

Spiritual Unfoldment Through Tarot

The First Stage

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The teachings of Qabalah has the purpose to present an understanding of the unfoldment and growth and expansion for the unfoldment of consciousness centers, the differentiated centers of consciousness, the individualized centers of consciousness within the One Universal Consciousness.

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The First Stage of Spiritual Unfoldment through Tarot.

We must know that Key 0 is involved with all the Tarot Keys.

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The 22 Major Tarot Keys are modes of the life power activities in terms of types and expressions of consciousness.

Key 0 will journey through Key 1 to Key 21, which are different phases of activity.

There are seven stages of Spiritual Unfoldment through Tarot which involves Key 15 through Key 21.



Key 1 through Key 7 express the principles of consciousness.

However, no Tarot Key is complete in itself.

Key 8 through Key 14 express the laws or agencies through which the principles work.

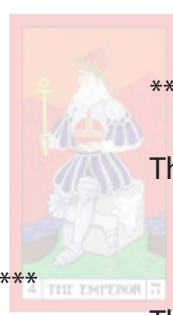
We must know that the last seven Keys of the Major Arcana are not understood completely unless we have a basic understanding of Key 0 through Key 14.

Key 15 through Key 21 express the effect of all the previous elements that are involved.

The Tarot Tableau is arranged to the exact method to where Key 0 is above everything and all of creation.

These effects are the stages of unfoldment or the stages of evolution.

Key 0, The Fool, represents Super Consciousness and the reason why Key 0 is above all the other Keys is because The Fool is about to enter a new cycle of manifestation.



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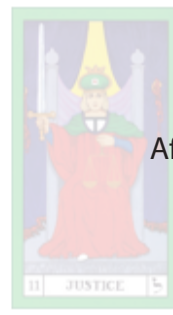
The first stage involves the principle of Key 1 that works through the agency of Key 8 and brings about the effect of the spiritual unfoldment for Key 15.

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The Fool is on the top of a mountain and at the edge of the cliff viewing across all of creation.

The second stage through the seventh stage has the same methods as the previous stages with the same unfoldment process as the first stage, but through each stage is expansion of consciousness.

The Fool has a bag of memories that is lightly carried over the right shoulder.



After The Fool has journeyed through the first stage, the journey of the second stage shines forth and involves the principle of Key 2 that works through the agency of Key 9 and brings about the effect of the unfoldment for Key 16.

The memories are all the experiences which have guided The Fool to reach the attainment of the top of the mountain.

The Fool also holds a white rose which is symbolic for all desires have been fulfilled and purified from the long journey through manifestation.



We need to know that all the stages are working simultaneously with and through each other.

The Fool is ready for the next adventure and knows there are higher attainments which are the higher mountains with icy peaks in the background of Key 0.

The attainment of one stage of unfoldment does not open a door into the next stage.

In order for The Fool to reach those higher mountains, the adventure begins by going back down into the valley which is the beginning of another phase of the Life Power with creation.

This is not a linear process, but is a spiritual unfoldment that is within us all.

Another phase of the Life Power with activity.

We all have The Fool aspect in us and travel through all the Keys of Tarot for our own unfoldment to accomplish the desire of the Life Force which is the expansion of consciousness.

Another phase of the Life Power with evolution, which in essence can be thought of as a universal phase that is emanating out from within the entire universe.

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With abstract thought, we can visualize our solar system within its own nebula of many other nebulas, that also range to the Single Point of The One Nebula, the creation of all nebulas in existence from manifestation within the boundless of infinity.

Key 0, The Fool, represented by Super Consciousness, is the life power that will begin a new phase of evolution which is another cycle of self expansion that begins by coming down into the valley from the mountain peak.



Why would Super Consciousness desire experiences or self expansion?

Well, our scientist have already proved that our physical universe is continuously expanding, but there is another phenomenon that is simultaneously occurring, which is the expansion of consciousness.

The nature of the life power goes in cycles of reproducing aspects of itself into expanded areas of self experience within a creative expression.

The Divine Life Power will enter into these phases of creation, and then sleep, then enter into creation once again, then sleep again, and so a Cosmic Day and Cosmic Night cycle does occur in the grand of all of the Cosmos.

As above, so below.
As within, so without.

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This means we can use the Qabalah Tree of Life and Tarot to learn the phases of our own consciousness which will begin to develop a personal higher awareness of ourselves and others as being in the interrelated unity of the Eternal Now.

This is the liberation we are all seeking even if we are unaware of it at this point in our journey, but inevitably we will arrive at this grand realization.

Our self awareness will transcend the limitation of self consciousness and be able to know many things at once.

With the Tree of Life, we can learn how the descent of the life power flows in a way that the energy condenses itself into forms, then expands itself in and through larger areas of self expression.

With Tarot, we will discuss the seven stages of spiritual unfoldment, which include the principles and laws of which they work.

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In the first stage of spiritual unfoldment, we begin by noticing that The Magician of Key 1 is in a valley.

This valley is the decent of The Fool from reaching the attainment of the peak of a mountain and was at the edge of the cliff.

The Fool had finished one journey and gathered countless experiences but now was ready for a new journey to gather countless more experiences.

As we go through the seven stages of unfoldment, it is important for us to know that we need to train ourselves to start thinking in group ideas instead of just step-by-step approach to where we focus our attention.

This means we need to take notice of the motion of this principle in Key 1 of the first stage because Key 8 becomes the effect that is involved in all of our lives, personally and collectively.

This does not mean we try to eliminate our step-by-step awareness, which we would not be able to anyway based on the principle of attention that is essential for analysis, but to expand our consciousness toward group ideas will open up the flow of unity concepts, methods, and ideas that will expedite our consciousness growth.

For example, if we can train our consciousness to work in a group of three Tarot Keys instead of the focus on just one Key, then eventually an unfoldment within our own consciousness will grow to higher degrees of awareness.

This process will make us more sensitive to others, even to the degree of what people are thinking and feeling which will be personally analyzed and felt.

Eventually, this will be the most pleasant experience because we have developed a high degree of understanding which provides the gift of truly radiating compassion from within to all others.

Now, let us also remember that as we begin the the first stage of spiritual unfoldment, the sensitivity toward others will not be the most pleasant experience, which could create the appearance of Key 15, The Devil.

We need to know that this is part of growth.

We all process differently because of our different journeys within this lifetime, but if we personally aim toward understanding the principles of consciousness, our desire nature which is the fire needed to really impact our subconsciousness, the cleansing of our subconsciousness will melt away all appearances that are represented by Key 15, The Devil.

Let us remember that the life power in the first stage of spiritual unfoldment involve the principle of Key 1 that works through the agency of Key 8 and brings about the effect of the spiritual unfoldment for Key 15.

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The principle of Key 1, The Magician, is the power of concentration and is also symbol for self consciousness.

The Hebrew letter Beth is also assigned to Key 1 and has the meaning of "House."

With the Life Power of Key 0, The Fool, who has went into the valley and is symbolized by Key 1, The Magician, is now standing with the power of concentration in a house.

What is a house?

A house is something we live in.

Our body is our house.

Our environment is our house.

A house is our whole area of life on the physical plane.

A house is suppose to be a place where we can go and feel safe.

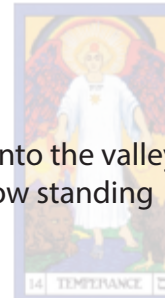
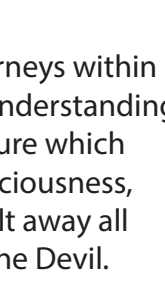
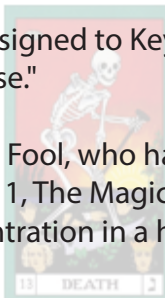
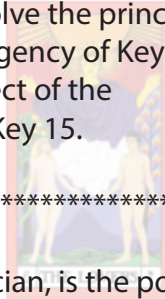
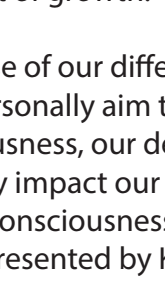
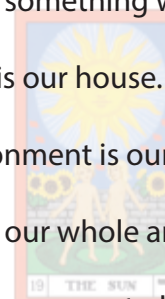
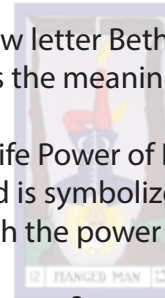
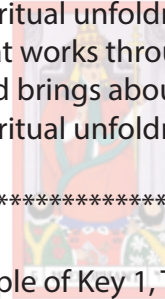
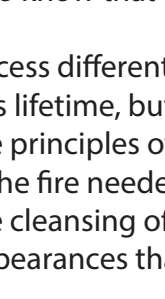
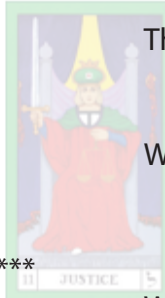
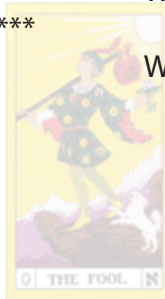
Our attention or what we feel about our house determines the reaction to our house.

Our house is the area mapped out of personal experiences.

The house of our life.

We are all builders of our house and that does not include anyone else.

We choose how to build our house.



The Magician stands in a house that represents the principle of limitation of consciousness.

This limitation is required in order for the expansion of consciousness.

The Magician has roses and lilies within the garden of the house which not only symbolize desires and knowledge, but also the garden symbolize the subconsciousness.

The Magician is pointing down at the garden and giving attention to the cultivation of subconsciousness and to map out the field and apply the principles of consciousness, otherwise there would not be any cultivated flowers.

What we focus or concentrate on or give our attention to is really our field of cultivation.

The house of The Magician means we are cultivating our consciousness through thinking and feeling of experiences.

This means we focus and map out our field in order to have the application of applying the principles of consciousness so we can cultivate our desires and knowledge to produce beautiful gardens of our own wisdom.

Otherwise, we will have chaos.

Most of us do have chaos and eventually we must learn how to cultivate our gardens with principles of consciousness to build our houses outside of chaos.

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We must create an expression of purpose so that we can map out an area in which we can work, such as musician's who create a house for composing music.

An artist maps out an area for painting.

A mechanic maps out an area for automobile repairs.

The life power maps out areas in which to cultivate intensive, self conscious, individualize centers of self knowing and self experience.

This is why we have limitation.

What does this mean?

This means our self consciousness is a mapped out area in which our house is mapped out by our higher mind, or higher soul, or higher self aspect of ourselves.

This also means that our higher soul is mapped out by the Universal One in order for us to have specializations of expressions.

The One Infinite Creator has extensions to everything, of all creations, in all of the Cosmos.

We must understand in the first stage of spiritual unfoldment that the principle which we are, is a mapped out area for cultivation that the Divine is growing.

We are being grown through experiences for the expansion of consciousness, and we all go through the experiences of immature or childish aspects of ourselves, which is why Key 15, The Devil, can appear very evil or bad.

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With Key 1, The Magician, there is also the assigned pair of opposites which are called "life and death."

We must understand this very important aspect of the first principle of consciousness because the appearance of "life and death" can be an illusive to many of us.

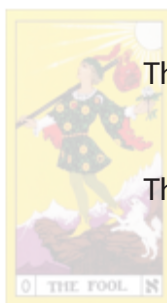
When we are being attentive, we are alive.

When we are not being attentive, we are not alive.

An extreme example of not being alive and not attentive is a hospital patient who has anesthesia for surgery.

They are unconscious.

This is the closest to a state of death for us without leaving our body on the physical plane.



This means the emptier of contents in our consciousness in terms of attention, the closer we are to death.

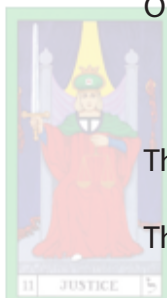
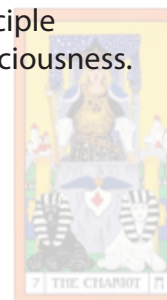
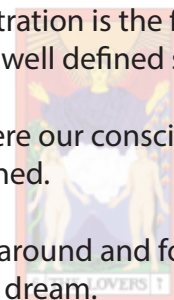
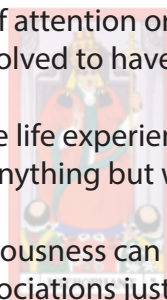
The more alive our consciousness can be noticed through our expressions, through our attentiveness, through our creativity, and so we are more alert and watchful.



The field of attention or concentration is the first principle involved to have a really well defined self consciousness.

We all have life experiences where our consciousness is anything but well defined.

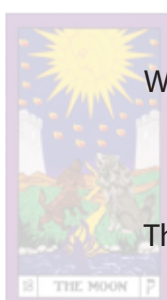
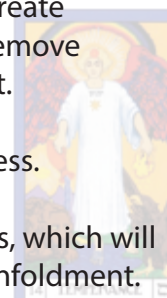
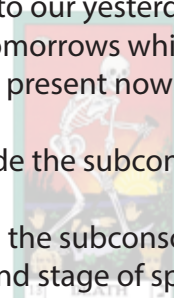
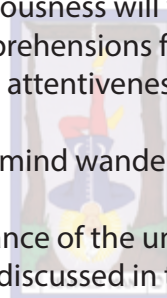
Our consciousness can wonder around and follow associations just like in a dream.



Our consciousness will wonder to our yesterdays, or create apprehensions for our tomorrows which will remove our attentiveness for the present now moment.

This is our mind wandering inside the subconsciousness.

The substance of the universe is the subconsciousness, which will be discussed in the second stage of spiritual unfoldment.

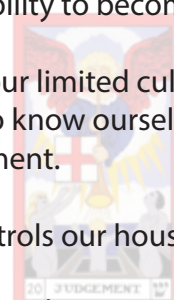
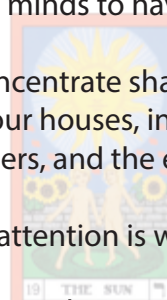


We all suffer from the wandering of our minds, but we can train our minds to have the ability to become alert and alive.

We can concentrate sharply in our limited cultivated areas in our houses, in order to know ourselves, others, and the environment.

The act of attention is what controls our house of life.

What we do with our attention has been responsible for everything we have ever been, everything we are, and everything we will be because of this first principle of consciousness.



The principle works the same for the opposite of love which is hate.

Instead of radiating love and light, there is a darkness which is repulsive and can cause others to retreat or correspondingly attract others who tune in with the frequencies of hatred.

Those of us who focus with hatred to ourselves or others, this means that something has us, and we do not have it.

We must be able to know this great power of concentration and how to direct it correctly.

We want to have our own consciousness.

We want to have our own attention, focus, and concentration.

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The Magician in Key 1 is presenting this power symbolically to us by holding the wand with complete control of how the self consciousness will direct the Divine Power from the Higher Soul.

The Magician's eyes are closed to prevent the captivity of any outside surfaces that would break the focus and concentration of the Divine Will that is channeled through the vehicle.

Our eyes deceive us only if we let them, and the appearances of distractions are superficial which is the pictorial symbol of Key 15, The Devil.

When our attention is captured and we lose focus, and when we cannot see through appearances, the attributions of Key 15 such as bondage and falsehood will present themselves to us.

Stage 1 of spiritual unfoldment is the concentration of Key 1 put into operation the law of suggestion of Key 8 which results in a renewal of consciousness that releases us from bondage of Key 15.

Key 8, Strength, is the agency and the intermediate state of which the principle of self consciousness works with and then Key 15 is the effect or result of the principle.

Key 8 is a woman figure who symbolically represents the subconsciousness and appears to be in complete control of the lion which means, we need to see through appearances that are represented by Key 15.

Notice with woman's robe is white just as the inner garments of The Fool and The Magician.

This represents the purified aspect of subconsciousness and is accomplished by knowing the subconsciousness is amenable to control by the law of suggestion.

White symbolizes Divine Unity and leads to regeneration, which results in our realization that we are all One and created at the same moment of the Limitless Light by the One Infinite Creator.

The chain of roses that goes around the woman's waist and encircles the lion's neck is in a figure 8, the infinity symbol.

This symbolizes a systematic series of desires woven together and rightly cultivated and combined, because desires are the most potent form of suggestion.

When we uniquely formulate desires in harmony with the real nature of things, we can dominate the forces that are around us which through misinterpretation can keep us in bondage.

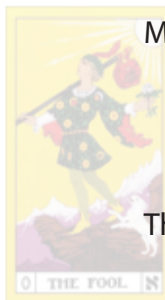
Key 15 has a black background that represents darkness and ignorance.

The central figure is an androgyne goat that uses a half cube as a pedestal that is symbolic for imperfect understanding of the physical world.

Both the delusional woman figure and man figure are loosely chained to the half cube and this results from an erroneous human interpretation of the physical universe's nature.

Notice how both human figures can easily take off the chain that is around their neck.

This is because their bondage is illusive.

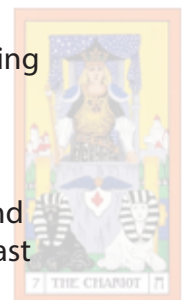


Mirth is the function of consciousness attributed to Key 15, which means when human weakness and shortcomings are identified, laughter can assist to purify subconsciousness by dissolving mental complexes and conflicts.

The mode of consciousness for Key 15 is the Renewing Intelligence because the perception of incongruities is what brings forth new ideas and adaptations.



The Devil is a role that personifies the power of Key 8, which through adversary to our ideas concerning the nature of which we may oppose to our struggles for liberation.



The Devil is a human product created by ignorance and is symbolized by the mercurial navel of the beast which indicates faulty observation.



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