and 19) of truth to guide the magician (what you intend and concentrate on) leads to the death - transition of identification with the personal self for identification with the Divine.
- We have to sacrifice the pleasure of indulging in negativity, drama, unbalanced emotionalism and uncontrolled thinking and cruelty.
 - We must sacrifice the lesser for the greater:
 - Ex: indulging in anger and anxiety or building a life of order, harmony, success and abundance.

Closing Meditation

- View Tarot Key 15 for a minute... then consider:
 - What happened in your past that you believe stole your power, your worthiness, your goodness?
 - View Key 21 and tune into the feeling of BEING totally worthy, empowered and good.
- Who do you resent from your past?
 - View Key 6 and tune into (feel) the love you wanted from them and practice feeling and seeing it.
- What did you do that you regret? What did you learn from it? In other words, how do you want to function differently as a result of what you learned?
 - View Key 1 and tune into BEING that.