

Tarot Connection: Episode 70

An Experiment with the Sabian Oracle

Sabian Oracles & Tarot

- Tarot as a way to access astrological information.
- What is the Zodiac?
- Divide the Zodiac into Degrees & Decans
- How are Degrees used?

Astrological Attribution and the Minor Arcana

- Cardinal (2,3,4)
- Fixed (5,6,7)
- Mutable (8,9,10)

Golden Dawn assigned a Minor Arcana card to each Decan. Each sign has 30 degrees. 3 x 10 degrees division. Each Minor Arcana card (except aces) gets 10 degrees.

- 2,5,8 (first 10)
- 3,6,9 (second 10)
- 4,7,10 (third 10)

Examples:

- 2 of Wands is Cardinal Fire & First 10 degrees of Aries
- 2 of Cups is First is Cardinal Water & 10 degrees of Cancer
- 10 of Swords is Mutable Air and Last 10 Degrees of Gemini

Sabian Symbols

My dream about Sabian Symbols and Dice.

What are the Sabian Symbols?

<http://www.sabiansymbols.com/sabian-story.asp>

The ancients divided up the sky, just like any other circle, into 360 degrees. They assigned each of the 12 constellations (star signs or zodiac signs) 30 degrees each: 12 times 30 = 360. The Sabian Symbols are a set of 360 phrases of words that correspond with each of the 360 degrees of the wheel of the zodiac, from Aries 1 to Pisces 30. Consisting from as little as 2 words (Virgo 2: 'A Harem') to as many as 21 words (Taurus 5: 'A Youthful Widow, Fresh and Soul-Cleansed From Grief, Kneels at an Open Grave to Receive the Secret of Eternal Life'), each one of these Symbols holds both a story and a unique energy field of their own. These images hold meaning for those degrees of the signs. Although the Symbols have their foundations in astrology, absolutely no knowledge of astrology is needed to use them.

The Sabian Symbols were given birth in San Diego, California, in 1925 by Marc Edmund Jones, a noted American astrologer and spiritualist and the gifted clairvoyant Elsie Wheeler. Jones was interested to find a set of word images to go with every degree of the zodiac. Elsie Wheeler was an extraordinary clairvoyant confined to a wheelchair for most of her life. Jones chose Elsie Wheeler as his partner in this 'experiment' (as M.E. Jones called it) as she had a remarkable ability to "see" messages, images and symbols. She used this talent to help her clients, but was rather weary of the standard questions she received, such as "when will I be rich?" and "when will I meet the love of my life?" She was eager to take part as she believed that this was an opportunity to really contribute something to astrology.

Examples:

- Leo 12: An evening lawn Party.
- Virgo 19: A Swimming race.
- Taurus 11: A woman sprinkling flowers.

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Magical Images and Qabalah

The Sabian Symbols remind me of Magical Images.

Table 1. Magical Images of the Sephiroth from Mystical Qabalah by Dion Fortune

#	Sepheras	Magical Image
1	Kether	An ancient bearded king seen in profile.
2	Chokmah	A bearded male figure
3	Binah	A mature woman. A matron.
4	Chesed	A mighty crowned and throned king.
5	Geburah	A mighty warrior in his chariot.
6	Tiphareth	A majestic king, A child. A sacrificed god.
7	Netzach	A beautiful naked woman.
8	Hod	An hermaphrodite.
9	Yesod	A beautiful naked man, very strong.
10	Malkuth	A young woman, crowned and throned.

The Qabalistic Tarot by Robert Wang Pg 56

The ultimate peace and unity of Kether is represented by a special anthropomorphic symbol known as a Magical Image. Such an image is given for each of the sephiroth, and has been built up over the centuries by meditative work on the inner plane. These images are, along with applicable symbols points of contact with the Sephiroth. In the case of Kether, the image is of an Ancient Bearded King seen in Profile. This is a crowned and white-bearded head, seen from the right side, its left being unknown to us as it borders on the Unmanifest.

Reading

- Qabalah: A Magical Primer by Gareth Knight
- Qabalistic Tarot by Robert Wang
- Mystical Qabalah Dion Fortune

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Table 2. Tarot Cards and Sabian Symbols

Month	Sign	Major	Court	Minor	Sabian Symbol
1	Aries	Emperor	Queen of Wands	2 of Wands	Aries 1 -10
1	Aries	Emperor	Queen of Wands	3 of Wands	Aries 11 – 20
1	Aries	Emperor	King of Pentacles	4 of Wands	Aries 21 - 30
2	Taurus	Hierophant	King of Pentacles	5 of Pentacles	Taurus 1 -10
2	Taurus	Hierophant	King of Pentacles	6 of Pentacles	Taurus 11 – 20
2	Taurus	Hierophant	Knight of Swords	7 of Pentacles	Taurus 21 - 30
3	Gemini	Lovers	Knight of Swords	8 of Swords	Gemini 1 -10
3	Gemini	Lovers	Knight of Swords	9 of Swords	Gemini 11 – 20
3	Gemini	Lovers	Queen of Cups	10 of Swords	Gemini 21 - 30
4	Cancer	Chariot	Queen of Cups	2 of Cups	Cancer 1 -10
4	Cancer	Chariot	Queen of Cups	3 of Cups	Cancer 11 – 20
4	Cancer	Chariot	King of Wands	4 of Cups	Cancer 21 - 30
5	Leo	Strength	King of Wands	5 of Wands	Leo 1 -10
5	Leo	Strength	King of Wands	6 of Wands	Leo 11 – 20
5	Leo	Strength	Knight of Pentacles	7 of Wands	Leo 21 - 30
6	Virgo	Hermit	Knight of Pentacles	8 of Pentacles	Virgo 1 -10
6	Virgo	Hermit	Knight of Pentacles	9 of Pentacles	Virgo 11 – 20
6	Virgo	Hermit	Queen of Swords	10 of Pentacles	Virgo 21 - 30
7	Libra	Justice	Queen of Swords	2 of Swords	Libra 1 -10
7	Libra	Justice	Queen of Swords	3 of Swords	Libra 11 – 20
7	Libra	Justice	King of Cups	4 of Swords	Libra 21 - 30
8	Scorpio	Death	King of Cups	5 of Cups	Scorpio 1 -10
8	Scorpio	Death	King of Cups	6 of Cups	Scorpio 11 – 20
8	Scorpio	Death	Knight of Wands	7 of Cups	Scorpio 21 - 30
9	Sagittarius	Temperance	Knight of Wands	8 of Wands	Sagittarius 1 -10
9	Sagittarius	Temperance	Knight of Wands	9 of Wands	Sagittarius 11 – 20
9	Sagittarius	Temperance	Queen of Pentacles	10 of Wands	Sagittarius 21 - 30
10	Capricorn	Devil	Queen of Pentacles	2 of Pentacles	Capricorn 1 -10
10	Capricorn	Devil	Queen of Pentacles	3 of Pentacles	Capricorn 11 – 20
10	Capricorn	Devil	King of Swords	4 of Pentacles	Capricorn 21 - 30
11	Aquarius	Star	King of Swords	5 of Swords	Aquarius 1 -10
11	Aquarius	Star	King of Swords	6 of Swords	Aquarius 11 – 20
11	Aquarius	Star	Knight of Cups	7 of Swords	Aquarius 21 - 30
12	Pisces	Moon	Knight of Cups	8 of Cups	Pisces 1 -10
12	Pisces	Moon	Knight of Cups	9 of Cups	Pisces 11 – 20
12	Pisces	Moon	Queen of Wands	10 of Cups	Pisces 21 - 30

Use Table 2 to identify Range of Sabian Symbols for the card in question.

Examples:

- 10 of Cups: Pieces 21 to 30
- King of Swords: Capricorn 21 – 30 & Aquarius 1 -20
- Lovers: Gemini 1-30

What to do about Pages (seasons?)

Planetary Trumps (ruler-ship?)

Elemental Trumps (seasons?)

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Cards

Make business cards with Sabian Symbols. Shuffle whole deck (unwieldy) or sign or decan.

Dice

- 12 sided – Sign (1 Aries, 2 Taurus...)
- 6 sided – decan (1 & 4 = 1) (2 & 5 = 2) (3 & 6 = 3)
- 10 sided (degree)

Example Paul's Roll

- 12: Pisces
- 1: 1st Decan
- 5: Pieces 5

A Church Bazaar

Ideas for Use

- Clarification in a Spread
- Meditation on Card of the Day
- Journaling
- Pathworking

Example My Card of the Day

- Six of Cups – 2nd Decan Scorpio – 11-20 Scorpio
- Roll: 9
- Scorpio 19

A Parrot Repeats The Conversation He Has Overheard

A warning about gossiping? Repeating what the querent said. Being willing to stand behind what you say. Our conversation/podcast repeated.