

SUN

The Life Giver. The dot in the center of the sign for the sun represents the germ of life. The source of life, father idea. . . positive, vital and creative type of energy. Rules the vital life force (kundalini) in man. Indicative of consciousness of power and authority. Grandeur and generosity. The heart in the body is assigned (represented by) to the sun. In the Tree of Life the sun is at Tiphareth. Resh. Key no. 19 in the Tarot. Keywords are energy and vigor.

MOON

Typically the mother, crescent of the soul. Symbolizes energy, nourishment that fructifies. Negative and plastic (mobile) energy. Represents forming or molding of attributes of astral world. This energy gives form to all life. Yesod on the Tree of Life. Corresponds to, but does not rule, soul of man. Type of consciousness is sensual awareness, instinct and impulse; changeableness. Ideas applied to concrete purposes. Receptivity and imagination. In the human body, represents the medium of vital forces. Mold in which the forces are cloaked with flesh. Key No. 2 of the Tarot. Path 13. Keyword is fluctuation.

MERCURY

The thinker. Crescent of the soul surmounting the circle of spirit which in turn surmounts the cross of matter. This signifies that the soul and the spirit have overcome sensation (attraction of matter). Shows equilibrium between material and the ideal. Union of inspiration and concrete experience. Balanced symbol, reconciler of soul and matter. Type of consciousness is thought, understanding, reasoning and intellect. Abstract thought, knowledge for sake of knowledge. Abstract ideas, pure reason. In the human body the brain is attributed to Mercury, also the speech apparatus. The Magician in Tarot, Key No. 1, path 12, Keywords: thought and perception.

VENUS

The Unifier. Circle of spirit surmounting cross of matter indicates inspiration which expresses as blind emotion. Absence of crescent (of soul) indicates imbalance, spirituality overwhelming practicality. Type of consciousness is passions and emotions, particularly love. Keyword is affection. Venus symbolizes the astral body. Key 3 in the Tarot, the Emperor, path 14.

MARS

The energizer. Circle of spirit surrounded by cross of matter. Indicates matter overpowering spirit without the balancing influences of the soul. Absence of crescent (of soul) indicates that impulse predominates, sometimes with violent and destructive results. Mars expresses joy in strife, enjoys battle. Conquest and religion. Does not recognize right but recognizes might. Quality of energy is explosive, positive. Fiery impulsiveness, inflammable, passion and lustfulness. In the body the animal nature or animal soul is expressed by Mars; the unconscious. Type of consciousness is impulse, desire, passion, enterprising, anger. Key 16, the Tower, path 27.

JUPITER

The Uplifter. Crescent of soul surmounting the cross of matter. Indicates the

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material made subservient to ideals, aspirations and emotions. Type of energy is expansion, benefic benevolence, positive, compassionate, philosophic and joyous. Type of consciousness is combination of feeling and thought, good nature, harmony and devotion. In the human body, this symbol indicates the vital or etheric body. On the Tree of Life, Chesed. Key 10, Wheel of Fortune, path 21.

SATURN

The subduer. The cross of matter surmounts the crescent of the soul. Aspirations are made subservient to the practicality of matter. Feelings and emotions are repressed that action may result, streaming purely from deliberate considerations. The cross above the crescent becomes the sickle, the sign held by old age or death. Saturn is the orb of old age, preceding dissolution. Saturn denotes coldness, limitation, restriction and solidification. Types of consciousness: concrete mind tending to separation. Slow, cold and deliberate will. Calculating. Emotion is held in check by thought and will. The sense of self, expressed consciousness of self. Negative, austerity, prudence, chastity. Keyword is limitation. Binah, Key 21, Tav, path 32.

URANUS

The awakener. Two crescents joined by the cross of matter surmounting the circle of spirit. Indicates two souls in union dominating the sensations of the flesh. However, the spirit beneath shows that the union is of the body and mind but not of the spirit. The union is not of soul-mates therefore they are unable to reach the higher states. (spiritually) Uranus is the higher octave of Mercury. It is a higher level of intellect. Radical and unconventional type of energy, both attracting and repelling; abrupt, completely individualistic. Type of consciousness: affects the will, the true will or will in the highest sense. Induces love of freedom and independence, dislike of control. Induces originality, new ideas, departure from the conventional. Uranus rules the etheric body. Keyword is originality. Key 0, the Fool, Aleph, path 11.

NEPTUNE

The mystic. Two crescents joined by the cross of matter and surmounted by the circle of spirit. This indicates soul-mates, occupying one blended astral form, (multiplication of energies) and controlled by the spirit common to both. This typifies the highest realization of love. Symbolizes first stage of complete human being, is higher octave of Venus. A very idealistic, psychic and mystical energy. Dreamy and visionary. Type of consciousness: aesthetic, intuitive, imaginative, romantic. Rules astral body. Keyword is Illusion. Key 12, Hanged Man, path 23. Negative and magnetic.

PLUTO

The cross of matter surmounted by the crescent of soul. The cross of matter (earth) signifies the material nature of the individual and the materialistic pull or influence of the planet. This suggests the absorption of the lower self (matter) into the soul to complete the circle of spirit. A positive and electric or negative and magnetic energy. (dual aspect of energy) Earthy or spiritual. Drastic. Keyword is spirituality. Key 20, Judgement, Shin, path 31. Not too much is known about Pluto at this time.