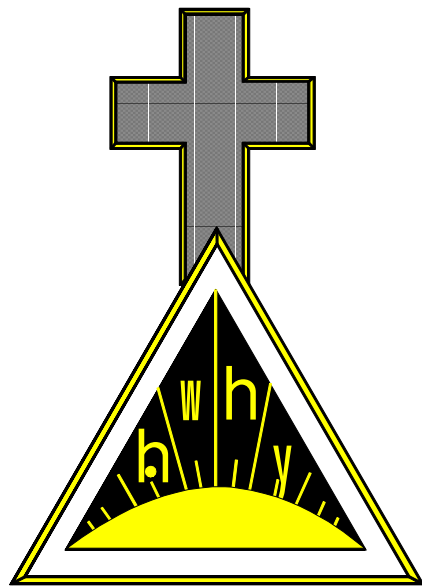


The Hermetic Order Of The
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**ENERGY INFLUENCES ON
THE PATHS**

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PRACTICUS 3 = 8

The following is based on the information supplied to us by Frater S.R.M.D.. In this short chart the progression of energies and how they react in relation to the Major Arcana is shown. In an earlier grade you learned about Transitional elements. A Transitional element is an elemental energy that is in transit between two sephiroth. Here are the material attributions of the sephiroth and the paths as they apply directly to the Tarot.

0	Fool	Representing the Primum Mobile acting through Air on the zodiac. (If you consider the first swirlings of the creation of the Universe as still existing, not something in the past tense, but something that is always in existence, then in reality time is nothing. You can understand that this first swirling will have an impact on the created zodiac through the maternal element of Air.)
1	Magician	This is the crown of understanding, the beginning of material production. This is the force that combines the different attributes and begins to give them manifestation. It is the Primum Mobile acting through the Philosophic Mercury on Saturn. (Again it is important to think in terms of the first swirlings acting through Philosophic Mercury on the planet of Saturn. It is here that you must know your correspondences on Saturn, time creation, etc..)
2	High Priestess	This is the crown of beauty, the beginning of sovereignty and beauty. Here we have the Primum Mobile acting through the Moon on the Sun. (This no doubt explains the fluctuations often felt by Adepts that work this path.)
3	Empress	The wisdom of understanding. The Empress is the union of powers of origination and production. It is the sphere of the zodiac acting through Venus upon Saturn. (Here we have the zodiac with all of its energies and life giving force acting through the planet of ultimate desire on the planet of life and time. Perhaps this explains the nature of the Empress.)
4	Emperor	The wisdom of sovereignty and beauty, the originator of them. With the Emperor we have the sphere of the zodiac acting through Aries upon the Sun. This initiates Spring. (The best way to understand this energy is to think of the Spring Equinox, the influence of the Sun into Aries bringing us into a new point in the year and a new energy that is full of the fire of life.)
5	Hierophant	He is the wisdom and foundation of mercy. It is the sphere of the zodiac acting through Taurus upon Jupiter. (Here we have the sure-footedness of Taurus that has incredible power both procreative and internal, acting upon the benevolence of Jupiter.)

6	Lovers	The understanding of beauty and production of beauty and sovereignty. Saturn acting through Gemini upon Sol. (Some people mistakenly confuse the Lovers as Sol acting upon Saturn. This is incorrect, for we have the karmic time force of Saturn acting through the zodiacal energy of Gemini, that force of splitness and intellectual debate on Sol, the life giver.)
7	Chariot	Understanding acting upon severity. This is Saturn acting through Cancer upon Mars. (This explains why the Chariot influences travel, victory, new life, and success in many readings. However, because of the weaknesses of Cancer, many times this victory is fleeting.)
8	Strength	This is mercy tempering severity. This is the glory of strength. It is Jupiter acting through Leo upon Mars. (Think of this for a moment. In the Practicus grade you are studying the attributes of the Strength card and you are learning about true strength. Here we have the benevolence and mercy of Chesed, Chesed also meaning love in Hebrew, acting through the most powerful sign of the Zodiac, Leo, upon the raging powers of Mars.)
9	Hermit	The mercy of beauty, the magnificence of sovereignty. This is Jupiter acting through Virgo upon Sol. (Here again we see this infinite mercy acting through the virginal sign of innocence and compassion, Virgo, upon Sol, the power of the Sun, the dispenser of the light to the Earth.)
10	Wheel of Fortune	The mercy and magnificence of victory. This is Jupiter acting through Jupiter directly upon Venus. (It is here that we have the incredible magnificence and bestowal energy of Jupiter acting through the energy of Jupiter upon the power and fiery desire of Venus. Is it any wonder why the Wheel of Fortune is a powerful talisman for growth and prosperity in many areas?)
11	Justice	The severity of beauty and sovereignty. Mars acting through Libra upon Sol. (Mars unrestricted can not only be destructive or karmic in the sense that it is destructive energy, but it can also become cruelty. But when Mars energy is focused through the balancing power of Libra, we have justice.)
12	Hanged Man	The severity of splendor, execution of Judgment. Mars acting through Water upon Mercury. (It is here that we have the incredible powers of Mars under the direction of rwbg \ yhl acting through the spiritual waters upon the intellect of Mercury.)
13	Death	The sovereignty and results of victory. This is Sol acting through Scorpio upon Venus or it is Osiris under the destroying powers of Typhon afflicting Isis. (Here we see the formula of IAO brought to full light and manifestation; the destruction and death of Osiris, the mourning of Isis, the victory of Typhon. It is through this path that the tunnel and doorway open up to the vengeful resurrection and return to life of Osiris the Redeemer.)

14	Temperance	The beauty of a firm basis, the sovereignty of fundamental power. This is Sol acting through Sagittarius upon Luna. (If Sol were to act directly upon Luna without Sagittarius, Luna would burn up and no longer exist. Thus, we have the aspect of Temperance.)
15	Devil	The sovereignty and beauty of material (and therefore false) Splendor. Sol acting through Capricorn on Mercury. (So it is here in this Devil energy that we begin to see the magnificence and beauty of Sol, but mistakenly we believe that it is the splendor of the material world and thus our mind, Mercury, is imprisoned. It is through overcoming this energy that we then open the doorway for our triumphant victory ride into trapt.)
16	Tower	Victory over splendor. This is Venus acting through Mars upon Mercury. It is an avenging force. (Here we see the all-destructive force of the Tower energy. It is this incredible insoluble desire of Venus acting through this destructive power of Mars upon the intellectual aspects of Mercury.)
17	Star	The victory of fundamental strength. Venus acting through Aquarius upon Luna, hope and charity.
18	Moon	The victory of the material. Venus acting through Pisces upon the cosmic elements. (It is here that we have a deceptive effect of apparent power of material forces, but we must remember that this is deceptive because it is clouded through the subconscious mind and fears of Pisces.)
19	Sun	The splendor of the material world. Mercury acting through the Sun upon the Moon. (So, we have the highest card of intellect, the Sun, because of its Mercurial aspect acting through the infinite power of the Sun upon the emotions of the Moon.)
20	Judgment	The splendor of the material world. Mercury acting through Fire upon the cosmic elements. (This is the element of thought being purified and consecrated by the element of Fire upon the four elements.)
21	Universe	Foundation of cosmic elements and of the material world. Here we have Luna acting through Saturn upon the elements. (It is here that we see the Nephesch power of dŷsy in Luna or the reflection of the light of the Sun acting through Saturn which is the old planet, the planet that gives life and death, upon the four elements.)

The Practicus should learn the nature of the paths as they apply to the Major Arcana. They will be illuminating and enlightening in meditation as well as providing you with a deeper understanding of the material transference and energy blending of these particular paths of the Major Arcana.