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KEY 0: THE FOOL

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Although Tarot Key 0, The Fool, has many, many correspondences, as do all the Tarot Keys, this treatise will highlight: (1) Superconsciousness; (2) the Hebrew letter Aleph, which means, primarily, “the ox”; (3) the Scintillating Intelligence, the name of its particular Path of Return; and (4) its correspondence to the planet Uranus.

At first thought, all of these titles—The Fool, Superconsciousness, “the ox,” etc.—appear to have very little in common. As students of the Ancient Wisdom discover, however, these apparent differences are really tools for expanded thinking and awareness. Each and every Tarot Key is assigned several names, and this multiplicity helps to keep the mind open, searching, and responsive to higher levels of thought and intuition.

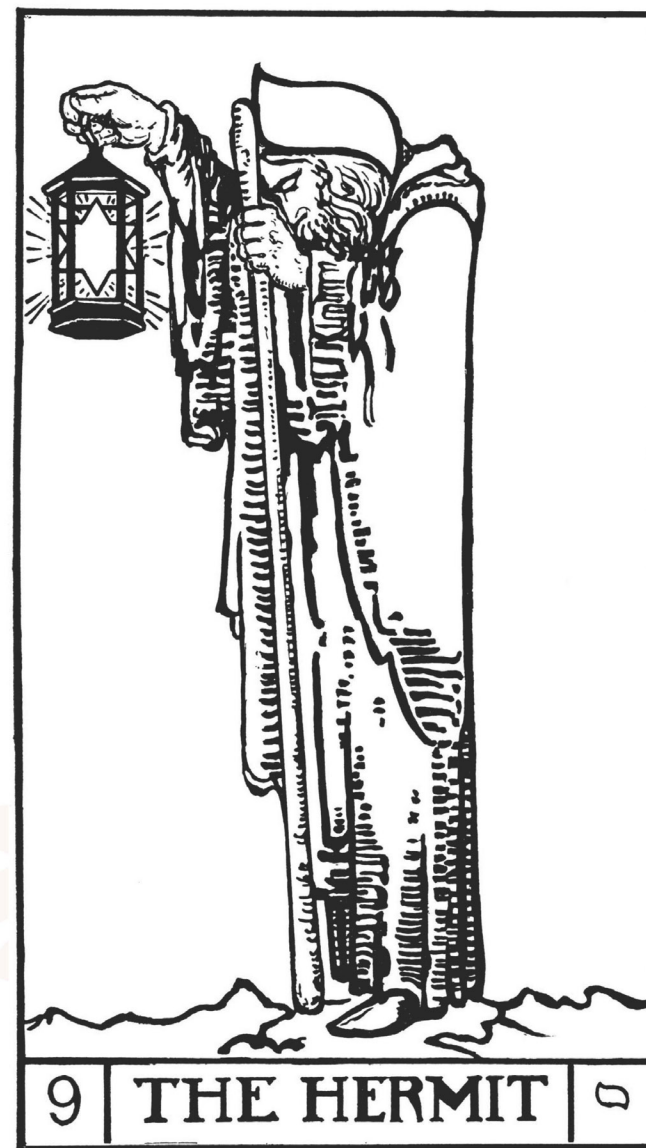
With Key 0, it is important to realize that anything our self-conscious or waking minds would, or could, say concerning Superconsciousness is only an attempt at description. The self-conscious mind is a limited expression of the One Mind, whereas Superconsciousness is beyond

limitation. It is in and around us all the time. It is *inside* each of us. There is nothing *not* part of it. It is inside you, and you abide within It. This is why the number 0, or the Cosmic Egg, has been used to represent such an All-Beingness. Superconsciousness also embodies the qualities of peace, security, and love. It is a state of complete unity—a unity before ever there was a division, and It dwells within and around us every moment.

Yet, it is not a self-conscious state of existence or experience. The function of self-consciousness (as we will discover more fully with the discussion of Key 1, The Magician, in the next chapter) is limitation. The waking mind needs to be trained to apply its ability to limit in appropriate ways, so that it can become a focused receptor to the Superconscious state or experience. In Key 0, our self-conscious minds are represented by the dog, shown here as the trained companion accompanying the unique Soul or Superconscious aspect of us when we enter this world of experience we call Life.

Life is an adventure, and it becomes even more so when we embark upon the Paths of Return back to *conscious* union with the Source. Each Tarot Key represents an aspect or quality of this journey, and accordingly, each bears a commensurate reflective title. The quality, or path, given to Key 0 is the Scintillating Intelligence. The word “scintillating” means to emit sparks, to sparkle or gleam (Webster’s Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged). Every human personality bears within it a spark of the Divine, propelling us out on the journey in the beginning and dwelling within us throughout our travels. This “spark” has been called by many names—the Spirit, the Soul, the Divine Essence, and diverse others. All of them attempt to direct our thoughts toward that in us which was never born and that can never die. The Fool personifies the Spirit in its image of the vital and eternal youth, standing on the mountain top.

Were Superconsciousness to remain in its totally free, uninhibited, and unlimited state, we could not exist. The Divine Creator has



Key 9: The Hermit

The Hermit, Key 9, is one of the most beloved Keys in Tarot. At first glance, however, one might wonder why a man, older and apparently alone, should inspire such affection in aspirants. We shall see, after examining a few of the attributes of Key 9, that the Hermit is, literally, a lesson in love: (1) it is assigned to the Path of Return known as the Intelligence of Will; (2) the particular quality of consciousness it expresses is Response, and in harmony with this quality, it also exemplifies the sense of Touch; (3) astrologically, it is Virgo, the Virgin; and (4) its Hebrew letter Yod means the "open hand."

Tarot Key 8, you will recall, is a positive image of the Self developing strength in the personality. Continuous attention (as symbolized by the infinity sign above the head of the woman) is being given to gently and lovingly retrain the animal nature. This attention, focused in a constructive manner, eventually develops real strength. Remember, a strong soul is someone who can resist temptations not in harmony with the Divine Plan. Those who simply remove

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May Light be extended upon you,
Throughout you—
In and About you;
May your Light never fade—
May it always pervade you.
May my love spark your heart
Into flame ever brighter
Below and above you,
Becoming a part of your life
Resurrected, Renewed and perfected.
May Light be extended upon you...

