



Chapter Six: New Tarot Cards

In chapter four we performed an analysis on the Hermetic Tree of Life. This analysis simplified the Tree while at the same time vastly expanding the amount of information we can extract from it. Specifically, 33 new paths were discovered on the Tree, giving us a grand total of 55 paths. The 33 new paths plus cards for the 0, 00, and 000 paths give a total of 36 new trumps.

In this section we look at adding correspondences to these new paths in order to flesh them out. We'll do this by creating new tarot trump cards for each new path. Tarot cards in the Hermetic tradition are complex. They have several sub-components assigned to them. These sub-components include:

- A number assigned to each card.
- Two sephiroth from the Tree of Life that the card connects.
- A Hebrew letter assigned to each card.
- A Zodiac sign, planet, or element assigned to each card.

Our new cards will have its own version of each of these. Specifically, they will have:

- A number assigned to each card. These numbers start from the existing sequence, which ends at 21. The first new card (shown here) is number 22. The

numbers are at the center top of the card. They use Egyptian numbers rather than Roman numbers, as Egyptian numbers are much easier to read and there are claims that the trumps of the old deck are of Egyptian origin.

- Two sephiroth from the Tree of Life that the card connects. These are shown in the lower left and right corners of the card.
- An English letter assigned to each card. This is shown in the upper left corner of the card.
- A correspondence from one of two new systems: The Energies and Environments, and the Diamonds of Daath. These fill the role performed by the zodiac, planet and element correspondences in the old deck. The appropriate symbol assigned to the card is shown in the upper right corner of the card.
- A title and a meaning for divination, shown at the bottom center of the card. If no meaning is provided for a card then the title is the meaning.

The Meaning Of The Cards

Each card should be interpreted as the harmonious interaction of all the forces present on the card: the two sephiroth, the English letter, the number, and the Energy and Environment symbol. Of these, the sephiroth are the primary energies, with the other forces playing a secondary role. Imagining theses forces working together leads to an understanding of the meaning of the card.

As a short-cut, most of the cards have a short summary of their meaning written above the title. This summary should take a back seat to visualizing the forces of the card.