

Lecture Shorts

Key 0: The Fool

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Super-consciousness

01: Introduction

Key 0, The Fool, represents the limitless force that is the central reality of every human life and the power that sees far beyond what appears as our limitations in our present circumstances.

The Life-Power within us knows itself perfectly and has brought us this far on our journey which leads to supreme unfoldment, but we can only conceive this power through our own experience, which is why The Fool resembles a human figure in Key 0.

The noun 'fool' is derived from the Latin word 'follis' which means a 'bag of wind' and this symbolizes the Life-Breath of the One Infinite Creator who is all of Life with infinite creations including ourselves within Humanity.

Assigned to Key 0 is Aleph, which is the first Hebrew letter and has the vital principle of attribution of Life-Breath which is represented by the English name of Spirit, Latin name of Spiritus, Greek name of Pneuma, and Sanskrit name of Prana.

02: Tarot Tableau

On the Tarot Tableau, The Fool is at the top of all Major Arcana which symbolizes outside of space and time as we know it within Humanity, but our super-consciousness within us all will journey through seven stages of unfoldment to experience all aspects within us.

We will not gain anything nor will anything be added to our life because the powers already are within our depth of being which will be expressed and what appears as hidden potencies will become manifested abilities.

Key 0 is the most important Tarot Key because it represents that we all are fully equipped and have the seed-forms for all we need in order to express perfectly the special tendencies of the Life-Power concentrated within us.

The Fool will begin a new phase of evolution which is another cycle of self expansion that will journey through the seven stages of spiritual unfoldment which with our limited human perception can only be classified as a journey through space and time and then return outside of space and time when the journey has concluded.

03: Principles of Consciousness

The Fool's journey actually never ends, but to build context within our human mind, we use symbols within our planetary vibrational framework in order to reach the understanding of: know thyself, accept thyself, and become the Creator.

The Fool's journey begins with the first principle of consciousness which is concentration and symbolized by Key 1, The Magician, then continues through Key 2, High Priestess, the principle of memory, Key 3, The Empress, the principle of imagination, Key 4, The Emperor, the principle of reason, Key 5, Hierophant, the principle of intuition, Key 6, The Lovers, the principle of discernment, Key 7, The Chariot, the principle of speech.

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 descent of The Fool from the mountain peak and from the edge of the cliff prior to reaching attainment.

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.

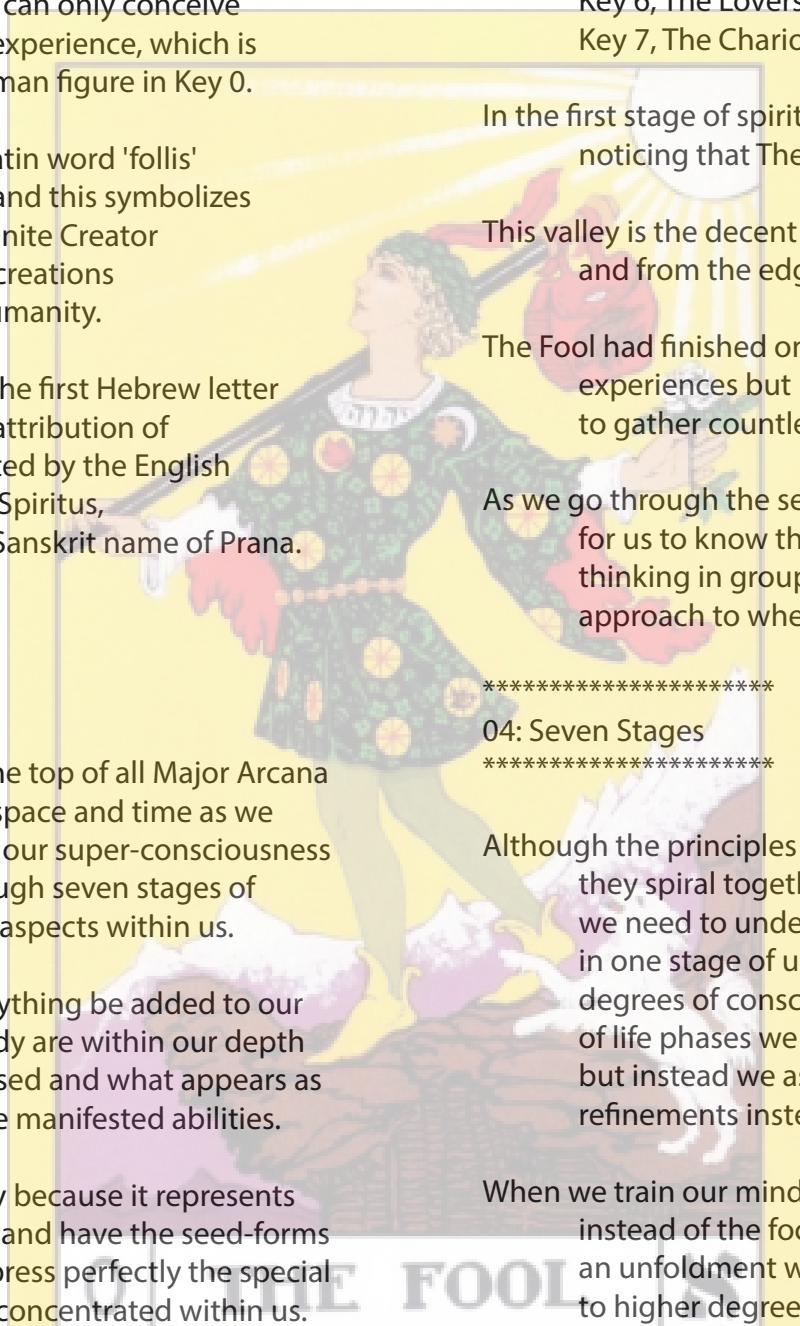
04: Seven Stages

Although the principles appear to be ordered in a linear way, they spiral together simultaneously which means we need to understand that no individual has attainment in one stage of unfoldment because of the different degrees of consciousness and the different degrees of life phases we experience through our lifetime, but instead we as human beings will experience refinements instead of completions.

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

The Tarot Tableau shows the framework of how the principles which are Key 1 through Key 7 work through the agencies of Key 8 through Key 14 and create an effect with Key 15 through Key 21.

Our Fool aspect will journey through all seven stages of spiritual unfoldment, but before the journey begins, let us focus on the embedded symbols of Key 0 and become familiar with our super-consciousness self.



05: The Fool

The Fool is pictured as a youth because we think of the Absolute in terms of our own experience which for our human minds, the forever young Life-Breath presents itself in human form, but this is a personal something much higher, typified as the white sun, a Heavenly Androgyne.

The white sun or spiritual sun or celestial sun is behind the fool at forty-five degrees in the eastern heaven and at the zenith of everything, which the idea is that infinite energy can never reach a point in manifestation wherefrom it must begin to decrease in power.

The Fool faces north-west, which is symbolic of the unknown and the state just prior to the initiation of a creative process.

The inner robe is white representing the light of perfect wisdom and YHVH is traced in the folds at the neck.

The black outer garment of ignorance is lined with red of passion and almost completely conceals the white inner robe.

The black outer garment is embroidered with ten yellow wheels that contain eight red spokes, which the number eight is symbol for action and around the wheels are seven green trefoils.

The green color of the trefoils refer to organic life in the vegetable kingdom and each trefoil represents one of the 'Seven Spirits of God' and one of the 'Seven Great Rays' of the universal creative energy.

They are trefoils because the seven force-rays has a triple expression: integrating, equilibrating, disintegrating.

There are ten repetitions of wheel designs that refer to the ancient doctrine of 'All manifestation is in ten aspects or phases', but on one of ten-wheel designs is the Hebrew letter Shin because this letter refers to the connection with Aleph and both are alphabetical symbols of the fiery Life-Breath, or Holy Spirit, and also both are Hebrew Mother Letters.

There is also a yellow circle enclosing a triple flame of red which represents the state of the Life-Breath prior to manifestation.

The universal energy is symbol of the yellow circle and the triple flame is symbol for the triple potency of expression that has not yet organized that potency into the rhythmic whirling motion which is the basis of all modes of expression.

There is a golden eight-pointed star and a silver lunar crescent near the Fool's left shoulder which represents the Sun's characteristics of hot, electric and solar current, whereas the Moon's characteristics are cool, magnetic, and lunar current.

06: The Fool

The black wand is a measuring tool that supports a wallet which has a flap with ten stitches.

The ten stitches have the same meaning as the ten wheels and refer to ten types of vision, or higher perception.

The black wand is a symbol of personal will and attention.

The wallet is symbol for memory and contains all experience of previous manifestations and at the beginning of every new cycle of self-expression, the Life-Power carries with it the essence of all its experiences in former cycles.

The lock on the wallet symbolizes the All-Seeing Eye and through the development of higher type of vision we might gain access to the treasure of universal memory.

The wallet of memories is closed which means memory is a power at rest, but memories are what hinders individuals in their quest because memories drag us behind with fear.

Below the flap is an eagle that refers to Scorpio, which implies the black wand and wallet may be understood as phallic emblems.

This means the natural process whereby the accumulated experience of the Life-power is passed on from cycle-to-cycle through the endless chain of living organisms.

The white rose indicates freedom from the lower forms of desire and passions.

The Fool holds a white rose from behind along with the black wand and wallet which indicates that The Fool has come from a previous scene of cultural activity and that particular journey is now left behind so The Fool can embrace new journeys.

The rose represents desire and the thorns of a rose symbolize pain whereas a bloom of a rose typifies beauty and joy.

The Fool is holding a white rose to imply that we may align with the Primal Will through the desire of nature's proper cultivation.

Our desires will be conscious expressions of underlying tendencies in the cosmic order.

We control and cultivate the desire of nature to enjoy the beauty that can bring us joy without the suffering and pains resulting from misuse.

Therefore, the rose is a cultivated flower and the youth carries it joyfully without the thorns causing pain.

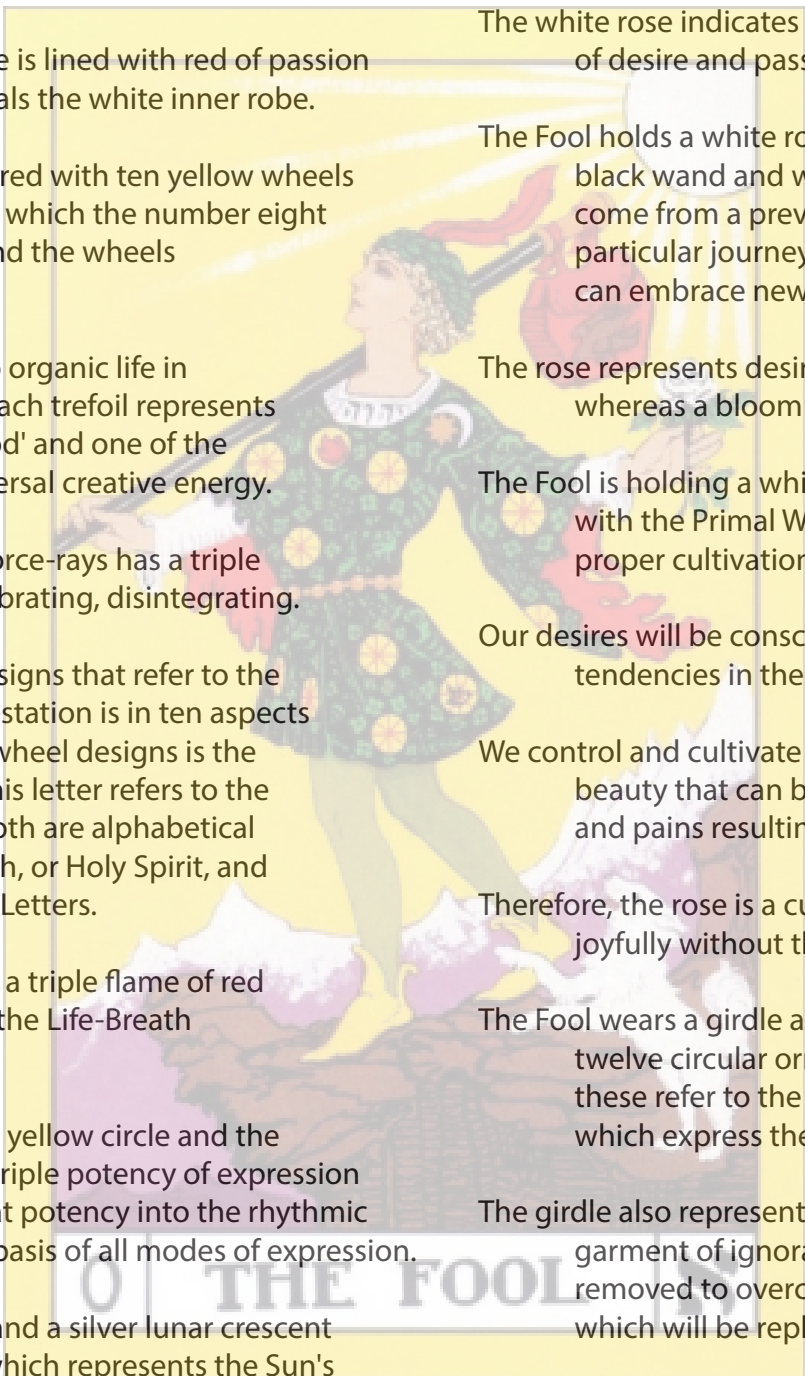
The Fool wears a girdle around the waist which has twelve circular ornaments, but only seven are visible and these refer to the twelve signs of the Zodiac, which express the powers of the seven heavenly bodies.

The girdle also represents Time, so in order to remove the black garment of ignorance and passions, the girdle must be removed to overcome the illusion of Time which will be replaced with Eternity.

The yellow shoes represent air or breath, and also the vehicle of the Life-Power.

The Fool's citrine or olive color leggings represent the element of earth and the Sphere of Malkuth, the Kingdom, on the Qabalah Tree of Life.

The icy mountain peaks in the distance show the cold abstract principles of mathematics which are above and behind all the warm, colorful, vital activities of cosmic manifestation.



The ground under The Fool has a brown color that references Key 13, The Devil, which is the illusion of the separation of appearances.

Unlike the two falling individuals in Key 16, The Tower, The Fool does not build anything but rather gently rests his feet and yellow shoes on appearances, very lightly, without being fascinated by them.

The Fool has a gaze that is fiercely turned toward the horizon in the North-West where the symbol of Man, Angel, Aquarius reside in Key 10, Wheel of Fortune, and Key 21, The World.

The Fool knows there is no edge of cliff and also knows Earth to be a passive principle that mirrors spirit.

The white dog is a descendant of wild wolves and has become a companion with human adaptation which indicates that all subhuman forms of Life-power are elevated and improved by the advance of human consciousness.

Egyptian symbology classifies the dog as intellect and this is subordinate to super-consciousness.

07: Summary

In summary, let us remember that The Fool symbolizes the state of the first emanation and is the primary aspect of universal consciousness which is also super-consciousness, the cosmic Life-Breath who The Fool symbolizes on the mountain and about to descend into the abyss of manifestation.

The Fool also symbolizes the state of Life-Power just prior to the beginning of a cycle of self-expression, which represents inexperience.

Until the Life-Power enters the activities of such a cycle, there is no real experience of those activities, hence the name The Fool.

The Fool is symbol for Endless, Infinite, and the Unknown.

