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# Study Questions: Course 6, The Sacred Tarot

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## Chapter 1, Doctrine of Kabbalism

1. What is the most essential kabalistical doctrine?
2. When was the first Jewish Kabala placed in writing?
3. What does the Jewish Kabala teach relative to reincarnation?
4. What is the teaching of the Jewish Kabala in regard to soul-mates?
5. Just what is the mystery of the Shekinah, and how is it related to the doctrine of the Tree of Life?
6. What light is thrown upon the mystery of the fruit of the Tree of Life by the knowledge that Kether, at the head of the tree is represented in the planetary chain by Pluto, and represents both differentiation and reunion?
7. Of what does the Sephir Sephiroth treat?
8. What is the meaning of Sephir Yetzirah, and who is supposed to have dictated it?
9. What are the four divisions of the Dogmatic Kabala?
10. What does the word kabala mean?
11. What is the significance of the statement that he who can rightly pronounce the Divine Name causeth heaven and earth to tremble?
12. To what elements do the four kabalistical worlds correspond?
13. What are the Ten Emanations of the Sephiroth?
14. What is the most studied of the Jewish kabalistical works?
15. How many single letters are there in the Jewish alphabet, and to what in a general way do they correspond?
16. What do the fourth and fifth chapters of the Sephir Yetzirah represent in the universe?
17. Of what does the Practical Kabala treat?
18. What is the kabalistical teaching regarding the relation of God to the universe?
19. What is the kabalistical trinity which is the commencement and the end of the student's researches?
20. Of what does Asch Metzareph treat?
21. How many double letters are there in the Hebrew alphabet, and in a general way to what do they correspond?
22. Trace the kabalistical doctrine from its origin to the present time.
23. What is the method of the Literal Kabala?
24. What is the Unwritten Kabala?
25. What is Mr. Waite's opinion as to the nature of the one secret doctrine of the Jews?

## Chapter 2, Foundation of the Science

1. How does the science of vibration, as interpreted by numbers, differ from numerology?
2. What was Caruso's experiment by which he demonstrated the power of the vibration of his voice?
3. Is the sound of a name effective in influencing the person wearing it? If not, what is it?
4. What is the really important influence of a name, number, tone, color, talismanic gem, thought, or character on a person closely associated with it?
5. What is meant by divination by numbers?
6. Is either divination by numbers or divination by cards a strictly scientific and positive process?
7. Give the origin of the 22 Chaldean square-formed letters.
8. In what manner, in olden times, were verified spiritual facts associated with the constellations, with the pictured tarot plates, and with numbers?
9. What are the results to an organism when it can no longer make successful adaptations?
10. Why is earnestness and a strong desire to know the truth essential if the tarot is to give reliable answers?
11. In laying out the tarot spreads for divination, is there any force present which tends to arrange them in a manner to give a correct answer?
12. What season is represented by the rose, by the cup, by the trefoil and by the acorn?
13. To what celestial influences do the 22 Major Arcana correspond?
14. Give the Egyptian meaning of the word Tarot.
15. Why is a spiritual science so essential to man?
16. What shapes the ethical standards of a people?
17. To what do the four Court Arcana of each suit correspond?
18. What relations did the square-formed Hebrew letters have to numbers?
19. What is the nature of the Book of Soul Knowledge?
20. What is the nature of the method of mystical procedure so carefully guarded by certain Secret Occult Schools?
21. What must lie at the foundation of any real spiritual science?
22. Indicate the origin of the Holy Trinity of Christianity.
23. To what do the ten Minor Arcana correspond?
24. Explain the general method of shuffling and cutting the cards previous to laying them out in a spread.
25. Should the cards be laid face up or face down as they are dealt?

## Chapter 3, Scope and Use of Tarot

1. From what source do we gain an accurate and authentic description of the Egyptian Tarot as it was explained to candidates in the process of ancient Egyptian initiation ceremonies?
2. Where can accurate pictures of the Egyptian Tarot cards be found at this time?
3. How can the admonition which follows each Major Arcana be used in a practical way?
4. How have the various packs of European tarot cards been influenced by Christian mysticism, and are they more suited to revealing the beliefs of Christian mystics than the Egyptian Tarot?
5. What is symbolized by the veil falling over the face of Isis?
6. What stage of the soul's pilgrimage is represented by Arcanum I?

7. What is the significance of the cup of Arcanum I?
8. What is the symbolical significance of the Magus?
9. Explain how creative energy must be present to accomplish anything worthwhile on any plane.
10. What is the Philosopher's Stone which converts all it touches into gold?
11. In magic, what is meant by the principle of formulation?
12. In what way is the significator of the Minor Arcana determined from the significance of the Major Arcana of similar numerical equivalence?
13. What is the significance of the statement, "I am the Alpha and Omega?"
14. What portion of Solomon's Temple is represented by Arcanum II?
15. What does the science of Esoteric Psychology embrace?
16. From whence comes the Virgin Mary of Christianity?
17. What is the inner meaning of the immaculate conception?
18. In what way is man dependent upon woman for his spiritual birth?
19. What is meant by the astrological signature of a thing?
20. To what does Arcanum II correspond in Alchemy?
21. Why is the book on the knees of Isis half hidden?
22. What is the symbolical significance of the standing attitude?
23. What is symbolized by the tiara on the head of Isis?
24. How many cards are laid out in the pyramid spread?
25. In the pyramid spread what is represented by the four cards to the right of each of the keys?

## Chapter 4, Involution and Evolution of Numbers

1. What is a root number?
2. What relation to 9 has any number above 9?
3. Indicate how adding the digits of a number is but a shortcut way of dividing by 9.
4. When a physical tone has been raised to a higher level so that it there repeats itself, what is it commonly called?
5. When a thought-vibration has been raised to a higher level so that it there repeats itself, what is it called?
6. How many root-tones are there in astral vibrations?
7. What functions have overtone effects in determining the number of key-tones of astral vibrations?
8. How many key-tones are there in astral vibratory rates?
9. What is meant by a Decave?
10. How is the Key of a number above 22 found?
11. How is the Key of the Decave found?
12. How is the second decave of any number obtained?
13. What is symbolized by a helmet?
14. How is a card read when it is found with the top reversed?
15. Why are cards, in preparing for a tarot reading, always dealt face down?
16. In what way is barrenness a crime?
17. Why is sex so important in the development of spirituality?
18. What Masonic story is depicted by Arcanum III?

19. What is symbolized by a cube covered with eyes?
20. What truth is there in the idea that one must be miserable to be holy?
21. What is the significance of a serpent pictured at the brow of a human being?
22. What do the 12 stars above the woman in Arcanum III symbolize?
23. What is the alchemical significance of Arcanum III?
24. What relation has the hawk of Arcanum IV to the Masonic letters: H-T-W-S-S-T-K-S?
25. In the spread of the Sephiroth, if the question relates to honor or business, at what point does the reading start?

## Chapter 5, Reading the Meaning of Numbers

1. From what three sources may astral tones arise?
2. What is meant by the Key to which a character vibrates?
3. What is meant by the Key to a train of thoughts?
4. How does the astral tone, or thought-vibration of a certain Key, affect us when radiated to us by many people?
5. Why is the key-tone of the name we use as signature usually important in influencing our lives?
6. Upon what does the importance of some name or number associated with us depend?
7. Is the chief influence of a name or number due to the sound produced in speaking it?
8. How is the numerical equivalent of a name found?
9. When the numerical equivalent of a name is found, how is the Key to which it vibrates determined?
10. How are the character vibrations determined?
11. How can a name be charted on a staff of 11 lines and 11 spaces?
12. How can it be determined how associating with a certain astral vibratory-tone emanating either from character-vibration, from astrological-vibration, or from thought-vibration, will affect the life and destiny of a given individual?
13. Upon what does the carrying power of the will upon the physical plane depend?
14. What is represented by gold, frankincense and myrrh?
15. What is symbolized by the triple tau?
16. To what do the two women in Arcanum VI correspond?
17. What is the magical significance of the pentagram?
18. Why is the astral body sometimes called the desire body?
19. What do the two men at the feet of the Hierophant symbolize?
20. What is the dross of mental alchemy which must be removed from the metals and cast aside?
21. Why did the wise men of the East return to their land by a different way?
22. Why was the great star which fell from heaven, as related in Revelation called wormwood?
23. What is the nature of the two mantrams set forth in the tarot, and how can they be used to greatest advantage?
24. Does the innocence of the meaning of the use of a rite or symbol prevent the force or entity to which it corresponds being attracted?
25. Why, when the neophyte decides to take some definite spiritual step, is he so often confronted by unseen obstacles in carrying out his decision?

## Chapter 6, Making an Astrological Chart of a Name

1. What is the one positive and reliable way of determining how any invisible vibratory tone, or any combination of such tones, will affect a certain person?
2. What is the chief influence of a name or number upon a person?
3. If the Mars center in a person's astral body is very harmonious will he attract additional misfortune through association with the number 16?
4. If the Key-tone of a number or name is the same as that of a planet in the house of money in the birth-chart, in what department of life will the vibration have most influence?
5. When there is a planet in a sign in the birth-chart, and the sign is given additional stimulation through association with a name, number, or other thought, is the influence upon the individual to be judged chiefly by the influence of the planet or by the influence of the planet ruling the sign?
6. When there is no planet in a sign, how is its power to attract harmony or discord when stimulated to be judged?
7. How can we estimate the magnitude of the influence that stimulating a certain vibratory tone in his astral body will have, in the case of an individual whose birth-chart is known?
8. How can a name or number be converted into an astrological chart?
9. Does a name alone, without additional data, permit of the giving of a reading to the individual wearing it?
10. What is the individual element to be added to a name which enables a divinatory reading to be given?
11. Why is it that the sound of the name is unimportant in the system we are considering, and that the spelling is the thing from which the vibratory rates are determined?
12. What is the significance of Solomon's Seal used as a magical pentacle?
13. What relation do the seven fat kine and the seven lean kine of Pharaoh's dream bear to the sphinxes of Arcanum VII?
14. What is meant by, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's?"
15. What is symbolized by the two loops of the Figure 8 as joined in that number?
16. What is the numerical meaning of Bel?
17. Should there ever be any thought of vengeance or mercy in repelling any evil influence?
18. Why are the eyes of Justice represented as blindfolded?
19. What does the Egyptian deity, Ra, symbolize as revealed by number-divination?
20. What is the divinatory significance of Arcanum VII?
21. What is signified by a winged globe?
22. In what way is the Royal Arch degree of Masonry symbolized by Arcanum VII?
23. The relation between what forces makes the practice of horary astrology possible?
24. What is the significance of Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt?
25. In the Magic Seven Spread, what is the significance of the 7th card dealt?

## Chapter 7, Influence of Changing the Name

1. Can there be more than one correct interpretation of the vibratory force exerted by a certain name?

2. Can there be several systems of divination by numerology, and all give quite accurate results?
3. Why is the signature so important as a vibratory influence?
4. What is the influence when different groups of people think of the same individual by different names?
5. Give common instances of a change of name being coincident with a marked change in fortune.
6. Show that it is common for an individual to be known in business by a name other than the one with which endowed soon after birth.
7. What is the positive and scientific method by which it can be known just how a name or number will influence the life of a given person?
8. In selecting a name for the purpose of benefiting some particular department of life, what is the principle followed?
9. In selecting a name which will be most fortunate in general, without special reference to any one department of life, what is the method followed?
10. What is the significance of the scriptural passage: "Unto Adam also, and to his wife, did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them?"
11. What is the significance of the scriptural passage: "Be ye, therefore, wise as serpents and harmless as doves?"
12. In what realms do the emanations of the Sephiroth manifest?
13. Why does a blessing or a curse always affect the one sending it?
14. What is signified by there being eight spokes in the wheel of Arcanum X?
15. Why is number 9 called the Deific number?
16. What planets form the Tree of Life in the Kabalistical diagram of the ten emanations of the Sephiroth?
17. What planet gives the most abrupt changes of fortune?
18. What are the two methods of obtaining information from higher realms?
19. Which of the two methods of gaining information from higher realms is safest?
20. Is innocence of the meaning of magical symbols a protection to those who dabble in ceremonial magic?
21. Of what does mental alchemy treat?
22. Why, as the soul advances, must the life form it occupies become more sensitive; and what quality should be developed with equal rapidity to prevent the added sensitiveness leading the individual into danger?
23. Why does the soul, when it has reached a certain state, look upon the conditions brought by astrological squares and oppositions as opportunities for progress?
24. What letter has the form of a double seven?
25. In divination by the Spread of the Kabala, what significance have the cards found upon the Tree of Life?

## Chapter 8, Reading Names in Detail

1. What is meant by the Birth Path?
2. How is the number of the Birth Path obtained?
3. How is the Divinatory Number of a person's name obtained?

4. How is the Key of the Divinatory Number of a person's name obtained?
5. How is the Key of the Decave of the Divinatory Number obtained?
6. After the Key of the Divinatory Number and the Key of the Decave of the Divinatory Number have been found, how is a chart formed to give a reading of the person's life?
7. In giving a reading of a person's life, what function has the Key of the Divinatory Number?
8. In giving a reading of a person's life, what function has the Key of the Decave of the Divinatory Number?
9. In giving a reading of a person's life, what is represented by each letter of the person's name?
10. In giving a reading of a person's life, how long a period is represented by each letter in the name?
11. What is signified by Sampson breaking his bonds three times?
12. What is symbolized by the honey Sampson took from the carcass of the lion?
13. What planet is usually prominent in the birth-chart of a genius?
14. What is the divinatory significance of the King of Cups?
15. What is symbolized by a cross above a triangle?
16. Why do each of the Warrior Court Cards have a numerical valuation one?
17. What is the only thought-form persistently launched by the white magician?
18. Explain the magic chain produced by thought-diffusion.
19. What is the meaning of Sampson slaying the lion?
20. What is symbolized by the twelve cut branches of Arcanum XII?
21. What do bees signify and why?
22. What planet denotes the ability to receive mental messages from others?
23. What is symbolized by the eyes of Sampson being put out by his enemies?
24. What is symbolized by the angry lion, the jaws of which are easily closed by the girl of Arcanum XI?
25. Explain briefly the principles of the Horoscope Spread.

## Chapter 9, The Color of a Name

1. What did Paracelsus mean when he said, "If I have manna in my constitution I can attract manna from heaven?"
2. What activity in the astral body causes money to assume much importance in the life?
3. How can this activity in the astral body which causes money to be important in the life, be increased?
4. What are the three sources of invisible energies that have the power to stimulate the centers and positions of our astral body into exceptional activity?
5. What determines whether such stimulated activity within the astral form will attract additional fortune or additional misfortune?
6. How is the color of a name determined?
7. Which one of the disciples of Jesus is represented by Scorpio and why?
8. What is symbolized by a rainbow?
9. Why was Jacob required to work 14 years for Rachel?
10. What is the divinatory significance of Arcanum XIII?
11. What is the origin of the idea that the number 13 is unlucky?
12. In the blessings of Jacob how is the sign Sagittarius signified?

13. How may the color of any number be found?
14. What zodiacal signs correspond to the light shades of the seven colors of the solar spectrum?
15. What will determine the effect upon a given person of the letter N, the number 14, and the color dark yellow?
16. What is the divinatory meaning of the Queen of Scepters?
17. What is symbolized by a scarabaeus?
18. Is regeneration simply a matter of celibacy?
19. Just what is the nature of regenerate union?
20. In the blessings of Jacob, how is the sign Capricorn signified?
21. What is the divinatory significance of the Queen of Swords?
22. What zodiacal sign is represented by Simon and Levi?
23. In the blessings of Jacob, in what way is the sign Aquarius signified?
24. In the Solar Spread what relation has each row or cards to the birth chart?
25. In the Solar Spread what do the three cards to the left of the middle card of each row signify?

## Chapter 10, Natural Talismans and Artificial Charms

1. What are the three types of invisible energies which have the power to influence human life and destiny?
2. Under which of these three classifications belong musical tones?
3. Under which of these three classifications belong talismanic gems?
4. Under which of these three classifications belong artificial charms?
5. What particular department of life does a birth-stone chiefly influence?
6. What particular department of life does a gem ruled by the rising sign in the birth-chart chiefly influence?
7. What determines or not if a gem is beneficial to a certain individual?
8. How is a gem selected which will be most beneficial for general purposes?
9. Why are gold, silver, copper and tin especially suitable for the manufacture of charms?
10. How is a charm made, and on what depends its potency to bring good or evil fortune?
11. What is symbolized by the scepter of the two divergent bars held by Typhon?
12. What do the wings of a bat symbolize?
13. What does a pyramid symbolize?
14. How is victory gained over the Dweller on the Threshold?
15. What is symbolized by the head of a crocodile?
16. What is meant by the inversive method of presenting an idea?
17. In the inversive method of presenting an idea is there any direct and simple test of accuracy that can be applied?
18. What is the motive behind the inversive presentation of ideas, and from whence do they often originate?
19. What is meant by thought-diffusion?
20. What planet has special significance in weather predicting?
21. Of what value, in human life, are animal propensities?



22. Why, without a vigorous animal soul upon which to draw, is it usually impossible on the physical plane to develop a vigorous spirituality?
23. How can constructive effort and love be used successfully in combating any force of evil sent against a person?
24. For what purpose should the wish spread be used?
25. When the wish card appears in the cards, 1—2—3—, at the left of the wish spread, what does it signify?

## Chapter 11, Chronology of the Tarot

1. Why should the soul response to an idea be accepted only after close analysis?
2. What is the Truth that gives Freedom?
3. What does a butterfly symbolize?
4. Why is the young girl of Arcanum XVII pictured nude?
5. In a general way how may the method of treatment for illness be determined from the birth-chart?
6. How should the plants and flowers for the home be selected to produce the most harmonious results?
7. Explain in what way the Tarot symbolizes the 12 months of the year.
8. What constitutes a barrier that spirits of iniquity cannot pass?
9. What is the divinatory significance of the Warrior of Cups?
10. What is the data that must be supplied an astrologer to enable him to erect a correct chart of birth?
11. To what state of the soul's initiation does Arcanum XVII correspond?
12. Why is it a mistake to deny the existence of matter and its properties?
13. In Masonry what does the small ebony box containing the plans for the temple and the ivory box containing the keys symbolize?
14. What is the most dual sign of the zodiac?
15. What is symbolized by an eight-pointed star?
16. What is the divinatory significance of Arcanum XVII?
17. When is the best time to gather a plant for a particular purpose?
18. How may an astrological birth-chart be read by the Tarot?
19. Explain in what way the Tarot symbolizes the 52 weeks of the year.
20. What is symbolized by a dog?
21. What is the divinatory significance of Arcanum XVIII?
22. What is the divinatory significance of the Warrior of Swords?
23. What is the bondage from which Truth frees man?
24. Why does the girl in Arcanum XVII rest partly on land and partly on the sea?
25. In what way may pet animals affect the life?

## Chapter 12, The Solution of Ancient Cycles

1. On what date did the Aquarian Age start?
2. What is it that retrogrades through the stars at the rate of 30 degrees in 2,156 years, which gives rise to the different Ages?
3. What is the cycle which measures out to individual man the major events of life?

4. What is the nature of the force measured out to man by the phases of the Moon?
5. What is the cycle which measures out to man the minor events of life?
6. What number is the key to the practical expression of Cyclic influence?
7. What number is the key to the cycles that involve four-dimensional factors, such as astrological influences and the influence of thoughts and ideas?
8. What planet governs the period of gestation?
9. Do those who bring children into the world forfeit the right to spiritual progress in this life?
10. What is the nature of the force measured out to man by the Moon in its orbit about the zodiac in a little over 27 days?
11. Just what is the significance of the number 40?
12. According to the theories of the Hindus, what race of what round of evolution is the present Great Western Race?
13. What is meant by a Polar Day?
14. What is the energy measured out to man by the rotation of the earth on its axis?
15. What is a Divine Year?
16. How is the planetary period of the Sub-Precessional Cycle, 308 years, 208 ½ days obtained?
17. What is the Solar Nirvana?
18. What is the truth about Shells, and do they actually control mediums, and why is it taught in some circles that they do?
19. What is meant by the second death?
20. What is signified in the Bible by the assertion that of Moses, "No man knoweth his sepulchre unto this day?"
21. What is symbolized by the tomb from which the man, woman and child of Arcanum XX arise?
22. What is the significance in Initiation of Arcanum XIV?
23. What are the conditions of the soul immediately following accidental birth into the next life?
24. What does geology, astronomy and archaeology teach regarding the probability of man having lived in a physical body on earth more than three rounds of 18,144,000 years each?
25. How many cards are dealt in the Magic Cross Spread?

## Chapter 13, How to Read the Tarot

1. Why should no other than the reader be permitted to handle the tarot cards except when they are being used to give a reading?
2. Why is it desirable to have an extra pack of cards when considerable effort is devoted to solving spiritual and philosophical problems as well as giving personal readings?
3. What is the best seating arrangement between client and reader?
4. How can the astrological significance of any card be used to give an additional interpretation?
5. Why should the cards be turned over only one at a time as read?
6. In what manner does it change the significance of a card when it is found reversed in the spread?
7. In what way, when the King Court Card is turned, can it denote a woman?
8. How can much detail be learned about the people signified by the Court Arcana turned in a spread?
9. How, when the Horsemen are turned, is it denoted whether the thoughts so indicated favor the client, or are opposed to the client's interest?

10. How is the influence upon the life of the client of any person represented in the spread by a Court Arcanum determined?
11. What signifies the action a person indicated in the spread by one of the Court Arcana will take?
12. How can one read the cards for someone who is at a distance?
13. In what way can the admonition, "Remember, then, son of earth," be used?
14. Why is it that any problem is capable of solution by the method of the tarot?
15. What is signified in Arcanum XXI by the winged lingha?
16. What is signified by the harp in Arcanum XXI?
17. To what in alchemy does Arcanum XXI correspond?
18. What constitutes the basis of the various 50 degrees which constitute the steps to adeptship?
19. To what extent does the adept draw away from the world and ignore the suffering of humanity?
20. What are the alternate readings of Arcanum XXI and Arcanum 0 in the spiritual world?
21. To what planet does Arcanum 0 correspond, and what are the two aspects or influences of this planet, as indicated by the common T and the reversed T?
22. What is the divinatory significance of the highest aspect of Arcanum 0?
23. What is the significance in magic of Arcanum 0 in its higher interpretation?
24. What does the higher interpretation of Arcanum 0 signify in initiation?
25. What does Arcanum 0 in its higher interpretation, signify in occult science?

