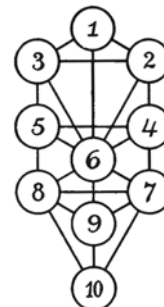


Gnostic Astrology – Introduction to Tarot & Kabbalah

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Tarot, Kabbalah and the Occult Science

The Theosophists speak of Planes and Sub-Planes, these are the 10 Sephiroth of the Kabbalah, the 10 Emanations of the Eternal Mother Space, the 10 Waves that serve as the foundation of the Great Mother. Thanks to these Sephiroth, one can be transformed into a real Human Being. But this all depends on how we use the Occult Science, that is: on what kind of Kabbalist we are... There are two kinds of Kabbalists: Intellectual Kabbalists and Intuitive Kabbalists. Intellectual Kabbalists are Black Magicians; Intuitive Kabbalists are White Magicians. Many times the Sidereal Gods answer us by showing us a card of the Tarot; then we should intuitively comprehend the answer that has been given to us. By merely looking at a card of the Tarot, the Intuitive Kabbalists comprehend what destiny reserves for them.



The cards of the Tarot are the language of the Superior Worlds of Light. They are the Occult Wisdom of the Sidereal Gods. On a certain occasion Samael Aun Weor consulted a Planetary Genie about the convenience of making a trip, for which he was not prepared economically. The Planetary Genie showed him 3 cards. One of them was a King of Pentacles; he understood with his heart and made the trip, and everything went very well. On another occasion, humanity was judged before him, he saw the Tarot extended in lines of 7 cards, and when a certain card of the 6th line was shown, the Gods judged the Great Prostitute (humanity) and considered her unworthy. The sentence of the Gods was: "To the Abyss, to the Abyss, to the Abyss, to the Abyss!", the number of humanity is 666...

The White Magician prays to the Gods, throws their cards on the table with closed eyes; and beseeching their God, picks up a card, observes it, and makes the forecast with their intuition. Each card of the Tarot is, by itself, a total forecast. The exercises to awaken Clairvoyance are useful in order to see and comprehend all these things. The Kabbalists of Intuition understand everything with the Heart, while the Intellectual Kabbalists want to resolve everything with the Animal Mind. The Kabbalist of Intuition is only guided by the Voice of Silence, the Intimus. The Authorized Kabbalist only acts under the Voice of the Intimus or Inner Being.

Understanding Gnostic Tarot & Kabbalah

The Tarot is intimately related with Esoteric Astrology and with Initiation. The Tarot is a book as ancient as the ages, and is intimately related with the Wisdom of the Planetary Gods. This book is the Tarot deck and consists of 78 plates, divided into 22 called Major Arcana, and 56 denominated Minor Arcana (which are divided into 4 suits). Samael Aun Weor has arrived at the conclusion that **all Kabbalah is reduced to the 22 Major Arcana of the Tarot and to the 4 Aces**, which represent the 4 Elements of Nature:

THE ACE OF CLUBS SYMBOLIZES THE EARTH.

THE ACE OF CUPS (or Hearts) SYMBOLIZES THE WATER.

THE ACE OF SWORDS (or Spades) SYMBOLIZES THE FIRE.

THE ACE OF PENTACLES (or Diamonds) SYMBOLIZES THE AIR.

All the 56 plates of the Minor Arcana are based on these 4 Aces, and on the 10 numbers of our decimal system. For example, a 4 of Clubs is none other than Arcanum 4 (the Emperor) and the symbol of the Ace of Clubs repeated 4 times. Intuitively interpret these cards combining the Natural Element with the Major Arcana and the problem will be resolved. For example: a 6 of Pentacles would be interpreted by combining Arcanum 6 (Indecision or the Lovers) with the Element Air, or "Soul", symbolized by the Pentacles; this would say: "A Love Affair", and so on successively.

The Minor Arcana According to Eliphas Levi

The Tarot, from the kabalistic point of view, is a hieroglyphic book composed of a kabalistic alphabet (the 22 Major Arcana) and a wheel or circle of 4 decades, specified by 4 symbolic and typical figures, each having for its ray a ladder of 4 progressive figures representing Humanity: man, woman, youth and child; or master, mistress, soldier and page/valet (the 56 Minor Arcana).

Let us now go to the 4 suits (the Clubs, Cups, Swords, and Pentacles). These figures are the hieroglyphs of the tetragram יהוה : the Club is the Egyptian phallus or Hebrew Yod י ; the Cup is the cteis or primitive Heh ה ; the Sword is the conjunction of both (or the lingam) represented in the Hebrew alphabet by Vau ו ; and the Pentacle, image of the world, is the final Heh ה .

The 22 letters and 10 numbers give the 32 paths of the Sepher Yetzirah: 4 gives the Merkabah (מרכבה or Chariot of Ezekiel). The 4 elementary and astronomical signs are the 4 forms of the Sphinx and the 4 animals of Ezekiel and of St. John... As for the numbers from 1-10, you will find their explanation repeated 4 times with the symbols of the Club (or scepter of the father), the Cup (or delights of the mother), the Sword (or battle of love), and the Pentacles (or fecundity).



Each number, multiplied by a key, gives another number, which (explained in turn by the keys) completes the philosophical and religious revelation contained in each sign. Thus, Arcanum 1 (the key of unities) explains the 4 Aces with their quadruple progressive signification in the three worlds and in the first principle. Therefore, the Ace of Clubs is “creative intelligence”; the Ace of Cups is “magnetizing intelligence”; the Ace of Swords is “militant intelligence”; the Ace of Pentacles is “the soul of the world”...

Suit of the Minor Arcana	Element	Figures of Humanity	Tetragrammatic Associations	Additional Associations
Clubs, Staffs, or Wands	Earth	Man or Master	Phallus or Yod י	Scepter of the Father; Creative/Creator
Cups	Water	Woman or Mistress	Cteis or Heh ה	Delights of the Mother; Magnetizing
Swords	Fire	Youth or Soldier/Knight	Conjunction of both, the Lingam or Vau ו	Battle of Love; Militancy
Pentacles, Coins or Circles	Air	Child or Page/Valet	Image of the World or the final Heh ה	Fecundity; Soul of the World

Each of the 4 Suits of the Minor Arcana has 14 cards (4 Court cards and 10 numbered cards):

1	Clubs, Staffs, or Wands	י Yod
2	Cups	ה Heh
3	Swords	ו Vau
4	Pentacles/Coins	ה Heh

1	King	י Yod
2	Queen	ה Heh
3	Knight	ו Vau
4	Page	ה Heh

Ace	Kether	6	Tiphereth
2	Chokmah	7	Netzach
3	Binah	8	Hod
4	Chesed	9	Yesod
5	Geburah	10	Malkuth

Summary:

With these ideas, we can understand how the whole Tarot is reduced to: **the 22 Letters** of the Hebrew Alphabet, **the 10 Numbers** corresponding to the 10 Sephiroth, and **the 4 Elements** of Nature (which Eliphas Levi says can be associated with the 4 letters of the Tetragrammaton). But since the 10 Numbers are also found within the 22 Letters, then we can further reduce this to just the 22 Letters and the 4 Elements (which Samael Aun Weor says correspond to the 4 Aces).