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*For all the innocents, especially:*

*Chloe,  
Ohana,  
Lisette,  
Hayley,  
Alexander,  
Abby,  
Nikolai,  
Luke,  
James,  
Jack,  
Issha,  
Hugh,  
Lauren,  
Holly,  
Shanti,  
Michaela,  
Alexa,  
Christina,  
and Trinity.*

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# Introducing Celestial Tarot

Embedded in our night sky are archetypal images, symbols, and stories that have enchanted and inspired the human soul for aeons. Onto this sanctuary of the sky the ancients projected their imagination using the star-patterns to animate their myths and create the skyscape that shapes the imagery of *Celestial Tarot*. Underpinning the seventy-eight cards of *Celestial Tarot* are the ancient traditions of astrology, astronomy, and mythology. The Tarot is now projected onto the wide canvas of the heavens allowing the astrology, mythology, and symbolism of the planets and constellations to inspire the cards. *Celestial Tarot* makes a great impact as it not only amplifies and widens the meaning of the contemporary cards but also utilizes the oldest forms of divination.

The *Celestial Tarot* also has symmetry. The twenty-two cards of the Major Arcana are represented by the twelve zodiacal constellations and the ten planets of contemporary astrology with each minor suit representing one of the four astrological elements. In the Minor Arcana we encounter the extra-zodiacal constellations. Throughout these cards the zodiac is divided into decanates to add more insight and symbolism to each card. The Court Cards include the Princesses who each personify a season while the Prince, Queen, and King of each suit embody the mutable, fixed, and cardinal signs of each element.

Guided by Tarot tradition, the works of C.C. Zain and Raphael Binding, as well as her own creative impulses, Kay Steventon has created a Tarot deck for a new age—one engaging the Tarot enthusiast with the ancient tradition of astral divination. Imagination is awoken through the visual images of astrological constellations and mythological symbols. For astrologers it is an exciting new way to engage with the constellations and planets.

—Brian Clark

# The Major Arcana of the Celestial Tarot

## The Greater Mysteries

Similar to ancient traditions the Tarot has two mystery initiations. The twenty-two cards of the Major Arcana represent the Greater Mysteries, the encounters with the archetypal forces that underpin life. The twelve signs of the zodiac and the ten planets of the astrological pantheon represent the *daimons* presiding over each stage of the journey. Other symbols depicted on the Major Arcana cards are listed at right:



MAJOR ARCANA CARD	ELEMENTAL SYMBOL	ASTROLOGICAL RULER	ASTROLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE	HEBREW LETTER
0: The Fool	Air	Uranus	Aquarius	ALEPH
1: The Magician	Air	Mercury	Gemini/Virgo	BETH
2: The High Priestess	Water	Moon	Cancer	GIMEL
3: The Empress	Earth/Air	Venus	Taurus/Libra	DALETH
4: The Emperor	Fire	Aries	Mars	HEH
5: The Hierophant	Earth	Taurus	Venus	VAV
6: The Lovers	Air	Gemini	Mercury	ZAIN
7: The Chariot	Water	Cancer	Moon	CHETH
8: Strength	Fire	Leo	Sun	TETH
9: The Hermit	Earth	Virgo	Mercury	YOD
10: The Wheel of Fortune	Fire	Jupiter	Sagittarius	KAPH
11: Justice	Air	Libra	Venus	LAMED
12: The Hanged Man	Water	Neptune	Pisces	MEM
13: Death	Water	Scorpio	Pluto	NUN
14: Temperance	Fire	Sagittarius	Jupiter	SAMEKH
15: The Devil	Earth	Capricorn	Saturn	AYIN
16: The Tower	Fire	Mars	Aries	PEH
17: The Star	Air	Aquarius	Uranus	TZADDI
18: The Moon	Water	Pisces	Neptune	QOPH
19: The Sun	Fire	Sun	Leo	RESH
20: Judgment	Water	Pluto	Scorpio	SHIN
21: The World	Earth	Saturn	Capricorn	TAV

# The Major Arcana

## 0 THE FOOL:

### Uranus and the Journey of Individuation

Uranus as the planetary spirit guiding the Fool acts suddenly and unexpectedly, uprooting the past to make way for progress. Poised to take a risk and rebel against the status quo, the future-directed Fool steps into the unknown to begin his unfolding journey into self-understanding. He is naked, personifying the soul at the beginning of the adventure—innocent and unaware of the initiations and lessons lying ahead. Arms outstretched his abundant faith and optimism compels him to follow a dream, a hunch, a feeling, to experience where it may lead him. The appearance of the Fool suggests movement, unexpected change, a fresh start and a challenge lying ahead. On an oracular level the Fool suggests a turning point on the spiral path of individuation.

## I THE MAGICIAN: The Guiding Gifts of Mercury

Youthful Mercury is the Magician ready to guide us through the labyrinthine path ahead. Mercury is the surrogate of Uranus initiating the Fool into the game of life by endowing him with the skills necessary to outwit his opponents. When the Magician is drawn consciousness of goals as well as the will, ingenuity, and intellect needed to pursue them is implied. In myth, Mercury was aware of this from the beginning. As the patron of youth he reminds us that we are filled with possibilities and the energy to pursue them. The card signals a new phase filled with abundant spirit and momentum. A creative process is underfoot. The Magician suggests an epiphany of the god who is ready to guide us across the threshold of change.

## **II THE HIGH PRIESTESS:**

### **The Inner Mysteries of Moon**

Selene, the original Greek goddess of the Moon, is the surrogate of the High Priestess. Rising out of the ocean Selene yoked her shimmering horses to her chariot and drove it across the night sky mesmerizing earth in the gentle glow of her moonlight. As half-veiled the goddess is inviting us into her mysteries, responding to our urge to be engaged in her reverie and to unveil the truth. In the background is the shadow of the traditional High Priestess who carries the essence of goddess wisdom from all cultures. On an oracular level, the High Priestess invites us to be more aware of symbols and signs, feeling responses, bodily aches and pains, emotional reactions, and mood swings in general—the inner life. The veil that conceals the other world lifts to reveal its mystery.

## **III THE EMPRESS: The Bountiful World of Venus**

Venus governs the Empress, the equal partner of the Emperor, the feminine ruler, and head of state. Venus is the goddess of love, sexuality, and beauty whose cult was universal in the ancient world. Astrologically, Venus governs the dual domiciles of earthy Taurus and heavenly Libra. Taurus carries her earthy, sensual, fertile, and resourceful sides while Libra reflects the goddess' heavenly aspect of culture and beauty. United in the goddess they reflect her passion for beauty, love, and life. On an oracular level she predicts a phase of growth and abundance, a desire to be creative, and an urge to be involved passionately both physically and cerebrally.

## **IV THE EMPEROR: Aries and the Mythic Motif of Kingship and Conquest**

The Emperor introduces Aries, the leading sign of the zodiac, which derives its inspiration from the myth of the Golden Fleece, the object of the hero Jason's quest.

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