

The Major Arcana

Lesson 0: The Fool

The Major Arcana of the Tarot begins with The Fool card. It is given the number zero, which symbolizes energy that is open to any and all possibilities. The “0” is a window of potential.

The element associated with The Fool is ether, that which is of Spirit and that which is empty or without form. The planet Uranus rules this card (ruler-ship does not imply absolute control over, but that the ruler’s qualities are associated with a given card). Uranus is a planet of unconventionality, surprises, and inspiration.

The main message of The Fool is about jumping into the void, stepping into the unknown, and taking that leap of faith. This moving forward without seeing where we are going opens us up to possibilities and surprises, but there are no guarantees. Are we crazy or inspired? Are we being foolish or guided by faith? Are we being rebellious or non-conformist?

There is a fearless liberation that can come with the energy of The Fool. We can put aside the worry of what others think and free ourselves to explore and express who we really are.

- Number: 0 – Possibilities, Emptiness
- Element: Ether
- Ruler: Uranus
- Archetypes: The Happy Wanderer, The Fearless Traveller, Innocent Child