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| **Card Counting: Numerical Assignments in the Major Arcana** |
| Supplementary Guide |

**Where do the assigned numbers for the tarot Majors come from?**

The numerical assignments for the cards used in the card counting technique are based on the Golden Dawn’s reinterpretation of the attributions between numbers, Hewbrew letters, and the *Sepher Yetzirah* (or *Book of Creation*) superimposed with the tarot structure.

**What is the *Sepher Yetzirah*?**

The *Sepher Yetzirah* (*Sēpher Yəṣîrâh*, **ספר יצירה**) is one of the earliest Kabbalistic texts on esoteric Judaism. In brief, the text declares the divinity of the one Almighty God’s Name, creating our world from a trinitarian principle, or three holy derivatives, ten calibrations of holy space (corresponding with the ten sephiroth of the Tree of Life), twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet (which happen to correspond with the twenty-two cards of the Major Arcana in tarot), and of those twenty-two, there are three principal letters (in tarot, the elements minus Earth), seven double letters (the seven sacred planets), and twelve ordinary letters (the twelve zodiac signs).

Every one of these principles is incorporated into the Opening of the Key.

**Note on Golden Dawn revisions**

You’ll see that the Golden Dawn attributions deviate from the *Sepher Yetzirah* attributions. While the Golden Dawn derives its 12 zodiac attributions and 3 elemental attributions from the *Sepher Yetzirah*, the 7 planetary attributions have been revised to follow their own theosophical system of planetary attributions. Note Keys 1, 2, 3, 10, 16, 19, and 21 where the Golden Dawn astrological attribution deviates from the *Sepher Yetzirah* attribution of fundamental properties.

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| **Key #** | **Trump Name** | **Hebrew Letter** | | ***Sepher Yetzirah* Attribution**  **(Fundamental Property)** | | **Golden Dawn**  **Attribution** |
| 0 | The Fool | Alef | א | Mother Letter (3)  Element  (Spirit) | Air | Air |
| 1 | The Magician | Bet | ב | Double Letter (7)  (Wisdom) | Moon | Mercury |
| 2 | The High Priestess | Gimel | ג | Double Letter (7)  (Health) | Mars | Moon |
| 3 | The Empress | Dalet | ד | Double Letter (7)  (Fertility) | Sun | Venus |
| 4 | The Emperor | He | ה | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Speech) | Aries | Aries |
| 5 | The Hierophant | Vav | ו | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Mind) | Taurus | Taurus |
| 6 | The Lovers | Zayin | ז | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Movement) | Gemini | Gemini |
| 7 | The Chariot | Het | ח | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Sight) | Cancer | Cancer |
| 8 | Strength | Tet | ט | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Hearing) | Leo | Leo |
| 9 | The Hermit | Yod | י | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Labor) | Virgo | Virgo |
| 10 | Wheel of Fortune | Kaf | כ | Double Letter (7)  (Life) | Venus | Jupiter |
| 11 | Justice | Lamed | ל | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Sexual Desire) | Libra | Libra |
| 12 | Hanged Man | Mem | מ | Mother Letter (3)  Element  (Mute) | Water | Water |
| 13 | Death | Nun | נ | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Smell) | Scorpio | Scorpio |
| 14 | Temperance | Samekh | ס | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Sleep) | Sagittarius | Sagittarius |
| 15 | The Devil | Ayin | ע | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Anger) | Capricorn | Capricorn |
| 16 | The Tower | Pe | פ | Double Letter (7)  (Power) | Mercury | Mars |
| 17 | The Star | Tsadi | צ | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Taste) | Aquarius | Aquarius |
| 18 | The Moon | Qof | ק | Simple Letter (12)  Zodiacal Constellations  (Mirth) | Pisces | Pisces |
| 19 | The Sun | Resh | ר | Double Letter (7)  (Peace) | Saturn | Sun |
| 20 | Judgement | Shin | ש | Mother Letter (3)  Element  (Hissing) | Fire | Fire |
| 21 | The World | Tav | ת | Double Letter (7)  (Beauty) | Jupiter | Saturn |