

Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 17

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Arcanum 14 – Nun ♿

English: *Temperance*

Spanish: *La Temperancia*. Meaning “Moderation, Temperance”

French: *La Temperance*. Meaning “Temperance, Moderation, Restraint”

Meaning: Long Life. Stability. No Change. Matrimonial Association, Chastity, the Transmutation of the Waters.

Transcendental Axiom: “DO NOT BE LIKE STRAW BEFORE THE WIND, NOR LIKE WIND BEFORE THE STRAW.”

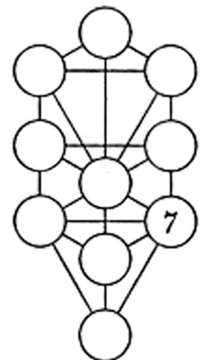


Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life we find three flowers; and in the middle one, a Serpent rising, these three flowers represent SAT: the Intimus, Atman; CHIT: Buddhi, the Spiritual Soul; and ANANDA: Manas, the Human Soul. The three flowers also represent:

- 1) THE SACRED FIRE.
- 2) THE MATERIA PRIMA.
- 3) THE MIXTURE.

In the middle, an Angel shows us the TRIAD by means of his vestments and the Quaternary (the 4 Bodies of Sin). On his forehead shines a Sun with 14 rays - 7 visible and 7 invisible. The visible rays represent the 7 Planets, and the Invisible rays represent the 7 Chakras. The Angel has two vessels or urns with which he mixes the two elixirs; one vessel is of Gold and contains the Red Elixir; the other, of Silver, containing the White Elixir. Together, they produce the Elixir of Long Life. Many Masters have attained immortality: Babaji, Sanat Kumara, Paracelsus, etc.

Related Explanation: The 14th letter of the Kabalistic alphabet, Nun ♿, is summarized as “the force which produces mixtures” or, in a word, “transmutations”. It is the harmony of the mixture, forms tempered by equilibrium. The number 14 reproduces the Septenary twice, which is the number of Netzah (Victory). Therefore 14 is the equilibrated and absolute triumph of the good. Know that the Luminous Septenary has as its enemies, and as obstacles (but also acting in some ways as auxiliaries), a Dark Septenary of averse forces. If a person abuses the high forces of the Septenary, then their errors manifest as the Seven Capital Sins.



The life of beings is a progressive transformation through which one can determine, renew, and preserve longer or destroy sooner, the forms thereof. If you desire long life and health then avoid all excesses, carry nothing to extremes: preserve the equilibrium. You must learn to overcome all passions, and conquer all tendencies toward foolishness. But let there be no misunderstanding: to vanquish an enemy there must be no running away. True victory can only result from meeting the enemy face to face, joining in a struggle, and showing your command over him.

Practice 1

WORKING WITH THE PROSTATIC AND UTERINE CHAKRA

Immediately after finishing the daily Work with the Arcanum A.Z.F., the Alchemist should lie down on your back (Face-Up) and work with the Prostatic or Uterine Chakra. This chakra is a very important for higher magic. The Alchemist must inhale the vital air, then retain the breath and, in those instants, direct the nervous currents towards the Prostate or Uterus with the intention of closing the sphincters that exist between the seminal vessels and the urethra (in the male). The effort of sending the electro-magnetic currents must be similar to the supreme effort that a woman does when giving birth.

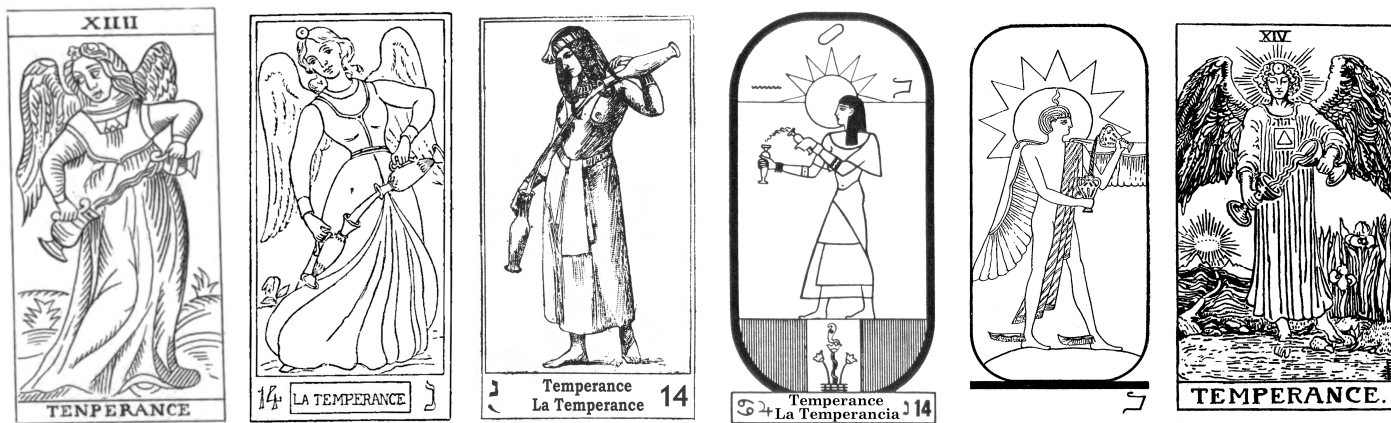
The woman moans in those moments, in other words, her larynx emits the moaning Sound of the letter “**M**”. Dr. Krumm-Heller (Huiracocha) stated that Initiation must start with the letters “**M**” and “**S**”. If we want to be born in the Internal Worlds, then we must also utter the sound of the letter “**M**” (as when one moans). It is about being born and we must be Born. Thereafter we slowly exhale, we wait for the breath to naturally return and we inhale, we mentally pump up the creative energy and make it rise through the two canals Idá and Pingalá into the Chalice (the Brain). We repeat the effort and we continue.

Practice 2

HOLY COMMUNION

There is a need for every INITIATE to pray to God daily. Every prayer should be accompanied by a cup of *wine*¹ (grape juice) and a piece of bread. The bread & wine will always be placed on a clean and perfumed cloth. “Do this in memory of me”, said our Divine SAVIOR. The prayer is always done on one’s knees. Each person can (while alone) pray and persevere in the partaking of the bread & the wine. With the bread & wine, billions of Christic atoms enter our human organism. Pray always, my brothers and sisters, and then break the bread & drink the wine.

To transform the Bread into Flesh and the Wine into real Blood (into the Living and Philosophical Fire) is to realize the miracle of the Transubstantiation. We must sublimate our Sexual Energy to the Heart. The communion of the Bread & the Wine has the power to sublimate the Sexual Energy to the heart. We can place Bread & a Glass of *Wine* (Grape Juice) next to our bed and, after practicing the ARCANUM A.Z.F., we pray and bless the Bread & the Wine, then we eat the Bread and drink the Wine.



¹ Remember that the *wine* is "from the mature fruit of the vine", meaning grape juice, not fermented wine or wine with alcohol in it. Also see Ch. 13 of *The Mystery of the Golden Blossom*, where it says "pure unfermented wine is used with success".