

SPIRIT KEEPER'S TAROT Major Arcana, Aces, and Archangels

KEY 0: THE INITIATE personifies a return to spring, starting a new cycle of growth. You must be the empty vessel, ready and eager to be filled. *Ab incunabulis:* from cradle to grave; *ab aeterno*: since the beginning. This is the undertaking of a new Path, or the Path has not yet been chosen, and insight is needed on The Way forward. What you seek now is experience. Test your own limits and boundaries to know your potential. *Ab initio mundi:* from the beginning of the world to this day. If your inquiry is one seeking an affirmation or negation, then The Initiate is a message from spirit counseling you to seek further discussion; neither a positive or negative outcome can be conclusively determined at this time.

First Septenary HOMO: Integration of the Self

KEY 1: THE MAGUS. The Magus is the personification of creative thought. When this Key appears to you, the call to action is exercising the powers of your mind and you will achieve your greatest potential. The Magus appears to you now to help you manifest discipline and focus toward mastery over your own innate talents. Never forget: you have the capability to manifest your thoughts into reality. That is the divinity in man and the powers embedded within your spirit. Embody the alchemist and transmute what is of little value to what is of great value. Invent, reinvent. The Magus is a message from spirit that the sign of this key *is* the solution you seek.

KEY 2: THE PRIESTESS. This is Sophia, or Wisdom personified. She guides you toward the deepening and broadening of your knowledge. Aspire for

scholarship to wield the power of discernment. The Priestess is the Queen of the Angels. When The Priestess appears to you, she instructs on the cultivation of your wisdom and intuition. The summation of choices you have made and the landscape of thoughts you have painted for yourself have taken you to the threshold of a particular Path, and now is the time to venture deeper, farther. Here is the wellspring of magic. If, however, you inquire for an affirmation or negation, this Key is a negation to your inquiry. Seek another course of action. Further study, knowledge, and cultivation of wisdom are needed.

KEY 3: THE EMPRESS. The Empress appears to those who are on the verge of producing a Work of worthy admiration. The magic of The Empress transforms your hopes into reality. A divinity of Universal Love is present in your life path and The Empress appearing to you is the affirmation you need for acknowledging that presence. Gloria Mundi is the muse for poets, writers, artists, and musicians. The Empress also embodies the spirit of Rhetoric. She wields the art of persuasion.

KEY 4: THE EMPEROR. When The Emperor appears to you, your power of self-determination is being affirmed. You have the power to determine what is and what will be for yourself. Your task: define your destination, and then lead the charge. The Emperor appears when you are being called to direct and reign. Overcome your fears, because it is now time for you to conquer new frontier. Wield your authority with aplomb. The Emperor is an affirmation to your inquiry.

KEY 5: THE HOLY SEE. When The Holy See appears to you, you are confronting what you have inherited and are now tasked to evaluate that inheritance with individual responsibility. This is the spirit of sovereignty over your soul purpose. When The Holy See appears to you, it's time to evaluate your material culture and social norms. Discern for yourself whose interpretation of the Arcanes is the correspondence that rings true with your divine higher genius. When Key 5 appears to you, take care that you are not following a false prophet. Restrain your indulgences. The hierophant is a message from spirit that the sign of this key *is* the solution you seek.

KEY 6: THE LOVERS. The Lovers is the spirit of pairs. This is our internal binary. *Solve et coagula*: dissolve and concentrate, a maxim of the alchemists. The Lovers portend the sacred marriage of your higher self and your ego. You are at a crossroads and your next step is to choose between two paths. Key 6 appears to you when you must decide between instant gratification or delayed gratification. When The Lovers card appears, it can also be a call to evaluate your interpersonal matters. In modernity, The Lovers card might appear so that attention can be called toward a romantic relationship or to the themes of Eros. If your inquiry is one seeking an affirmation or negation, then The Lovers is a message from spirit counseling you to seek further discussion; neither a positive or negative outcome can be conclusively determined at this time.

KEY 7: THE CHARIOT. The Chariot is the spirit that helps you create change. You have attained a certain mastery of knowledge, and now you must determine how you will use that knowledge to innovate. The Chariot is an omen that you're gaining momentum. You possess mastery of knowledge and skills that now drive you farther along your Path. When The Chariot card appears, you have arrived at a critical milestone and are in active movement toward victory. Success will come to the one who refuses to stop fighting. Keep going. When The Chariot reflects who you are, you are one who has intuited the Truth and have found the right Path, but you have yet to figure out how to produce material works and fruition from that intuition.

Second Septenary ROTA: Integration of the Cosmos

KEY 8: THE FORCE. This is the spirit of mastery over your own fears. You're awakening to higher consciousness. When The Force is a reflection of who you are, you are in the midst of great realization. You are learning mastery over the magic chain. The Force is the personification of audacity to achieve personal miracles. In spite of all the obstacles you've endured, you prevail, you persist, you domineer. When the beast growls at the maiden, instead of responding with violence or with fear, the maiden shows love, kindness, and compassion. Her loving-kindness tames the lion. With patience and fortitude, you overcome the initial setbacks. You are held in high esteem. The Force is an affirmation to your inquiry.

KEY 9: THE ERUDITE. Lux ex tenebris: this is the inner light of wisdom and guidance that shines through the darkness. The Erudite bears this message: as you walk through the valley of darkness, fear no evil, for the Holy One is with you. The Holy One's rod and staff shall comfort you so that you always shine, but never burn—luceo non uro. The Erudite is the prophecy of a wise teacher. This is someone who has learned and mastered many subjects, and therefore possesses great knowledge as broad in scope as that knowledge is deep. When The Erudite appears to you, here is your second message: Shine with the light of the heavens. Shine for others, so others can see themselves and the world clearer. Light the life of humanity—lux hominum vita. The Erudite is a message from spirit that the sign of this key is the solution you seek.

KEY 10: WHEEL OF LIFE. When Key 10 appears to you, you are at a major turning point in your life. This is the symbol of changing cycles and even the cycles of our mind, how we change our perspectives based on the evolution of our experiences. This is also our karma and the law of causation. This is the guardian spirit present during a major shift in your life. When the Wheel is a reflection of who you are, you are at a juncture point of learning how to master control over

your own future, your fate, and destiny. Master your Will. The Wheel of Life is an affirmation to your inquiry.

KEY 11: THE CHANCELLOR. This spirit represents rectification measures that counter karmic consequences. It is the spirit guiding you toward balanced judgment and making clear decisions. Do not judge based on appearances. Choose balanced action, balanced words, and balanced thought. When The Chancellor appears to you, it is a call to make the necessary adjustments so that you might restore balance. The Angel of Justice arrives when all considerations have been duly weighed and the resulting outcome of the choices you've made, your actions and your speech has now been determined. Key 11 marks that point when the truth comes out. The scales of your life are about to get tipped so that balance can be maintained. If your inquiry is one seeking an affirmation or negation, then this is a message from spirit counseling you to seek further discussion; neither a positive or negative outcome can be conclusively determined at this time.

KEY 12: THE OUTLAW. Examine your situation from a different perspective. Be the outlier. This is the spirit designating how we break from establishment to serve a higher purpose. A guardian spirit has come to support you as you scrutinize both the fundamentalism around you and the personal dogma embedded deep within. Key 12 sends the message of psychic mindfulness. Tap in to your own deep sea of unconscious. This is the heretical, the eccentric, the dissident. This is the rejection of authority and rebellion against establishment. The Outlaw appears to you when the answer is to operate outside of and in contention with the established rules of institution. *Do ut des*: I give that you may give. *Coram Deo*: you are in the presence of God. If, however, you inquire for an affirmation or negation, this Key is a negation to your inquiry. Seek another course of action, but first, take pause. A moment of respite and meditation is needed before a productive and constructive decision can be made.

KEY 13: THE REAPER. Lucem sequimur: follow the Light. You are being guided through an initiation phase and the suffering you experience serves a greater divine purpose. You are about to embark on a journey through a personal underworld, but if you make it out on the other side, following the Light, you will know the Mystery. Changes that you know in your heart are imminent and yet have been denying will become the very changes that you will face. The Reaper appears to you when your circumstances call for this gentle reminder: All is not fair to the human perception. You toil until sweat seethes from your brow, and yet fruits of your labor are denied to you anyway, no matter who you are or what you have done. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. That is the purpose and the absence of purpose to human Genesis. Endure through the difficult changes to come and when those winds of change have settled, you will find yourself better for it. There will be rebirth after this death. If you are inquiring for an affirmation or negation, this Key is a negation to your inquiry. Seek another course of action.

KEY 14: THE ANGEL. This is where it gets better. *Mutatis mutandis*: the necessary changes have been made. When The Angel appears to you, it is an omen that troubles are passing, pains subsiding, and you are growing closer to God. The Angel is your patron deity. Genius, in Greco-Roman lore, is one's tutelary deity, or a guardian spirit that protects an individual person. It is your daimon from your cradle to your grave, the realization of an inner divine. Circumstances in your life path have converged and a work of personal inspiration becomes your productivity. You realize your innate talents and bring into material being that which is extraordinary. This is the primordial spirit of exceptionalism. "Genius hits a target no one else can see." (Arthur Schopenhauer, 1788-1860) When The Angel appears to you, take a moment to intuit the pulses of energy in the space around you. Can you feel the presence of the daimon? Do you know that you are watched over and looked after? Your Angel is not at liberty to prevent every turn of suffering in your life, required to stand by and watch as you suffer the slings of your own fortunes, enduring the penance of your mistakes. Know that every time your Angel is authorized to divert harm away from you, harm has been diverted. The Angel is an affirmation to your inquiry.

Third Septenary DEUS: Integration of the Divine

KEY 15: THE DEMON. You know you've begun the final prong of your spiritual journey when you're thrust into a battle with the Typhon. This is the mental and emotional chains of bondage you must break, and to break those chains, you must see clearly that those chains have always been an illusion. The Demon is the primordial spirit of harm, and most often than not, self-harm. This is self-sabotage. The Demon is the personification of interferences that undermine our pursuit of our aspirations or the advancement of our knowledge and wisdom. The Demon is that which holds us back. When The Demon appears, you are letting forces of harm inhibit your progress. Your guardian angel is warning you: you must first confront your weaknesses. Do not allow your darker emotions to consume you; find the Light of Reason and Truth. You have been surrendering your self-control. The Demon is thus trying to alert you to manipulation, abuse, deception, or undue influences that are causing you sabotage in the long-term. When The Demon appears, a usurper lurks nearby. The Demon is a message from spirit that the sign of this key is the solution you seek: chains must be broken. Remember: the magus controls the demon; the demon controls the sorcerer.

KEY 16: THE TOWER. The Tower is the spirit of disappointment when you feel what you have worked hard for is not propelling you toward the higher ground you desire. The spirit of The Tower appears when the message you need to hear is this: change your direction. Before the physical construction of your Great Work can manifest, you must build a solid inner foundation. Focus on that inner

foundation and then when the conditions are ripe, the physical construction of your Great Work will manifest. This is the moment your material and spiritual worlds collide. The spirit of The Tower appears to you now in an effort to guide you through the challenge of dismantling your own preconceived notions. A talisman is given to you: a battle axe, which you must wield to remove the obstacles in your way. Heed these teachings: there can be joy in sorrow and stability in change. *Lux mentis lux orbis*: light of the mind, light of the world. Key 16 can also be an omen of armed conflict. When The Tower card is a reflection of who you are, your guardian angel cautions you not to let self-glorification get the better of you.

KEY 17: THE HEALER. You have overcome a brutal yet necessary trial in your life, and now your Holy Guardian Angel returns to heal your battle wounds. The Healer appears to mend what was broken. *Capax Dei*: capable of receiving the Divine. The mind is formed in the image of God, and in that, it is capable of Divinity. Your capacity of holding Divinity within you is now being revealed. The goblets pour forth Hope and Faith—hope and faith in yourself that you are capable of greatness. Key 17 is the Star of the Magi and when The Healer appears to you, the fragments of your broken world will be healed. This is the omen of restoration, of rebuilding, salving, and alleviating your pains. When The Healer is making her presence known to you, it is the prophecy that a blessing is soon to be conferred. If your inquiry is one seeking an affirmation or negation, then this is a message from spirit counseling you to seek further discussion; neither a positive or negative outcome can be conclusively determined at this time.

KEY 18: THE NECROMANCER. When Key 18 appears to you, the matter at hand is steeped in ambiguity. You cannot rely on superficial impressions; instead, trust your psychic responses. If, however, you inquire for an affirmation or negation, this Key is a negation to your inquiry. Seek another course of action. The Necromancer appears to help you see beyond physical perception. This is the spirit of your own imagination, an imagination that shines now so that the Truth can be illuminated. The Necromancer appears when you are coming toward the crossroads of having to endure through a dark night of the soul. The Necromancer will be your guide and ally through the darkest night. Yet there is prophecy here: journeying through the dark night of your soul will take you onto the path that leads to your Holy Grail. The Necromancer is also the spirit of resurrection. The parting seas depicted on the card symbolize climactic miracle. Through the doubt and mystery, maintain an unwavering faith and that is what powers resurrection and miracle. When The Necromancer is a reflection of who you are, you wield an extraordinary reservoir of concealed power. Do you know what to do with it?

KEY 19: THE WARRIOR. Key 19, the Sun of the Magi, signifies competence and reciprocity. Here we see your consciousness expanding. The Master of the Mystic Light appears to you when you are on the verge of confronting potential with Reason and Truth, through which you shall create Goodness. Goodness is

Creation with purpose arrived at through Reason and Truth. Here is victory in the battles you've fought for your own independence. You've broken all chains. You've detached yourself from that which had tried to control your will. And now your light shines freely out into the world. The Warrior is also the spirit of fighting to protect others, fighting in service. This is success and glory you achieve not for yourself, but so you can be in the empowered position to help others thrive and grow. This is the spirit of heroic acts. Inscribed upon The Warrior's gloves: libertas perfundet omnia luce: freedom floods all things with light, and luceat lux vestra: let your light shine. You are now liberated and triumphant. The Warrior is an affirmation to your inquiry.

KEY 20: APOCALYPSE. This is the spirit presented upon your path when you have arrived at a point of no return. What has transpired is now irreversible. "The only way out is through." (Robert Frost, 1874-1963). This is that moment of full realization for why all that has happened to you has happened. The Apocalypse is the spirit of revelation, when the answers that were hidden before are now obvious. This is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. When the Apocalypse appears in divination with other cards, it adds an emphasis of significant spiritual importance to those other cards. Pay closer attention when Key 20 is present. The Apocalypse is a mythic personification of an event horizon—this is a space-time in which no event that comes subsequent can affect the outcome, because all that could have affected it has either transpired or not transpired. The Apocalypse card appears when you have crossed the boundary of where gravitational pull over you is such that turning back is impossible.

KEY 21: NEW WORLD ORDER. This is the spirit you encounter when a cycle has come to its completion. Great balance and stability come when the catalyst has succeeded at creating a new zeitgeist. You are the New World Order who brings positive change to the zeitgeist. You are the catalyst. This is the spirit of you succeeding at creating the change you have wanted to see in your world. What do you see in your world right now that is broken or causes suffering? What is your dream of how your world can be repaired? The New World Order is the spirit ready and by your side, aiding you, guiding you, so that you can truly and fully embody the catalyst to a most wonderful change, a change that will make the world you live in a much better place for all. The New World Order ushers in a period of renaissance and unification. When Key 21 appears to you, it is the divinatory mark of a new epoch in your life path. With it comes dramatic changes to your world. This is the spirit of a great power rising.

Realm of Aces: Nucleic Seeds

SACRED FIRE. ACE OF SCEPTERS: A switch inside you has turned on your creativity, productivity, and ingenuity. Fire is alchemizing in your world,

materializing as a creative project, an innovative new venture, entrepreneurship, or the spark of inspiration for a passion project. This is also a new direction in career development. This is the Awakening stage of your Path. Where you are now, dear one, you must possess audacity; be intrepid and do not let any of the obstacles or challenges to come weaken your willpower.

HOLY WATER. ACE OF CHALICES: You are being cleansed. You will find the inner peace you seek. Water is alchemizing in your world, materializing as concord and fruitful development in home and family, the domestic sphere, or promising prospects in love and relationships. Your soul is being purified by what is to come. Unions are forged. What fills you will wash away past hurt. There is renewal. Where you are now, dear one, Divinity is in your heart, your intuition, and within the depths of who you are, not external to you and not visible in the physical world around you. Follow the light within, not the false lights that those who do not love you with sincerity are shining at you. Cleanse and purify yourself and then in turn, cleanse and purify your world.

SACRED CINNABAR. ACE OF SWORDS: Realization comes to you in an instant and your knowledge will deepen. Air is alchemizing in your world, materializing as intellectual property, achievement of glory, or social advancement. If you take up the sword to fight, to work, to invest the effort and toil, then victory will be yours. You conquer others when you conquer yourself. High achievement is forthcoming. Where you are now, dear one, you must advance your knowledge and seek an intelligence illuminated by study.

BREAD OF LIFE. ACE OF ORBS: Plenitude of resources. Earth is alchemizing in your world, materializing as an investment that yields fruition, or a new undertaking in matters relating to personal economics and commerce. When this card appears to you, you are about to receive that which shall nourish you spiritually and also bring you a sense of worldly prosperity. What is to come will feed the many. The Ace of Orbs endows you with beginning access to the Sacred Mysteries and the beginning stage of acquiring the Gift of Prophecy. You will achieve the capability to do what it is you seek to do. Where you are now, dear one, you must be productive. Take this course to completion and let nothing distract you. Stay focused.

Kings: The Archangels

ARCHANGEL OF GLORY. KING OF SCEPTERS: The King of Scepters is the Archangel of Glory, who holds up the torch beckoning you to pursue greater scholarship or cultivation of the arts. The Archangel of Glory is a divine teacher of the arts and all forms of academia. This is the Angel now by your side to facilitate success in artistic, literary, academic, or scholarly endeavors. Appearing to you is a

spirit guide for career success. The Archangel of Glory is leading you to your Palace of Fortunes. *Ignus aurum probat*: fire tests gold.

ARCHANGEL OF HEALING. KING OF CHALICES: The King of Chalices is the Archangel of Healing, a reigning angel over the healing arts and purification of mind, body, and soul. She presents herself to you now to guide you through precarious times, and she is here, by your side, to salve, to heal, and to purify what is currently diseased, debilitated, feeble, or unwell. This Archangel appears to those who most need healing. She has a tender place in her heart for those who are like fish out of water, caring for them the most. Here is a spirit guide for mending your wounds. The Archangel of Healing has come to you to now to endow you with the Power to Transform.

ARCHANGEL COMMANDER. KING OF SWORDS: The King of Swords is the lead commander of the Divine Forces. *Usque ad finem*—we shall fight to the very end. He is the most powerful and most formidable of Heaven's Warriors. His full title is the Archangel Commander of the Light. The Archangel Commander appears to you now to bring strength, conviction, courage, and manifest fearlessness. He is tasked to assist you with navigating the storms, inner and outer, and to defeat any demons that threaten to harm you. The King of Swords is your divine warrior who will lead heavenly armies against your adversaries. When the Commander of the Light appears to you, it is because you need reinforcement and now that spiritual reinforcement has come, led at the helm by your greatest champion, the Archangel Commander. You're preparing for a fight, and the Archangel Commander appears to you now in advocacy of your cause. Invoke the Archangel Commander to be a Seer of Futures.

ARCHANGEL OF MYSTERIES. KING OF ORBS: The King of Orbs is the Archangel of Mysteries. Another one of her many names is the Archangel of Revelations. She is a beneficent guide connected to the underworld, one authorized to act as an intermediary and mediator between the angelic realm still subservient to the Divine and the realm of the fallen angels. She can also traverse through all of the lower realms to guide lost souls. The Archangel of Mysteries appears now because these qualities and powers of protection of hers are needed by you. The King of Orbs illuminates the darkness for you, who are about to traverse the realms of shadow. You are about to uncover great mysteries. This is the Archangel who protects you against all forms of darkness along your initiatory path of discovery. The King of Orbs is the Great Provider. You, too, are a Great Provider to others. With her lantern, the Archangel of Mysteries illuminates crossroads and will safeguard your underworld journeys through Hades; she is the great master of spells and incantations. The ears of corn symbolize the seeds of spiritual enlightenment through the erudite study of esoteric practices. You manifest your material abundance through spiritual abundance.