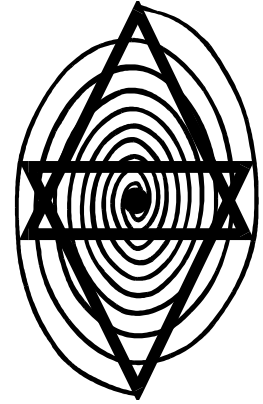


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Divination using Numerology and Playing Cards



We're going to give you a system of divination, or a tool for meditation, using standard numerological meanings applied to playing cards. There are a few systems out there for divination using playing cards with meanings closer to the Minor Arcana of the Tarot and similar, yet somewhat different, from this method. I believe this system, as presented here, is a little bit easier to remember since all the One's mean basically the same thing, same with Two's, etc. They are then applied to the Four suits of the cards relating to the swords, wands, cups and pentacles or Air, Fire, Water and Earth of the Tarot.

I would like to say that anyone who is thoroughly familiar with the meaning of the Minor Arcana, specially those used to working with pip cards containing no helpful illustrations, is probably better sticking to those meanings. Just relate the suits of the Tarot to the suits of the playing cards as detailed further along in this document. It will, however, still be an interesting study to know more about the meanings of numbers to aid in divination of any kind. Those who don't know the Tarot meanings may find the below system easier to pick up on.

Remember, this is my system, coming from many different avenues of research brought together in the, sometimes, outlandish mind of the author. This isn't meant to be a complete course in Tarot, that's something for another study. It doesn't even follow all the rules of numerology or of Tarot, so bear with me, this is just One system out of many available, but it works, just as they all do. In any form of divination or meditation, it's *your* intent that really counts!

There's an appendix at the end of this document adding meaningful references of the Major Arcana Tarot cards, the Qabalah and the Hebrew alphabet to the meanings of the numbers. We've kept this as a completely separate section so as to not confuse the issue of the basic meanings of the numbers and simply not confuse those at all who really don't care! It's just that, for those who already have a knowledge of the Tarot, the Qabalah and Hebrew letter mystical meanings, the significance of the numbers will become more distinct.

Let's take a look first at the numerological meanings. We're also going to split them up into groups according to the following:

Numbers 1, 2 and 3 — These numbers and their meanings relate to *The One* meaning Me, Myself or anything else pertaining to the Self.

Numbers 4,5 and 6 — We go here to *The Many* meaning Family, Community, always outgoing to those close to you.

Numbers 7, 8 and 9 — Now we move into *The All* connecting further out with the World including all humanity and global matters.

Number 10 is kind of in a category of its own and will include the best and worst of all attributes. We'll get to that after we look at the numbers One through Nine.

THE NUMBERS

1 One is the first number of *The One* or *Self* group so pertains directly to yourself, the Me. The attributes will be those of an individual person. This will usually be the personal self, not related to anyone else. When the number One is pertaining to the cards, the Ace is always a very powerful card, no matter where it falls or no matter what its meaning.

Favorable Meanings

New beginnings
Pertaining to the individual
Independence
Pioneer spirit
Leadership
Progress

Unfavorable Meanings

Egotism
Self at all costs
Tyranny
Bully
Stubborn

2 Two still pertains to *The One* or *Self* but now expands its meanings to include another person. The number One related to the personal self now this applies to the self related to someone else. As you will see, there are always a lot of balance and harmony in the number Two. Lovers fall under the Two of Hearts card as we will go into later.

Favorable Meanings

Balance, Harmony
Cooperation
Partners
Consideration of others
Relationships
Sensitive to another
Aware of the needs of another

Unfavorable Meanings

Apathy
At odds with someone
Indifference to someone
Deceptive
Over sensitive
Insensitive to the needs of another

3 The number Three still falls in *The One* or *Self* group but think of it as One and Two joined. Three is the result of this joining and sometimes is called the Ultimate Self. Your own Self acts upon another and produces a result such as great joy or happiness.

Favorable Meanings

The joining of self with another
Expression
Enthusiasm
Sociability
Joy of living
Energy

Unfavorable Meanings

Gossip
Jealousy
Superficial
Worry
Too much pride
Criticism

4 The number Four takes us into a new group of *The Many* that will always relate to your relationship with your family, community or those close to you. Four is the cube, the block, always very stable and balanced. Whereas the number Six, on a little further, will relate to the emotionality of a family or a situation, Four relates more to mundane matters.

Favorable Meanings

Stability, Solid, Hard Work
Managing, Order
Practical, Frugal
Foundation, Form
Productive, Trustworthy, Loyal

Unfavorable Meanings

Stubborn
Over cautious
Micro managing
Destructive
Restrictive

5 Now here's a number that can be very tricky and is often associated with unfavorable meanings. Even the favorable meanings bear close scrutiny. We're still in the group of *The Many* and relate a lot of these meanings to those close to us. It often also relates to the Five physical senses. Just always look very closely at the number Five, it can be rather Chaotic.

Favorable Meanings

Freedom, but be careful
Excitement
Adventure, Travel
Struggle
Need for positive change
Unconventional

Unfavorable Meanings

Over indulgence in the 5 senses
Losing a struggle
Danger in travel
Perversion
Bad taste
Problems with drugs, drink, sex

6 Six is the last number of *The Many* and is sometimes referred to as the Ultimate Family. Whereas the Two of Hearts, as mentioned above, usually will refer to the love between Two people, the Six of Hearts would refer to the love for each other in a family. The number Four relates to stability and harmony in a family or other situation usually concerning mundane matters, now the Six relates more to the emotional side of the family or the emotionality of a situation involving others close to you.

Favorable Meanings

Comforting
Serving, Helping, Nurturing
Family harmony, balance and love
Community
Solid home base

Unfavorable Meanings

Selfish
Family problems
Domestic tyranny
Drudgery
Dependency

7 Another group has begun with the number Seven, the group of *The All*, related to the world in general, not just personal matters or matters concerning those close to you. Seven has always been considered a very mystical number relating often to spiritual concerns. It will relate to your inner powers, whereas the next number, Eight, relates to outer powers and the more mundane world.

Favorable Meanings

Understanding
Search for truth
Meditation
Go within, Introspective
Education
Mental analysis
Seeking wisdom

Unfavorable Meanings

Loss of faith
Dishonesty
Confusion
Not going within
Pipe dreams, not real

8 As mentioned above, the number Eight refers to the mundane matters of *The All*. Instead of inner powers, now we're talking about outer powers. This will often apply to your business or practical matters concerning the rest of the world.

Favorable Meanings

Material satisfaction
Success
Power
Practical or formal matters
Material goals
Executive ability
Business

Unfavorable Meanings

Too formal
Stern
Hardheaded
Over ambitious
Loss of job or business
Power hungry
Unscrupulous

9 The number Nine is the last of *The All* group and contains very strong meanings. This is where you will encounter vast global thinking and humanitarian causes pertaining to the entire world. It will also pertain to very strong unfavorable attributes, so be careful. Remember the number Three, what you did to or with another resulted in an action or a result. Nine is Three times Three and the meanings are correspondingly strong.

Favorable Meanings

Humanitarian
Compassion
Selflessness
Giving
Global thinking

Unfavorable Meanings

Egocentric
Sociopath
Aimless dreaming
Expect the world to support you

10 We're out of the groups now with this last number and, just as in the Tarot cards, the number Ten usually has even stronger meanings than Nine. We're not even going to give you Favorable and Unfavorable attributes as we did for the other numbers above as all will apply, depending on the subject of the reading or where it's going. The number Ten is usually not used in numerology as it breaks down to the number One, which is always self or beginnings of some sort. We could think of Ten as an ultra strong number One but we prefer to use it just as an ultra strong attribute of everything! Whatever the characteristic of the suit the Ten falls in will have a very strong impact on your life.

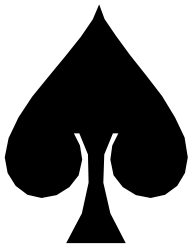
What about the face cards?

We've still got the Jack, Queen and King to talk about. Face cards always represent people with an influence of some sort. The Jack is the Knight of the Tarot and is usually bringing a message. The Queen could relate to either the Empress or the Queen of the Tarot. One is a mother figure and One is a powerful woman in either a family or a business situation. The King is the same thing except male. The Emperor of the Tarot usually refers to the strong father figure, sometimes very harsh but always well meaning. The King of the Tarot is the strong man in either a family or a business situation, just as was the Queen.

Most people will draw another card when having drawn a face card. This tells you what the person represented by the card is up to! This is standard Tarot practice also.

THE SUITS OF PLAYING CARDS TRANSLATED TO THE MEANINGS OF THE TAROT CARDS AND THE ELEMENTS

Spades

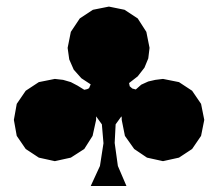


The suit of Spades of the playing cards is equal to the Swords of the Tarot and the Element of Air. Think of Spades as something you dig with, it's sharp, and so are Swords. The Element of Air, from the East or the direction of the rising Sun and Moon, represents new beginnings just as the Sun begins each day anew. It's associated with the male or projective, expansive, very active energy. What it brings, it will usually be fast. Think of Air, with its brisk, quick motions. It's also associated with all mental powers such as imagination, intuition and insight. The rising Sun also represents the season of Spring when it begins to get warmer, new beginnings again. Communication comes from Air, as often represented by the Roman God Mercury, the messenger of the Gods. Ideas come from Air and all projects, no matter what, must begin with an idea.

Just as in the numbers, there are unfavorable attributes to the Elements and the suits of cards. As Air can be a fresh, gentle breeze, it can also be the howling hurricane of destruction. We can imagine all sorts of dire things and communication sometimes can be a disaster.

Clubs

Clubs are something solid made out of wood and so are Wands, the suit of the Tarot related to Clubs. They are related to the Element of Fire, emanating from the South, the direction of heat. Fire primarily represents change or transformation, sometimes drastic. Fire is also creative, it creates something out of something else. Fire can transform basic metal into a work of art or something as everyday ordinary as a car. Fire, the same as Air, is a male Element and there's no doubt it



is very projective. Fire, in the act of tempering, can add tremendous strength to a piece of metal, again a transformative quality. The Sun is at its hottest when it's at its height in the Southern sky, nearly directly overhead at noon in Summer, the season of Fire. Lust and passion come from Fire, not only in the physical, sexual sense, but in the lust and passion for life and everything you do. Our project, started with an idea, must continue with passion in it. If you don't place passion and the attributes of Fire in everything you do, life will never be totally worthwhile and pleasurable.

We all know how destructive Fire can be, just as it can be a warming fire in the hearth. Lust and passion can be out of control as well as adding zest to our life. We can create a disaster as well as an immense benefit to humankind.

Hearts

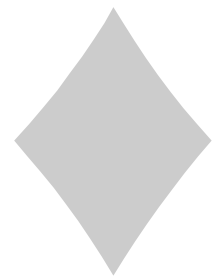


Hearts are an easy One to relate as they associate with the Element of Water, representing emotion and healing, Cups of the Tarot and the direction of West. Water is traditionally associated with love, feelings, emotions of all sorts and healing. Think of water as soothing and gentle. It is also the first of the female Elements so is receptive and nurturing. Whereas lust and passion were connected with Fire, we've now moved into long lasting true love. The Sun is in the afternoon, leaving the hottest part of the day behind, getting ready for the beautiful sunset. The season is Fall, a temperate and lovely time of year. We talked above about a project starting with an idea then being filled with the passion for life. We now add feeling and love to that project. The Element of Water must be present for the effective progress of any part of life, for without feeling, it will never be what it could be.

Yes, Water is that gentle, nurturing substance that we can easily associate with love and healing. But, it can also be the Water of destruction, the flood, the great tidal wave that destroys everything in its path. We can experience a possessive, jealous love as well as the joyous beauty of an unconditional love.

Diamonds

Diamonds are a gem from the Earth, relating to that Element, the direction of North and the Tarot suite of Pentacles, sometimes called coins. Earth is the last Element and the completion of anything you are doing. Also think of Earth as representing stability, balance, strength and power. As the second of the female elements, is there anything more nurturing than Mother Earth? We also find protection and wisdom associated with the Earth and direction of North. Often, mundane matters will fall under the influence of Earth as opposed to matters of the emotions and even religion, influenced more by Water. It is now the time of sunset, the end of the day, getting ready for the restful night. The season is Winter, easily associated with North, at least in the Northern Hemisphere. The project we've been following through Air, Fire and Water is now completed or just about so. The Element of Earth gives us the stability and power to follow through and make sure it does get finished.



Mother Earth is nurturing, giving birth to Her vast array of trees and other nature. She can also be the terrible earthquake or landslide. She can represent the unstable or unbalanced mind of the psychopath. An unfavorable aspect of Earth would be to meaningfully start lots of projects and never finish them.

All the elements, as represented by the suites of Spades, Clubs, Hearts and Diamonds can hold unfavorable attributes as well as favorable. We'll go next into how to actually read the playing cards for either aspect.

Now, what we're *really* going to do - - -

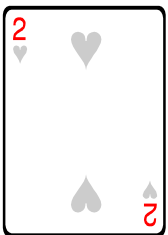
The One thing left to do is have a way to decide whether a card has a favorable or unfavorable meaning, since playing cards have no reverse position. Well, you could say the odd numbers have upright and reversed positions because one more symbol has to be one way than the other, but even this doesn't work in Diamonds, so let's ignore that fantasy idea and go for something workable. We're going to divide the cards into half favorable and half unfavorable by making them similar to the Tarot deck. Note: *similar*, not exact by any means.

In most Tarot decks, the Swords and Wands have the most unfavorable meanings and the Cups and pentacles the most favorable. This makes it easy because Swords and Wands translate to Spades and Clubs, both black. This makes the red cards, the Hearts and Diamonds the more favorable. Easy, huh? Well, here's One more little twist, as in the Tarot, we're going to make the Aces all favorable and the Fives all unfavorable. This means that you can get a favorable Spade or an unfavorable Heart once in a while.

Review, all the Aces will be favorable and all the Fives will be unfavorable meanings. The rest of the cards will have unfavorable meanings for the black and favorable for the red. Now that can't be too hard to remember!

When you put together the attributes of the numbers with the area of life of the suit or Element, you have more than ample meaning to do a full reading for any subject, or pick a card to meditate on. We're not going into every card here, that would just take too much space. Here are a few examples and I know you can easily figure the rest of them out.

Examples



The Two of Hearts is probably the best card in the deck for a love relationship. You couldn't go wrong with this One. Hearts (Water) are directly related to the emotion of love and the number Two is perfect balance and harmony between Two people.

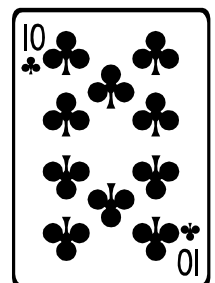
You wouldn't want the Five of Hearts for love as that could spell disaster. Remember, all the fives have unfavorable meanings.

How about something representing good income or money flow in the mundane world? The Four of Diamonds would do just that. Money or prosperity always falls in Diamonds (Earth) and the number Four is the card of good stable hard work. However this would apply to a family income more than being an executive of a large corporation.

The favorable card for a large corporation executive would be the Eight of Diamonds. Eight is more related to the entire world and has a very outward presence while Diamonds are still in the money or business category.

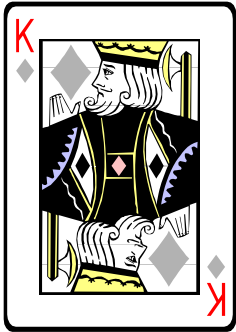
What about if you drew the Two of Clubs. Two still refers to the relationship of Two people and Clubs (Fire) could relate it to an insensitivity to lust or passion in the sexual sense. Maybe too much emphasis on sex, tone it down a bit and see what happens.

The Ten of Clubs may refer to the drastic need for a change or transformation before things fall completely apart. Maybe a loss of creativity is at close hand. Watch these things and take care.



How about the Ace of Spades? This could mean a powerful new idea is at hand, a wonderful new beginning to some venture. Sounds good, doesn't it? Remember, the Aces are always good.

The Six of Spades could indicate a serious family problem relating to a lack of communication. Take more time to talk to your family. Maybe your local community of friends or extended family is headed for destruction due to the selfishness or tyranny of a few. Just a few ideas to think about.



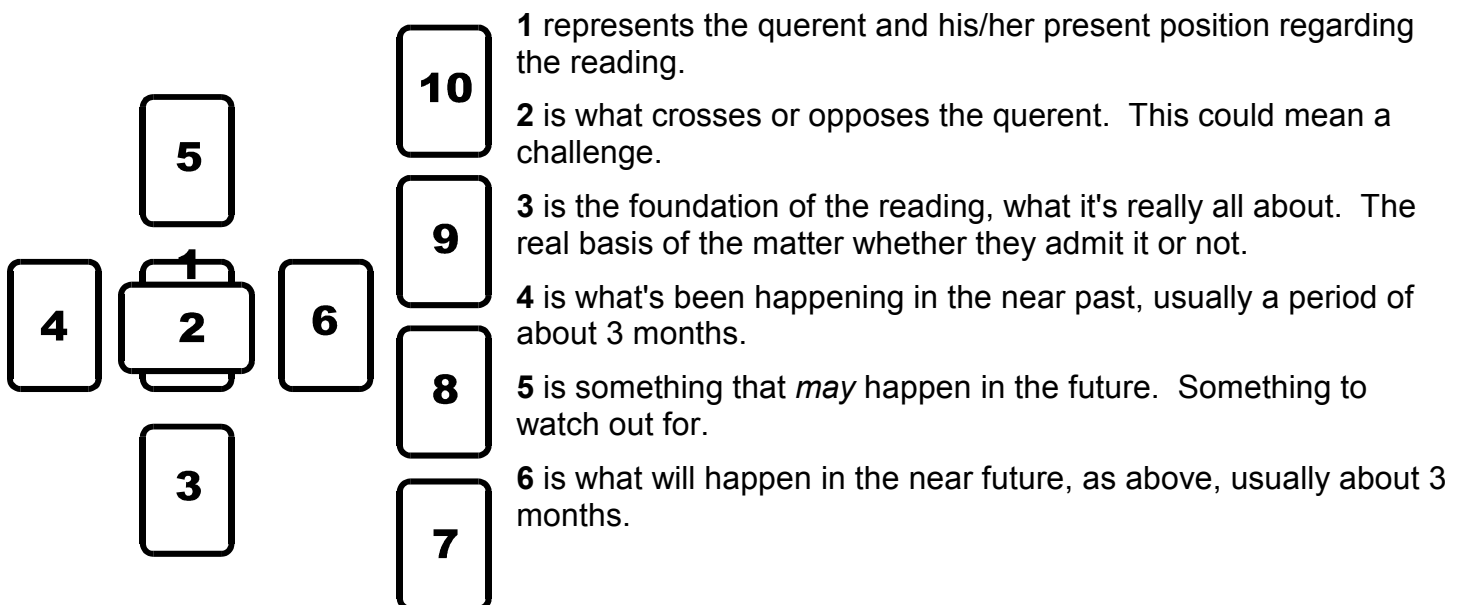
You draw the King of Diamonds. This indicates something to do with a very powerful man or a leader. You follow that with the Five of Spades. Watch out, he's probably up to something and it's not good! Be very careful in this situation.

The Queen of Hearts is followed by the Seven of Diamonds. A motherly figure, someone you love, may be on a search for truth or wisdom. Help her, she will appreciate it.

The Jack of Clubs comes up. This could pertain to a message of some kind coming concerning a great change that may not be for the good. Be very wary of anything like this. Maybe even draw another card to add to the understanding of what's going on here. You draw the Nine of Diamonds. Seems at odds with the others, doesn't it? Use your intuition, your insight, to figure this One out. Nine refers to humanitarianism or global giving and Diamonds refer to the Element of Earth, so the change you should be wary of could be pertaining to a powerful internationally known power figure causing this change. Now, you've gotten some ammunition to put a plan into action when more is revealed in the days to come.

A few spreads to help you get started

We'll start out with the most used, the standard Celtic Spread. You will find differences on the meaning of the cards for the various positions, but the spread is the same. The meanings presented here are very common to use. The cards face you, the reader, right side up in the order presented here. The querent (the One being read for) will either be alongside you or opposite. The querent may ask you a specific question or may not. I find that they will usually shy away from any specifics in the beginning then get into them as the reading progresses and things that make sense to them start coming out. The querent usually shuffles and cuts the cards but you may do it for them if they want.



7 is what the querent fears. These are the negative feelings about the matter.

8 is the querent's environment, the opinions of family and friends on the matter.

9 is the querent's own hope and ideals in the matter. These may not always be the best way to go but it's what they are hoping for.

10 is the final outcome. It will include the meaning of everything else that precedes it. Remember, divination is not written in stone, this is just a road map with the pot holes plainly marked. It's nice to know where they may be so they can be avoided. The final outcome will happen if the querent keeps going on his/her present path with no changes.

Some people pick a card for the number 1 spot in this spread, something that will represent the querent and make sense. I have always preferred to pick this card and let it fall how it may. It tells me something about the querent he/she may not be telling me. Once, and only once, I actually drew the Ten of Swords to represent the querent. I knew the querent at this time and knew what he was going through in life. It was absolutely correct!

Many people pick a card each morning to tell them how the day may go or give hints on how to make it go better. They may draw One or Two more cards for a further explanation of this reading. I have often done this and, by the end of the day, I've looked back and always found it to be absolutely accurate. I've even drawn the 9 or 10 of Swords a couple of time and put it right back in the deck saying, "No way, I'm not going to let my day be like that!" This is using the Will of the Magician to set up your own life pathway. It may have warned I that there was a strong possibility that day of some things going wrong but I darn sure wasn't going to let it happen!

Here's a nice easy 7 card spread:

1 represents the distant past. You will find a lot of basis here why certain present events are taking place.

2 is the immediate past, something that has just finished or is finishing happening right now.

3 is present influences and is strongly connected to the previous 2 cards. This is what is affecting things right here and now.

4 is the present obstacles. This could represent what is presently an obstacle or hazard to the querent. A very favorable card here could be something acting on the querent to pull him/her away from the actual goal.

5 is the present outlook and is tempered by both the 2 preceding cards. This could be what the querent wants to happen.

6 shows the sphere of influence coming into existence very soon. Remember, influences can be based on all the preceding cards at this time.

7 is the final result if the querent continues on his/her present track. It contains influences from all the preceding cards.



I think you've got the idea now - - -

Take out the cards and lets get started.

Divination using Numerology and Playing Cards

Appendix I

Correspondences (Well, sort of, maybe!)

Correspondences, well, sort of, maybe! That's because everybody will have some different ideas about this and even those who consider themselves experts in this material will differ among themselves. So, this is from me, and only me. Just some ideas to help you master the preceding system if you already know something about something else. Now, that makes sense — not really, but it's not supposed to, it's too complicated! Here goes anyway - - - -

Comparison of Numbers to the first Ten Hebrew Letters, the Qabalah and the Major Arcana

This is going to be interesting for some, totally confusing to others and is absolutely unnecessary to the foregoing discussion of divination or meditation using playing cards. It just happens that the Hebrew alphabet, the Qabalah and the Tarot all have very mystical and similar meanings when put together with our own numbers.

We've deviated from the standard order of numbering the Tree of Life in order that the Empress will fall on the female side and the Emperor on the male side. We're also using Daath, the non-Sephirah of Hidden Wisdom. This should straighten out any confusion since we've inserted the opposing non-confusion! Since the Major Arcana and the Hebrew letters are usually not put on the Sephiroth but on the paths in between which we're not using here, we can get away with anything we want! We're only using the Tarot cards numbered 0-11 and first 10 letters anyway, but, as you will see, they will still form a very thorough pathway through life. See the illustration on the last page to help tie this together.

Several of the greatest philosophers of all times have made the statement that the Universe is nothing but numbers and all Universal law is based on numbers. When researching all sorts of documentation for this study and putting together the following, I believe they were probably right!

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Kether

Fool

ZERO is not really a number in itself, so it doesn't match any of the numerological data in the foregoing, but it is the number of the Fool card and that card is often related to Kether of the Qabalah Tree of life. Zero is pure potential, nothing else.

The Hebrew Aleph is actually number One in that alphabet and we'll relate it to that number in the following discussion of One. But it also contains great potential in raw power form so we list it here just to take up space!

The sephirah of Kether also corresponds to the original energy of the Creator, the keyword being *Knowledge*. This is only potential and, without moving on, it will do absolutely nothing. Kether also has to move on through the various levels of the Qabalistic Tree of Life or it will just sit there.

The Fool is the most mysterious card of the Tarot and is often misunderstood as meaning folly or foolishness, but actually means the God/Goddess power itself. He/She's taking that big step into the unknown with full confidence that things will work out well.

So why are we discussing zero here when it means absolutely nothing to divination with playing cards, the subject of this document? Actually this entire appendix has nothing to do with the system presented herein, but is presented as an interesting additional study. It isn't necessary, but it's kind of fun and just adds more spice to everything!

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Chokmah

Magician

The number **ONE** will correspond to the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph. It now projects itself into the number Two which will contain its energy. One is the beginning, self and the pioneering spirit. Aleph is the first emanation of the Creator, without which nothing else could exist. Notice we also placed Aleph on zero, above, as it also most closely corresponds to the meaning of the potential of pure, raw power.

Chokmah is the second Sephirah but matches up better with the number One as it is the first point where the emanation from Kether stops to make an impression. Chokmah represents the keyword *Wisdom* in the Qabalah.

The Magician is the conscious will, bringing the power above down to do the work below. He is very much an individual and a very projective character, emanating power to bring his will about.

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Binah

High Priestess

The number **TWO** matches Beth, the second letter. Two is the balance and harmony between Two people and Beth is the container that holds the emanation of Aleph. Both needed to carry on with creation.

Binah falls next on the Qabalistic Tree of Life corresponding to the definition of the number Two, the receptive container. The keyword for this is *Understanding*. So far we've had *Knowledge* projected into *Wisdom*, but what good would either of these do without *Understanding*. *Wisdom* without understanding will not work and neither will understanding without wisdom. Also, both are needed to bring about the fruition of knowledge, otherwise knowledge just sits there and does nothing. Kind of like most college professors who have lots of knowledge about their chosen field, but usually can not do anything with it in the mundane world. They just have no wisdom and understanding of how the real world works! They can only pass this knowledge along to those who are equipped to do something with it.

The High Priestess card, being female and receptive, receives the energy projected by the individual self, the number One, the projective self.

The above Three groups are known as the Supernal Triangle on the Tree of life and the Qabalistic World of Atziluth. This represents potential and emanation but no real creation or formation of any substance yet, that still remains to be done with the next step. The numbers One and Two also fit in this group well because they represent the self and the relationship of the self with someone else. Just potential for something to happen, but nothing really happens till the number Three which is the result of One and Two acting together. Read again the discussion of *Knowledge*, *Wisdom*, and *Understanding*, two paragraphs above.

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Geburah

Empress

The number **THREE** is the third letter, Gimel. Three is the result of One and Two, what happens when you, yourself, join with another. Gimel is the change or transformation of energy that occurs when Aleph and Beth get together.

We've placed the Sephirah of Geburah with number 3 to coincide with placing the Empress on the female side of the Tree. Geburah stands for *Judgment* and is usually accompanied by changing conditions such as will happen when the contained energy is acted upon.

The Empress of the Tarot represents the change that occurred when the Magician and High Priestess got together, she got pregnant! She's now represented as the Mother figure of the entire world, also representing all of Mother Nature. This is all the result of the numbers One and Two getting together and manifesting number Three as the result.

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Chesed

Emperor

The number **FOUR** corresponds to Daleth, the fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Daleth stands for the physical existence that results as the result of number Three acting upon the joining of number One with number Two. Daleth is the result of the action of Gimel.

Chesed on the Tree of Life usually represents *Mercy*, not as close a representation as we would like but it works well with the Emperor card. Let's see how.

The Emperor, represents number Four very well because Four is a number of solid, stable physical existence, a very mundane number. The Emperor is the stern father figure but always well meaning. He is usually shown wearing armor as a warrior but unarmed, which lends itself to the mercy aspect of Chesed

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Daath

Hierophant

We're going to bounce around a bit with the number **FIVE** in taking it back up the Tree of life to the non-Sephirah of Hidden Wisdom, Daath. We use Five in this divination method as an often chaotic number and Daath is often a misunderstood factor in the Qabalah. It falls directly between the worlds of Atziluth and Briah and could be thought of as the very first emanation of creation from the pure spiritual side. Five is also halfway in the numerological system of nine single digit numbers being led by four and followed by four numbers.

The Hebrew letter He represents Universal Life, splitting the first four letters standing for emanation from the next five letters standing for the creation of physical existence. As such, again, it seems to match Five and Daath well.

The Hierophant card is very controversial at times, some placing a very spiritual meaning of great teacher upon it and others giving it an attribute of dogma, or the overly mundane aspect of religion. So, again, we find this to be kind of a *halfway* meaning with a pretty good match to the other attributes of Five above.

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Tifareth

Lovers

Onward to the number **SIX**, the ultimate number of the family or community standing for a great deal of harmony, balance and love for those close to us. The Hebrew letter Vau represents the fertilizing substance of existence, its use being brought out in the next four letters. This is the first of the letters of physical creation according to the mystical meaning of the Hebrew alphabet.

Tifareth is the Sephirah of beauty and perfection, what better to represent the number Six? It also stands for the aspect of the sacrificed God or Goddess and who wouldn't sacrifice themselves for their own family or close community of friends. The entire concept of Tifareth is that of a very high level, matching the number Six very well.

So we have the loving family, the concept of sacrificing oneself for them and the prime fertilizing substance of physical existence here. What better Tarot card to match this than the Lovers, also usually labeled as number Six. The lovers also represent the conscious, sub-conscious and super-conscious mind making the statement that the conscious mind can only reach the super-conscious through the sub-conscious. This is a very important and high level concept in our life corresponding to that remarkable number Six.

We've now worked our way through the Ethical Triangle of the Qabalah Tree of Life and the World of Briah, representing the beginning of creation, the ultimate formation of all to come about next. Balance should really be starting to make an impression on you here as Mercy must be always balanced against Judgment. Mercy without Judgment is weakness and Judgment without Mercy is cruelty. You can't have the action of the number Three without the mundane results of the number Four. The mundane results of Four cannot take place without the action of Three. Balance and harmony, always!

We've gone through the number Three here, standing for the first action (the pregnancy of the Empress) upon the potential of the joining of numbers One and Two. Next was Four, the first number representing solid, stable mundane existence. Five and Six took us through some chaotic ideas then the final wonderful concept of love for all those close to you. As we learned earlier in the lesson, the last number of the Self group was Three, starting to take action. We then added Four, Five and Six in the *Many* group representing family and community. We're now ready to move on to the group of the *All*, interacting with the entire world. This will also take us into the Qabalistic World of formation, where things are really starting to happen.

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Netzach

Chariot

Next is the mystical number **SEVEN**, usually relating to spiritual concerns and inner powers. Seven is usually involved with an introspective look and a search for truth. The Hebrew letter Zain follows Vau and stands for the actual fertilization using the substance of Vau, a very mystical concept. When fertilization takes place, the actual formation of physical existence has begun.

Netzach on the Tree of Life is Victory and is where physical love and the power of sex are usually placed, often being connected with Aphrodite, Venus and other Goddesses of that type. Seven is one of the most beautiful of numbers, just as love is the most beautiful of human emotions. Seven represents the victory of real truth over false existence.

The driver of the Tarot card of the Chariot seems to be a victorious soldier who is now exercising control of his/her life. The pair of Sphinx pulling the Chariot represent both pillars of the Qabalah and, if not controlled, will try to go in different directions. The mystical concept of the number Seven applies here to the control of the direction your life may go.

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Hod

Strength

Number **EIGHT** is similar to number Four but on a much more vast and worldly scale, just as the Hebrew letter Cheth now represents the results of the fertilization of Vau, the beginning embryo of life. You may start a business in the small, community atmosphere of Four then move to the world dominance of Eight. Life is really starting to grow.

The Sephirah Hod is the balancing Glory to the Victory of Netzach. It's also the more mundane, left brain activity related to the artistic, right brain activity of Netzach. It's the engineer related to the musician. Intellect related to emotion. Hod goes with the number Eight very well in that Eight is business on a world wide scale, humanitarianism for the masses. Very good, very successful, but also very mundane, not much emotion connected with Eight.

The Strength card is the higher self subduing the lower self. The infinity sign over the woman's head indicates she is accepting help from the higher planes. This seems to tie in to both Netzach and Hod more than just Hod alone and, since we stress balance here (and always), this does make sense. The higher self, Netzach or the emotional right-brained self is exercising control over the lower self, Hod, the overly intellectual left-brained self. The sometimes overly-mundane number Eight needs the tempering of the mystical number Seven to do the best work it can.

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Yesod

Hermit

Next we have number **NINE**, a very strong number and the last of the *All* group, the three numbers pertaining to the entire world. The three Hebrew letters preceding this, Vau, Zain and Cheth represented the fertilization process and the beginning of physical existence. Now, this letter, Teth, represents the gestation period where that life grows to a level of maturity possible for birth into the world to occur. Nine is certainly a growing number in its dedication to global thinking and actions.

We're moving down the Tree of Life into the Sephirah, Yesod, representing the Foundation of all that happened above. Yesod is the last stop before physical manifestation, just as the gestation period of Teth and the grand and glorious aspirations of the number Nine. Yesod is the realm of the higher mind, where we reach in meditation. It is the home of Morphic Fields, the repository of all history as well as the home of the Eggregore, a similar concept. This is the potential of every wonderful thing we have gone through above (remember, potential can be negative too)! ready to transmit it to the physical Kingdom of Malkuth, below.

The Hermit of the Tarot is the seeker along the pathway. He/She already has accumulated a great deal of knowledge and is more than willing to help others find their own pathway as well. The Hermit has the compassion for the world as does the number Nine. He/she can also be an aimless dreamer as goes the unfavorable meaning of Nine.

We've completed the last of the groups of numbers, the *All* group, pertaining to the world. This also completes the World of Yetzirah, the world of formation and the Astral Triangle of the Qabalah. Things have all been well formed now, ready for that final plunge into the actual existence of Asiah and the powerful number Ten. We took a good look at balance again with the relation between Seven and Eight, Netzach and Hod. An overly emotional or even artistic view of something with the tempering power of the intellect is no good. Same for an overly intellectual view without the emotions. It just doesn't work! It's the artisan building something without putting love into it. It's the person who paints pictures versus the true artist. It's the person who puts words on paper versus the author who pulls at your heartstrings with words. On the other hand, it could be the person with wonderful, emotional, love filled ideas who can't do anything with them. Remember, balance and harmony are always necessary for anything to be done properly.

There's only one more world left to delve into, the World of Asiah, existence and action. All of what we've gone through above are going to come into being.

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Malkuth

Wheel of Fortune

The number **TEN** is in a category by itself, no more groupings. Ten is the strongest number of our system and will represent extremely powerful favorable or unfavorable attributes of all types. The Hebrew letter Yod is also one of the strongest in the alphabet. Even look at the form of the various letters and all contain a Yod or a variation of it. Remember the previous four letters where we went through fertilization to gestation. We now have birth! Yod now is the culmination of all the preceding, is the actual projection of Aleph in physical form after going through the various stages and with the assertion of a continuance of existence. The great cosmic drama is continually played out between Aleph and Yod.

Malkuth is now the manifestation of all the preceding attributes, nothing new, but now it's real. It actually exists. Like Yod being the final manifestation of Aleph, Malkuth is the same to Kether. Everything is now connected. The four Elements of Air, Fire, Water and Earth are all contained within Malkuth which is why it's sometimes drawn divided into four quarters. Malkuth is the conscious mind that can only receive the super conscious power of Kether by going through the sub conscious mind of Yesod and the gateway of sacrifice, Tifareth. We stated above that Yesod was the potential of everything else ready to transmit into Malkuth. Think of Yesod as the electrical socket being fed by the side pillars of Mildness and Severity. It must be connected to both or the power will not be there. Malkuth is the light bulb that is inserted into the socket, the realization of that unseen power or energy in the physical world.

The final Tarot card to be considered here is the Wheel of Fortune. Notice the Wheel of Fortune contains all four Elements of Malkuth and the four fixed signs of the zodiac in the form of the Ox (Taurus, Earth), Lion (Leo, Fire), Eagle (Scorpio, Water) and Humankind (Aquarius, Air). Sometimes you take a chance with this Earthly life, you spin the wheel and it doesn't stop exactly where you may want it to. With the proper use of the Elements and the knowledge of balance and harmony, you've got a lot better chance of it being favorable.

You're living in the Kingdom of Malkuth with the assistance of all the numbers, the mystical letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the rest of the Tarot and the Qabalah to help you. You can't go wrong with this understanding.

