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Preface

Greetings and welcome. The book that you have in your hand is book four in the Lightning Path Workbook series. This book is a guidebook or “key” book to help you understand and ground the Triumph of Spirit Archetype System (TOSAS) archetypes.

Before you use this book, you should be familiar with the TOSAS materials. These materials include

1. The Triumph of Spirit Book One: Healing and Activating with the Halo/Sharp.
2. The Triumph of Spirit Book Two: Old and New Energy Archetypes.
3. This book, LP Workbook Four.
4. The Triumph of Spirit archetype cards.

It is critical you have ready access to these materials. In fact, this book will be useless without these other materials to hand. For your convenience, free online access to the materials listed above is provided at <http://tosas.lightningpath.org/>. “Browse the archetypes” to access the entries.

For print versions of these materials, see <https://press.lightningpath.org/triumph-of-spirit/>.

Note, this book is an intermediate Lightning Path book and as such requires you to be familiar with the basic spiritual concepts provided at the basic/awakening level. If you are not familiar with basic LP materials, visit <http://www.lightningpath.org/>.

How to use this book

The goal of this book is mental and emotional emancipation. The goal of this book is ideological deprogramming. The goal of this book is to remove old energy “implants” (i.e. archetypes) and replace them with new energy. archetypes, using the Triumph of Spirit Archetype System (TOSAS). The TOSAS is a complicated system and facilitating the replacement of old with new energy archetypes onerous, arduous, and complex. This book will help guide you through the TOSAS materials.

The entries in this book are like Triumph of Spirit Cole’s notes. They will give you an overview of both the old energy and new energy meanings, they will link you to additional readings where appropriate, they will give you practical tips to help you deprogram, and even study-question that you can work on in your spiritual study group. If it sounds like a lot of work, it is. **Old energy archetypes** are pernicious and deeply rooted. It is going to take more than one or two exposures to the new energy archetypes to clear the old energy garbage out of your head.

To get the most out of your study, I recommend reading through all the TOSAS books at least once before you begin studying individual archetypes, starting with TOSAS Book One - *Healing and Activating with the Triumph of Spirit*. Each book provides context, content, and additional information which will help you deepen your understanding of the archetypes.

Once you have read the TOSAS books once, you can study each card individually. Pick a card in whatever

manner you choose. Read the card information from all three TOSAS resources. Meditate and consider.

Your best bet is to spend a few days with a single card. Take it with you and display it in your workspace if possible, to help keep you focused. Read through each of the entries a few times. Focus on **dismissing** the old energy and **getting into** the new. Practice. Pay attention to the ideas in your head. Notice whenever an old energy idea appears, and then consciously erase that idea from your mind. For example, if somebody says to you “life is a series of lessons,” or if you find yourself thinking this old energy idea, remind yourself of the **joyful** and **master** archetypes, which say that life is a playground for Consciousness and you are a masterful co-creator. Keep repeating the new energy idea until the old energy one never comes up in your mind again.

As you work to purify your thinking, refer back to the entries from each of the TOSAS books. It’s easiest with the online version (<https://tosas.lightningpath.org>) which contains all the entries on a single page.

Finally, remember, the best way to make forward progress is with persistence and discipline. Devote a little time to reprogramming and “implant removal” every day, and you will make progress forward. It goes slow at first, but accelerates over time.

Enhancing your connection

Before turning you loose, I would like to say, it is helpful to approach these cards from multiple levels of Consciousness. That is, it is necessary to study the materials from normal consciousness, but it is also necessary to approach from higher levels as well. To achieve a higher level of Consciousness, make sure you are alone and in a safe space. Relax, recite a connection

mantra or visualization, and use transcendental meditation, medicinal quality **connection supplements**¹ if legal in your area, ² or whatever other technique you find effective.

Read through at least once

Finally, this bears repeating so I'll repeat. I will repeat it. I recommend you read through all TOSAS books at least once, so you can get the overall lay of the land. There is additional instruction embedded in the first few entries. If you do not read those entries, you might struggle with the rest of the book.

¹ https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Connection_Supplement

² If you do choose to explore the TOSAS with a connection supplement, we initially recommend, because of its short duration and the ability to control dosage, smoking medical grade cannabis. When you smoke, onset is quick and duration short, only an hour or so. The short duration prevents lengthy "bad trips," should you uncover something negative and disturbing. Increase your dosage and move to longer lasting supplements (which have a longer effect) only as you gain mental control and are comfortable. If you experience negative emotions (like guilt and shame) and negative thought patterns, desist immediately. Visit the LP forums for help, or seek connection guidance from Michael Sharp. <https://www.lightningpath.org/service/connection-guidance/>

Archetypal cleansing

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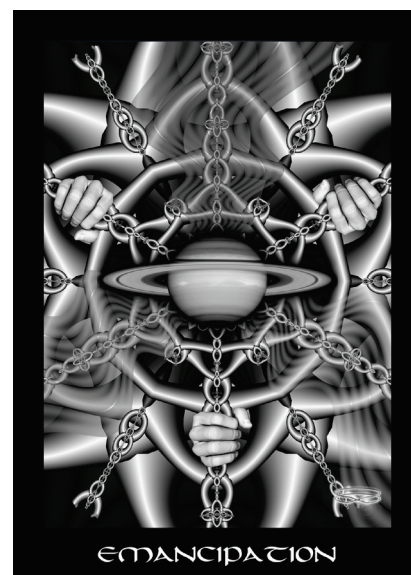
This is your new Lightning Path mantra.

Recognize the limiting **old energy archetypes** and ideas that have been implanted in your brain. *Root out* until all the slimy molecules are excised from your mind. *Replace* old energy archetypes with the shiny and clean **new energy archetypes** of the *Triumph of Spirit Archetype System* (TOSAS).

The goal of the TOSAS and this book is to help you recognize, root out, and replace enslaving old energy archetypes with emancipating new energy archetypes, and to help you do this as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Why would you want to do that? For two reasons.

Reason one we have already discussed in the introductory TOSAS books,³ and that is simply that the old energy archetypes are limiting, even enslaving. Old energy archetypes are not designed to emancipate and empower you. They are designed to make you into a docile, compliant, self-doubting, worker bee. This might seem like a controversial statement, but it is not exactly a secret. As we have seen, authors of the old energy archetypes are quite open and direct about it, as



³ Sharp M. (2017) *The Triumph of Spirit Book Two: Old and New Energy Archetypes*, St. Albert: Lightning Path Press, Sharp M. (2013) *The Triumph of Spirit Book One: Healing and Activating with the Triumph of Spirit*, St. Albert: Lightning Path Press.

for example in the Rider-Waite Devil card which shows Adam and Eve enslaved and in chains, or in the many references to subservience and deference to authority peppered throughout the old energy tarot deck.

In contrast to the enslaving nature of old energy archetypes, the Triumph of Spirit new energy archetypes uplift, empower, and emancipate. Just as *enslavement* is written into the old energy cards, *emancipation* (spiritual, emotional, psychological, etc.) is written into new energy archetypal imagery. Again, this is it not hidden or obscured in any way. All TOSAS meanings are on the surface and presented clearly.

It is your choice of course, but when considering the difference between old energy archetypes and new energy archetypes, I feel it is better to think using archetypes designed to uplift and emancipate rather than archetypes designed to diminish and enslave. **Who** wants to go through life bound in system chains, after all?

The second, and related, reason why you want to replace old energy archetypes with new energy archetypes is so you can establish **right thought**. You want to establish right thought because **wrong thought** blocks out Consciousness, and prevents you from advancing towards stronger connection. If you do not establish right thought, Consciousness will not be able to enter the physical unit in greater strength.

It works like this. Imagine that you are raised Catholic and as part of that process, you are filled with the fear of God. You are told over and over how bad folks should be punished and sinners burned. You are told that God is wrathful and judgmental and that you had better watch out, or else.

Now imagine that one day you experience a **connection event**.⁴ During that connection event, Consciousness expands into your physical unit for a brief time, “lightning up” the room around you. Imagine that during this connection event, you make a higher connection to Consciousness/God. Now imagine that during that connection event, your “fear of God” is triggered. While connected, you become frightened of your own Conscious Self and, out of fear, you push Consciousness away. You might even experience terror, and if you do, you may avoid future connection experiences. If, as a result of old energy archetypes in your brain, fear overwhelms you and you push away Consciousness and avoid future connection, you block the development of stronger connection. Developing stronger connection is, of course, the *raison d’etre* of this practice. If you block connection, you’ve sadly stepped off of the path.

This is just one example of the blocking and traumatizing impact of old energy archetypes. Many more be provided. The bottom line is, full Consciousness cannot express through a physical unit whose mental apparatus is corrupted by wrong thought (i.e. filled with old energy archetypes).

If you are serious about healing, awakening, activation, and ascension it is critical that you do the required archetypal work.

We call the process of recognize, root out, and replace, **Archetypal Cleansing**,⁵ or archetypal purification if you

⁴ A connection event (a.k.a. experience) is a temporary, sometimes abrupt and dramatic, increase of consciousness in the physical unit. https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Connection_Experience

⁵ https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Archetypal_Cleansing.



like. The process of archetypal cleansing is visually depicted in the **initiation** archetype from the TOSAS deck. The archetype shows an individual dragging themselves out of the dank darkness of old energy archetypes, portrayed as a toxic stew down below.

Persistent will and discipline

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If you want to move forward towards better connection there is no question you have to engage in the process of archetypal cleansing. Unfortunately, replacing old energy archetypes with new energy archetypes can be a significant challenge, for a few different reasons.

One reason that replacing old energy archetypes with new energy archetypes is difficult is because we all are *struggling against powerful socialization and indoctrination*. Against that socialization and indoctrination, reprogramming requires persistent will and disciplined effort. This means if you want to drag yourself out of all the old energy archetypal sludge, you have to work with the archetypes on a daily basis until you have removed the dank tendrils of the old energy archetypal framework. To accomplish this, your best approach is to devote consistent time every day to studying the archetypes and applying what you learn to your own life. It doesn't have to be onerous, and you do not have to spend hours at it. You just have to be consistent and persistent. Forty-five minutes a day spread out through each day (five minutes here, ten minutes there, etc.) should be sufficient to keep you moving in the right direction.

Another reason for the difficult challenge is that as you begin the process, you may find yourself experiencing shame and guilt. You might experience these emotions because, as you clear your thinking processes, you may start to remember and **realize** the significance of some of the things you have done in your life. The things you have done may not be nice things, and the realizations you gain as you purify might not be pleasant. Indeed,



the guilt and shame invoked by your realizations may be quite painful. If this happens, if you find yourself feeling negative emotions as you work to transform your thinking, you might find yourself engaging in hypocrisy and self-delusion to avoid facing face certain truths and feeling ugly emotions. It is totally understandable why you would do this. Guilt and shame are ugly, ugly emotions. In a society characterized by judgment and punishment, it is much easier to hide the truth and build elaborate self-delusional structures than it is to face the truth and deal with the issues head on, which is what many still do. Many still prefer the “comfort” of self-delusion to the realization and emancipation that flows from facing ugly personal truths.

This is something to pay attention to, and to consider carefully. It does not matter who you think you are. It does not matter your gender, ethnicity, educational level, or social class background. We all have endless capacity for self-blind hypocrisy and blatant self-delusion and this capacity is often invoked in difficult emotional, psychological, and spiritual circumstances. This capacity can certainly come into play when studying the TOSAS archetypes because, as noted, the System triggers memories, or challenges entrenched thought patterns. Consequently, it can be a challenging slog forward.

Please understand, this is not meant as a judgment or degradation. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Our potential for self-delusion and hypocrisy is rooted in our powerful imagination, which is itself a part of the very nature of Consciousness. There is no reason to feel bad about this. What’s more, hypocrisy and self-delusion are natural survival responses. Guilt and shame are ugly, painful, and debilitating emotions. If you are swamped with these emotions, you won’t be

able to function. For obvious reasons (i.e. so you can continue to function in the world) your body and mind seek to avoid negative emotions like shame and guilt. To do that, your body will use its awesome imagination to avoid and deny. By doing this, it can avoid shame and guilt that can often lead to deep debilitation, depression and even suicidal behavior.

Of course, avoidance and hypocrisy are not psychologically or spiritually healthy. In fact, quite the opposite is true. You cannot align with your highest Consciousness, you cannot embrace higher awareness, and you will not be able to accept new energy archetypes, while denying the truths of your existence. If you want to move forward, you have to avoid succumbing to self-delusion and hypocrisy and you have to face the truth.

If you do find yourself tired, exhausted, and in states of emotional/psychological denial, my advice to you is chill out and slow down. *Most important*, to resolve guilt and shame, engage in **right action**.⁶ Engaging in right action is the only authentic way to end the buildup of, and resolve, guilt and shame. If you want to stop feeling guilt and shame about things, stop doing the things that make you feel guilt and shame, and work hard to mend/atone for past wrong action.

And if you feel like you are not worthy to move forward past all your horrible past actions, let that go. While it is not cool if you have done things to be guilty and ashamed of (like hurting, exploiting, or raping others), the good news is you will not be cosmically judged.

⁶ **Right Action** is action/behavior that supports connection. Right action leads towards alignment, the reduction of disjuncture, and the expansion of Consciousness into the physical unit. https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Right_Action.

Despite what some people tell you, and despite what so many like to believe, there is no divine judgment waiting for you. You can act like a total asshole throughout your life and nothing untoward happens to your soul after you die. Of course, you won't have a happy life if you do that. In fact, if you do that you'll be totally miserable, and you may succumb to various addictions in order to numb the pain, guilt, and shame. What's more, as the Consciousness of this planet continues to rise, your standard avoidance mechanisms (alcohol, cocaine, shopping, sex, or whatever) will become increasingly ineffective. *As the Consciousness of this planet rises, you will be unable to avoid and repress the realities of your own actions. Eventually, the pain, guilt, and shame may become so bad that self-destruction will be your only way out.*

And that's not a good thing. Really, nobody wants that, least of all your own highest Self, because that's a waste of a good vehicle. If you want to avoid that, listen up. To overcome guilt and shame, stop whatever actions are causing you guilt and shame (and get help doing that if you need to), take action to atone before you are caught out for it, cut yourself some emotional/psychological slack, and move on. Do not dwell. Do what you need to do to make it right (i.e. change your behaviors, atone) and then when you are satisfied the "scales" are balanced, let go, and move on.

So far I have noted that replacing old energy archetypes with new energy ones can be a challenge because of socialization, indoctrination, guilt, and shame. *Yet another reason why we face a challenge* replacing archetypes comes from the people around you. You may find, perhaps to your surprise, that once you begin the work in earnest on replacing archetypes, the people who are around you will, inexplicably, start to resist you

by acting out and becoming hostile. Ridicule and abuse, even actual physical violence, may be used to resist your reprogramming efforts in order to keep you locked in old energy patterns. This is not for any other reason other than your thoughts and behavior will change, people will notice these changes, and they may find these changes threatening in some way.

Perhaps the changes cause you to question your intimate relationships.

Perhaps the changes cause you to look at your work place differently.

Perhaps the changes cause you to doubt your life spaces and the relationships you find within.

Perhaps you begin to seek after change.

If things about you change, people can feel threatened, for all sorts of different reasons. If they feel threatened, they may resist. Resistance will not always happen, but it often does. Pay attention to what is happening in your life. Be critical of what people are doing. If you do experience resistance from others, ask them politely to stop. If that does not work, create boundaries and expectations.⁷ If they ignore your boundaries and continue with their assaults, you may have to consider removing them from your life sphere, and by that I mean stop talking to them, block them from your social places, avoid all physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual contact. If you do not want to remove them, if you find removing them is a challenge, or if they become abusive and violent when you try to break free,

⁷ Note, the importance of boundaries and safe places, what we call creating Right Environment, is discussed at the “healing” level of the LP curriculum, in particular the first three LP Workbooks. See <https://www.lightningpath.org/heal/>.

seek professional guidance, therapeutic assistance (e.g., couple's counseling, family counseling, etc.), and police intervention. If that doesn't help, your only option may be to flee.

Whatever you do, my recommendation is that you do not put up with the resistance. Don't "let it go" just so you can "get along." Don't "give up and give in." Don't put aside your personal journey back to Self. Either do something about the resistance, or get out. There's no other good choice for you. And besides, enabling the resistance does not do anybody any good. It does not do *you* any good because it blocks your progress forward, for obvious reasons. It does not do the resisters any good because it blocks their progress forward as well! It does this, perhaps counterintuitively, because whenever you put up with their resistance, whenever you let their actions deter you or their manipulations shut you down, they are not challenged to change things. To put it simply, your failure to say something, your failure to act in the face of their resistance enables their toxic realities, and can harm them in the short, medium, and long-term. It is like living in a house with somebody who eats nothing but heavily processed factory foods. You challenge them to stop, but they get mad at you every time you do. After a while, to avoid the ugly negativity, you stop challenging them. When you give up and do that, you tacitly enable their unhealthy eating patterns: this increases their risk of all sorts of ugly human diseases, and they may eventually get a disease as a result.

You see the issue? Not saying anything about somebody's terrible eating habits helps doom them to an unhealthy body and physical illness. It is better to say something, obviously, than to give in and say nothing at all. Don't "go along to get along" or "give up and give

in.” If you can, push through the resistance to make the changes that you need to make.

And if you can’t push through the resistance? If they won’t change or, worse, if there’s aggression and violent pushback, feel free to walk away. It is better if you challenge people, but do not feel like you have to expose yourself to their toxicity if you don’t want to. The point though isn’t to make you feel guilty about difficult situations, or to prevent you from walking away from negative, difficult, or violent people. In fact, quite the opposite is true. The point is to show you that sometimes, that is the only thing you can do to protect yourself and to help them. If you stay in a relationship and your only role is to passively enable their toxicity and dysfunction, you’re not doing them any favors. Not pushing through resistance is bad for everybody. It’s bad for you because it blocks your progress, and it is bad for others because it enables their toxic realities, with predictable long-term consequences. The more you enable the resisters by giving in to their resistance, the more you enable their realities,. If you want to help them, don’t enable them. If that means breaking your connection and attachment and walking away until they smarten up, then unfortunately, that means breaking your connection and attachment.

If they refuse to change and grow, it is the only thing that can help.

If they refuse to change and grow, it is the only thing that you can do.

If you stay, nothing changes. If you go, there is hope that maybe, if they value the relationship, they will do what they need to change. If they don’t value the

relationship enough to change, you have to wonder about the value of it at all.

In any case, the point here isn't to engage in relationship analysis. The point is to identify any blockages and obstacles that might prevent you from engaging in **archetypal revision**. Resistance from others is one of those obstacles. If you experience it, work to stop it. If working to stop it elicits violence and aggression, and if that violence and aggression does not stop, get help, or get out. Remember, staying in an oppressive environment doesn't do anybody any good. If the only way to get the message to a person is by cutting ties and excluding them from your space in the hope that maybe they'll value the relationship and smarten up, do that.

Finally, I should end by saying, there is no guarantee. It is the sad and all too common story that people often choose their pathologies and addictions over their even most important relationships (spouse, children, etc.). It is a hard decision that's for sure, but if you make it, at least you know you did everything you could to push for necessary changes.

To summarize, the point of your archetypal study is to replace old energy archetypes with new ones. We do that because old energy archetypes are limiting, enslaving, and prevent the expansion of consciousness in the body. As noted, replacing the archetypes can be a challenge. A number of obstacles stand in the way. Against the obstacles and resistance your primary weapon is persistence and discipline. Create a safe space and spend a little bit of time each day studying the archetypes. If you have to, clear away toxic relationships. If you do that, you will make good progress and gradually replace old energy archetypes with new energy archetypes. If you do not engage in

persistent and disciplined study, and if you don't remove toxicities and create safe spaces, you will struggle to move forward from here.

With all that said, it is time to move on to our study.

The archetypes

Joyful (formerly Fool)

In the new energy, this is an **identity** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype answers the big question “Who am I?” In the new energy, the answer is you are a joyfully incarnated spark of Creator Consciousness.

In the old energy, this is also an identity archetype. This archetype answers the big question, “Who am I?” In the old energy, the answer is that you a **Fool in School**, here to learn lessons and endure karmic punishment.

Old energy

In the old energies, this archetype is part of the “Fool in School” **archetypal constellation**.⁸ The Fool in School constellation suggests you are a royal idiot, a fool in school, a spiritual student, here to learn your cosmic lessons, clear your bad karma, and evolve. The implicit message is simple. You are not good enough now, but if you *work* hard, maybe one day you will be.

In the old energy, this card shows, not by coincidence I presume, a white Aryan male, as yet naïve and foolish, ready to step off a cliff into the school of hard knocks below. On his way, he will learn many lessons. Later on, he will be **judged**. If he is found worthy, he will go to “heaven,” gain reward, and join in a **universe** of private celebration.

⁸ An **archetypal constellation** is a group of individual archetypes that “fit together” in order to provide additional meaning and messages. More information on archetypal constellations is provided in Sharp M. (2017) *The Triumph of Spirit Book Two: Old and New Energy Archetypes*, St. Albert: Lightning Path Press.

The old energy message should be clear. The intent is not to give you some deep cosmological truth but to simply

1. Encourage and underline submission and servitude (to **hierophants**, authority, “grandmasters,” gurus, CEOs, etc.) and
2. Encourage you to blame yourself for any troubles that may happen in your life. Follow authority and if something bad happens to you, if you struggle in poverty, if you die from exposure to toxic substances, if you must flee a dictator, it is because it is part of your “lesson plan” and not because you are part of a System of inequality and exploitation. God’s got a lesson plan for you and only “he” knows what it is. You can’t know the mind of God, so why bother to figure it out. Be a good boy or girl and do what you are told. Accept the cosmic lesson plan no matter how much suffering it might represent, and maybe one day you’ll get to “enter in.”

The Book of Slavery entry presents the various ideas behind this archetype in poetic form. It sets up the context, advises you to work hard, but, because you are reading from the Book of Slavery, suggest to you that you are not really worthy of greater things. Your lot, your fate, God’s choice for you, are the slave’s endless brown (i.e. earthly, menial) chores. Be a good little cosmic apprentice, don’t complain, and get to work.

The Book of Power entry represents the same basic ideas, but with a twist. The twist is that you might be chosen. There’s something inside you, a spark, a fire, a gene, or whatever, that sets you apart and makes you special. You have won the race; you have proven

yourself better; now, step out of the slave's line, put on this fancy initiates robe, and listen up, 'cause now you'll learn how the **wheel-world** really works.

Getting into the New Energy

As traditional tarot commentators often point out from time to time, this Fool card is the archetypal cornerstone of the entire old energy system. If you accept its basic lesson, which is that you are a fool in a cosmic school, the System becomes plausible, and all the other old energy archetypes fall neatly into place (in your mind). After all, as an unschooled and cosmic fool, you need to learn your lessons no matter how hard they may be, you need to be judged, and sometimes you just don't make the grade.

However, if you reject this old energy archetype for the old energy linchpin that it is, the old energy archetypal edifice quickly begins to crumble, like the poorly the built house of cards that it really is. If you are not a fool in school, if you are not a cosmic idiot, then what are you?

To be clear, in the TOSAS, the card Joyful is a new energy identity archetype. As with the old energy fool card, this card also speaks to your identity and purpose, but the new energy answer that this archetype gives to the question "who am I" is quite different. Instead of suggesting that you are a fool in school in need of cosmic tutelage, the TOSAS archetype suggests that you are a powerful, potent, and wise co-creator stepping into a physical body on the yellow brick road of manifestation. In the new energy archetype you are no fool in school and no evolving Darwinian ape. In the new energies, you are told you a **joyful master** and

lightworker, incarnated in a **powerful** physical unit (**chariot**) and here on a mission to **graduate** the planet.

I am sure you will agree, the difference between Fool and Joyful is quite striking. Unlike the old energies, where the intent behind the card is to ensure your compliance and servitude, in the new energies *the intent is to expand your self-esteem and awareness of Self until you can accept the truth of your Divinity and reconnect you with the Light and power that is your true identity and birthright*. The ultimate goal, which you learn about in the rest of the new energy archetypes, is **graduation**, or the awakening, activation, and ascension of not only yourself, but of the entire planet as well.

Dismissal

Replacing the old energy Fool with the new energy Joyful can be a challenging task because the tendrils of old energy ideas are deeply embedded in consciousness. The following are things you can watch out for. If you find these things in your life, and in your consciousness, pause for a moment to recognize, root out, and replace. Recognize the idea or action, root it out of consciousness by actively rejecting it in your mind and changing your actions in your life, and replace it with the new energy joyful archetype.

- Watch out for ideas that treat life as a lesson. Don't look for the "silver lining" behind every dark cloud, because there isn't one. When bad things happen, it is never part of a cosmic lesson plan but always the result of actions and activities in the 3D world. Don't give in to the self-mutilating fantasy of the fool. To end suffering and pain, look for the true cause of events, and deal with that.

- Watch out for justification and excuse. Bad things that happen in your life are not part of a divine, karmic, or cosmic lesson plan and you do not deserve them. Quit making excuses and instead take control and take action to change things for the betterment of all life on Earth.
- Watch out for diminishing statements like, “You are a sinner,” “You are violent,” “You are unevolved,” “You are weak,” “You are sheeple,” and so on. Remember, **realize**, you are a **joyfully** incarnated **master** here on a **lightworker’s** mission to **graduate** glorious creation.
- Watch out for violence and competition. Beating another person down, even when done within the ritualistic framework of competitive sports, doesn’t make you a joyfully incarnated spark, it makes you a bully. Friendly games are one thing, but a driving compassionless, urge to take others down in any form is toxic and un-divine. We are a **joyful** family of Spirit rooted in the Fabric of Consciousness. Learn to act like it.
- Watch out for ego stroking and intimations that you are special and thus should be **judged** above and given more because of your “special” status. Everybody works, everybody **sacrifices**, everybody contributes, and everybody deserves the final reward. No **joyful master** ever deserves to suffer in poverty, filth, and disease.
- Watch out for suggestions that you have to “prove yourself” worthy to gain access and “entry” into the secret spaces and inner circles. Taking you in and closing the doors on you isn’t about lifting you up, it is about locking you down, inserting you into the System, and controlling how you think about things. Reject the asphyxiating **hierophant** and embrace **emancipation, power** and **promise**.

- Carefully examine your thought processes and replace limiting statements like “I don’t deserve,” “I am unworthy,” “I am not capable,” “I won’t live up to expectations,” “I can’t do it,” “I’m not strong enough,” or “I’m still learning” with this empowerment mantra; “I am powerful, capable, worthy, strong, and experienced.”

Book of Keys

The Book of Keys entry for this card is a powerful invocation and admonishment: the work is done, your time is up. Slave or royalty, quit messing around in the old energy, awaken, and rejoin the family of spirit.

For best reprogramming effect, read the Book of Keys entry through a few times (not all on the same day) while at the same time examining the imagery and new energy meanings of the Joyful card. The trick, is not to just look at the image and be impressed with the graphics. The trick is to roll the symbolism and meaning of the card over and over again in your head while reciting the Book of Keys entry until you understand and identify with the message. As regards the imagery of this card, notice the physical unit represented in the card has all seven chakras activated. Notice the figure is fully connected via the beam of light (the “beam that is there” a.k.a. Consciousness/divinity/God) that descends from the top of the card, through the physical unit and, into the ground below. Notice the open position of the arms. Nothing is hidden, and no guilt and shame close the energy system down. Notice the fractal yellow brick road? The physical unit in the card is you. Activated, open, connected, and empowered. You already have everything you need buried deep down inside. Excavate, awaken, and activate your **power**.

Focus on a single card and engage in daily practice with it until you are sure you have absorbed the message.

Group study questions

These questions are included to facilitate group study of the archetypes. It is worthwhile having a deck of old energy and new energy cards to hand so that group members can examine the images as they explore the questions.

1. What does it mean to say you are a “fool in school?” What impact does this have on your self-esteem, and the expression of your potential? Think of examples from your own life where this “fool in school” belief has shaped your self-esteem and limited your actions. Share with the group.
2. What sorts of actions might you take, and what sorts of things might you change, in your life once you realize you are not a fool in school here to learn lessons, but are instead a **joyfully** and **powerful master** of creation? What changes could you immediately make? What changes might be harder to make, and why? Share with the group.

Master (formerly Magician)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** archetype. In the new energy, this is a reminder of who you really are. In the new energy, you are a **joyful master** of creation on a mission to uplift the **world**.

In the old energy, this is a **fool in school** archetype. This archetype shows you as a fool/neophyte/initiate, ready to learn your lessons and willing to insert yourself into the hierarchy.

Old Energy

In the old energies, the answer provided to the question “who am I” is simple—you are a fool in school here to learn, evolve, strengthen and grow. In order to accomplish this growth, you must submit to the plan. The magician archetype helps situate you in a subservient and servile position, encourages you to accept life as it is (i.e., accept the status quo), and helps justify (along with some other key archetypes like old energy **judgment**, **chariot**, etc.) pain, suffering, and exploitation. You are a fool in school, a magician in training, and you are born onto this earth to learn lessons and attain mastery. You might have potential, you might have power inside, but you are a diamond in the rough, a soul in training, and you have a lot of work to do to before you can evolve your soul, strengthen your character, prove yourself worthy (of membership in the higher orders), and claim power and reward.

The old energy card once again shows a white male, only this time the male is shown in active, but submissive, service to a “higher” power. In the old energy, your purpose isn’t to connect with who you really are deep inside. In the old energy, the ultimate

goal of the aspirant is either complete acceptance and insertion into the venal caste hierarchies of this world (Book of Slavery), or masterful manipulation of same (Book of Power). As regards the former, enough has been said. As regards the latter, remember the entry from Triumph of Spirit Book Two. Papas said the symbols corresponded to the four “great castes.” In the Book of Power, the magician is not seen entering into one of these classes, as one of the many slaves will do. In the Book of Power, the magician is advised to develop power and control *over* the castes. In the Book of Power, the magician is the master manipulator, controlling what is below from his throne high above.

As for the poetry, the *Book of Slavery* reflects the core message of the old energy master archetype, and the psychological dynamic which underlies it,⁹ which is that if you want the reward, you should simply accept your enslavement and work hard. Deep at the heart of all this is your father’s (or the Father’s) contemptible and degrading **conditional love** and acceptance. Follow the rules, do what you are told, submit, and work hard and he’ll proudly accept you have worth. Fail, and his love is nowhere to be seen.

The *Book of Power* entry for the magician is the same as the Book of Slavery entry. You are chosen, you are accepted, but you will “enter in” only by your work, submission, loyalty, and servitude. Once again, the love and acceptance are conditional. Disconnected and on your own, you are worthless chaff. It is only as part of the System, it is only when you “fit in” by being a good little boy or girl, and doing what you are told, told that

⁹ For more on the psychology of the old energy archetypes, see Sharp M. (Unpublished) *The Triumph of Spirit Book Three: Master's Key*, St Albert, Alberta: Lightning Path Press.

you gain the acceptance and belonging that you so desperately seek.

Getting into the New Energy

Those who are victims of the old energy System carry with them the self-delusion of independence and spiritual/evolutionary power, but this is mere self-delusion. In truth, their damaged emotional systems, shattered self-esteem, and the constant threat and attack make them compliant and easy to control by those higher up in the System. They presume the magician's mastery, postulate their inherent superiority, but they are chattel in the System all the same. They function "independently," but only within parameters set out for them by those above. Even the top dog is a slave in the System.

True mastery comes only by rejecting positions in the System and working towards connection with Self. True freedom comes only by rejecting venal rewards and seeking the Light deep within. Unfortunately, this can be a challenge, especially for those venal power. Oaths of loyalty and silence, realizable threats of destruction and death, and the inky depths of indoctrination endured enslave them more thoroughly to the System than the lowest peon/pawn. You will see; the indoctrination is so deep and the struggle to break free so challenging that, rather than put in the effort necessary to swim over to the new ship, many will prefer to drown.

To easily move beyond all that, *remember*, you are not some snot-nosed cosmic school kid here to learn lessons, prove your worth, and be punished or rewarded. You are not a fool in school. You are not chattel on the wheel. And you are certainly not here to

submit and obey. You are a **powerful** spark of Consciousness expressed in a physical unit. *You are divinity incarnate.* You have come here to uplift and **graduate** the **world**. To accomplish this, to uplift the planet and graduate the world, *remember who you are* and awaken, activate, and ascend.

Dismissal

In the old energy, the magician is all about your submission to authority, and any value you might have to the System. Moving forward, you definitely want to step away from that judgmental old energy framework. To accomplish this dismissal,

- Watch out for suggestions that your purpose is to prove yourself. Reject this notion, and expect others to do the same. Understand, you are a spark of Divine Consciousness incarnated in a physical unit. You don't have to prove anything to anybody. You only have to align with and serve your own Self.
- Watch out for ideas that you are here to “learn lessons,” pass tests, or otherwise grow and develop. It is true that your physical unit needs to mature and strengthen to accommodate Consciousness, and it may need training (voice lessons, music lessons, education, etc.) to be able to properly express its full potential, but that's not You, that's your body. If you want to accomplish something in this life, do what it takes to train the physical unit to manifest your powerful soul, but always strive to connect and express the **joyful** and **powerful master** within.
- Watch out for ideas that have you bowing to authority or submitting to another's will. Watch out for intimations that submission is required.

God/Spirit never requires submission. God expects only **joyful** participation and responsible co-creation. It is OK to follow a competent and connected leader, but submission to authority is another thing altogether. You do not have to submit to another's will, pass tests, or endure **judgment** to prove yourself worthy. Remember, you are already a **powerful** spark of incarnated divinity. Start acting like the thing that you are.

- What out for suggestions that there is a difference between your will and the will of Consciousness. There isn't. Your only obligation is to align with and serve your highest Self. Note that this does not mean selfish and self-serving action. This means a compassionate and inclusive commitment to the Divine/Evolutionary Plan, which is to uplift and connect *all* creation.

Book of Keys

The Book of Keys entry for this card contains a powerful visualization of connection and empowerment. The affirmation is in poetic form. The point of the poem is to help you circumvent the damaging disconnection that makes you susceptible to conditional acknowledgement and reward (and therefore very easy to control) and connect you directly with the love, power, and force of highest Consciousness. The message of the key should be clear; become independent by seeking sustenance and strength directly from highest Self. Once connected, reject submission and servitude. Become independent. Take off "the ring" and reject all the shiny bling. Claim your status as **masterful** co-creator by connecting and accepting your full might and **power**. There is nothing to be afraid of. Remember the message of the master.

You have the power, the capability, and the authority to create in the name of God/consciousness/creation. Do the work, prepare the vessel, accept your **mastery**, claim your **power**, and act to transform the world.

Practice the Book of Keys visualization whenever you feel the need to remind yourself to connect to your true and highest Self.

Group study questions

1. Our societies constantly give us the message that we are limited, undeveloped, impotent, sheeple. We often hear that only a few people are special, and only a few are “chosen.” The message is repeated often and is supported by reward systems and ceremonies as small as commencement and as big as the Olympics. On this world we worship the winners but consign the losers to poverty and obscurity, trying never to think about them again, and putting them down if they complain about their lot. After reading the above, what thoughts come to mind about your life, your workplace, etc.? Share your thoughts, positive or negative, with the group.
2. Think back to your own childhood. How did it feel when you were in the “losers” circle? Did being in the losers circle motivate you to do more, or did it demotivate, suppress, or even depress you? Do you remember what happened if you complained? Share your thoughts with the group.
3. Privately, read through the poetic entry for the Book of Keys. What sorts of thoughts run through your head as you read the words from the Book of Keys? How does reading the affirmation make you feel? Write those thoughts and feelings down (in the margins, if you like) as you experience them. Do these thoughts/feelings empower you, or do

residual fear, doubt, and unworthiness creep in and interfere with the flow? Share your thoughts and feelings with the group. As a reminder, to overcome these negative thoughts, focus on the iconic imagery of the card and remind yourself of who you truly are.

Victory (formerly Chariot)

In the new energy, this is an **ascension** archetype. This card represents a little bit about who you are, but more about the goal of individual and collective development, which is full, powerful connection.

In the old energy, this is a **judgment** archetype. In the old energy, you are judged worthy and strong if you suppress your “animal nature” and control your weakness and emotions.

Old Energy

In the old energy, this archetype provides additional detail on your “foolish” journey. In particular, this card represents your physical body and mind and the weaknesses that must be overcome. In the old energy, you are told to subjugate your “animal drives” or tame the evil forces which drive you ever forward. Success/victory comes to those that tame the savage beasts inside.

In both the Book of Slavery and the Book of Power, taming the savage beast means suppressing your passionate, compassionate, emotional responses. The question is, why encourage the suppression of your emotional and passionate responses?

For those steeped in slave's energies, cutting off your emotional self allows you to serve the System without complaint. The old world needs compliant workers who do what they are told without question. The old energy chariot archetype helps provide this by discouraging aggressive and violent emotions like resentment and anger which could lead to problems for the System (like resistance, rejection, or even

revolution) and by encouraging mindless work at the wheel. The chariot archetype, along with other old energy archetypes, accomplishes this discouragement by

- a) Giving you a clear, if implicit, message that you are an unworthy loser, riddled with original sin, ape-like, disgusting, and dirty.
- b) Giving you hope that you can overcome your animal/sinful nature if you follow the Fool's path. That is, don't complain, don't resist, and learn your lessons. Do what you are told. Suppress your anger, bitterness, and resentment. Work as hard as you can until you're used up and you die.

For those steeped in power's energies, the old energy archetype operates the same way, which is to make you a compliant servant of the System, but with sugary twist of power and authority. Suppressing your emotional responses suppresses the disjunctive emotions (i.e. horror, guilt, and shame) that necessarily attend the most unpleasant acts you will be required to undertake while obediently serving the System. If you have suppressed guilt and shame, you can easily harm and exploit others, even children. With "love under will," you will do "whatever it takes," including sacrificing your own children (through, for example, chronic neglect) just so you that gain wealth/power.

To be clear, in the Book of Power, your purpose is not to eliminate wrong action, for that would interfere with accumulation of wealth and power. For the System to continue, your behaviour must be unfettered from the "immature" morality of good versus evil, and the limiting emotions of shame, guilt, and horror. Thus for

those in power, the chariot archetype totally “frees” you from your Self.

The *Book of Slavery* poetry entry for this card is an attempt to reflect the dark and basic truths of the Book of Slavery, which are disregard and arrogant dismissal of your worth, and callous/ongoing exploitation. The *Book of Power* poetry conveys the same message but redeems you from dismissal so you can play a “higher” part (i.e. slave master, CEO, etc.).

As a final note, in the old energy, this archetype underpins the justifications and excuses that make the System possible. Take a close look at the military accoutrements in the old energy card. This man is obviously one of the “winners.” Also, make note that the losers who have been “vanquished” are absent. In the old energies, we actively disregard and block out the realities of the lonesome losers left beaten and abused behind. In the old energies, the suffering and violence they endure is never worthy of our consideration. They should just put up, shut up, and disappear into oblivion so that the “winners” may enjoy the spoils.

Getting into the New Energy

Equating human development and evolution with the suppression of the savage beast or amputation of the emotional self might seem like common sense, but that’s only because you believe the propaganda about “the beast” that’s presumably inside you. The propaganda provides an image in your head of what lies within that you are encouraged to be ashamed and afraid of. Afraid and ashamed of your own Self. Consequently, you push it aggressively down.

To stop pushing your Self down, realize the image is wrong. Inside we are Divine Holy Light, and there’s no

reason at all to keep pushing that down. Reject the old energy image of your self, and you will easily accept the truth, which is that emotions are a feature of the physical unit. They provide important functionality and that consequently they should never be suppressed or cut off.¹⁰

Of course, even in the new energies, struggle and strife are still present, so we must live with those for a while; however, instead of violence, conflict, war and destruction, in the new energy the struggle is to **heal** and **awaken** so we can **activate** and **ascend**. In the new energies, struggle is to establish **Right Environment**, **Right Thought**, and **Right Action**. In the new energies, this is the struggle to uplift and connect all of creation. It should be noted, this is not an eternal struggle, nor is it onerous or unwelcome. In the new energy, the struggle is temporary. It eventually, and inevitably, leads to **awakening activation, connection, and graduation**.

Dismissal

Here are some tips on how to recognize, root out, and replace this ugly old energy archetype.

- Watch out for advice and internalized thought that encourages you to view your self as a sinful, violent, primitive, ape. This internal image is the root of your self repression of Self, and a cause of your disempowerment. When this negative self-image is invoked in your mind, remind yourself of your **joyful** and **powerful** Self.

¹⁰ FYI, emotions provides important **survival, expression, and connection** services, like anger/arousal which provides defense, and **emotional semaphore** which guides alignment and prevents disjuncture. See https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Physical_Unit.

- Watch out for advice and guidance that directs you to repress your emotions or your “animal self.” There is no animal self that needs repression, no beast that you need to denude. Emotions are an important aspect of being human. Their repression undermines potential and connection, puts you out of touch and alignment with Highest Self, makes you easier to manipulate, and easier for you to engage in selfish, toxic, and unaligned behaviours.
- Watch out for excuses and justifications of violence or abuse, like notions that violence and abuse are good for you, that they strengthen and/or temper you. Understand, conflict, struggle, strife, violence, aggression, war, etc., are never justified. Violence and assault cause emotional, psychological, spiritual, and even physical damage to the vessel, which undermines development and your ability to connect. Remind yourself; the human body is a sensitive instrument of Consciousness (**Star**). You wouldn't go around smashing glass beakers around in a lab. Why smash your body/mind around? Why allow conditions of chronic assault and abuse? There is no victory to be found in the domination of others. Reject all notions that violence and abuse make you stronger.

Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* reminds you of your Divine Light, and refers you forward to chakra/kundalini activation. The Book of Keys poetry reminds you that **activation**, **ascension** (i.e. **connection**), and **graduation** are the ultimate human goals.

Notice kundalini represented in the new energy imagery. Notice the powerful energies surrounding and propelling the figure. Notice the “activated” DNA spiral

represented in the card. Understand, chakra and kundalini activation are not things you need to be worthy. All you have to do is make sure that all the right “conditions are in place. In other words, establish **right thought, right action, and right environment**. As you do, use the improved conditions to heal, awaken, activate, and ascend. Eventually, you will achieve the **Triumph of Spirit** referred to here, which is the glorious Victory of Self.

Group Study Questions

1. In the new energy this card is about successful, even if temporary, activation and connection. What are some of the things you need to do in order to “prepare the vessel” (i.e. get the chariot ready) for activation and connection? Draw on early LP workbooks and your own intuition. Write down the things that come to your mind. Share.
2. Have you ever had chakra or kundalini activations? You can recognize chakra activations by palpitations, tingling, energy flow, and shivers. Recognize kundalini activations by the powerful and expansive energy flows through your entire body. These activations can be frightening, disturbing, and difficult to ground, especially if you are unprepared or surrounded by toxic folk. Fear, paranoia, **egoic bloating**, **egoic collapse**, and **egoic explosion**, and other forms of **ego pathology** may result. The negative experience can be so bad that you run away from spirituality and hide in the “normal” world. Think back. Have you had negative activation experiences? Don’t feel bad. Consider that you were simply improperly prepared. What things would you do now to better prepare? Share with the group.

3. Do you fetishize the winners? Do you ignore the pain and suffering of the losers? We live in a world that worships power and domination of others. We worship the winners, the charioteers, but never consider the deleterious impact on the loser. We hide the consequences away. We tell ourselves “that’s life.” We discourage complaint. Time to stop ignoring the consequences. Time to think about the suffering we’ve caused. Time to enumerate the pains we’ve all endured. If it’s tough, take a deep breath, and take your time. Remember, we’re not here to judge and condemn. We are here as **joyful masters** to heal and awaken the planet.

Formation (formerly High Priestess)

In the new energy, this is an **activation** archetype. In the new energy this card, along with the **force** card, teaches of the conscious, proper, i.e. balanced and non-violent, use of the rainbow energies of creation.

In the old energy, High Priestess is a **control archetype**. In the old energy, this archetype represents the suppression of formation *and* the consequent and concurrent obstacles to connection that arise.

Old Energy

In the old energy, the message we hear is to exalt force (yang), suppress formation (yin). We do this, and this throws energy out of balance.

You can see the disconnection represented clearly in the old energy High Priestess card, which shows a female sitting on a block between two massive pillars in front of a veil that blocks you from connecting to the vast ocean of Consciousness behind! On her lap is a list of misdirections, justifications, and excuses (you are not chosen, you are not worthy, you are not ready, you can't handle the truth, etc.) that she will use against you should you, in that clumsy and blindfolded way of yours, stumble towards connection.

The consequences of force/formation imbalance is disconnection. Thus, at a deep level, this card represents **The System**, which is ultimately designed to prevent stronger connection to Consciousness. This card represents the many ways connection is subverted and perverted.

The Book of Slavery poetry identifies messages of imbalance and the many ways connection is subverted, e.g., binary gender, intimation of your sinful nature, imposition of fear, and direct assault. Ironically, in almost all cases, we have learned to apply these subversions. It is our fear and self-doubt, our acceptance of limited categorizations, our genuflection before authorities and our acceptance of the imperfections they impute upon us that prevents us from slipping through the flimsy veil and connecting with the vast ocean of Self.

The Book of Power also represents limitations and obstacles, but the difference is that in the Book of Power you are offered a way out. If you submit and obey the law (represented by the scroll in the High Priestess's hand), if you pass the tests, if you follow the rules, if you "lay down your mind" and submit, the veil will be lifted and you will be allowed access to the secrets inside. But you must submit. Bow before your superiors. Keep the foul and weak female/yin suppressed,

Victims of power should know, the secrets on offer are ossified, venal, and corrupt and in no way represent a true path towards connection with Highest Self. To divert and distract from the spiritual impotence on sale, empty dopamine trinkets that soothe and addict are provided instead.

Getting into the New Energy

When you look at the old energy High Priestess image, the veil seems flimsy, and it is. The veil is only as sturdy as the thoughts that make it up, and thoughts can be very easy to reprogram and dismiss, especially when you have solid ideas to replace them with, *and*

especially when you believe you have the power to do so. Thus, to dismiss, get some new ideas and replace the old energy thoughts. In other words, study the TOSAS archetype system and use the archetypes to reprogram your mind.

As regards the archetype of force and formation, force gives us the power and the energetic drive to exist and create in the **world** while formation gives us the insight, wisdom, and guidance to steer energies in an aligned direction.

Although using energies out of balance can be useful for a time (i.e. as an evolutionary accelerant), ultimately imbalance leads either to stagnation or debacle. *Suppression of formation* allows force to drive forward harder, without the mitigating, moderating, and guiding influence of formation.

When force drives with diminished formation, more can be accomplished on the **world** in a shorter period. Barriers are powered through, the **Great Work** advances, and evolution progresses apace. However, when force dominates a weakened formation, greater creative risk is involved, mistakes are likely to be made, the foundations become rickety, the System structures crumble, and debacle inevitably ensues. If the structure crumbles and debacle ensues, you have to start back close to the beginning. Nobody wants that, so there is a definite time limit involved.

Dismissal

In the new energies, as clearly indicated in the new energy imagery which shows balanced and equal energy flow, force and formation work in balance, together. To achieve this balance,

- Replace thoughts of binary gender. Allow for the rainbow spectrum. Watch for attempts to throw you out of balance. Homophobia, suppression of the female energies, exaltation of overpowering and bullying male energies, the imposition of simple gender binaries, all go towards encouraging energy suppression of formative energies and imbalance. Reject all efforts to throw energy out of balance. Accept, as depicted on the **world** and **graduation** cards, the rainbow spectrum of energy/humanity.
- Understand, out of balance force, as useful it might be as a creative accelerant, also causes disconnection. The High Priestess obscures the reason for this disconnection with lie, excuse, and justification—so watch out for lies, excuses, and justification, particularly as they relate to your identity, **power**, and the ability you have to initiate and fully **connect**. Watch out when people try and tell you that you cannot do it (you can). Watch out for people who tell you not to do it (you must). Watch out for people that tell you that you are not yet worthy, capable, or strong enough to connect (you are). Watch out for people who tell you there are tests and qualifications (there are none). Remember, you are powerless and disconnected, not because you are unworthy and sinful, but because of out of balance energy, and because the “high priestess,” specifically those **Agents of Consciousness** who work with these old energies, prevent it from being so. Understand, even in this moment, you are fully capable of powerful Conscious connection.
- Note, you are dismissing toxic, corrupted, out of balanced use of energies. You are not rejecting force or formation. Learn to use formative energies properly. Learn to use forceful energies properly.

Don't just "do what it takes" regardless of a consideration of the consequences. Evolution isn't a contest. Evolution is about connection. Male or female, embrace your full creative power, but allow formation's energies to guide, mitigate, and control.

Book of Keys

The goal of working with the formation card is to stop the suppression of energies (yours and others) no matter where they are on this **world's** rainbow wheel, and to assert a more equitable balance between force and formation so that individual and collective connection can proceed apace. The best way to do, as intimated in the **Book of Keys** entry, is by walking through your fear and uncertainty, and directly opening your crown chakra (i.e., making a strong-pure connection).

Although the **Book of Keys** only intimates the method (i.e. to open, fill up Isis's cup), opening your crown is easy. Just visualize a powerful funnel of energy flowing into the top of your skull. As it enters your skull, visualize it flowing through your whole body. Watch it as it lights up your brain and central nervous pathways. When your body is connected and fully charged, visualize pulses of energy flowing out into the **world**, connecting others just the same. A video of this sequence, known as the **Great Invocation**, is provided.¹¹

Note, the connection visualization will work best and will be safest when you have established right thought, particularly as regards to energy balances, right

¹¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFK61ByLjNk> or <https://is.gd/GreatInvocation>.

environment, and right action. Also, do not expect to achieve perfect connection the first time. Breaking through the veil, removing the blindfold, and reconnecting to Consciousness is an individual and collective work in progress. Use insights gained as you practice to work towards stronger and permanent connection.

Individual and group work

1. If you're not ready to use the powerful Great Invocation to connect, you can use the old energy imagery of the High Priestess as a connection visualization. To use it as such, simply visualize yourself "parting the veil," walking through pillars, and entering the vast ocean. Either individually or with your group, practice piercing the veil. Pay particular attention to any insights and awareness's that come up as you practice this visualization, including any old energy archetypes that discourage and/or turn you away from connection. Share with the group.
2. The High Priestess hides the truth and prevents connection. She hides the truth of who you are. She hides the truth of where you come from. She hides the truth about this world. By feeding you bullshit and lie, "she" confuses and misdirects. If you are going to stop this, you are going to have to find these energies of repression wherever they exist and remove them from your life for good. Examine your own life. Who are the people, corporations, and institutions in your life who play the old energy high priestess role of disconnection? What friends or family members sow fear and confusion? Who distracts you with substanceless fluff? What actors provide a voice for old energy? Who sows fear and misconception? When you have identified the

sources of these energies, share with the group. Strategize (preferably) gentle, non-violent ways to remove their influence from your life once and for all.

3. Disconnection operates primarily through the touchstone of exclusion. We accept the veil because we accept the rectitude of exclusion, the idea that some people aren't worthy, that some deserve to be left out. Take a good hard look at the new energy **world**, either individually or in group. Notice that regardless of "colour" and vibration, nobody is excluded from the Great Work. This simple insight, when accepted in mind and heart, is the key to piercing the High Priestess's veil. For best connection effect, protect and nurture this insight.

Force (formerly Emperor)

In the new energy, this is an **activation** archetype. In the new energy, this card, along with the **formation** archetype, teaches of the conscious, proper, and balanced use of creation's energies.

In the old energy, this is an **authority** archetype. In the old energy, the figure represents the militarized, dominating, overbearing, formation-less, patriarchal culmination of the exaltation of force/yang and the suppression of formative yin.

Old Energy

As noted in the old energy commentary on **formation**, out of balance use of energy is a requirement of evolutionary advance. The out of balance use of force is necessary during the expansionary middle stage of planetary evolution.¹² The suppression of formation and the exaltation of force allows a species to pass through obstacles that would otherwise prevent the evolution and development of its economic, technological, social, and administrative capability.

At this point you should that extra adding force is important.¹³ It is what makes possible a planet's evolutionary push. With extra yang, species emerges out of **Pastoral Comfort** and begin developing their economic, political, and social institutions, and, quite importantly, their technological capacity. It is the

¹² See https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Stages_of_Planetary_Evolution

¹³ For a look at some of the ideology and archetypes behind the exaltation of force, see Sosteric M. (2018c) *From Zoroaster to Star Wars, Jesus to Marx: The Science and Technology of Mass Human Behaviour*.

evolution of the species capacities that eventually leads and allows for **graduation** and **integration**¹⁴ into higher-level systems.

Unfortunately, as useful as extra force might be, turning up force and diminishing formation comes with necessary risks. The risks are necessary in the sense that if you don't turn off force, and evolving species doesn't break through the **stagnation** that arises when a species achieves a certain degree of **Pastoral Comfort**. When formation is diminished and force is exalted, force becomes dominant, aggressive, and unyielding, and levels of violence and toxicity rise. As a result, body's get hurt. Over time, damage accumulates,¹⁵ connection suffers, and a spiritual, psychological, and emotional malaise descends on the species. As connection declines and damage accumulates, a species becomes increasingly violent and ill. As a consequence of mental and emotional illness, force, no longer fettered by formation or the mitigating influence of aligned connection, debases and deforms even further. Ultimately this leads to conquest, colonization, domination, violence, exploitation, and all manner of social, political, and economic toxicity, all of which further exacerbate damage, deterioration, and disconnection. If left unchecked, a downward emotional/psychological/spiritual spiral of individual and species dysfunction, coupled with rapidly advancing technological, economic, and productive prowess, leads to what we might call **debacle**. If nothing is done, the nascent **world system** collapses, throwing the species backwards a generation or more. How far

¹⁴ http://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Stage_Three:_Integration.

¹⁵ Sosteric M. (2016b) Toxic Socialization. *Socjourn*.

back a species is thrown depends on how bad the ecological, psychological, economic, or political collapse.

To summarize, out of balance force is necessary to push a species forward past stagnation. However, the out of balance force, while temporarily necessary, inevitably leads to problems which, if left unchecked, ultimately lead to the inevitable collapse of the System.

The risk is great, but the potential reward (i.e., a fully developed and connected species) is deemed worth the risk. And besides, a species does not **evolve** and **graduate** in isolation. Appropriate assistance is provided along the way. During the final phase, this assistance

Most importantly, as soon as a species gets near its graduation pinnacle, i.e., as soon as its technological, economic, and institutional superstructure is capable of world level governance and organization, work begins to awaken, activate, and reconnect the species.

As for the poetry entries, the *Book of Slavery* explicitly represents the patriarchy, exclusivity, greed, and enslavement that eventually and inevitably results from out of balance yang, and the excuses, and arrogant dismissals that are used to justify. In the old energy, father/man/king on a throne announces the yang authority. Divine and Darwinian justifications are presented, and meek acceptance of the status quo is expected. It is God's will. It is nature's way. It is your lot in life. It is your karma. Take your place. Do your work. Shut up. Don't complain. Submit.

The *Book of Power* entry exposes the same representation and excuses that the Book of Slavery does. Just like the Book of Slavery, submission is

required. The difference is that in **Book of Power** you are completely aware of “the game” that is being played, and submission comes with insertion into systems of hierarchy and privilege. As a special and privileged “chosen one,” you are “not like everyone else,” but you still must submit. Bow to the king on his throne.

Getting into the New Energy

As noted in the **formation** card, new energy is about balance. That narrative is appropriate here as well. That is, we learn about balanced energy from consideration of the force archetype as well. In the context of the force card, however, it is also important to realize that in the new energy, force is nothing to be vilified. There is nothing intrinsically evil about force and nothing wrong with using force, even in great quantities, to create or transform the **world**, so long as you use force in balance to heal, awaken, activate, and uplift/ascend, and not to dominate and suppress others. Indeed, the application of force to change, uplift, transform, and create is the heart of the new energy force card. Understand, new energy use of force is balanced by formation. New energy force is inclusive, egalitarian, uplifting, protective, nurturing, and divine.

Dismissal

- It is important to realize the importance of force, and important to learn to accept it, as an energy. You cannot change your world, you cannot change the world, while rejecting the use of force. Therefore watch out for ideas and ideology that discourage your creative use of force. Watch out for ideas that emphasize submission to the will of another, or obeisance before someone's throne. Remember, you are a **joyful master** of creation and

you have the same right to **force** and **power** as everyone else in creation.

- Watch out for notions that power and force should be applied in the interest of hierarchy, domination, exclusion, and personal enrichment. This causes a downward spiralling toxic path that leads you and the planet towards disease, disconnection, and death. *Life isn't about how much money you can make or how many toys you can accumulate. Life is about creating and enjoying with connection, and helping others to do the same.* Living your life in connection, and using force and formation and balance to **connect** and **graduate** the world, is the only thing that will end your misery and make you happy. Work to embrace your true purpose and use force to manifest that true purpose.
- Revisit the **formation** card and its guidance vis a vis balance. Moving forward, force and formation in balance used to heal, awaken, activate, and ascend is key.

Book of Keys

Look carefully at the old energy Emperor card. The old energy Emperor card depicts the deteriorated human male that inevitably arises when force is chronically and inter-generationally used out of balance. A considerable amount of damage is done to the human species, and it can take a long time and considerable effort to sort it all out and heal. You will find, however, that the more **Self-realized** and **connected** you are, the **stronger** you will become. The stronger you become, the easier it will be. For the fully Self-realized, even miracles are possible. With this in mind, the *Book of Keys* encourages you to accept the full truth. Overtly rejecting the notion that we should know and accept our subservient place, the

Book of Keys entry demolishes all notions that depict us as anything less than who we truly are,¹⁶ and calls us to immediately step into our **power**. Accept divinity. Accept source. Accept **joyful** power. Embrace **mastery**. Go forth and use **force** to transform the world and create a divine and aligned Shambhala.

Individual and group work

1. Both force and formation are about rebalancing yin and yang energies. This rebalance requires identification of gender-based stereotypes in consciousness and rejection of these stereotypes. Examine your old energy ideas of gender. On a notepad write the headings *MALE* and *FEMALE* and underneath these write out the stereotyped characteristics of gender you were trained to accept as reality. When you have written these out, take a moment to recognize that these are all just personality characteristics which you can choose from to construct the manifested you. You can adopt a characteristic or not, depending simply on what parts of the vast cosmic You, you choose to be, and so can others. Do not judge based on personality characteristics. Dismiss stereotypes, especially those that diminish, belittle, and disempower others. Understand and accept the rainbow spectrum of energy.
2. If you are a patriarch/matriarch in a home, a corporation, or a military hierarchy, take a few moments and examine the justifications you use to normalize your power over others and excuse your toxic behaviours. Why is it OK for you to give

¹⁶ Which is, as discussed in *The Book of Light: The Nature of God, the Structure of Consciousness, and the Universe Within You*, an emanation of the Divine Logos.

orders without reference to the needs or desires of those below? Whose agenda do you serve with your submission, loyalty, and deference? What sacrifices have you made so that you can play a role in the toxic show?

3. It is **OK** to use force to create your life, so long as you do it with balance and consideration for all life forms, not just your own. Harm nothing (ahimsa) and uplift everything is the ideal you should live and strive for. With this in mind, examine areas in your life where more force is needed in or to create and transform. When you have identified these areas, apply appropriate force. It always helps to visualize, so imagine your hands uplifted and directing force (think **master** and **force** archetypes). Don't leave it at visualization though. Always follow your visions with the physical actions required to manifest.

Rebirth (formerly Empress)

In the new energy, this is an **ascension** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype points to a moment when Consciousness births into material reality, and also all the elements that go into supporting that birth.

In the old energy, the Empress is an **authority** archetype. In the old energy, this is authority instantiated through conditional love and the exploitation of our powerful needs to attach/belong.

Old Energy

It is very easy to understand the nature of the old energy archetype when we compare the ridged and sterile old energy image of a female on a throne (see especially the Golden Dawn version) with the generative, nurturing, creative energy of the new energy rebirth card. As the throne, sceptre, and robes indicate, in the old energy, this is about hierarchy, worth, conformity, and the violence and exclusions that result thereof. In the old energy, this is not a warm, nurturing, supportive, and protective environment where consciousness may flower and emerge; this is a cold and sterile environment, especially the home environment, where the System is violently imposed.

It is worthwhile considering the difference. Cold, sterile, neglectful, and violent environments where we experience the conditional love of competition and exclusion do not make us stronger and more powerful, they undermine our strength and cause all sorts of mental, emotional, and spiritual pathology.¹⁷ In the old

¹⁷ See Sosteric M. (2016b) Toxic Socialization. *Socjourn*. Also Sosteric M. (2018b) The damage we're

energy, any strength and power we have is a personal confusion caused by collective complicity and self-delusion. Let us be clear, old energy power is power that comes from the diminishment and disconnection of others, and not from personal connection and alignment. Old energy power is the power the bully exerts while surrounded by those who are fearful and complicit. This type of power is not possible on an aligned and connected planet, because there is no fear, and nobody is ever complicit.

The poetry in the Book of Slavery echoes the cold, hard, nature of the old energy reality of power, exclusion, violence, privilege, and also the fact that traditionally the female is tasked with the initial violence and indoctrination required to prevent the birth of Consciousness.

Note, this is not meant to cast judgment on the mother role. People do what they do because they believe what they do is right. Parents engage with these energies and implement as directed because they believe it is good for their children. When a church says “Spare the rod and spoil the child,” we are encouraged to assault our children. When we do, we do it not because we are bad parents, but because we are good parents, because we trust the priests when they say “violence saves the soul,” and because we believe that what they say is right. Of course, they are not. The result of toxic violence and neglect is easy to see. Low function, dysfunction, or even violent psychopathy are the result, the healing of which requires intense personal effort and significant healing resources.

doing to our children and ourselves. *The Conversatoin.*

The poetry in the Book of Power highlights the same old energy issues, but sends a stronger message that suggests that toxic environments caused by the corruption and debasement of this archetype are really good for you. “What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger,” as the apologists will often say. Toxicity and violence make you a “superior square.” Of course, that’s not true. As scientists are increasingly demonstrating, and as the world can increasingly see, bad environments lead to neurosis, pathology, psychosis, and, in the worst cases, psychopathy.

Getting into the New Energy

The old energy archetype provides the ideas that encourage the development of toxic environments that diminish, damage, and ultimately enslave in old energy disconnection and dysfunction. The new energy archetype rebirth turns this idea on its head and instead provides some of the ideas we need in order so that we might create loving environments where our body and mind are nurtured and protected, rather than subjected to torture and abuse.

It is critically important that we reject old energy ideas and begin to shift our environments immediately. Don’t hang on to bitterness and hatred because of toxicities that arise from your past. Don’t blame the mother or the father, or anybody for that matter, for imposition of The System. We do to our children what our parents did to us. Our parents did to us what was done to them when they were children. The violence and toxicity go back generations and there is no doorstep on which we may rationally lay blame. The only way forward is to forgive and let go so that new environments and a new world can be created.

Note however, forgiving and moving on does not mean enabling (or re-enabling) toxicity or exposing ourselves to abuse. It does not mean allowing the old energies to penetrate and degrade. It means releasing anger and hatred, and then making the changes that you need in your environments so that you and those in your care can heal, awaken, activate, and connect.

As you work to make the shift, consider the archetypal image. Gaia is presented as the loving and nurturing platform for our birth and rebirth. Gaia provides a beautiful environment upon which we can nurture and abundantly grow. This is the example you should follow. This is the hero you should model. Male or female, father or mother, high or low, you must learn to do the same as Gaia. Immediately begin to create a loving and supportive environment where the people around you can heal, blossom, grow, and live life to their true and fullest potential. Start in the home by ending violence of all forms. Create loving and nurturing spaces. Allow full human potential to freely blossom. The rest will take care of itself.

Dismissal

To realize full human potential, we all have to function as nurtures and caretakers, and we have to create an environment where we can realize our full emotional, psychological, and genetic potential. This can only be accomplished in positive and loving environments. Therefore...

- **Men**, watch out for anything that discourages the display of love and compassion, or that blocks you from playing a loving and nurturing role. Beware when people tell you that “big boys don’t cry,” or that you should “toughen up.” Men have the same

love and deep light than women do, and allowing this expression is a step towards creating a world where you can become a nurturing and supportive caregiver.

- **Women and men**, watch out for ideas that encourage violence in the name of love and protection (i.e. “spare the rod and spoil the child” ideas). Science is clear on the issue;¹⁸ violence and neglect do nothing but harm. When you are violent with people (especially children), when you assault them in any way, be it physical, emotional, psychological, or spiritual, you damage them, cause negative changes in their body’s systems, and undermine their ability to connect. Therefore, reject all ideas and archetypes that justify and excuse violence and abuse. It is never OK to harm another, no matter what they have done.

Book of Keys

To activate and awaken we need to reject exclusionary, dominating, oppressive energies that thwart human needs and development in the name of greed, hatred, or plain misconception. Instead, male or female, we need to embrace compassion and empathy, and we need to create environments that uplift life, not destroy it. This is the message, sent in a direct fashion, by the poetry in the **Book of Keys**.

Start creating a kind and nurturing world in the place that counts the most, and probably the only place you can do it at first, with your family or (if not possible), a close group of friends willing to work towards a non-toxic future. Do not lay yourself out as a doormat, but

¹⁸ Sosteric M. (2016b) Toxic Socialization. *Socjourn*. Xxx add conversation article

learn to be empathic and supportive. Erase hostile and negative places. Create calm and nurturing spaces where people can heal, grow, empower, and connect.

The Book of Keys section for this entry contains an admonishment to respect the mother, respect the female, respect Gaia, and respect all life, no matter what. If you want to stop the hurtle towards debacle, it is important you shift in this direction. We all need to learn to respect Gaia as the nurturing birthplace of all, and we all need to follow this archetypal lead. The first step towards that is learning to properly honour and respect the loving, compassionate, formative, nurturing, caring, creative “female” force in all of us.

Group study questions

1. Explore the exclusive association of females with mothering energy. Were you brought up in a home where the mom was the primary caregiver, and where the dad was “absent” in some way? Did you hear ideas that suggested that women were the naturally nurturing ones, the ones who should stay home and raise up the kids?
2. An old saying says “It takes a community to raise a child.” Explore this idea in the context of the birth/rebirth archetype. What can communities do, what can your community do, to create safe, nurturing spaces where children can uplift, grow, and connect. What do you think of the statement, “All parents in a child’s life should be loving, nurturing, protective, connected, and there for the child?”
3. It is not just children who we need safe, loving, supportive, and nurturing spaces. Explore your family group, your friend group, your work group, and any other community you spend any significant amount of time in. What is the “character” of these

communities? Are these communities safe? Are they authentically supportive? Or, are there subtle (or maybe not so subtle) expressions of jealousy, violence, anger, hatred, etc. If negativity remains, you're going to have to change your environments, or find new ones. It is going to take a few years for the world to change, so you may be alone for a while. Don't be afraid. On the horizon you can see the "sun" rising.

Realization (formerly the Hierophant)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype represents realization, or a moment in the unfolding of Consciousness when the bodily ego (finally) understands.

In the old energy, this is an **authority** archetype. In the old energy, the ideas of this archetype contain admonishments to “know your place” and stay subservient for as long as you are required to be.

Old Energy

In the old energy, the hierophant is an authority card. As always, authority is about compliance, often achieved through the application of some form of violence. Authority, of course, does not ensure compliance merely through the application of violence. Authority operates best when compliance is willing and you blindly and obediently submit. It is the job of the hierophant to ensure willing compliance from the masses, and from the brothers and sisters who overtly serve the System. The hierophant accomplishes this in any way possible, but most often by obscuring, hiding, and twisting the truth, and by damaging the physical mind.

When considering the role of the hierophant, it is important to understand, we all have a nascent and innate connection to our own highest Self. A little love and affection, a little attention and inclusion, the satisfaction of our basic needs, and our body and mind naturally grow and connect to Consciousness. It can take a few decades for the brain and central nervous system to develop properly and grow the potential to

have full and healthy connections,¹⁹ but we have a powerful drive to connect and transcend,²⁰ and it does happen naturally and inevitably for everyone. We are driven to find the truth, driven to attempt to connect to The Fabric, and it often happens despite toxicity, violence, and abuse (though in these cases the connection can be toxic, twisted, and corrupted). Because even the briefest connection can cause the System to crumble,²¹ the hierophant works hard to obscure, corrupt, and prevent authentic connection.

An example of how the hierophant obscures, hides, and twists the truth is provided by the early Catholic Church which selected only a few of the available writings on Jesus Christ that were available at the time, and then subsequently edited these down.²² As for preventing and breaking connection, the old energy hierophant does this by damaging the brain's neurology²³ through violence and the imposition of chronic anxiety and fear, all of which have deleterious consequences for development and connection.²⁴ At this point in your study you should know, chronic violence in childhood

¹⁹ Recent research suggests that it takes thirty or forty years for the brain to fully mature. See Express M. (2010) *Brain is not fully mature until 30s and 40s*. Available at: <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2010-12-brain-fully-mature-30s-40s.html>.

²⁰ Sosteric M and Ratkovic G. (2018) *What does it mean to be human: Abraham Maslow and his hierarchies of need*. Available at: https://www.academia.edu/35635479/What_does_it_mean_to_be_human_Maslows_hierarchies_of_need.

²¹ See for example the story of the Spanish colonial murdered Las Scalas, who after a brief connection completely turned his life around. Sosteric M. (2018d) Mystical experience and global revolution. *Athens Journal of Social Sciences*.

²² Ehrman BD. (2007) *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*; Harper One, Starr B. (2013) Why Christians Were Denied Access to Their Bible for 1,000 Years. *Huffpost Religion*.

²³ For some thoughts on how chronic fear and anxiety alters the brain's neurology, see Sosteric M. (2016b) Toxic Socialization. *Socjour*.

²⁴ Sosteric M. (2018b) The damage we're doing to our children and ourselves. *The Conversatoin*.

and adolescence, whether that violence is physical, psychological, emotional, or spiritual, disables the physical vehicle, and disconnects it from its own higher Consciousness. Thus you will often find hierophants encouraging and even engaged in awful acts of violence.

Those who carry the Hierophant's energy are more or less consciously aware that they carry this energy. Some do not have a clue about the role they play, but some are perfectly aware of the nefarious task they perform. Of course, even in the latter case, the hierophant is not doing it because they are “evil.” They are doing it because that is what they were trained to do, because they feel it is right and proper to do so, because they suffer from the damage themselves, and because somewhere along the line they hear the “secret” message of the old energy wheel card, says the masses are primitive and unwashed, and the elites are special and chosen. The masses must be controlled and kept from the “dangerous” truths otherwise disaster is the inevitable result. Thus, it is right and proper to use any means available to control, diminish, and dominate.

In the past, it was priests, “prophets,” gurus, shamans, psychics and so on who primarily carried the hierophant energy. Since the ascendance of Hollywood however, actors, editors, producers, etc., have taken on that role as well. Now, the hierophant's energy is most effectively channelled through the massive “entertainment” industry that now blankets this planet.

If we were to summarize the operation of the hierophant, we would say the hierophant operates through **ideology** and **violence**. As with other authority archetypes, violence is used to damage and disconnect the physical unit. Unlike other authority figures, the

hierophant uses ideas and ideology to twist, corrupt, and obscure the truth.

In the **Book of Slavery**, the poetry provides a spew of the sorts of ideas the hierophant uses to ensure submission, not the least of which are intimations of your inferiority, with a special emphasis on **Less Than Messages**. You should know, one of the most effective ways of disconnecting you from Conscious is to make you feel small about your self. If you feel less than the God that you are, you reject your own higher Self (which you feel unworthy of) and are much easier to move about and control.

The **Book of Power** sends the same messages. After all, even from a position of power within the System, you are still a diminished slave. However, the **Book of Power** goes beyond the simple less than messages beamed at the masses and moves to exploit the pain and anger you have inside. In the **Book of Power**, your anger and pain are directed into channels against others. Angry and in pain, or simply deluded and confused, you become a willing weapon used to dominate, suppress, and murder, or a compliant cog somewhere in the great hierarchy of the System's putrid wheel. As a weapon, you help dominate and control. As a cog in the wheel, you do "whatever it takes," no matter how many people you hurt.

Getting into the New Energy

In the old energy, the hierophant suppresses realization. In the new energy, life encourages realization. If we want into the new energy, then one way or another we must get out of the hierophant energies and out of its sphere of control. As long as we

stay embedded in the old energy flow, realization will be difficult, and slow.

Dispelling the old energy hierophant was at one time (and is as yet for some) extremely difficult. By the time an individual reaches adolescence they are so indoctrinated by the hierophants in their life, and so damaged by the violence that the hierophants and other authority figures encourage, that they are too filled with fear and self-loathing to effectively connect, and too confused to recognize even simple truths. True, times are a changing” and opportunities for dismissing the old energy Hierophant abound, but the Hierophant’s web is sticky and tangled and even when connected, challenge and work are involved. You can speed the process and ease the challenge by being discerning,²⁵ and by finding good teachers. There is nothing wrong with learning from others so long as the teachings do not require submission, in any form. Remember the imagery on the old energy card which shows supplicants at the feet of the hierophant. Authentic teachers do not require this submission.

Dismissal

To get out from the old energy hierophant archetype,

- Watch out for appeals to authority. You don't need to believe something just because somebody in a fancy costume tells you it is so. In fact, be wary of fancy costumes and ritual accoutrements. These are inevitably manipulative props designed to dazzle and confuse. You always have a right to ask

²⁵ Sharp M. (2011) *Rocket Scientists' Guide to Spiritual Discernment*, St. Albert, Alberta: Lightning Path Press.

questions, and you always have the right to disagree. Though always be respectful of your teachers.

- Watch out for threats and punishment. God, consciousness, spirit, or anybody that is actually connected (and not just claiming to be) *never* threatens and never punishes. Patient, persistent, even repetitive guidance is what you should expect, and demand.
- Watch out for substance-less chatter and diversion. Your time is precious. Not only that, the energies are changing fast, and time is running out. If you want to move forward, cut out the fluff! Focus in on what's important and ignore everything else.
- Watch out for confusion. The Hierophant is a master of confusion. If it is taking you a long time to understand something, or if you are getting a headache trying to understand, chances are you are dealing with an attempt to obfuscate and confuse. Even a child can understand the basic truths of God, consciousness, and spirit, and more advanced materials are fully accessible when proper foundations are in place.

Book of Keys

The quickest way to escape the clutches of the old energy hierophant is to recognize that deep inside we are light-filled and divine. You are an aspect of God. You are a shard of God consciousness, and that makes you wonderful, powerful, and divine. You are currently diminished, that is true, but this isn't the true nature of things. This is a limitation that you have erroneously accepted, and damage that can be easily rectified. Take the first step on the path back to capital "Y" You by

embracing the full energy of this card, as conveyed by the Book of Keys.

Group study questions

1. Realization is a powerful catalyst for transformation, but realization can also be easily suppressed through the hierophant's energies of fear and violence. Think about your own life and ask yourself the question, where do the hierophant's energies operate? What are the fears and anxieties that prevent your realization? Who are the figures that suppress you back down? Share with the group. Avoid getting angry, but consider what needs to be done to escape the hierophant's grasp.
2. If you think it is necessary or all right to control and suppress connection for your agenda, think again. The only agenda is the aligned agenda of Consciousness, which is the agenda of healing, awakening, activation, and connection. It is not OK to play the hierophant's energy, and moving forward it will no longer be tolerated. To ease the transition into the new energies, examine your life for spaces and places that do not align with the agenda of God Consciousness. Using the Triumph of Spirit Archetype System (TOSAS), change your thoughts and align your actions to create a world of healing, awakening, activation, and connection. Ask yourself this question: how do you suppress the realization of others? What can you do to change this? Share your thoughts with the group.

Strength

In the new energy, this is an **activation** card. This archetype represents our connection to Gaia and our service to the Great Work. This is not submission. This is simply doing what we came here to do.

In the old energy, this is a **Fool in School** archetype. This archetype advises that we repress aspects of our “foolish” self that would otherwise interfere with the smooth operation of The System.

Old Energy

In the old energy, this archetype is an archetype of repression. In the old energy, this archetype helps The System operate smoothly by ensuring you don’t revolt. In the old energy, we are told to suppress our animal nature, to tame the savage beast, to control and repress our raging emotions. Taming the beast is an evolutionary step, we are told. Taming the beast makes us civilized, they will say. Taming the beast is necessary because inside we are savage beasts. If we don’t tame that beast, disaster, debacle, and global destruction will ensue. Thus, moving forward/evolving requires us to suppress/subvert our primitive, animal self and assert achieving “civilization” as our objective.

Of course, contrary to what you might have been told, there is no wild beast inside. As science is increasingly discovering, humans are by nature gentle, ethical, and collectively (i.e. socially) oriented. In adequate environments, left to themselves, humans exist in collective peace. *It is only when perturbed by outside forces*, or damaged by collective trauma (e.g., famine, war, toxic socialization), that humans develop a drive to dominate aggressively. Aggression, domination, the

“alpha” personalities are thus psychopathologies.²⁶ When psychopathology has captured a physical unit, repression is not the solution; healing is the only way forward.

The question is of course raised at this point. If, by nature, humans are good inside, then why the admonition to repression? The answer is simple. Repression protects the System. Rather than getting angry at the exploitation one is subjected to, rather than feeling bad about the horrible things that we do as we service the System, we suppress and repress our true compassionate nature. We do this not to advance to a new evolutionary level, or to be good boys and girls, we do it so we can enable, and operate within, the System. Taming the savage beast is a euphemism for repressing our anger, resentment, and even horror over the horrible outcomes (poverty, violence, war, broken families, etc.) wrought by unfettered accumulation. You are not supposed to get angry with the way the world is. You are supposed to accept it calmly and work with it, just as it is. Be grateful. Be wise. Evolve. Tame the wild beast so that the System may continue.

In addition to advising self-repression, in the old energies, this archetype, along with the chariot archetype, provides justification and excuse. Unfettered accumulation requires suppression and exploitation of others, and this requires power, control, violence, and aggression. This card helps justify that violence and aggression by teaching us to suppress the emotions of guilt and shame, and by saying we do this so that we have the “strength” to “do what it takes” to “get the job

²⁶ Xxx add two conversation articles Sosteric M. (2018a) Are bullies alpha males or sick puppies. *The Conversation*.

done.” Putting aside our compassionate nature, putting our “love under will,” as one man put it, and suggesting that this personal emotional subversion represents an evolutionary or even moral advance gives us the ability to engage in acts that cause horrible suffering, and an excuse that helps us ignore our shame and assuage our guilt. After all, our actions do not represent the toxic/homicidal actions of a damaged and dysfunctional human being, they represent the strength and fortitude required to do what needs to be done. In this way, psychopathic action is the world is elevated to an honourable, natural, and desirable characteristic.

We cut off and suppress so we can exploit and oppress.

Incidentally, in the old energy, compassion, connection, intuition, and nurturing concern are considered weaknesses and associated with the female. In the old energies, the subversion of true strength is facilitated via the suppression of the female, and the so-called “feminine” side; this occurs subtly (and sometimes viciously) as we degrade women, belittle emotion, and associate maturity and competence with emotional vacuity and disconnection.

In the old energy understanding of strength toxic psychopathology is elevated to a spiritual/evolutionary pinnacle as we are encouraged to amputate important aspects of our self. It is important to note; this amputation doesn’t make us strong, it makes us weak. Disconnected and repressed, we are unable to stand up against social pressure, convention, authority, and the aggressive domination of others. Disconnected and repressed, we are unable to stand up and do what we know to be right. Disconnected and repressed, and despite any outward shows to the country, we are weak, and dying inside.

The poetic entry from the *Book of Slavery* restates the basic justifications used to encourage self-amputation of emotions deemed useless, unsupportive, or even dangerous (like revolutionary anger) to, The System.

The *Book of Power* reiterates the excuses and justifications for subversion of emotions. The last few words refer to an order to “let go” given to the rulers in the final days of the dying old world.

Getting into the New Energy

In the new energies, strength is defined as the willingness to courageously serve humanity and the divine evolutionary plan. Submission to authority or renunciation of Self are not required. In fact, exactly the opposite is true. True strength is found not when you renounce and repress but when you *reclaim* true identity and true purpose. The fastest way to become strong is to reclaim your true Self and true purpose.²⁷

We might say “become AdAyin, (आदायिन्)”, or “become someone who receives **Highest Self**.” You become stronger the more you are able to fully accept, acknowledge, and receive your highest Consciousness/Spirit/Soul.²⁸

To present with true strength and **power**, and not the horrible human caricature of this modern and disconnected world, heal, awaken, activate, and

²⁷ Which, despite the little details, is always to uplift and connect yourself *and* those around you.

²⁸ And note, despite what some say, attending a “soul retrieval” service does nothing. Real retrieval requires the real, and often challenging, work of healing, awakening, activating, and ascending. If you are not doing that work, you are not retrieving your soul.

reclaim, connect with, ascend to, and /present only your highest Self.

Dismissal

To get out of the old energies of strength,

- Watch out for old energy ideas of strength as competition, control, violence, and domination. Playing games is one thing, but it is simply not OK to use strength to exploit, dominate, or suppress others, so don't do it, and don't justify it.
- Watch out for subtle self-deception. Focusing on the cheap T-shirts you produce, and looking the other way while your company exploits child labour, is not strength, it is symptomatic of repression, disconnection, and profound self-delusion. Always remember, the good that you do does not balance out the evil that supports it.
- Watch out for identification with old energy definitions of weakness. Emotions are not a sign of weakness; they are simply a feature of the human body. Love and compassion are not flaws to be subverted; they are facets of the bright light of Consciousness. Purify the physical unit, remove old energy justifications and excuses, and let the strength of your love and compassion shine through.

Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry for strength is an invitation to quit suppressing the Self that's inside, and release anger, hatred, and resentment, so you can awaken, activate, and ascend. At first, it will require a leap of faith. You will be defensive and you will, for good reason, not trust others. But as global connection proceeds, and as

graduation fast approaches, reality will get better, fast. As the world becomes more loving and safe, move forward, open, and connect.

Group Study Questions

True strength is to be found in connection with Earth, alignment with Highest Self, and service to the Divine Plan, not in compliance, self-repression, and servitude to the System.

1. In the 1960s, sociologists did a lot of research on social conformity. They found that under social pressure many people would sacrifice even the most obvious truths just so they would fit in.²⁹ This was not a signal of human nature, but a sign of how damaged some people were. Explore this idea in group. What is it about emotional and psychological damage that makes people so compliant and easy to control? When you think of standing up for what is right, when you think about stepping outside the safe box of majority thought, what happens inside you emotionally and psychologically. What thoughts do you think? What fears do you struggle with? What excuses do you make? What excuses do you make? What steps can you take to move past ideology, fear, and excuse?
2. Ask the people around you in group, or your friends and family, what they think “strength” means, and what they think it means to be strong. Summarize/write down their answers. Do most of them define strength as domination of others?

²⁹ <http://sociology.about.com/od/Works/a/Asch-Conformity-Experiments.htm>.

Share their responses with the group. What do you think about that?

3. Think about the answers you received to question two. Think a little deeper about the sources of these ideas. What are the ideologies (Christianity, Freemasonry, Star Wars, Sports, Olympics, etc.) that convey/support these old energy versions of strength?
4. Old energy ideas of strength are often associated with old energy archetypes of punishment and judgment. Spare the rod and spoil the child, as the Catholic priests say. We are being “strong” when we “justifiably” harm others, because they are being “bad” and they deserve it. Note, harming others is not strength, it is harmful violence against others, and there is never any excuse for that. Examine your life, your childhood, your parenting style, your work relationships, your intimate relationship, etc., and realize the places where you harm others. Take immediate steps to reduce and eventually eliminate that harm.

The Promise (formerly The Sun)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** card. In the new energy, this archetype helps us awaken to important truths about the Divine Plan and the Great Work, which is that we are to evolve a planet to graduation.

In the old energy, this is a repression/suppression archetype. In the old energy, this is the end goal of your subservient training and submissive tutelage, framed as the “next stage” of evolution attained by the chosen few.

Old Energy

The meaning of this card is pretty much the same in the old and new energies. In both the old and new energies, this is culmination of the plan, the “triumph over dark” and the win at the end of “the game.”

The important detail here, the thing that makes this old energy, is that in the old energy, this is not a win for everybody. In the old energy, this is an exclusionary message. In the old energy, the win is an assertion of privilege. In the old energy, the prize is hidden away. In the old energy, this win is only for the “chosen” few.

In its most benign form, this old energy archetype is the spiritual foundation of privilege and inequality, and the root cause of most suffering and woe. This is the idea that you are different/special/better/more than the human chaff that surrounds you, and that you deserve to have a more/better as a result. This is the core of racism, sexism, and all forms of exclusion and violence in the world.

In its darkest most hateful application, this is the idea that a few are chosen to live, while the garbage are

gassed, shot, burned, or industrially led to the pyre. I know it is ugly, and we may resist seeing these beliefs in ourselves and those around us, but they are there all the same. Over the years I personally have seen B'ahai, Christians, Muslims, Jews, authors,³⁰ musicians,³¹ and many more “good” folk express the exact same idea, which is that at the end of the game, those who are chaff and unworthy should be murdered. It is certainly no coincidence that the child on this card is a blond Aryan male. Hitler's final solution was the violent/deformed/modern realization³² of an already deformed ancient spirituality.³³

There isn't much more to say about this card since at this point it should all be pretty clear. As for the poetry, the Book of Slavery prose echoes the basic message, which is that the “new birth” and all that it entails is only for the strong and chosen few, but also points to the real purpose of this archetype, which is to manipulate and scare you into docile servitude. If you are a good boy/girl and if you prove yourself worthy, maybe, in the end, you'll get in. Otherwise, watch out. Its hellfire and damnation for you.

The Book of Power echoes the same basic ideas, but with the addition that you have already proven initial worth, and are consequently one of the chosen few. You are not like them, you are told. You are “special” in some way, they will say. You have that “killer

³⁰ Arthur C. Clarke's classic science fiction book *A Childhood's End* expresses the notion in science fiction, when the children are “taken up” while the planet and its people horribly die.

³¹ The classic example that comes to mind here is Neil Young's “After the Gold Rush.”

³² Kurlander E. (2012) Hitler's Monsters: The Occult Roots of Nazism and the Emergence of the Nazi ‘Supernatural Imaginary’*. *German History* 30: 528-549.

³³ For the ancient roots of this archetype, see my paper Sosteric M. (2018c) From Zoroaster to Star Wars, Jesus to Marx: The Science and Technology of Mass Human Behaviour.

instinct,” they intone. You have that “little something” that makes you “true blue.” As long as you follow the script, you are welcome to come inside (the club, the castle, etc.) and sit down.

Getting into the New Energy

The only way forward past this individual/global, the final step before collective connection and graduation, is to simply assert, admit, and accept that in the new energy there can be no elements of exclusion, and no intimations of final judgment and woe. True, we have **sacrificed** mighty while we have laboured towards **graduation**, true we have done many horrible things on the road to Shambhala, but when the end is near and the time is now, when global connection is achieved and graduation day is here, everyone (and I do mean everyone) is entitled to celebratory reward and renewal. Everybody gets to join in the show. Nobody is punished and discarded. Nobody will be “left behind.”

This notion that everybody gets to graduate and nobody is left behind is the deep core of the Promise, and it makes perfect sense. When we started our journey, when we descended into the darkness of disconnection, when we began our work here on The Plan, we were innocent, loving, compassionate, and aware. But no soul grouping can descend into darkness and duality without impact. While we smash around in the darkness, we take damage. The functions, structures, and genetics of the physical unit are damaged. Not only that, but our souls see much horror and pain. This leaves a thick, icky, sludge that must be cleaned off in the end. Healing the damage and cleaning the sludge can be a challenge, but remember the Promise. No matter how black the darkness. no matter how deep the pit, no matter how dark the sin, no matter how bad it

gets, when the end comes there will always be a way to go **home**. This is the Promise.

Dismissal

- Getting out of the ugly old energy sun archetype is easy; simply watch out for ideas that support and justify exclusion in any way, be that by gender, ethnicity, social class, or whatever. Our body, whatever it looks like, is a vehicle for the expression of highest Consciousness. Each body provides its own unique expression, and each aligned expression is wonderful and glorious. Each is as worthy as any other. Accept Spirit's rainbow energies wherever and whenever they emerge.
- A principle avenue of exclusion is provided by archetypes of judgment and punishment. People that are defined as "bad" or "evil" are easily excluded, even killed, using judgment and punishment as justification. This is, however, unacceptable. Notions of judgment/punishment are old energy archetypes used to create the old energy System. God. You may wish to think that people like Hitler burn in hell, or are reborn in lower birth. You may think that the bad/unworthy/weak don't get to go to the show and party, but it is not true. Get this through your head: when you die, you simply choose a new body. While alive, even dictators and terrorist are welcome to awaken and heal.
- Watch out for subtle messages of rapture and ascent that deny and exclude, or ideas that there will be a "harvest" of Mother Nature's "silver seed." Again, this is not true. The chosen ones will not be flown off in a spaceship to a new world. The chosen children will not ascend and leave the rest behind.

If you still feel the need to be better than others, you still got healing to do.

- The best practice for this card is celebratory love. Be warm, accepting, and compassionate to all beings. When you see evil in the world, don't judge and condemn. Instead, help heal and transform. Of course, this does not mean you must open yourself up to abuse, expose yourself (and your children) to toxicity and evil, or accept violent, greedy, disjunctive behaviour. *Invitations to heal and compassionate understanding do not require that we accept and tolerate bad behaviour.* Individual reconnection and collective graduation requires healing and transformation. Nobody burns in hell, and no karma tempers your soul, but that's no reason to accept the violence, abuse, and greed of others. Erase these out of your life as a first step towards erasing them out of this world.

Book of Keys

The main challenge of this card is converting from exclusionary ideologies and practices to inclusionary ideologies and practices. Since we are all sparks of God, since we are all instantiations in The Fabric, exclusion is simply illogical, ridiculous, and completely unacceptable. The Book of Keys reiterates this case for collective inclusion, points out some of the psychological underpinnings of this exclusion, like fear and damaged psyche (you can fill in the rest), and makes the way forward crystal clear. Compassion and love for all life is the only path forward from here.

Group study questions

1. If you come from a religious background (and in the general container of religion we include all

known brotherhoods, fraternities and sisterhoods, and even science if you treat science as your religion), spend a few moments digging out the “promises” of your faith. What sorts of things are you promised for being good? What sorts of things are you promised for following the rules? What sorts of things are you promised for performance? What reward is offered? What happens when The Work is complete? Who gets the reward, and who is excluded? Share with the group.

2. It is not just exclusionary *ideology* that has to be rooted out and eliminated. *You need to practice inclusion as well.* Allow me to repeat that. You need to practice inclusion as well. This means that exclusionary political or social activities are no longer acceptable. Boys clubs are designed to exclude women. Cliques are designed to exclude the “uncool.” Hierarchies of all sorts, whether they are based on the colour of skin, the shape of genitals, grades on exams, or whatever meaningless tests are devised, serve only the powerful and privileged. They attenuate our power and dominate us by dividing us from each other. Examine your thoughts and actions. What sorts of exclusionary practices did you (or do you still) practice and why? Share your thoughts with the group.
3. It is true that there is a lot of toxicity in the world. Understand that nothing in the new energy archetype is meant to imply that you must accept toxicity into your living spaces. It is important to understand, the more conscious and connected you become, the more sensitive and aware you will be. The more sensitive and aware you are, the more damaging emotional, psychological, spiritual, and physical toxicity will be to your mind, body, and connection. By all means, avoid the damaging

impact of violence and toxicity by safe spaces, just don't participate in economic, political, or social exclusions. With this in mind, think about how you can create safe spaces for yourself while also working to overcome exclusionary ideologies and practices for others. Share with the group.

Lightworker (formerly Hermit)

In the new energy, this is an **activation** card. In the new energy, this archetype shows the highest truth of You, which is that you are an emanation of God/Consciousness, a pure reflection of I.

In the old energy, this is an **authority** archetype. In the old energy, this archetype advises you to follow the esoteric leads and authority provided by the temple, church, lodge, or whatever.

Old Energy

In the old energy, this is a very basic card with a simple, easy to understand old energy message. This man, with his fancy robes and staff is the one who will clear your confusion and light your way home. His esoteric truths are, however, not for the masses. His truths are hidden and obscured, accessible only with the proper perspective and “key,” and available only to the “chosen few” useful ones. Those deemed worthy are led by the hand. Those not deemed worthy are put into the Minotaur’s maze where, continuously dazed and deeply confused, they wander till the end of their days.

As should be quite clear, in the old energy, this card represents esoteric secrets, and also the subterfuge, dissembly, and lie that keep the secrets. It should be noted however, this card also presents an excuse for all the lying. You shouldn’t feel bad for the actions you undertake while grasping at the privilege you pursue. The initiation of the privileged and the exclusion of the masses is a necessary thing we must do.

There’s no need to feel guilt at the pain and the suffering you cause. They are not quite human. They

are inferior detritus. They can't handle the truth. Actually, by setting them in a maze and keeping them from the truth, you are performing a service to humanity.

It is not about hiding exploitation and rape.

It is not about protecting inequality and privilege.

It is not about personal enrichment.

The people, the masses, are “sheeple,” and all this is for their own protection. Give them access to the esoteric truths, give them pathways into power, and they would only destroy themselves, or others, in their violent, apelike, way.³⁴ No need to feel bad. Set the lamp high, be without guilt, and “do what thou wilt” you would do.

There is not much more to say about this card, except perhaps to note that, as suggested by the name hermit, this one is hidden away, high above the chaotic swirl down below. The hermit stands at the top of a mountain. The message should be clear. In the old energy, *the light of truth is external*, and if you want it you have to make the hard climb.

The *Book of Slavery* entry provides an elaboration of the basic ideas. Access to truth is a struggle, and in the end it is only for the chosen few. The poetry also reminds you of the old energy message that whatever struggle and strife you might endure while you are searching for the truth, ultimately it is a fair deal. After

³⁴ Recall the imagery of the Golden Dawn Wheel card here. Also, watch the *Sphere* movie, with Dustin Hoffman. It perfectly reflects the old energy hermit ideologies being discussed here. See this thread on the LP forums <https://is.gd/thesphere>

all, you deserve it. Don't be bitter. Don't be angry. Don't complain. Instead, be *grateful* for the tidbits and scraps. After all, it could always be so much worse.

The *Book of Power* entry provides the same elaboration, but with a recognizable twist. You are special and worthy, and you deserve more. Of course, power and privilege always comes at a cost, and the cost is the freedom of your soul. But don't feel bad about that. Just kneel, submit to your master, and be happy you're not one of them.

Getting into the new energy

Of course, in the new energies the message is transformed. In the new energies rather than accessing the truth through someone esoterically situated hermit, you access the truth from your Self. In new energy you hold the light in your own hands. As you descend down through the vibratory levels of creation, it is you that brings truth and light. In other words, in the new energies, if you want the truth, you don't go to gurus, priests, prophets, card readers, hierophants, or Hermits. In the new energies, you learn from the Self within.

Also understand, in the new energy, exclusions do not apply. The truth is accessible to everybody, regardless of worth, deed, or past action. No spiritual principle, no spiritual thing, no authentically connected teacher, keeps anyone from finding the truth. We all carry light and wisdom inside. To access, claim your birth right and heal, awaken, activate, and ascend.

To be clear, in new energies we do not prop up our own power and privilege by excluding others, and we do not justify venal games of power and profit with esoteric dissembly and lie. In the new energies we put the truth

out there for all to witness and see. Nothing is hidden or obscured, and access is open and free.

Of course, it should be said, going inside to connect with Self, and putting the Truth “out there” often comes with trial and tribulation. It may not be a climb up a mountain, but it can be a challenge all the same. Many truths that must be seen are not pleasant to see, and many uncomfortable things about ourselves we must face before the power and glory shines through. Things will get easier soon. Until then, some depth breaths, a little **strength**, and a whole lot of courage will help you to see your way through.

Dismissal

- As children of divinity, we should have been raised to be grounded in reality, to align and express Self, and to speak the **Truth** at all times. In reality however, we have been taught to be silent and to repress, to obscure the realities of violence and abuse in our lives and in the lives of others (keep it silent and “in the family”). As the lightworker archetype reminds us, this is unacceptable. In order to move forward, you need to fully embrace the light, overcome old energy repressions and fantasy self-delusions, and learn to see (and express) the truth of your reality, no matter how unpleasant it may be. See the truth of your reality. If, upon seeing that truth, you need professional help to deal with it, get that.
- Secrets, lies, subterfuge, esoteric obfuscation, secret “boys only” meetings, and encouragements to silence are used to dominate, indoctrinate, and control. Here’s the nub of it. Putting you into contact with the hermit on the hill, separating you emotionally from your family (assuming your family

is healthy and provides the emotional/psychological supports they should) makes you *easier* to manipulate. It removes your natural emotional supports, weakens you emotionally and psychologically, and makes you amenable to influence and control. In your intimate life, with your family, there can be no secrets. To function as a healthy family unit, understand the role of the family and learn to be open and honest. If you are keeping secrets, esoteric or otherwise, especially from your partner, something is wrong. Reverse direction and start practicing honesty now.

- As noted in group study question 2 below, in the old energy, violence is often used to suppress the truth and your Light (i.e. self). Identify sources of physical, emotional, psychological, or spiritual violence in your life and move away from them, physically if you need to. You can't expect to make progress towards full and aligned expression of Self, of the kind represented by the Lightworker while subjected to ongoing violence and victimization. Make no compromises here. Either an individual stops treating you badly, or they stop being a part of your life.

Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry for this card is a powerful invocation, and warning, so that you might awaken and quickly see the truth, so clearly represented in the iconic imagery of this card. Remember, ultimately we are all emanations/refractions/expressions of our own highest Self. No social, political, economic, spiritual, or moral factors can blot out this truth. The message of the key should be clear. Only fear and the acceptance of duality block the Lightworker in you. To easily clear the

blockage, realize, even “Satan” is God deep inside. It is just a question of clearing the gunk so that the light of your highest Self can shine through.

Group study questions

1. The message of the old energy fool in school constellation is that you are unworthy and weak. This message is reinforced in the hermit who, being at the top of a mountain, implies a climb that only the strong can endure. It is hogwash, of course. Accessing the truth, accessing your highest self, does not require arduous struggle or a challenging climb to the foot of some misguided hermit, it simply requires you to open and accept your own light. *Examine your own thought patterns.* Identify self-defeating, self-deprecating, thoughts, especially those of spiritual nature which encourage you to diminish and disconnect from your own light. Write these down and share with the group. Notice any patterns emerge?
2. While we are still surrounded by people in the old energy, at work, at home, etc., it can be dangerous to be open and honest. The reality is, in old energies, the light (i.e. truth) is often met with censure, violence, and reprisal. Spend a few moments thinking about the status of truth in your life. When you try to express/speak truth, is violence the result? If so, what kind of violence is it? Write your observations down and share with the group. What are you going to do to stop/get away from the violence?
3. One of the most important messages of the Lightworker card is that no matter how deep down into the dark we may fall, we are all emanations of the Divine Highest Self. Yet, we never hear this root truth. Instead, in the old energy, emperors,

empresses, hierophants, and hermits teach judgment, inequality, privilege for a few, and exclusion. Only the very best get to graduate into heaven, or so we are constantly told. Spend a few moments considering the ideas and excuses you use to exclude others. Are they stupid? Are they unworthy? Are they primitive? Are they bad? Are they the wrong skin color? Share your observations with the group. Move beyond these dualities and, as depicted in the Lightworker archetype, see everyone for what they are, expression/refractions/emanations of a Divine and beautiful Light.

World (formerly Wheel)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** card. In the new energy, this archetype shows you this world and the Great Work that we undertake, which is that of evolving a planet to connection.

In the old energy, this card represents the old energy System and the chronic justifications, excuses, lies, and violence that maintain it and prop it all up. In the old energy, this is the root of all suffering.

Old Energy

Despite all the best old energy attempts to pretty this up, this is a very ugly card. This old energy archetype is *excuse*, *justification*, and *enablement* for the robbery, torture, murder, war, and rape common on an old energy world. This archetype conveys the message that bad things happen for a reason. The specific reasons for the bad things vary, depending on the particular old world dogma you are indoctrinated into. Sometimes you are told you deserve it. Sometimes you are told it is part of your “divine lesson plan” (fool in school). Sometimes you are told it is just your fate. Sometimes you are told it is the inexorable turning of the cosmic karmic wheel. Sometimes you are told it is because it tempers you and makes you strong. Whatever the reason is doesn’t matter. You should trust the turning cosmic wheel. Put up, shut up, and accept.

Interestingly enough, the reverse excuse also applies here. Just like bad things happen for a reason, “good things” happen for a reason as well. If you are rich, if you are powerful, enablers keep reminding you that you deserve it, or that it is your role to play, or that you are better or stronger than the rest, or that you are part of

the chosen few. In the old energy, it basically comes down to this: The rich deserve to be rich and the poor deserve to be poor. It is a divine dispensation. It is a karmic congratulations. It is because the rich are nature's silver seed. You may not understand the specifics, but don't complain because it all happens for a reason.

I have to say, this archetype is a particularly pernicious and ugly one. With this old energy archetype embedded in the consciousness of this planet, everything from pedophilia to genocide becomes *excusable* as part of the divine, cosmic, or Darwinian plan.

The archetype here is easy enough to understand once you have wrapped your head around it. The thing to remember is how profoundly **disempowering** and **disconnecting** the ideas represented here are. Once you accept the old energy excuse, everything from cancer to imperialist war can be *justified and excused* by reference to "the wheel of life," "karma," or "God's will" or "nature's way." Once you accept the excuse, *you are under no obligation to do anything about it* and you can passively sit back and do nothing. If you are rich you can go on being rich with a clear conscience. If you are poor, then you can accept "your lot" without thinking too much about it.

Just in case you have any doubt of the true meaning of the old energy Wheel card, the *Book of Slavery* entry conveys the old energy message like a forceful punch to the gut. Moving forward it is important to see/embrace the full Truth. Do not turn away. To transform the world you have to see it for what it is.

The *Book of Power* entry provides the same energetic oomph as the Book of Slavery entry, with the additional warning to those with power to always stay tightly in line.

Getting into the new energy

The old energy Wheel energies are powerful and difficult to snap out of, especially if you're one of the rich/loyal/silent ones. Be that as it may, when you finally get to this point, sloughing off the old energies is as easy as pie, if you follow the recipe. Remember, you are a **joyful** and **powerful master** incarnated on this Earth to manifest the Divine Plan by completing the Great Work and graduating the planet. At the exact moment when you are needed you will, without any consideration at all beyond your service to The Plan, awaken, activate, connect, and begin to clean up the mess. Join with all those who are ready and end oppression, poverty, injustice, and war.

Dismissal

- The key to understanding the old energy version of this card are the words *justification* and *excuse*. In the old energy, this card provides justification and excuse for suffering, inequality, exploitation, poverty, greed, violence, and war. Therefore, watch out for justifications and excuses in your own life. Do you believe karma brings karmic justice? Do you justify and excuse exploitation, violence, privilege, and inequality? Do others around you? Remember, poverty isn't the result of personal failures. Toxicity and violence do not make you stronger. There is nothing salutatory about suffering and pain. Spirit does not expect you to be bound to The Wheel. God never requires submission to authority. In the new energy, reject all excuses and

justifications and instead embrace your true purpose and God's glorious plan, which is to uplift and connect all of creation.

- Justification and excuse are not the only problems of the old energy Wheel. Watch out for lies and deception, especially self-deception. Don't look at the world with naivety and self-delusion. Don't pretend the world is a better place than it really is. Don't pretend your life is something it is not. In order for awakening, activation, and graduation to occur, the world as it is must change. In order for the world as it is to change, we must face the truth about it at all levels. If you ignore the suffering and toxicity that surrounds you, if you pretend the world is something that it is not, there is no motivation for change. Face the hard truths of your life, and share with others. Then, do what you need to do and change what you need to change.
- When properly developed and connected, we do not operate as an individual on this world. When properly educated and aligned, we take responsibility for our lives, our families, our workplaces, and this world. Examine the responsibilities in your life and take responsibility. Take responsibility for all the good things you have done. Take responsibility for all the bad things you have done. Don't worry about judgment and punishment; in the new energies, judgment and punishment are not things. Don't be afraid to share; in the new energies, sharing empowers us all. Acknowledge what you have done, atone in equal measure, and move on.

Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry for this card is an attempt to get directly past all the ugliness of the old energy archetype, and it is ugly. From the bald-faced justification of power and privilege, to the incessant lies and excuse used to justify the System, to all the unnecessary suffering and pain that has been the result of eons of System operation, the old energy archetype represents a horrible reality. The **Book of Keys** is an admonishment to move past that by simply accepting the divinity and love that is inside. In other words, forgive, let go, and embrace new energy archetypes so we can quickly create a new energy world.

Of course, this is not to say that we need to enable ongoing suppression, violence, and exploitation. In fact, exactly the opposite is true. We need to *awaken* and **accept the truth**. Once we have seen the truth, we need to *activate* and **take action** to change. The **Book of Keys** facilitates transition to the new energy world archetype, and through the adoption of this archetype (and all the others in the TOSAS) in mind, the creation of a new energy world. In this regard, consider the iconic imagery of the new energy World. Take note. In the new energies, we do not work as individuals intent on greedy exploitation of each other, we work together as a global family to awaken, activate, ascend, and graduate the plant.

Awaken and accept the new energies;

Activate and take action to transform this world.

Ascend and connect to your Highest Self.

Graduate and then celebrate the Divine World.

Group study questions

1. The new energy card is all about the Great Work, which is the work of uplifting all things. Look at your current life situation. Are there actions, people, and things in your life that need uplifting and fixing? Do you need to release anger and forgive? Do you need to create boundaries to protect? Do you need to apologize and atone? Do you (and by “you” I mean the rich, and their corporations) need to pay your fair share of taxes? Do you need to pay your employees a living wage? Do you need to make your workplace safer and more interesting? Do you need to treat people better? Do you need to give more attention to your kids? Do you need to change some laws? Make a list of the things you need to change. Write it down to remember it if you need to. Share it with the group.
2. No doubt, the list you come up with can be quite overwhelming, and might even seem impossible. That is because you are limited by past “old energy” experiences, where change and transformation have been painful and slow. Remember, however, you’re not the only person waking up. As more and more people awaken, resistance to transformation will gradually fall away. Eventually, even difficult transformations will be easy. With this in mind, look at your list and prioritize. What changes can be accomplished in your life, at work, and at the top, now? What will have to wait a few years more? Remember, the new energy World card shows people at work. There are no bystanders in this end-of-cycle process of

graduation. *Share your top priorities with the group.*

3. Facing the reality of the old energy world and how toxic and violent it is, and has always been, can cause anxiety, stress, and fear. When you see the truths that surround you, you are wise to be anxious and stressed. Anxiety and stress identify areas of concern which require attention. If you do feel anxiety and stress, practice breathing, meditation, and mindfulness. If legal in your area, CBD Cannabis oils and strains are quite helpful in this regard. Once you are calm, identify the source of the anxiety/stress. Is it world events? Is it challenging issues in your family? Are you feeling overwhelmed? Are you experience resistance from those that surround. Right the sources down and share with the group. Strategize ways to address and transform.

Alignment (formerly Justice)

In the new energy, this is an **activation** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype teaches the importance of aligning your body's thoughts, environment, and actions with your Highest Self.

In the old energy, this card is **justice**. In the old energy, this is part of the archetypal constellation **judge and punish** constellation. It represents the idea of karma, punishment, reward, and "justice."

Old Energy

In the old energy, this card represents the notion of cosmic/karmic/divine justice, and the idea that you should passively accept whatever "is" as something natural, inevitable, chosen by God, or as something you deserve. The excuses used vary. The world evolved naturally to where it is. God makes the world as is for a reason. God/the Universe is just and fair and so you should accept the world as it exists. If bad things happen, it is because of something you did, perhaps in a past life. Karma is a bitch. What goes around comes around and what comes around is always *just, fair, and right*.

It is the way the universe works.

If you are poor, you deserve it. If you suffer, you deserve it. If you are rich, you deserve it. If you got cancer, you deserve it. If something bad happens, you deserve it. "It's all good," as the plebeians say. It is all right, proper, and guaranteed to be fair in the long run because of the inexorable working out of karma and cosmic justice.

As you can see, the old energy idea of karma and justice justifies the status quo, and that should be pretty clear in this card. Cosmic justice keeps it all balanced and fair, so the thinking goes, and so we the people should put up and shut up'. There is, however, a deeper idea, or a deeper outcome, of this card that has to be considered and that outcome is *exclusion*. Part of the process of judgment is a process of judgment, of proving yourself worthy, and of passing tests. The ultimate expression of this idea of exclusion for underperforming to standards, and *not passing judgment* is, of course, the Christian idea of hell for the sinners, but the idea works out in other areas as well. Everything from high school cliques (where adolescents practice the dark art of excluding the unworthy) to secret brotherhoods to adult social groups do it.

The old world is based on a "justice applied" exclusion of people deemed unworthy. You don't get into the "club," you don't gain power and prosperity, because you don't deserve it for some contrived reason of cosmic/karmic/divine justice. No sense in complaining. Simply accept the world as it is.

Getting into the new energy

Of course, in the new energy, we reject the idea of judgment, justice, and punishment and instead emphasize the ideas of **alignment** and responsibility for all life. The truth is, there is no principle of justice that condemns the "sinful" and ensures punishment and exclusion of the unworthy. Old energy ideas simply justify old energy power and privilege. The truth is, you cannot have rich except in relation to poor, and you cannot have power except in relation to powerlessness. In the old energy, it is the imposition of this archetype in **bodily consciousness** that sets the stage for the

System as it is. It is the acceptance of this idea in consciousness, the acceptance of his notion that there is a cosmic/karmic/Divine justice, that allows The System to continue as is. Why change anything if it's all working properly as is?

To get into the new energies you must put aside old energy notions of justice and punishment, and any and all notions that this world is OK as it is. This world is not OK as it is. Your life is not OK as it is. To move forward towards **alignment** and **connection**, immediate transformation and change are required.

Don't allow yourself to be hobbled by guilt, shame, and negativity. The truth is, we have all done things we are ashamed of, we are all guilty of "**sin**" (i.e. unaligned action), and we all have things to atone and make reparation for. However, there is nothing to be afraid of and no hurt will come of the process. There is no judgment and no punishment that follows upon your acknowledgment and admission. You will not "go to hell" no matter what you have done.

However, standing in this moment understand, it is not business as usual. To move forward into the new energies, you must change your ideas, attitudes, and actions. Specifically, you must learn to align the thoughts and actions of your **physical unit** with your own Highest Self. Since your Highest Self is a being of love, compassion, bliss, and awareness, strive to think and act with love, compassion, bliss, and awareness at all times. Do not hide from the truth. Do not close your eyes to reality. Do not succumb to fear. Do not act with hatred. Do not accept judgment and punishment. Instead, heal, awaken, activate, and connect so that you can be who you truly are.

Dismissal

- The core of this old energy card is exclusion, but with a justifiable reason, or so you are told. You don't get into the private clubs, you don't get to be rich, you don't get into the popular social cliques, and you don't get to go where you want to go, because you don't deserve it for some reason. In this context, watch out for ideas that you “don't deserve” certain things, like food, water, shelter, life, liberty, and love. The planet is capable of providing for all, and everybody on this planet deserves these things.
- In addition to watching for ideas that justify exclusion, also watch your feelings. Your own feelings prevent you from claiming things (prosperity, equality, truth, justice, etc.) that are rightfully yours. Bad feelings and doubt are often invoked as you approach status quo *boundaries*, or when you are excluded or denied certain things (like food, shelter, love, attention). Your initial reaction to exclusion may have been anger and resentment, but you are taught to suppress and internalize anger and replace it with self-judgment, self-doubt, and self-condemnation kick in. Watch for this. Reject the diminishment of self and others that occur and claim the things that are rightfully yours.
- It is not fair to exclude you from prosperity, power, and the things that, as a spark of divine consciousness, are your right. Similarly, it is not right for you to exclude others. Therefore, do not apply judgment and exclusion to others. Instead, teach alignment and compassion. You don't have to let violent, sick, people into your life, but you shouldn't judge them as “not worthy.” The goal is healing and connection of everyone, not only of

chosen few. When you see “evil,” sickness, hatred, anger, and dysfunction, think healing and connection and not justice, judgment, and damnation.

- Watch for disempowerment and self-deception. Judgment and exclusion require suppression and deactivation of the solar chakra (the power center or will, and your body's ability to perceive reality) and your third eye (your perceptive centers). Exclusion requires that you give away your power (otherwise you put energy into removing exclusions) and that you pretend the exclusion is something different than it really is (i.e. it is not exclusion to “go to hell,” it is punishment for your bad behavior). Pay attention to those times when you give away your power or construct a fantasy that allows you to accept a situation that is otherwise unacceptable.
- Note, a lot of negative outcomes surround the practices supported by old energy ideas of justice. Hurt feelings may abound in you and in those around you. These feelings have to be processed, healed, and cleared before you can move on. In order to process, heal, and clear, practice responsibility, accountability, and atonement. Practice being warm and welcoming, not exclusive and isolated. Don't open yourself up to shit and abuse, but do draw appropriate boundaries, and do be open and accepting. The System ends when excuse, justification, and exclusion end. Also practice seeing the hurt you inflicted on others. Practice seeing hurt inflicted on you (particularly important if you tend to downplay or ignore or find ways to take the blame).

The Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry emphasizes the rejection of the underlying ideas and emotions that support exclusion, inequality, and the old energy status quo. The Book of Keys also encourages you to align one hundred percent with the love and compassion of Consciousness/God. Therefore, realize the truth. Reject shame, guilt, and threats of punishment and damnation. Reject notions of judgment and punishment. Instead, stand up, align with your Highest Self, empower, and transform the world.

Group study questions

1. Chances are that in the past you have been excluded from something you wanted to be a part of. Think about those times. How did it make you feel to be excluded? What sorts of ideas or behaviors did you use to justify the exclusion to yourself and to make yourself feel better about the exclusion? Share with the group.
2. Are you a member of any private social grouping (old boys network, girls club, teenage social cliques, etc.)? Did you practice the dark arts of exclusion? If so, what tools do you use to accomplish this exclusion. What ideas do you rehearse? What emotions do you suppress? What lies do you tell so you can justify and excuse your callous and exclusionary actions? Gather up the courage and share with the group. Don't be ashamed. Don't feel guilty. Simply make a commitment to change. We move forward much faster when we share.
3. Put yourself in the shoes of another person. Think about a person or group you have excluded in the past. Think about the impact of this exclusion on their life, their family, and their mental wellbeing.

How do you think the exclusion made them feel?
What damage might it have done to their psyche
and their life? Do you feel empathy for the people
you have hurt? If not, your heart (chakra) is tightly
closed. Visualize its reactivation and practice love
and compassion.

Sacrifice (formerly Hanged Man)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype teaches you of the significance and depth of the sacrifice you make when you incarnate to undertake the **Great Work**.

In the old energy, this card is a **Fool in School** card. In the old energy this card provides excuses and justification for all the bad things that happen in your life, and on this world.

Old Energy

In both the old and new energy, the basic idea in this archetype is the idea of sacrifice. This archetype reminds us that there is a sacrifice we make when we incarnate on this Earth.

This is certainly true. Incarnating on this Earth does require sacrifice. There can be no arguing this. The difference between the old energy and the new energy version of this archetype is how the idea of sacrifice is conceptualized, and what the sacrifice is all about. In the old energy, the archetype of sacrifice is profaned, debased, and turned into justification. In the old energy the message is that our “sacrifice” (i.e., the pain and suffering we go through on this earth) has some sort of deeper meaning. In the old energy, we are taught to accept “whatever comes our way” on the grounds that pain and suffering are good for us in some way. It is God's will. It is nature's way. We are “tempered” by the pain of our incarnation or “strengthened” by Darwinian selection. We achieve enlightenment by accepting what is no matter how horrible it may be. By submitting to The System, by “paying our dues,” by working hard, by

accepting the sacrifice, we move forward towards some lofty goal.

The problem with all this is that this is all an excuse for pain, suffering, and exploitation. The notion of sacrifice encourages passive acceptance. When you look at the world and see meaning in the horrible pain and suffering life endures, when you look at the world and see divine providence or evolutionary purpose in the bad things that happen, there is no need to transform or change things. Instead, you accept and perhaps even rejoice because the suffering and pain you endure makes you who you are.

The message of the old energy sacrifice should be crystal clear. Put up, shut up, and with a smile accept whatever life throws your way because, in the end, no matter how painful it might be, no matter how much damage occurs, it is all part of some divine/cosmic plan.

The *Book of Slavery* entry for this archetype reiterates, briefly, the basic message. Advancement comes through pain, suffering, and hard work in the “pits” of ancient slave servitude, or constrained cubicle labour.

The *Book of Power* entry for this card reiterates the same message, but with the additional guidance to kneel before the altar, submit to the powers that be, and pledge your loyalty. Power and privilege over others will be your reward.

Getting into the new energy

In the new energy, the idea of sacrifice is still present, but the idea changes. No longer is it about unnecessary pain and suffering or putting up with shit and abuse because it is all “part of the plan.” In the new energies, this is the sacrifice of disconnection from our own

Highest Self, a disconnection that we experience while incarnated during Stage Two of a planet's evolutionary cycle.³⁵ As explained in the *Book of Life: Ascension and the Divine World Order*, this disconnection from Highest Self is necessary in order to accomplish the Great Work.

In the new energy, in addition to the sacrifice of disconnection, there is also the sacrifice of working hard and giving things up in order to attain a prized goal. Just as we work hard to build a home, just as we sacrifice to successfully raise our children, so too we sacrifice as we work on the plan. We put on The Blindfold and work in duality in order to evolve the planet, accomplish ascension, graduate, and achieve **integration**.

That is all there is to it. In the new energies, we sacrifice, but this is not the suffering caused by exploitation, disregard, and abuse, this is the sacrifice of disconnection and hard work; beyond that, there is no deeper, karmic, or pedagogical meaning. The pain and suffering we endure is not part of our "lesson plan." We are not being punished for sins, real or contrived. It all comes down to a willing sacrifice you make so you can participate in the Great Work and be here, on the planet, for the final celebratory convocation.

Dismissal

- Although the ideology represented in this card can vary, once you get the basic ideas, these are not that hard to pin down. Just watch for corruption of the idea of sacrifice and its conversion to a justification/excuse for suffering. Never make an

³⁵ https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Evolutionary_Theory.

excuse for suffering and pain. Don't justify violence, abuse, and exploitation, because there is no excuse. Common ideas to watch out for here include suffering makes us stronger, suffering is god's will, suffering tempers us in the fires, suffering is karmic, suffering is a lubricant for enlightenment, etc.

- The nefarious horror of The System is that we internalize its old energy archetypes. When internalized, our own emotions, specifically guilt and shame, repress us and keep us blocked down. To overcome, watch out for guilt and shame especially as it relates to feeling that you someone deserve what you get. No matter what anybody tells you, you don't deserve to be punished. Just because you have done something wrong, doesn't mean you deserve to be abused, incarcerated, and tortured. On an integrated world operating under a **Divine World Order**,³⁶ all you have to do is acknowledge, atone, and move on.
- Besides guilt and shame, another way we put ourselves down is through self-doubt. The System seeds and reinforces self-doubt. We don't act, we don't grow, we don't actualize, we don't transcend, and we don't connect, because we feel we don't deserve it, that we aren't worthy to advance. Once again, none of this is true. Worth and "talent" do not figure in. To find your shining light, to find the talent within, simply clear away blockages, then align with and express your Highest Self. You don't need somebody's permission. You do not need a divine dispensation. All you need is the confidence to take the first step and the will and discipline to

³⁶ A Divine World Order is a world order characterized by high CQ amongst a sizeable majority of the population, with work underway to heal and connect all beings. For more, see https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Divine_World_Order.

see it through to full and final connection.

In this regard, watch out for feelings that you are not worthy or good enough. Watch out for ideas that invoke these feelings (i.e. ideas of karma, punishment, sin, etc.) and watch out for the feelings that prevent you from accessing your Self. Dismiss these ideas and reprogram your feelings. Surround yourself with those who provide authentic support for You. When you are feeling small and unworthy, take deep breaths and perform the Great Invocation.³⁷ The Great Invocation is an awakening, activation, connection, and graduation visualization. Practice it as part of your daily spiritual routines. Use it whenever you are feeling suppressed, depressed, and oppressed.

- It might seem counter-intuitive at this point, but this archetype really does a number on the third eye chakra. A lot of twisted perception, repression, and just plain self-deception has to occur before we can successfully justify the suffering and violence caused by the System as a necessary sacrifice. A good form of practice here is thus to practice seeing reality. Watch the lives in your life carefully. Notice how being hurt doesn't make them stronger, it hurts them. Notice the defense mechanisms they employ to reduce the pain of exclusion. Notice how they make the experience of pain and suffering into something more than it actually is (i.e. as something meaningful, something good for them, etc.). In this context, you can also practicing seeing the reality of your own pain and hurt. Understand there is nothing noble, spiritual, enlightened, or Darwinian

³⁷ https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Great_Invocation.

about pain, suffering, and being hurt. The clear way forward here is simple. Face it, reject it, heal from it, and don't allow it to happen to you again.

The Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry for this card helps you face the truth of your sacrifice. It also helps you acknowledge the depth of your suffering; but, it also reminds you that it was your choice to incarnate and help accomplish the Great Work. You knew it would be hard work and sacrifice before you came in. Nevertheless, you chose incarnate because you knew the potential and you wanted to be here for the celebratory convocation (i.e. **graduation**). Now, that time has come. Now, there is no need to sacrifice connection. Now, as best you can, let go of everything that has happened in the past. Stand up. Move forward. Heal and connect with your own Highest Self.

Group study questions

1. Ideas represented in this card are straightforward. The complexity comes in doctrinal variations. Think about your own archetypal indoctrination, be that Catholic, or Buddhist, or Darwinian. Do you find the old energies of sacrifice represented there, i.e. the justification of pain and suffering, the encouragement to passively accept, some variation of the belief that “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger?” If so, spend a few moments writing them down. When you are done, share your answers with your group.
2. Working with this card can trigger deep feelings of shame, unworthiness, guilt, and even fear. The idea that we can throw off our chains, heal our self so we can connect with our Highest Self is appealing, but

when we think about this idea we often invoke emotional blockages implanted to prevent it. When you work with this card, when you work with any of these cards, pay attention to any negative emotions that you feel. Make a note of them and share these feeling with the group. Where do you think these feelings come from? That is, how did they get into your body? Discuss with others.

3. The idea that pain, suffering, sacrifice, submission, and diminishment are all unnecessary can be a hard pill to swallow, especially since we are taught from day one that pain, suffering, and sacrifice help us grow, mature, and develop. As a consequence of the deep indoctrination, we resist. We doubt that it is true or we make excuses so we don't have to change. If you experience this resistance, pay attention to it and write it down. Share our resistances and excuses with the group.

Initiation (formerly Death)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype teaches you of the struggle out of darkness, confusion, and indoctrination that is part of the awakening process.

In the old energy, this is a **Fool in School** archetype. In the old energy, this is the idea that in order to advance, enlighten, and transform, you must destroy, suppress, or otherwise subvert some aspect of self and Self.

Old Energy

In the old and new energy, the basic idea of this archetype is an initiation, action taken or insight gained that allows you to take another step forward. In the old energy, this movement is the movement from one level to another, the movement from an outer circle to an inner one, a move up the chain of command, a step higher on the ladder of power and authority. In the old energy, the thing you do is the mutilation and amputation of self and Self, often symbolized in some ritual undertaking. If you are going to be a member of the club, you must profess undying loyalty and submit to the rules and regulations. If you are going to be a member of the club, you must make a sacrifice of Self, self, and soul. No sense in pretending this is not so. No point in fond reminiscence of freedom. No need for maudlin sentiment and nostalgia. To gain power and authority, you must hang your old self on the sacrificial tree and prove yourself a loyal link in the ancient chain of power and command. In the old energy, initiation underlines this “forward” movement.

Of course, this initiation is not for everyone. Not everybody can be a member of the .01 percent. To

restrict access, membership is by birth, or by invitation. The masses find their initiatory pathways blocked by fear, hatred, and self-doubt. Deep spiritual terror and self-doubt are seeded by old energy religions that pander ideologies of diminishment and fear.

Note, fear and diminishment serve a double role. They block you from demanding entry into the private club, and they block your way inward towards truth, self-knowledge, and divinity. We fear demons and devils. We fear God and consciousness. We fear judgment and damnation. We fear that which we do not understand. We fear unworthiness and death. We are immobilized and impotent in the face of our confusion and fear, and we die filled with it.

The worst thing about this is that even though we are confused and indoctrinated from birth, we are blamed for our fear. Failure to deal with fear, succumbing to hatred and self-doubt, is read as a failure of evolution, genetics, or strength. It is not the indoctrination of Church and state that is the cause; it is our genetic/moral/spiritual weakness that keeps us in our chains. Only God's chosen overcome fear and move forward. Only the strong face demons and survive. Those who pass fear and enter into the temples of power and privilege smugly pat themselves on the back as strong, chosen, winners. Those on the outside are failures – weak sheeple who cannot handle the truth.

The *Book of Slavery* entry for this card provides a summary of the ideas, diminishments, and fears that are seeded and subsequently invoked to prevent access and thwart initiation. Fear of death, fear of judgment, lack of self-worth, deeply seeded self-doubt, and the underlying bullshit narrative that “only the chosen few”

deserve power and reward keep us chained to the slaver's block.

The *Book of Power* invokes the same fears and diminishments, but with supportive words and rituals necessary to ensure successful initiation. Despite propaganda to the contrary, they do not do it alone. Initiation and entry into the club are always accompanied by psychological and emotional control rituals which shape and support initial "breakthroughs" while constantly reinforce submission, loyalty, and subversion/sacrifice of s/Self. Pretensions of superior strength and worth are self-delusions designed to obscure the real truth. For privilege, power, and wealth, you have sacrificed Self and sold your immortal soul.

Getting into the new energy

It is all a load of nonsense, of course. Fear is imposed on us by priests who speak of hell and damnation, by Brahmins who speak of karma and lower birth, and (in our modern times) by **Agents of Consciousness** working for the Babylonian machine. We are not born in fear or with "original sin," we are born pure, loving, and trusting. Fear, diminishment, and confusion are imposed specifically to immobilize and disempower. Fear, diminishment, and confusion are simply bricks in the walls of wealth and power, and putrid excuses for privilege and exclusion.

Thus, the new energy archetype **sacrifice** does not participate in all the ugly nonsense of fear, diminishment, and exclusion. In the new energy archetype, the idea is still of initiation, and there is a recognition that initiations may be powerful, disorienting, and challenging, especially at the beginning, but there are no fears, diminishments, or

threats involved. In the energy, we do not hide behind closed doors, excluding the unworthy from the temples.

In the new energy, initiation is a global awakening and empowerment, an individual and collective step forward on the journey home to awareness and divinity that everyone is invited to take. In the new energy, initiation is a breakthrough that leads to further forward movement. The breakthrough could be a profound realization, a dramatic empowerment, or a subtle materialization. The key is that we climb higher as a result.

Each step up the ladder we take, each activation we go through, each chakra we unblock, each fear and issue we resolve, takes us further up and out of the valley of the shadow of death and confusion, farther away from impotence and unawareness, and closer towards fuller expression of the love, divinity, and power that is our true self and incarnated birthright.

Dismissal

- Like a lot of old energy archetypes, **self-doubt**, and **diminishment** form the foundation of enslavement and control. These also prevent initiation. Therefore, watch out for veiled (or not so veiled) threats about punishment, damnation, karma, rebirth, and so on. Watch out for suggestions of violence, especially in regards to failure. Watch out for thoughts and ideas that encourage you to diminish yourself. The universe is a universe of love, compassion, and inclusion, and you are a being of joyful light and power. God/consciousness/spirit does not threaten or punish. God/consciousness/spirit facilitates and supports.

- In the old energy, initiations are conducted in controlled settings, behind closed doors. This allows easy misuse and corruption. Therefore, watch out for barriers and exclusions designed to maintain privacy and secrecy. Exclusions and secrecy allow for corruption, justification, excuse, exploitation, and misuse. Exclusions and secrecy support the old energy system of hierarchy and privilege, and therefore should be avoided at all costs. Openness and transparency are the new spiritual/esoteric norms. Always find a way to be inclusive.
- In the old energy, **fear and hatred** are exploited in order to corrupt (in the case of the Book of Power) and divert (in the case of the Book of Slavery) the initiation process. Identifying, processing, and releasing fear and hate are thus a key aspect of the initiation process. Sometimes this may be as simple as identifying a fear and releasing it; however, at other times the process will require persistence, courage, will, and real-world transformation. Moving forward, pay close attention to your fears and hatred, both big and small. Identify them, write them down, analyze them, and take action to process and release, or transform and change as required. Be sensible. If there is a hungry lion staring you down, the solution isn't to breathe deep and release fear, the solution is to run away from the hungry and dangerous beast. However, if the fear is irrational and unfounded, perhaps stoked by paranoid theorists hoping to fill you with fear, process, release and reject it. Remember, there is no punishment, judgment, or damnation; everyone is welcome in the end. Simply learn to live life without harming others.

The Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry for Initiation is a simple **Triumph Mantra**. It is designed to remind you, and help you remind yourself, that despite the current chaos and confusion, and despite the apparent retrograde motion, healing and connection (i.e., getting back to the “sun” of your own higher Consciousness) of the planet will inevitably proceed, not over several generations, but in the short term. As the entry suggests, “we are one and we have won.” It’s really just a matter of time now.

Read and repeat the triumph mantra whenever you are feeling down, disempowered, fearful, and depressed. Open yourself to the truth of victory. Feel the power flow.

Group study questions

1. Think about your current life scenarios. Are there people or situations in your life where fear and threat are issues? Reflect on these situations for a few moments and write your reflections down. How do these situations *oppress* you? How do they prevent you from speaking the truth? How do they prevent action? How do they prevent your love from flowing? What strategies can you come up with, and what actions can you take, to alter these life spaces so that fear and threat are no longer issues?
2. Spend a few days focussing on fears and hatred. Be mindful of any fears or hatred that impinge on the fabric of your awareness. Write these down. Pay particular attention to triggers that invoke these fears, like the television, social media contacts, specific content producers (authors, personalities, etc.).

3. Doctrines and ideologies that spread fear, anger, and hatred (e.g. religions that teach old energy archetypes of punishment and damnation) make initiation a difficult thing. Old energy archetypes corrupt realization and shape actions in ways that invoke fear, anxiety, and hatred, and that undermine your healing and connection activities. Think back and try to identify past initiatory experiences where fear, hatred, and self-diminishment were invoked. I share one in LP Workbook Two. Write one or two of the most powerful of these experiences down. Did you successfully clear fears and hatred, or did you succumb, and were you “shutdown?” If you experienced a shutdown, don’t worry about it. The climb out of darkness is an iterative, repetitive, trial and error process. You only fail if you stop trying. With that in mind, what can you do to increase your chances of success next time around?

Emancipation (formerly The Devil)

In the new energy, this is an **activation** archetype. In the new energy, this archetype demonstrates the emancipation of mind and body on its way towards reconnection to Consciousness.

In the old energy, this is a fool in school archetype. In the old energy, this archetype represents the harsh realities of an old energy planet, which are bondage and slavery to the System.

Old Energy

The message of the old energy archetype, the devil card, is clear and requires very little elaboration. In the old energy, Adam and Eve, man and women, are enslaved. In the old energy men and women are bound and chained to a cold block of stone which represents the material world and the System that keeps us all bound. In the old energy, there is even a warden in place. In the old energy, the enslaved humans are guarded by the Devil, a figure symbolic of The System, its agents, and the harsh strategies used to ensure ongoing enslavement and control.

Notice in the old energy Devil card the inverted pentagram. An upright pentagram generally indicates something positive, like an empowered and connected human. An inverted pentagram is generally taken to mean the inverse, indicating disempowerment and disconnection. The inverted pentagram reinforces the general message of the card which is that humans are confined, controlled, diminished, subservient, and enslaved.

In the real world, confinement and control occur at two levels. At one level this card represents actual confinement and control, i.e. deposition into a real jail or prison space with real physical walls and real locks and keys.

At another level, this card represents psychological, emotional, spiritual confinement, a confinement that occurs as a consequence of ideological/*archetypal indoctrination*, and that is characterized by confusion, error, cognitive dissonance, emotional discord, suppressed chakra energies, and blindfolded existence.

Notice that the old energy archetype really doesn't hide the harsh reality of enslavement. It is presented overtly and without shame. This is as intended. Overt presentation of human servitude gives the designers of the old energy archetype system the opportunity to provide excuses for this servitude. When an individual or aspirant realizes the nature of reality, excuses come quickly to hand.

In the old energy, there are two basic excuses for confinement.

Excuse number one, you are confined and enslaved because **you are being punished** because you have done something wrong. This earth is a "prison planet" and you are an inmate, incarnated here for punishment, and correction, and to pay off your karmic debt.

Excuse number two, you are confined and enslaved because **you have chosen** to be so. In this version, enslavement is part of your cosmic, karmic "lesson plan." You are a fool in school, and you are here to learn lessons. You have chosen to live life this way, with all the suffering and pain that attends, because negative

experiences provide valuable lessons with “temper” and perfect your soul.

The point of these excuses, and they are definitely excuses, is simply to get you to accept the status quo (inequality, racism, sexism, exploitation, and deception) however bad that might happen to be for you and your family. Sure, God’s punishment might be severe, and of course your “life lessons” can be painful and harsh, but that’s the way it should be because that is what is required, or that is what you chose. Pain, suffering, violence, disease, ignorance, stupidity, and painful, unnecessary, death are all part of the cosmic plan, so quit complaining and passively accept what is.

The *Book of Slavery* entry for this card reinforces the basic imagery of the Devil archetype, reminding you, as priests, parents, and others Agents of Consciousness often do, of the unworthiness, dirty sins, and foul karmic crimes that underlie your suffering and pain. No matter how bad things might be, there is no point in wishing/demanding more because you always get what you deserve.

The *Book of Power* entry for this archetype sends the same basic message, but with the caveat that as a very special chosen one, you have the opportunity to rise above the sheeple crowds. You are genetically superior. You are stronger and more capable. You are graced by the Lord God above. Consequently, you deserve more. You deserve more power, more privilege, and more money. Ignore the sheeple outside; their health and wellbeing is not your concern. Universal cosmic **justice** ensures they always get what they deserve. Face the altar. Bend the knee. Pledge fealty. Engage in some distasteful acts. Accept the truth of your superiority and power, wealth, and privilege shall be yours.

Getting into the new energy

Of course, in the new energy, we do away with all servitude and suffering. In the new energy, we understand that stories about karma, justice, and cosmic lessons plans are merely excuses for enslavement and exploitation, and we reject them out of hand. Therefore, in the new energy archetypal image we see multiple hands grasp and shatter the chains of enslavement.³⁸ Thus, *the new energy emancipation archetype represents full emancipation of the mind, body, and soul*. Note that this is an emancipation that occurs at an individual and at a collective level.

Details concerning the emancipation are absent in the archetype, primarily because each person's emancipation is idiosyncratic. Nevertheless, the new energy of freedom and transformation is present and potent, and the general archetypal message is clear; this is the removal chains that bind and disconnect your consciousness.

In the new energy, you are no longer enslaved at the foot of the System. In the new energy, you no longer submit before the altar of Mammon. In the new energy, you break the archetypal chains of emotional, psychological, spiritual, and even physical bondage and become free.

Dismissal

- In the old energy, this archetype is all about self-blame. The point is to get you to blame yourself for any poverty, inequality and despair you might

³⁸ As a note for future iterations of this card, there should be some diversity in the hands breaking the chains.

experience during your life. If you blame yourself, you won't blame the System or the people who operate it. *To move forward, stop blaming yourself.* To be sure, you have to be accountable for your actions, you must atone and make things right, and it is important to contribute your fair share, but you shouldn't blame yourself for your poverty, inequality, and despair because these are structural outcomes of a rigged economic system.³⁹ Therefore, watch out for self-blame, and reject it when it appears. Remember, as a spark of creator Consciousness, as an incarnation of divine light and love, you deserve nothing but love, prosperity, kindness, and peace.

- This old energy archetype is not just about getting you to blame yourself, it is about getting you to blame others as well. As part of the toxic socialization process, you have absorbed the ideology and excuses used to justify exploitation and abuse. If somebody is poor or injured, it is because they are losers and weak, not because of economic, political, or other factors. As a consequence of this tendency to blame others, we participate, to one degree or another, in the exploitation others,⁴⁰ we all justify that exploitation, and we all function as Agents of Consciousness, reinforcing enslavement and servitude by uncritically aping as judgments the devil's excuses and justifications. Therefore, be careful how you judge others. Do not dismiss their suffering and struggle as a personal failure, divine will, or cosmic

³⁹ See Sosteric M. (2016a) *Rocket Scientists' Guide to Money and the Economy: Accumulation and Debt*, St Albert, Alberta: Lightning Path Press.

⁴⁰ Smartphones, electronics, clothing, and many products are made cheap by exploiting others, sometimes even children.

judgment. Understand, the System oppresses, suppresses, abuses, and exploits everybody. It is toxic socialization, brutal exploitation, a rigged economic system, constant manipulation, and incessant attack, not personal weakness and failure, that leads to dysfunction, disease, and death. Reverse the script. Instead of undermining others, support them.

The Book of Keys

The *Book of Keys* entry for **emancipation** is a motivational poem. The entry reminds you of the powerful source of Consciousness that lies dormant and suppressed deep down inside. The entry also reminds you that the suppression was planned. Suppression of Self, and imbalanced use of energy, were necessary in order to overcome the **Pastoral Comfort** that impedes species evolution. Imbalanced energy, the suppression of yin and the exaltation of yang, allows a species, in this case humanity, to enter into stage two⁴¹ of the evolutionary process. The **Book of Keys** entry also reminds you that now that stage two is complete, energy can be rebalanced, exploitative systems can be dismantled, chains can be removed, and the planet's **Creation Template** can be revised.

Group study questions

1. Consider all the ways you blame yourself for the things that happen in your life. Now, consider that not all things that happen in your life are your fault. Many things that happen in your life (good and bad)

⁴¹ For an overview of LP evolutionary theory, see https://spiritwiki.lightningpath.org/Evolutionary_Theory

are the result of the actions of others, at a personal, workplace, political, economic, and even global level. Spend a few moments considering how your life has been shaped by the actions of others, good or bad. Share your thoughts with the group. Are there things you can do to mitigate the negative impact others may have? Share.

2. As noted, the old energy devil archetype encourages you to blame others, this way you don't blame the System. They are enslaved, repressed, oppressed because they deserve it, because they chose it, or because they did something wrong. Examine your own life and the acquaintances, work mates, friends, and family in that space. Are there things you dump on them, things you blame them for, like poverty, addictions, illness, personality disorders, etc., that are maybe caused by others (things, like the System, advertising, corporate malfeasance, toxic socialization, etc.) and that therefore you shouldn't? Share your thoughts with the group.
3. System justification moves both ways. That is, it's not just the masses who are oppressed and suppressed. Do you consider yourself a member of the elites? Have you ever had to kneel down and submit before the altar of another? What did you say to yourself to excuse the submission? What justifications do you use that allow you to equate strength with submission and servitude? Does power over others really erase the reality of your own submission and bondage?

The Calling (formerly Judgment)

In the new energy, this is an **awakening** card. In the new energy, this archetype represents the call to connection, to awaken, activate, and ascend. This is a call that goes out to everyone, regardless of race, gender, or class.

In this old energy, this is the archetype of judgment, or the notion that in the end you move forward only if you're judged worthy. In the end, only the chosen few worthy ones are judged worthy to move on.

Old Energy

Unfortunately, everyone on the planet is familiar with this putrid old energy hogwash. This is the idea that it is OK to judge others and then either *punish* or *differentially reward* them based on that judgment. This is the idea that judgments are cosmically and karmically fair, and something we should all do. In the old energy, judgment is something written into God's lesson plan for you.

The punishment side of this archetype is easy enough to understand. If you do something wrong, if you do not follow the rules, if you resist, you will be judged and punished (and then rejected, ejected, enslaved by the **Devil** and bound to the [karmic] **Wheel**).

Punishment is only one side of the judgment archetype. The opposite of judgment is reward, and some people are judged worthy of reward. If you happen to be rich, successful, and powerful, that is because you *deserve* that wealth, success, and power. Your success has nothing to do with your service to the System; it has everything to do with principles of cosmic judgment and selection. Don't feed badly. You are one of the

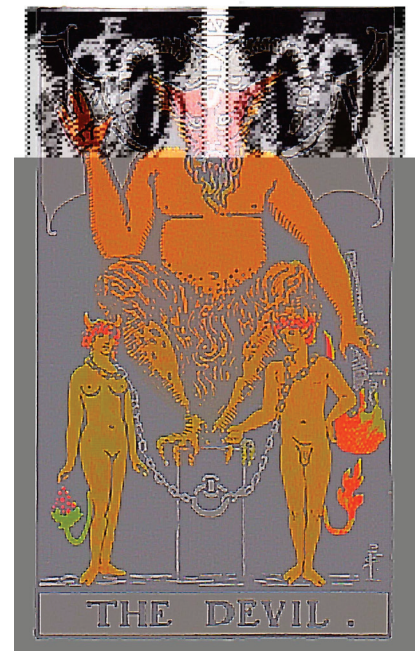
“chosen” ones. You are one of God's special children. You are one of the strong ones! You have special talents. You have been judged a winner and you deserve the wealth, power, and privilege that come to you, not because you are a peon of the System, but because you deserve it. No need to feel guilt or shame. Repress it, step up, and enjoy what The System has to offer!

Importantly, both the positive and negative side of the judgment archetype are critical. We have to believe that people like Oprah, or Warren Buffett, or the King of Saudi Arabia actually deserve their wealth and power just like we have to believe that homeless people deserve what they get. If we don't believe this, if we reject the normality of this (a normality underpinned by the judgment archetype), the delusion is broken, and things would begin to change, and that just cannot be.

Judgments are always made in reference to the status quo, and judgment is meant to preserve that status quo.

The *Book of Slavery* entry for this archetype underpins the punishment side of judgment. It beams the basic message that you're a loser and, consequently, you deserve whatever shit life you get. Therefore, STFU and get back to work.

The *Book of Power* entry for this archetype underpins the reward side of judgment. The basic message is, “you're better than the sheeple.” Of course, in the end, you're not really that different. Remember, your first act was not an act of **emancipation**, it was an act of submission. You might tell yourself otherwise but, as the *Book of Power* makes clear, you are a slave to the System, a peon of the Devil, just like them.



Getting into the new energy

As ugly as the reality of the old world is, there is an immediate way out. Simply *reject* judgment. Rather than making excuses for hurting others (like they “deserve it”), rather than accepting injustice and oppression (because it’s “God's will), rather than making excuses for exploitation (“I’m stronger and therefore it is right”), reject the old energy nonsense and accept this final call to awaken. Instead of suppressing others, respond to this calling and move forward towards awakening, activation, and connection.

Remember, everybody deserves peace, prosperity, happiness, and positive regard. Everybody is given the opportunity to awaken, and all are welcome should they throw off the old energies, reject the old archetypes, and embrace the powerful, glorious, and light-filled divinity *within* all life forms.

Remember, there are no justifiable exclusions. Everybody gets to come home in the end.

Dismissal

- Watch out for judgments and dismissals of others. We often, automatically and without thinking, judge others as worthy or unworthy. Moving forward from here, don’t. Quit judging and condemning others. Remember this basic new energy truth: no matter what a person has done, they all deserve to awaken, connect, and be safe, prosperous, and happy.
- Watch out for judgments and dismissals of yourself! After years and decades of indoctrination, we internalize the archetype of judgment and we apply it, often quite harshly (an even to the point of suicide) to ourselves. We undermines our sense of

self and self-esteem Stop doing that. Watch out for negative self-statements (“I’m not good enough,” “I have no talent,” “I’m a loser,” etc.) and press those out of consciousness. Replace with positive self-talk (“I’m strong,” “I’m beautiful,” “I’m worth it,” etc.).⁴²

- Watch out for the hurtful actions of authority figures, especially parents and teachers, as they enforce the old energies judgmental regime. Priests, gurus, Hollywood, and other **Agents of Consciousness** may speak about hell, damnation, the punishments of karma, and how we’re all sinful, weak, losers, but parents are the ones who *bring the hurt* when the child is judged as deserving of pain. *Spare the rod and spoil the child* as the Christian Bible says. Watch out for this and *reject it whenever* you see it. You deserved none of the pain you received as a child; you deserve none of the pain you receive now. The new energy truth is simple. There are no valid *excuse* for hurting another living being.
- The archetype of judgment is linked tightly with submission. As a result of the abuse we have experienced at the hands of trusted adults, we often shy away from, defer, or otherwise submit to the dictates of authority figures without really thinking about it. We “go along” not necessarily to get along, but simply to avoid the physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual pain that comes from the abuse we experience if we don’t. As a result, many of us would rather live our lives as sheeple than stand on our own two feet. We would rather bow our heads and submit than re-experience the

⁴² Lots of sites online teach you how to get rid of negative self-talk.

pain and trauma. Watch out for that tendency and remember: *Now you are an adult*. It is different for adults. As adults you have the strength, power, and freedom to *walk away, get help, and just say no*. So do that. Walk away, get help, or just say no.

The Book of Keys

The archetype of judgment has been deeply insinuated into the collective psyche of this planet. As a result, judgment becomes part of our “daily practice” (our daily bread, if you will). Parents do it, teachers do it, priests do it, bosses do it, and we all do it every day. Sadly, judgment (whether conscious or not) is often followed by some form of violence. Pay attention to this “daily practice.” Notice how you judge others, and how they judge you. Notice the subtle, and often not so subtle, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and even physical violence that follows upon judgment. Now, work to eliminate it. Stop justifying violence against others with judgment. There is never a valid excuse for hurting another human being. Stop standing by when others are being hurt. Openly challenge the violence of others when it is safe to do so, and look for other ways to challenge (e.g. reporting to the authorities) when it is not safe. The first step in the process of awakening and empowerment is to halt the violence and abuse and the first step in that process is to stop finding excuses to justify it.

Group study questions

1. Spend some time thinking about all the pain and suffering you have experienced on this earth. Who is responsible for that pain and suffering? Was it your parents, your teachers, your priests, your bosses? Did your parents beat

you, or psychologically abuse you, or emotionally abuse you? Were you sexually assaulted by trusted adults in your life? Were you picked on and excluded at school? Did teachers “judge” you with a “C” and make you seem stupid in front of your peers? **Did you own this suffering?** Did you fall prey to the “judgments” of others? Did you think you deserved it? If so, take a few moments to reject all those judgments. No matter how ugly or pretty, fat or thin, weak or strong, stupid or dumb, mean or vicious you may have been, you do not deserve any pain and suffering. What you deserve is love, support, guidance, and healing.

2. Have you hurt others? Have you hit them, called them names, excluded them, made them feel bad, etc.? How did you justify this behavior? What excuses did you give to yourself that made it OK to hurt others, even children? What do you think about those excuses now?
3. Spend a few moments imagining a world where nobody judges, nobody punishes, and where violence and abuse of another simply does not occur. List two or three things about our current world that would have to change, in order for this non-violent utopia to emerge. Let your imagination run wild.
4. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Slavery* and *The Book of Power*. Write a three- or four-line summary of the poetry from both. What is the thing/idea that strikes you the most?
5. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Keys*. Write a three- or four-line summary of the

poetry. What is the thing/idea that strikes you
the most about the poetry?

The Star

Overview

The idea of this card is very simple, *you are a star*. You are a divine spark of creative consciousness, incarnated in a body, and expressing the divine will (your will) in creation. In the old energy this basic truth is, since Crowley, stated explicitly. However in the old energies this truth is watered down. The basic truth of it is tainted by the insinuation of other old energy archetypes (Fool, Hanged Man, Judgment), and realization/acceptance of it is diverted by self-esteem problems. According to the message in the old energy, only a few people have the ability, talent, and “gifts” to be “stars.” In the old energy only a few are worthy, or so sayeth old energy hierophants and pundits. In the old energy the majority neither realizes nor accepts the awesome truth of our shared collective divinity.

In the new energy, that changes. In the new energy you reject the lies and the ideology, heal the body, fill the mind with right thought, create right environment, and breathe, breathe, breathe in the power and divinity of creation. As you do this, consciousness fills the vessel, understanding gradually grows, and realization dawns. *You are a star*. You are a divine spark of creative consciousness incarnated in a physical vessel. The entire point of your being here is to *express* the fullness of your power and awareness, *and uplift* the universe in the grand and glorious ascension. Know this: *Nothing is impossible for consciousness*. It may take persistence of will, it may take ten thousand years of time, it may require painstaking design and evolution, but everything is possible when you embrace the power of consciousness and become The Star that you are.

Dismissal

- The basic truth of this archetype is simple enough to grasp, but its simplicity is obscured by ideological intervention, and doubt, disbelief, and a crushed self-esteem interfere. Meditate for a few moments on the meaning of the phrase, *you are a star*. What is a star but the manifestation of consciousness and light (and heat)? What is the physical unit but a receptacle for the powerful might of consciousness? If realization still eludes you, read *The Book of Light*, especially volume three and four.
- The chains that keep us from realizing our true nature as incarnated stars of consciousness are conceptual, and ideological. We are a fool in school. We are broken-down karmic rejects. We are descended apes. We have been judged unworthy. We deserve punishment. All these old energy archetypes weigh heavily on us and bottle our realization and consciousness. Uncorking the powerful consciousness that lies within depends on the removal of old energy archetypes that prevent our realization. Study hard and remove each. Be disciplined and persistent in your practice *and watch out for* distractions and diversions. Despite propaganda to the contrary, the truth isn't that hard to see, or handle. The real challenge is getting around all the obstacles, diversions, and distractions put in your way.
- Removing archetypes to reveal the star within is only part of the process. Consciousness is powerful and preparation is required. Remember the fundamental nature of consciousness is awareness, truth, compassion,

and power. Watch out for the power of consciousness emerging in your life. Watch for increasing awareness (of slop), increasing confrontations with truth, increasing concern, compassion, and sensitivity, and increased power. Do not shirk, withdraw, or turn away. Instead, embrace the power and divinity that is the star within you.

Practice

With realization comes awareness of the power of consciousness. In the context of activation and empowerment, bodily health is important. Proper diet and regular exercise are important. Getting into shape so that your body is not strained by the power of consciousness is important. Depending on your current state of health, the road back may be long and difficult. Consult with a health care professional in order to develop an appropriate nutritional and exercise program for your physical unit. Also remember your core level technique and practice. Remember to breathe deeply when anxious or confused. Remember to take time to ground and integrate new awareness and new knowledge. Remember to reach out for help if you are confused or overwhelmed by the power that lies buried within you.

1. Group study questions
2. Look back over your childhood, education, and socialization. Chances are high that you were repeatedly told how worthless, small, and broken you were not only by teachers and authorities, but by your trusted parents as well. List some of the negative messages that you received as you were growing up and reflect on

how these messages impacted your self image and your understanding of your potential.

3. Consider the opposite message, that you are star, or a powerful co-creator, or a spark of divinity. Have you ever heard that message before? If so, how did you “receive” that message? Did you take it seriously? Did you appreciate the full significance of the truth? Have you ever *experienced* the full significance of this truth? Share your experience.
4. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Slavery* and *The Book of Power*. Write a three- or four-line summary of the poetry from both. What is the thing/idea that strikes you the most?
5. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Keys*. Write a three- or four-line summary of the poetry. What is the thing/idea that strikes you the most about the poetry?

Passage (formerly Temperance)

Like most of the other old energy tarot cards, the old energy Temperance card is about justification. In a certain sense this is the final “brick in the (ideological) wall.” In the old energy this is the corrupted idea of balance, or the idea that you should accept all the black, dark, evil in the world because some weird cosmic balance requires it to exist. Typical archetypal statements here include things like, “You cannot have good without evil,” or, “You cannot appreciate joy without a little pain,” or, “You cannot learn to forgive unless you have experienced a few bad things that require forgiveness.” It is all a bunch of nonsense. All this archetype does is provide a “write off” of all the bad things that go on on this earth. Under the guise of cosmic balance everything from the rape of children, to the exploitation of labor, to the bombing of entire populations can be written off as an *absolutely necessary evil*.

In the new energy, Temperance is the idea of **no passage**. There is a shift going on between old energies and new, that is true, but there is also a line in the sand that has been drawn. You cannot transition fully into the new energies, you cannot enter the city of Zion, you cannot enter into the Garden, you cannot fully experience The Shift, unless you stop hurting other people. Stop hitting, stop yelling, stop exploiting, stop raping, stop murdering, stop stealing (unless you need to for survival), stop addicting, stop abusing, stop justifying, stop excusing, and **STOP HURTING OTHERS**.

There is no justification.

There is no excuse.

Harming another, or allowing bad things to happen, does not teach lessons, does not create strength, does not build character, and does not facilitate evolution. Furthermore, pain and suffering is never part of the The Plan and is almost always the consequence of greed, corruption, power, or simple bad planning (some chance may be involved, but generally less than one might think). Therefore, stop right now or you will not be allowed to cross the line and enter into the promised fields of The Garden.

Reading this, you may think the energies here are harsh, dramatic, and peremptory, and in a way they are. *Keep in mind however that the angel on the path is you.* Really the only person you have to prove anything to, the only person who judges you, the only person you have to please, *is you*. So quit fooling yourself, embrace the truth, and do what you know to be right so that you can join the growing family of Spirit.

Dismissal

- Watch out for feelings of guilt and shame. When we walk The Path, we eventually are going to confront this angel. The first time we do we often do not recognize ourselves, and we usually do not see the truth. Instead, all the old energy archetypal corruptions emerge as The System (and the beast within) raises its ugly head. Archetypes of judgment and punishment are invoked within us, we turn away in guilt and shame feeling judged, unworthy, diminished, and small; and we invoke excuse and justification of this archetype. Watch out, because failure to process your emotions properly will block your path forward. If ugly feelings of guilt and shame rise up, face those feelings head on. If you have hurt others, you deserve to feel that way,

but only for a moment or two. You are not meant to wallow in guilt and shame. These emotions are only meant to motivate the physical unit to change. Therefore when you feel guilt and shame do not invoke excuse, justification, or repression. Do not turn away from the truth about yourself, or others. Look hard for the source of these emotions in the actions you have committed, change your actions and atone for past misconduct.

- **Watch for feelings of unworthiness,** The Fool in School, Judge and Punish, and even Initiation archetypes all contribute to general feelings of unworthiness. We are broken-down souls and we need to work is the general message. Once again we confront the angel of our higher selves and these feelings block our passage. We turn away in shame, feeling unworthy of the glory inside. Therefore, watch for feelings of unworthiness. We are all sparks of incarnated divinity and we are all worthy of remembering and experiencing this truth. To pass the angel, put aside feelings of unworthiness, take up the sword that is offered, and re-create the world in the image of your powerful and glorious divinity. Love, compassion, strength, and awareness rule the day.

Practice

Practice recognizing when you have done something wrong. Don't suppress shame and guilt, don't impotently turn away from what you know needs to be done. Figure it out and do it. This could be a challenge, and it could take some time, especially when you consider this may involve the “sins” of a past life as well. But always remember this: no statute of limitations applies. The bad things you have done could have

happened today, as you hit your kids or used shame to control another person, they could have happened last year as you back-stabbed a co-worker in conversation, or they could have been in a past life, while spending time in an invading army raping women and killing children. It really doesn't matter when they happened. It only matters that you face the truth about your actions, no matter how harsh, and move forward from here.

Group study questions

1. The first step forward from here involves *facing the truth* about yourself. There is no point in continuing on with the bullshit because in the new energies you won't be fooling anyone, least of all yourself. Take a look back over your life and assess the damage you have done to your children, to your spouse, to your friends, to your co-workers, etc. List that damage now in all the ugly and gory detail that you can muster. How does listing your “sins” make you feel?
2. The second step forward from here involves *facing the truth* about others. The truth is, we don't just lie to ourselves about the actions we have committed, but we lie about the actions of others as well. We pretend our parents were loving and good when in fact they were hateful and mean. We excuse violence and abuse from our lovers out of a misplaced sense of cosmic purpose. We justify greed and exploitation because of cosmic, or Darwinian, prerogative. We weave diamond illusions of glorious crusades as our soldiers occupy, oppress, and murder. This must end, so spend a few moments listing the “sins” of those around you, from parents and siblings to soldiers and CEOs.

Remember, the point isn't to judge and condemn, the point is to identify and change (with an eye towards awakening and activation). Assess the harm and the good, consider what you might be able to do to help change (and please note, this is a longer-term thing), and move forward righteously from there.

3. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Slavery* and *The Book of Power*. Write a three- or four-line summary of the poetry from both. What is the difference between *The Book of Slavery* entry and *The Book of Power* entry? In *The Book of Power*, what are the conditions for entry? In *The Book of Slavery*, what are the excuses for rejection? What is the thing/idea that strikes you the most?
4. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Keys*. What is the basic message of that entry?

Connection (formerly The Moon)

Overview

In the old energy this is a gate, or a door, into the old energy temple. More to the point, these are the ideas and archetypes that are invoked as you stand (or more likely kneel) before the entrance into the old energy temple. Not just everybody gets into this temple, you see. If you want to enter here you have to be worthy, strong, chosen, or “special,” in some way. Normal people, the mass population, the “sheeple” of the world, need not apply.

A lot of negative emotions are invoked in the old energies of this nefarious archetype. When entrance is blocked, feelings of guilt, shame, and unworthiness are invoked to divert attention from The System. The problem is not that the rules are unfair (which they are), or the game is rigged (which it is), or that greed, graft, and corruption rule the day (which they do), the problem is that you are not good enough.

The problem is not with The System, you see; the problem is you. You cannot pass through the gate not because you are actively and willfully *excluded*, but because you do not deserve to be inside. Once more we find excuses used to justify the world as it is.

In the new energies we will have none of that. In the new energy this card simply represents the emotional and psychological process/outcome of *initiation*. In this context this is basically a shift card. The shift represented here may be anything from a little shift, a little realization, or a little enlightenment, to a grand shift, a glorious shift, or even the collective shift of ascension. Little or big, the thing to remember is this

gate represents the *realization of a truth (or even The Truth)*. This is the moment of truth, the sparkle of enlightenment, the glorious (if typically temporary, at least for now) entry into Nirvana. This is recognition of who you are, where you came from, and what you are doing here.

In both the old and new energy this card relates strongly to temperance. In the old energy, Temperance invokes fear, guilt, and shame and prevents us from approaching the gate. In the new energy, Temperance reminds us to do the right thing as we approach this gate. The angel that guards this gate is fierce and uncompromising, that is true. Everybody is welcome to return, but old energies may progress no further.

Dismissal

- Watch out for compromise. In the old energy, entry into the temple is marked by compromise. To enter the old energy temple we must compromise our independence, compromise what we know to be right, compromise our intimate relationships with our spouse (no women allowed), compromise our morality, compromise our ethics, and compromise the truth of our shared divinity, and we must pretend we are happy doing it (of course, drugs, alcohol, money, power, and sex help distract). In the old energy we all do it, but we must stop. Moving forward there can be no compromise. We must learn to do what we know to be right and we must quit fooling ourselves into something else.
- Watch out for negative emotions like guilt and shame, and the assholes who invoke them. This might sound negative and harsh, but the truth is

many people on this planet, including many innocents, manipulate, exclude, and dismiss by invoking these negative emotions of the physical unit. **BE AWARE**, be wary, and pay attention. If you experience these emotions, don't pretend, do not shove them away, and do not give in and run away. Confront the emotions and deal with them at the source. If you need assistance, mentoring, or even counseling, reach out for help. These emotions are powerful and passing through The Gate requires you properly process, ground, and (finally) dispel them.

Practice

As noted above, entry into the old energy temple is marked by compromise. In the new energy, passage through this gate is, however, accomplished only when right thought, right environment, and right action have been established. Perfection is not expected, but insincerity and deception are transparent. Therefore, affirm your desire to move forward daily, and practice doing what you know to be right. It may not always be easy (though it gets easier as time passes), and it may not always make you popular, but it is the only way forward from here.

Group study questions

1. One of the ways entrance into the old energy temple is controlled is through the use of guilt and shame. One of the ways passage through the new energy gates is blocked is by guilt and shame. The difference in outcome (i.e. whether you end up in an old energy temple, or a new energy reality) is determined by how you

process and resolve the guilt. In the old energy you are told not to worry about it, to ignore it, or to avoid realization. This is to ensure you remain capable of “doing what it takes.” This approach will not “cut it” in the new energy. In the new energy you have to go to the root of the guilt and shame, deal with the source, heal any damage, and fix any wrongs. Anything else leaves you standing outside, blocked by your inability to stand up and shrug off the oppressions of the old energy world.

2. Read the entries from **The Book of Slavery** and **The Book of Power**. Both speak of barriers and gates, both speak of us coming up to the gate, but in both cases the outcome of approach is different. In one we are discouraged; in the other we are encouraged. In one we are told explicitly we are unworthy, in the other someone says welcome and come in. Consider this carefully. We are programmed to be social beings by the unmet needs of our childhood. How important do you think the external affirmation, or condemnation, might be in this instance?
3. Read the entry from **The Book of Keys**. In three or four sentences, outline the basic message(s) you find there. What emotions are referenced in the key? What adjectives pop into your mind to describe the message there?

Power (formerly Tower)

On the surface, this card is about transformation, change, and sometimes even punishment, but really it is about POWER, the dangers of you having power, the outcome of power in the world, and power externally held. In the old energy not everyone can have power, and so in the old energy the messages encourage the restriction of power. Something dramatic, even scary, has clearly happened to shake the foundations of the people involved, and so caution and even fear may be warranted. Fear of change, fear of initiation, and fear of one's own power is invoked to control access and intent. The message is, when augmented with suitable “teachings” from the esoteric corpus, clear. Bad things are possible if you muck around when you are not ready. Bad things happen as the result of divine intervention. Bad things happen if you play with fire. This archetype carries the message (usually sent loud and clear to initiates in the old energy temple) about the danger of power. The message in the imagery and commentary is clear. You are not ready for power, you are not aware enough to handle it, and you are not worthy enough to receive it. Giving power to you would be like giving dynamite to a baby. It would be only a matter of time before you blew yourself, and others, to kingdom come. Better to keep power safe and secure, locked deep inside the (old energy) temple, and given out only to the chosen and worthy few!

As noted above, this archetype also contains a justification for power externally held. Something dramatic is happening to the people in this card, that is for sure. Their egos have been smashed, their misconceptions have been shattered, their illusions have been pricked, their world has been destroyed,

their jobs have been lost, their lives have been shattered, or something. Whatever it is, it has rocked their foundations. But note. Whatever dramatic thing has just happened to these people has happened because of an external power acting *on* them. In the old energy this is not you doing something to yourself/the world/the cosmos; this is the world/the universe/God/Gaia, the cosmos, or whatever, *doing something to you*. In this card you are a victim of externalized power. You may deny this at an unconscious level, but your belief in karma, universal Judgment and Justice, authority and power, or even the powerful influence of genetics, belie your denial. In the old energy, power is on the outside, and power acts upon us, in ways that we can never understand.

And if “the power” does things that shatter your reality or ruin your life?

Well, that is probably a good thing. As you can see, bad things always happen for a divine/cosmic/evolutionary reason and, like the lightning bolt that brings necessary change, you should just accept.

The new energy version of this card also represents transformation, but the negative and disempowering messages about power are absent, as are the justifications for external power, and the excuses used to divert anger from callous misuse of that power. In the new energy we reject the ideology of external power, embrace our divinity, and move forward into full activation. In the new energy transformation occurs not as a result of power externally applied, and not in a way that we can “never” understand, but because of our own internal power and divinity. In this card we are shown fully embracing the power and light within. At this point we no longer allow ourselves to be diminished. We no

longer allow ourselves to be shut down. We no longer give in to convention, and no longer accept the limitations of “normal.” At this point we embrace who we really are and begin re-creating the world to more accurately reflect the power, light, and glory that are within. This re-creation we engage in may (probably will) be dramatic and discombobulating to those who still exist in the dull, gray, lifeless energies of the old world, but it will happen regardless of any fear they may experience, or resistance that they muster. The new realities already exist at the highest levels of consciousness. It is only a matter of time before these burst into 3D existence, and transform the reality that surrounds us. Mitigating the impact of the transformation is critical, but you can only do that by embracing your power and taking back what is yours.

In the old energy we are often victims, of corporations, of predators, of violence and abuse, but in the new energy all that nonsense is gone, vibrated into non-existence by the power, the might, and the glory of our shared collective divinity. This is certainly transformation, and it is certainly dramatic, but it is the dramatic realization of our own power and divinity, the dramatic manifestation of new energies and new paradigms, and the dramatic and collective shift that inevitably unfolds as the true light, the true power, and the true glory emerge into the full light of the soon-to-be-transformed 3D reality of earth.

Dismissal

- The messages about your relationship to power in this card are relatively straightforward, once they have been pointed out. Therefore, watch out for statements that discourage you from embracing your own power. In particular, watch

out for those statements, movies resources, etc., that give you the message that you can't handle power. Certainly you don't want to give dynamite to a baby, but any adult can learn to handle explosives if given the proper training. Do not shy away from the power and divinity within you.

- Watch out for unspoken ideological statements that frame power as *externally applied*. It is a fact of old energy life that power is often abused, In the old energy the strong dominate the weak, the rich exploit the poor, and the powerful take what they want without regard for those whom they take it from, however in the new energy this does not occur. In the new energy we honor and recognize the divinity within all things, and work with all things so that we might all better empower and express that divinity.
- Watch out for excuses and justifications. We all have power but this is no excuse to use power for selfish reasons, to apply it with callous inconsideration, or to use violent force. Power should be used to uplift and transform. Reject the tower ideology and instead find ways to use power without the chaotic disruption of old energy application. Stress, despair, and fear do not do the body good. Therefore it is our collective responsibility to reduce fear, avoid despair, and eliminate fear. Only then will the true power and might of God/Consciousness/Spirit (GCP) come shining through.

Practice

Practice being “in” your power. Practice embracing your own power. Practice acting powerful. Practice acting in the world. If you want to complete your awakening and

activation power, change the world around you. Old energy existence is, for most people, impotent existence. Old energy existence is, for most people, passive existence. New energy existence is *never* that. In the new energy we embrace our divinity, embrace our power, and *transform* the world. So get up, stand up, and start doing what you know you came to do. Practice acting in the world. Practice transforming this reality.

Group study questions

1. Part of the old energy ideology of this card is fear of power. This ideology is embedded in the dramatic imagery of the card, but is also present in print, photo, and film, like for example the “Sphere” movie with Dustin Hoffman. Think over your life and see if you can remember any stories, lessons, or movies where the message is that you should be afraid of your own power. What do you think the impact of these messages has been on your general orientation to power?
2. Justification for power figures heavily in this card. The flash of the lightning bolt in the old energy version is external power applied. Because the bolt is linked to the sun, consciousness, and God, the idea is that this external power must be a good thing. Therefore the chaos that results, the loss of jobs, the exploitation, the disregard, the war, the violence, the abuse, should not be questioned, it should be accepted as the gift from above that it is. This is hogwash. The hand behind the abuse of power is always a human hand, disconnected and unaligned. However the corruption of this archetype erases that hand from view. Think back over your life to some of the negative movements. Who caused those bad things, God/Consciousness/Spirit, or some human hand?

3. Read the entries from **The Book of Slavery** and **The Book of Power**. Summarize the message of both in a sentence or two.
4. Read the entry from **The Book of Keys**. What is the basic message about power in the **Book of Keys**? Why did you give your power away? Why must you now take it back, and what does it mean to “put it all back exactly right?” Think right action and right environment when answering these questions.

Activation (formerly Lovers)

In the old energy this card represents fear, confusion, misdirection, and inner circle initiation, though it might not seem that way at first. Your way forward is blocked by confusion, fear, and judgment (take a look at the old energy card here), but if you do the right thing, kiss the right rings, ring the right doorbells, and bend over for the right people, you will get the help you need to overcome fear, sort out confusion, and attain power over this world. It will all happen for you, but only if you submit to authority and do what you are told. Be a good little boy and you will gain entrance. Be anything else and you can stay blocked up and confused like the rest of the sheeple on this planet.

Of course, it is not like that in the new energy. In the new energy this card simply represents kundalini activation. As you will know by this point, kundalini activation is the end goal of any serious program of spiritual awakening, empowerment, and ascension. In the Halo/Sharp card, kundalini activation is represented as occurring via the balanced and cooperative flow of yin and yang energies. There is of course more to kundalini activation than this. Kundalini activation only occurs (safely) when you have established right environment, right thought, and right action. Perfection is not required, but a healthy body, healthy mind, and supportive and safe environment are. Good work can be accomplished in even the most horrid environments (though progress may be slow and painful), but it is never too late to begin to change.

Dismissal

- Watch out for fear, confusion, and excuses. Living a spiritual life, activating chakras, and pursuing full kundalini connection is a simple-to-understand and straightforward process and it should always be presented and understood as such.
- Watch out for suggestions that you need to bend over, kneel down, and submit. Even worse, watch out for requests that you actually do submit. You do not have to kneel down before anybody, not God, not the grand high poohbah, not anybody. If you want to awaken, empower, and activate kundalini, just do what you need to do to create the proper conditions. Exercise, eat right, reprogram your brain, establish right environment, and engage in right thought. It is within you to accomplish it.
- Watch out for violence and resistance from others. I say it is within you to do, but if you are running a marathon and somebody jumps out and trips you just before you cross the finish line, you are going down no matter how much “attraction,” positive thinking, and personal empowerment study you've done. We are not the only living things on this earth, and not the only factors in our life's equation. Controlling the influences in your environment is a critical factor for successful attainment of spiritual mastery.

Practice

The general scope and tone of the LP teachings come into clear focus in this card, since to get here you have to practice right thought and right action, and create

right environment so that your body/mind can heal, awaken, empower, and finally connect. Therefore, read the LP materials, study the archetypes, apply the principles, practice the technique, exercise, and eat well in preparation for the connection. Kundalini energies are powerful, and if your body/mind is going to be able to handle them, it is going to have to be healthy and strong. All LP teachings and references are designed to help you do what you need to do to “complete the circuit,” so take them seriously and do them regularly. Awakening, empowerment, and reconnection with the cosmos does not “just” happen on a whim and a prayer, it takes work, effort, and dedication to your own self, and to those around you.

Group study questions

1. Think back to your own reading prior to *The Lightning Path*. Did you ever come across information on kundalini activation? What do you remember about that information? Considering what you know now was the information good information or bad information? Why?
2. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Slavery* and *The Book of Power*. Notice how *The Book of Slavery* reinforces fear, doubt, and confusion? Give examples from the poem. Also, note the not-so-subtle difference between *The Book of Slavery* and *The Book of Power*. In this case *The Book of Power* is quite different, telling you what to do (prove yourself worthy, take the tests, learn your lessons, and submit) to gain entrance into “the mysteries.” There are also subtle dismissals of the weak “cattle” outside the temple. Give examples of the above from the poetry and, if you have

them, examples from your own experience where you have read, heard, or participated in things like this.

3. Read the poetic entry from *The Book of Keys*. Notice how it contains a simple kundalini activation visualization? It also contains a stipulation about what is required before kundalini activation takes place. (i.e. “When its love rules your day...”). What does that mean, why is it important, and how is that related to other aspects of the Halo/Sharp deck (for example, STRENGTH)? You may want to check out previous answers on [the forum](#), or ask for guidance there.

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