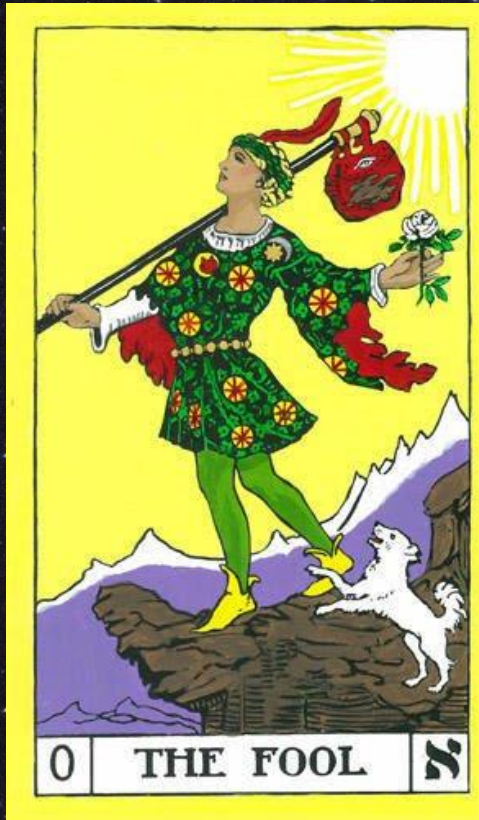




The Cube of Space: The Evolution of the Soul as Told by the Tarot

With Joy Vernon and
John Michael Allen

Agenda



The Cube of Space

Greater Seattle Tarot Meetup Online Workshop

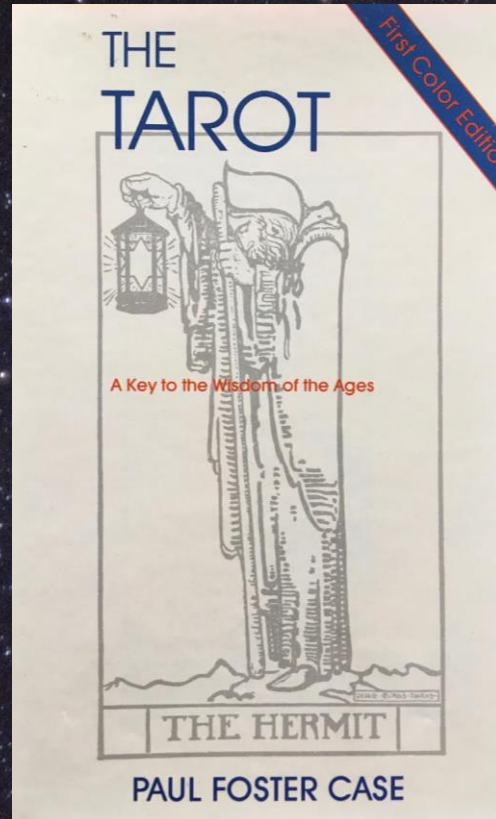
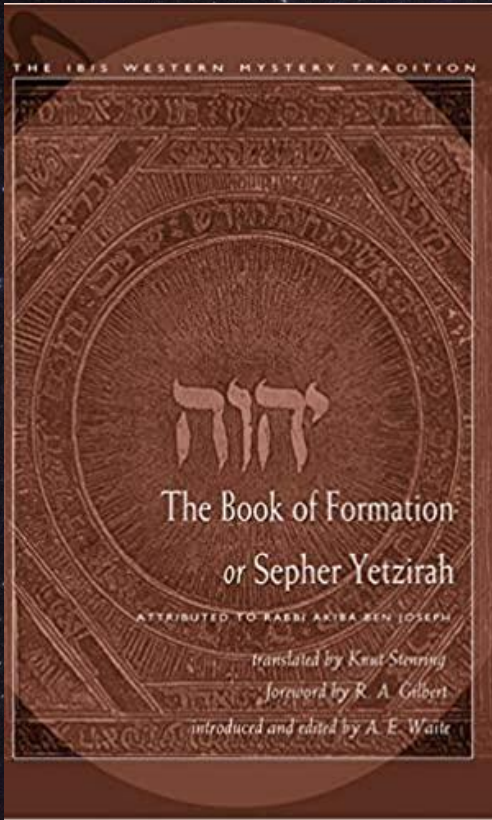
Saturday, June 19, 2021, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

1. Origins: The Sepher Yetzirah
2. Translated to Tarot: Knut Stenring and Paul Foster Case
3. New Dimensions: David Allen Hulse
4. The Evolution of the Soul
5. The Infinity Paths on the Cube
6. The Spiral Wands of Creation
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8. Thank You!

Origins: The Sepher Yetzirah

John from the Denver Tarot Geeks will introduce the Sepher Yetzirah and the construction of the Cube of Space.

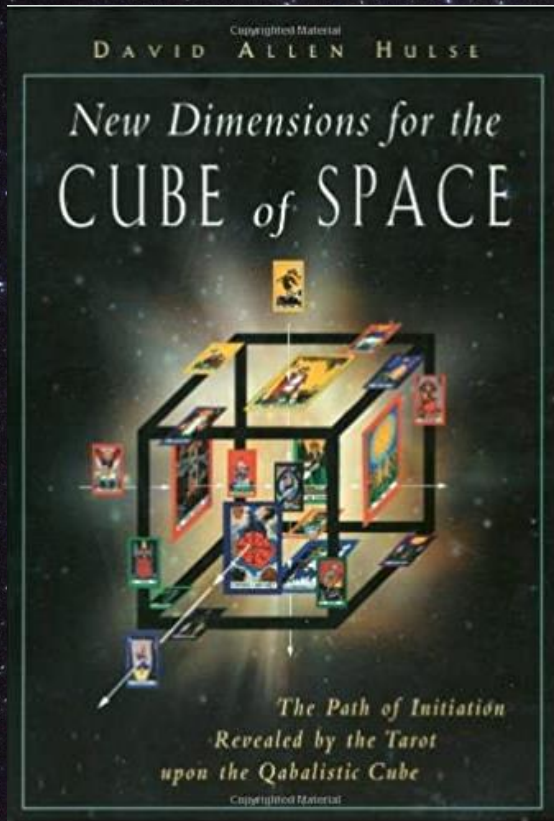
Translated to Tarot: Knut Stenring and Paul Foster Case



Tarot expert and BOTA founder Paul Foster Case, inspired by the work of Sepher Yetzirah translator Knut Stenring, applied the Major Arcana cards of the tarot to the Cube of Space.

It is likely his innovation to place the Fool, Hanged Man, and Judgment (the cards for the three Hebrew mother letters) as the x, y, and z axes of the Cube.

New Dimensions: David Allen Hulse



Esotericist and author David Allen Hulse, after decades of study, writing, meditating, and working with the Cube of Space, uncovered the journey around and through it and the resulting story of spiritual evolution.

He realized that each face of the cube is a degree or grade of spiritual development. Furthermore, the edges of each face are the tasks the seeker must accomplish to complete the initiation and advance to the next level.

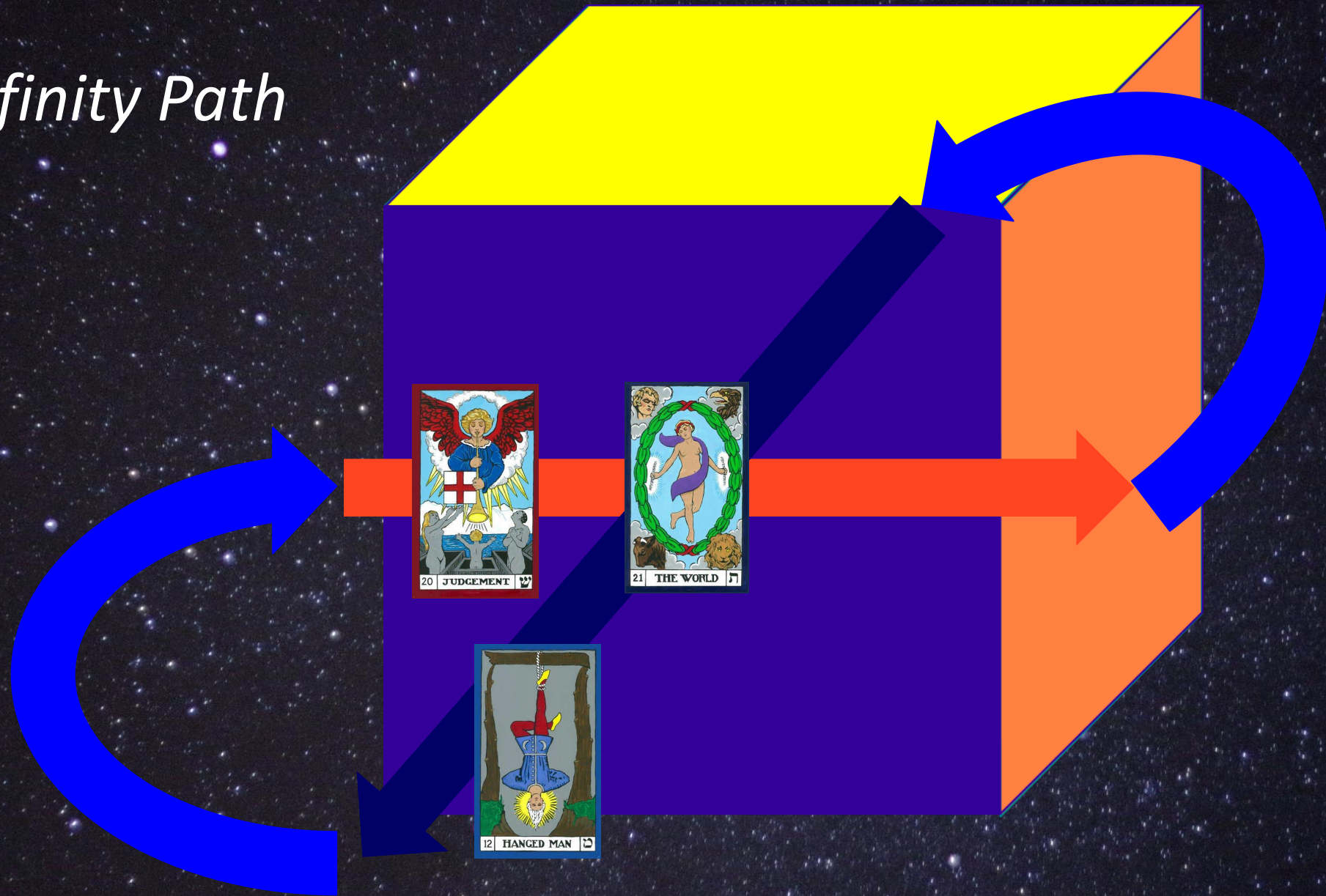
The path around the Cube follows the order of the seven traditional planets from slowest to fastest. Not only does this sequence logically start and conclude with the World card in the center, but it also outlines an infinity sign.



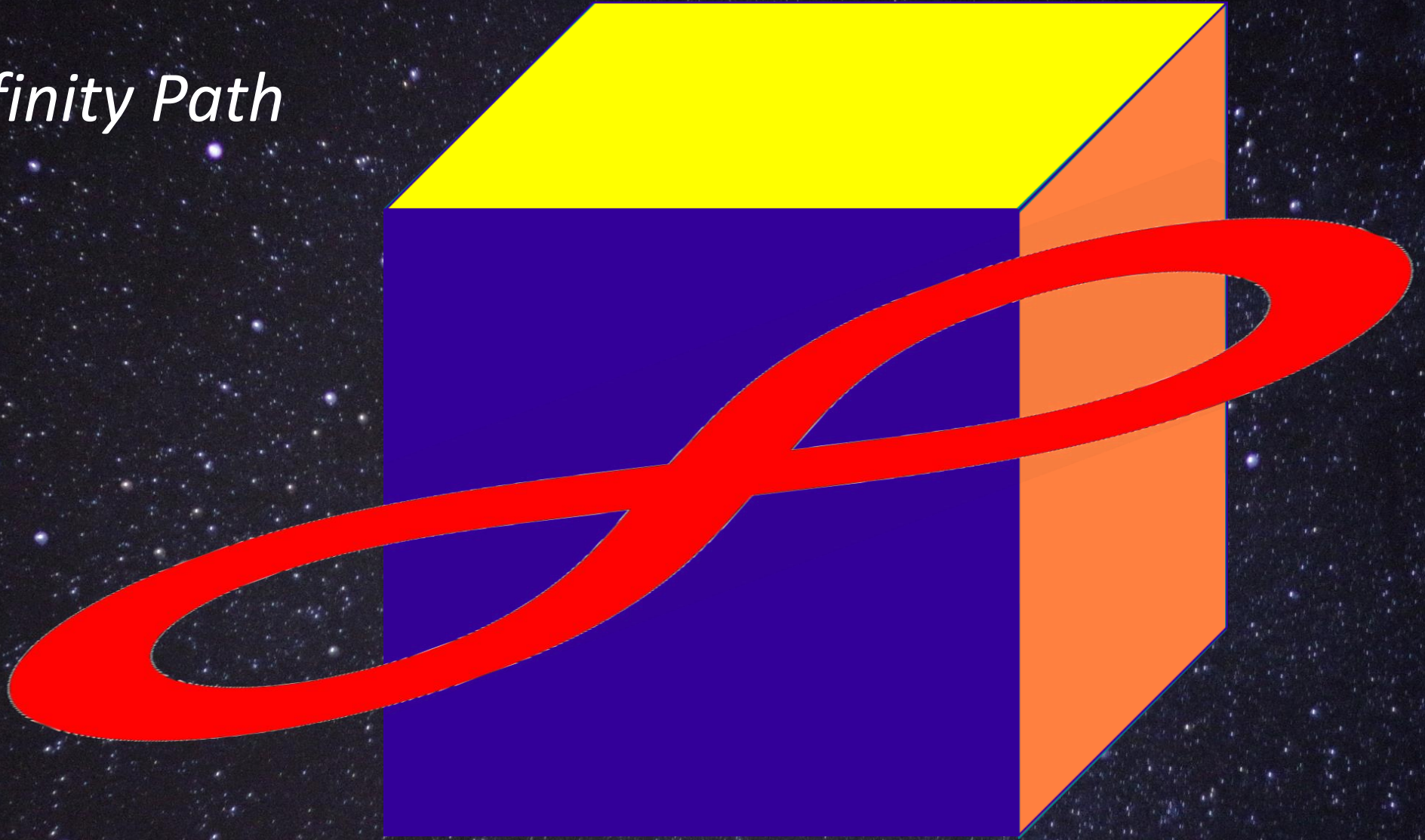
The Cycle of Evolution Begins and Ends with the World

The wreath around the dancer is shaped like the number 0, the Fool. As a circle (and for other esoteric reasons), it represents the Wheel. The figure-8 red ribbons at the top and bottom of the wreath are the lemniscate infinity signs, indicating both the repeated cycles of birth and rebirth, as well as the ultimate ascension to the Infinite.

The Infinity Path



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The Evolution of the Soul

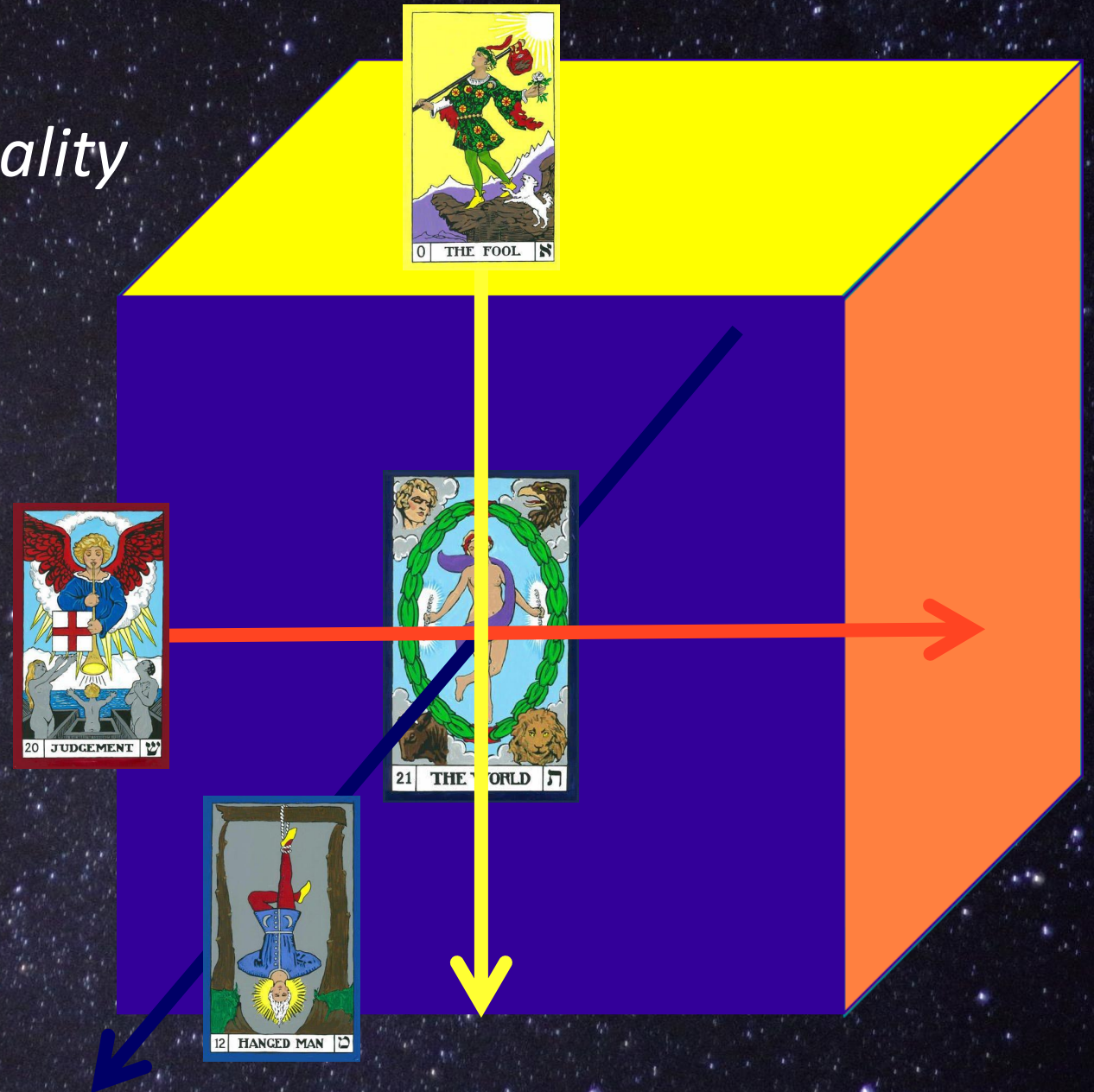


The soul proceeds through seven grades of initiation.

0. Preparation for Incarnation
1. Birth and Rebirth in the West
2. Quest in the North
3. Initiation in the South
4. The Student Becomes the Teacher in the East
- X. The Unnumbered Grade
5. The Master of Light
6. The Master of Darkness
7. Joining the Lower and Higher at the Center

Preparation: Descent into Personality

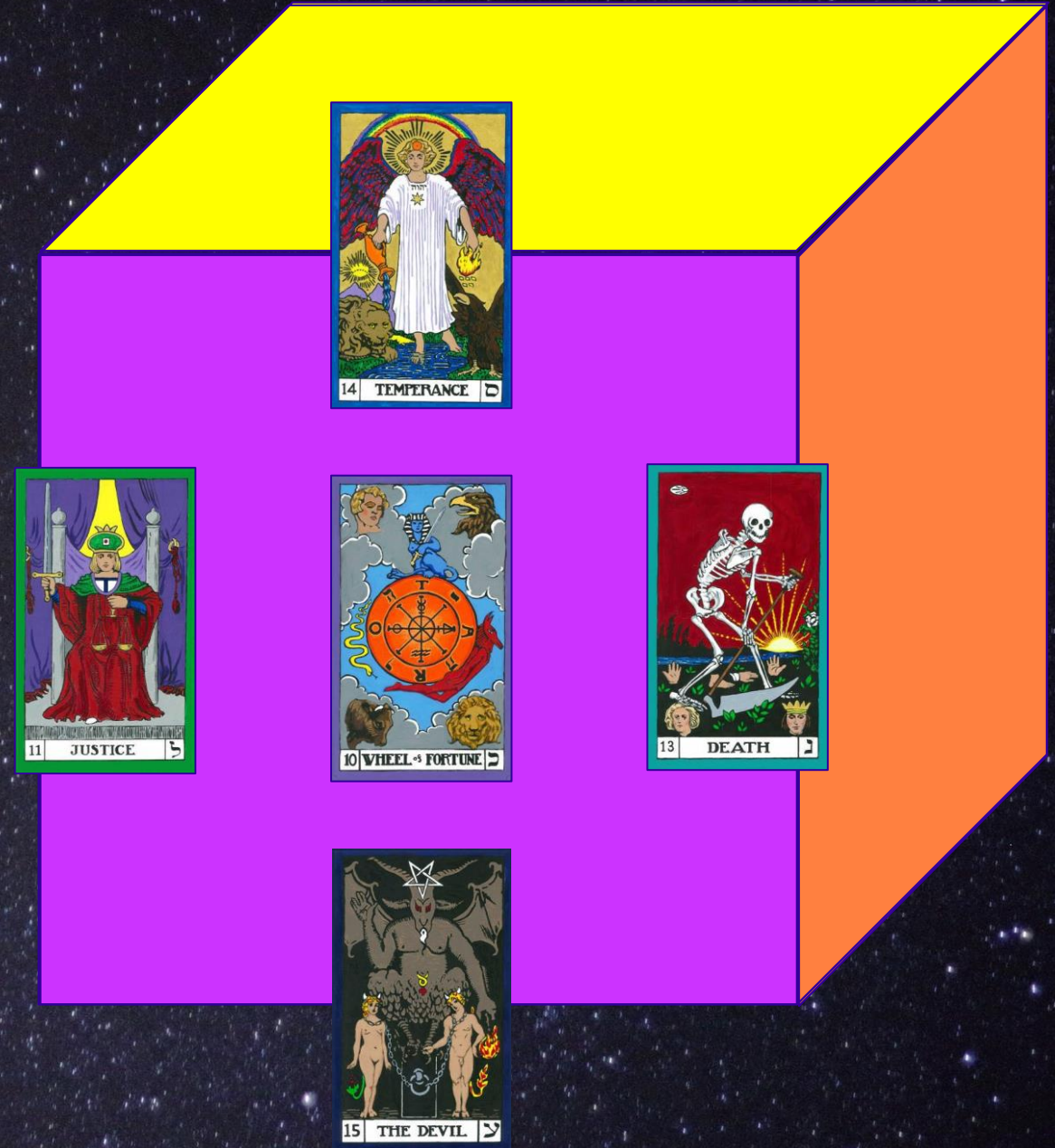
1. In preparation for its evolutionary journey, the soul descends from the realm of Godhead via the Above-Below axis (the Fool).
2. It stops at the Center (World), the point of the beginning and end of its journey, where it dons the mask of the personality it will wear in this lifetime.
3. It then proceeds along the East-West axis (the Hanged Man), the path of birth, to the West.
4. After completing the North face, the soul will pass via the narrow path of spiritual rebirth from North to South (Judgment).
5. The intersection of the three directional axes at the center is the both the starting and ending point. The beginning of the journey as well as the seventh and final initiation of total enlightenment.



Grade 1: Birth in the West

In the West face of the setting sun and eve of darkness, the individual is asleep to the spiritual plane. This Sleeper must endure repeated births and deaths until becoming aware of the spiritual nature.

1. The Wheel of Fortune represents the ongoing cycle of death and rebirth.
2. The Devil indicates the soul is bound in material existence unaware of its own spiritual life.
3. Death stops the soul from advancing until it feels remorse and compassion for humanity.
4. Temperance is the Holy Guardian Angel. Connection with the HGA is achieved when the soul becomes aware of and desires its spiritual nature.
5. Justice evaluates the honesty of the soul's desire, and if it is true, grants it the degree of the West face and allows it to advance to the North.



Grade 2: Quest in the North

The Sleeper, or sleeping soul, is now the Seeker. On the North face, the midnight direction of greatest darkness, the student is isolated, completely self-reliant with no community support.

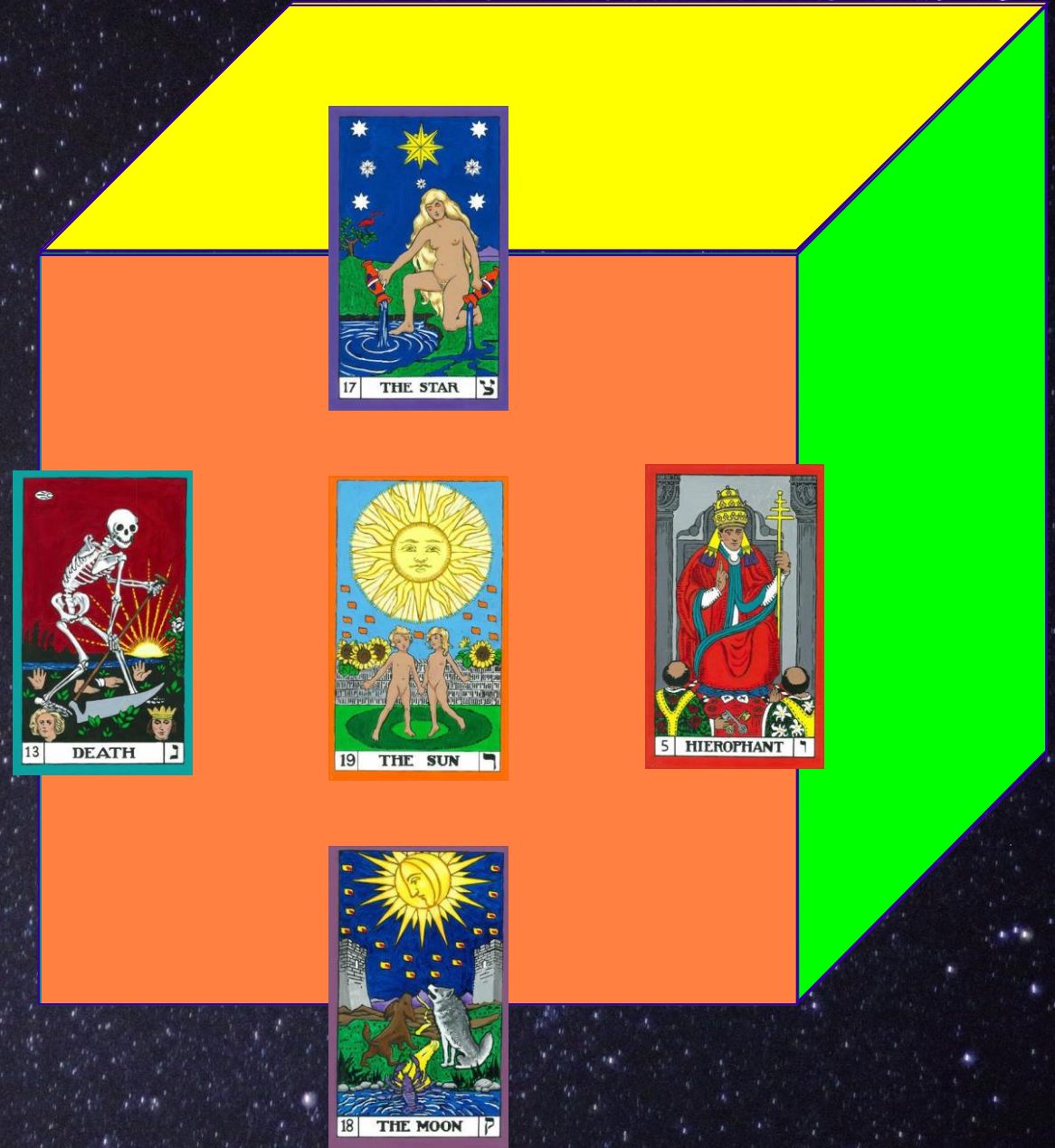
1. Justice will now let the soul incarnate directly into the North-West edge of the Cube, no longer having to experience lifetimes born into the servitude to the material world.
2. Following the Hermit, the Seeker looks within, casting light into the darkest corners to rout out fears, preconceptions, and misconceptions.
3. The Emperor is a secret teacher, hidden to the student, who nevertheless watches over him and determines when he is ready to pass to the next level.
4. Strength represents the practices and techniques, including meditation, contemplation, and visualization, that the soul learns. The seeker performs these practices incorrectly or without result at this stage.
5. Eventually, the seeker has a powerful and personal mystical experience, symbolized by the Tower. He at last glimpses his higher self, and from that new perspective, the face of God. This experience sends him through the Narrow Path of Spiritual Rebirth, the Judgment card, through the Center (World) of the Cube, arriving at the South face.



Grade 3: Initiation in the South

The Seeker now becomes the Initiate. While he worked alone in darkness in the North, now in the bright light of the noonday Sun in the South, he meets teachers and friends, reveling in a supportive community. He becomes a member of a spiritual lodge, fraternal order, or mystery school.

1. The Sun is the light of wisdom from his teacher.
2. As the Moon, the student reflects that wisdom, climbing the long but ever rising path of study and knowledge.
3. Death from this perspective is no longer the cloak of forgetfulness, but the opening of memory of past lives and the knowledge gained there.
4. When the Initiate experiences the Star, which is the light that inspires his teacher, he finds the Divine within.
5. Then he is admitted to the Hierophant's inner circle of the secret tradition where he learns directly from the teacher's mouth the wisdom he will need as he becomes a teacher himself.



Grade 4: The Teacher in the East

1. No longer an acolyte to the Hierophant, the Initiate becomes the Teacher.
2. The Chariot's wheels remind him that he values the repeated incarnations that help him achieve self-mastery. At this time, the Teacher formulates his own doctrines and teachings, expressed and documented in words, such as recordings or writings.
3. As the Emperor, watching over the Seekers in the North, the Teacher must be strict in his tests and stern in evaluating the students' progress.
4. Eventually, as symbolized by the Lovers, the Teacher must make a choice between the Path of the Saint or the Ascent to Godhead.
5. If he chooses the Path of the Saint, he passes through the womb-door of the Empress to be reborn again in the West. Alternately, choosing the Path of Godhead opens the final step of the East side, the Empress, as the experience of Divine love. He then passes through the Lovers at East-Above to arrive at the Above face, the Magician.



Secret Grade of Saint/Messenger

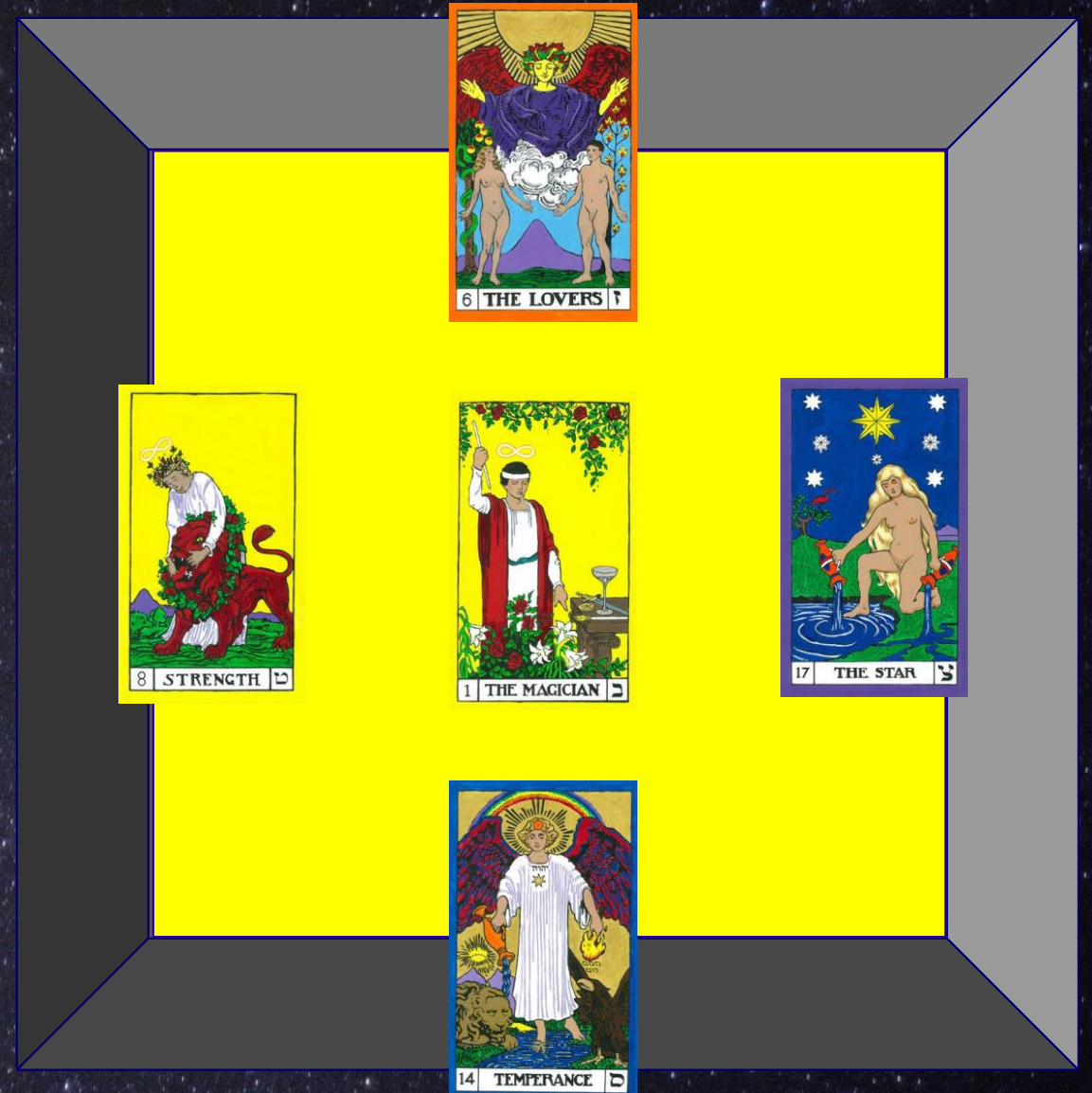
1. Passing from the East via the Path of the Hanged Man, the soul is reborn in the West at the Wheel, this time through his own choosing.
2. In this lifetime the soul lives completely from the position of Temperance.
3. He helps those laboring under the unfair yoke of the Devil to experience compassion and see the hidden spiritual life so they can advance. On this path, the Devil holds no sway over him.
4. He reaches Death at the time of his choosing.
5. At that point he immediately advances to Grade 7 as an ascended master, the return to Center (World). As a disincarnate teacher, his spirit is available on the inner planes to all who seek his wisdom.



Grade 5: Master of Light

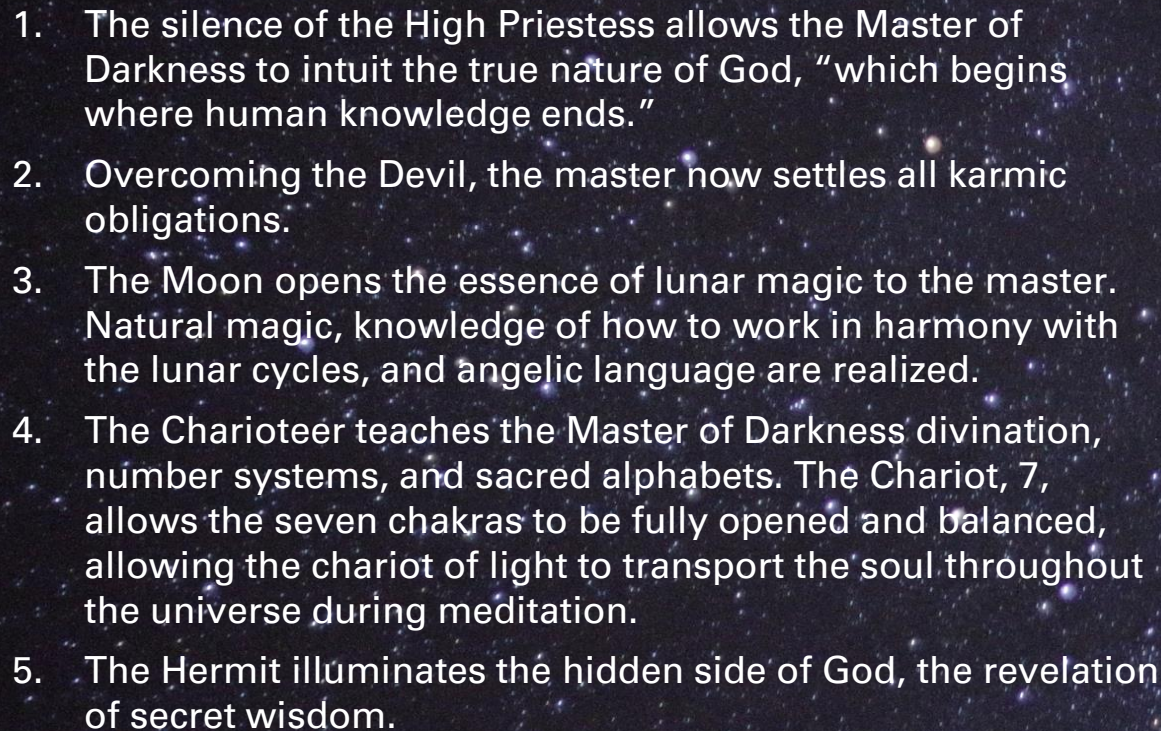
The grade Master of Light grants the height of all spiritual knowledge. In previous grades, the student walked step by step through the lessons of the edges of the face. Now above the vertical sides, the four lessons of the Lovers, Star, Temperance, and Strength are all realized simultaneously.

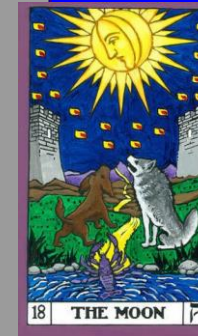
1. The Lovers teach sacred sexuality.
2. The Star endows permanent heightened awareness and a knowledge of astrology.
3. Temperance allows for continual communication with the spirit planes.
4. Strength embodies the Master with a charismatic personality combined with compassion for all sentient life that will draw students to the path of initiation.
5. Achieving the level of the Magician, the Master, through a perfectly focused mind united with a clear will, has the power to change the world.



Grade 6: Master of Darkness

Descending the Path of the Fool, the adept joins above and below, uniting the higher and lower selves. The Master of Darkness is initiated into the deepest and darkest mysteries.

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1. The silence of the High Priestess allows the Master of Darkness to intuit the true nature of God, "which begins where human knowledge ends."
 2. Overcoming the Devil, the master now settles all karmic obligations.
 3. The Moon opens the essence of lunar magic to the master. Natural magic, knowledge of how to work in harmony with the lunar cycles, and angelic language are realized.
 4. The Charioteer teaches the Master of Darkness divination, number systems, and sacred alphabets. The Chariot, 7, allows the seven chakras to be fully opened and balanced, allowing the chariot of light to transport the soul throughout the universe during meditation.
 5. The Hermit illuminates the hidden side of God, the revelation of secret wisdom.

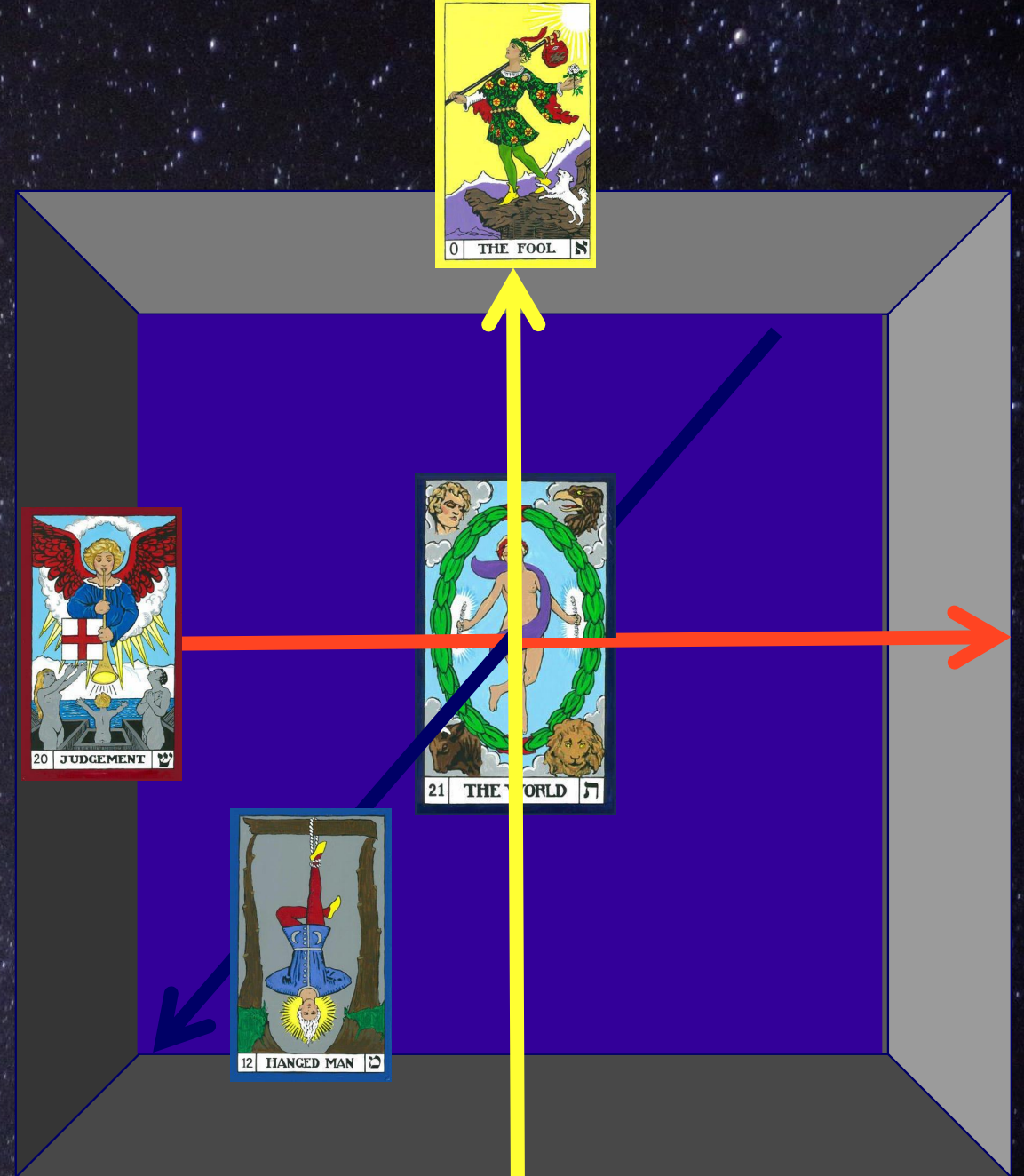


Grade 7: *Uniting Higher and Lower*

The seventh initiation at the Center is the experience of total enlightenment. This intersection of the three axes is the inner sanctuary of the temple where the higher self comes face to face with God. The soul will no longer experience reincarnation.

1. The Fool now grants the Master cosmic consciousness.
2. The Hanged Man no longer provides the experience of repeated cycles of birth and death, instead indicating the completion of the Great Work.
3. The spiritual rebirth of Judgment is complete.
4. The World ultimately provides the reconciliation of above with below, resulting in the permanent union of the higher and lower selves.

The Fool (air), Hanged Man (water), and Judgment (fire), combine into the element earth in the World card, the temple beyond time and space.



The Infinity Path of Evolution

The lemniscate outlining the primary path of evolution:

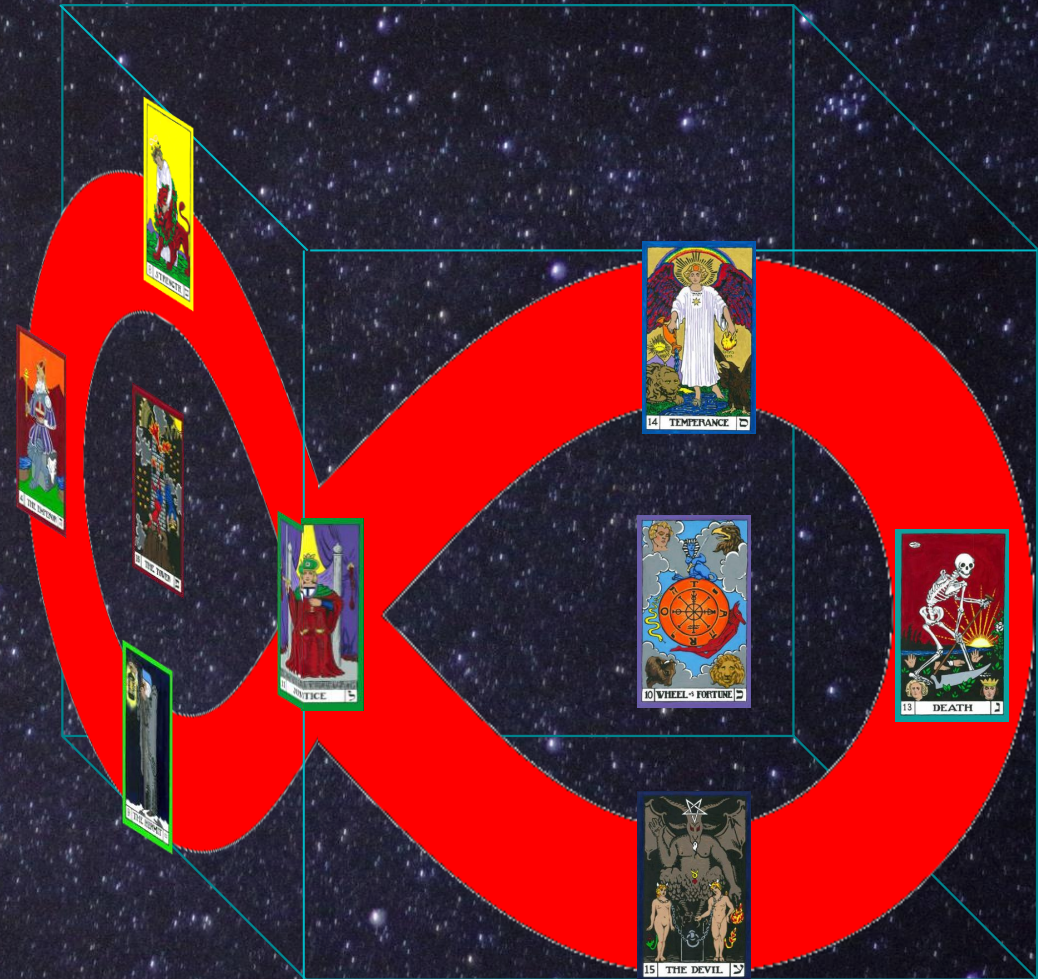
- from Center (World)
- to West (Wheel)
- to North (Tower)
- to South (Sun)
- to East (Empress)
- and back to Center (World)



The West-North Infinity Path

The lemniscate outlining the Sleeper/Seeker path:

- from the center of the West face (Wheel)
- around the West edges (Devil, Death, Temperance, Justice)
- through the North edges (Justice, Hermit, Emperor, Strength)
- ending in the center of the North face (Tower)

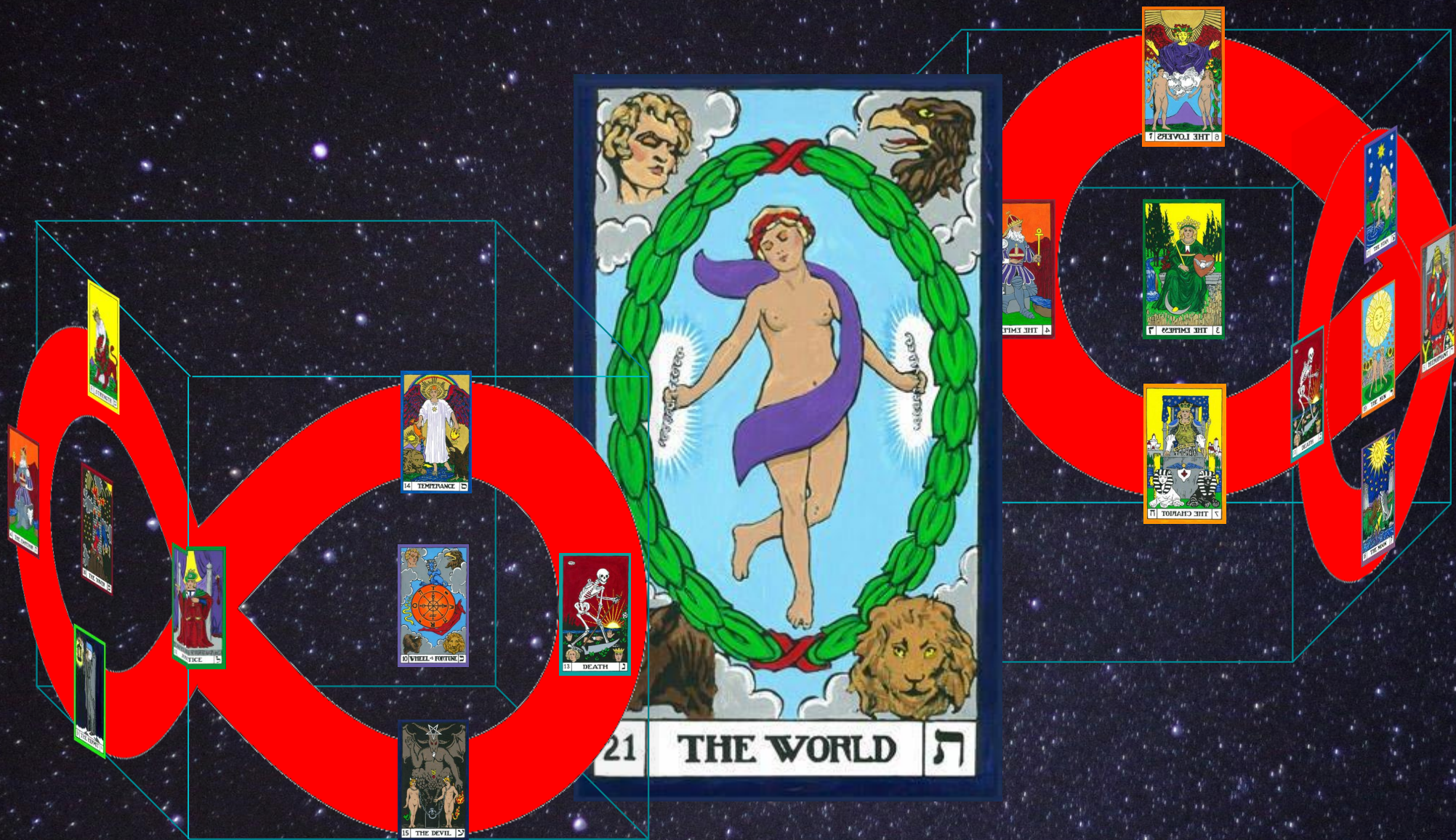


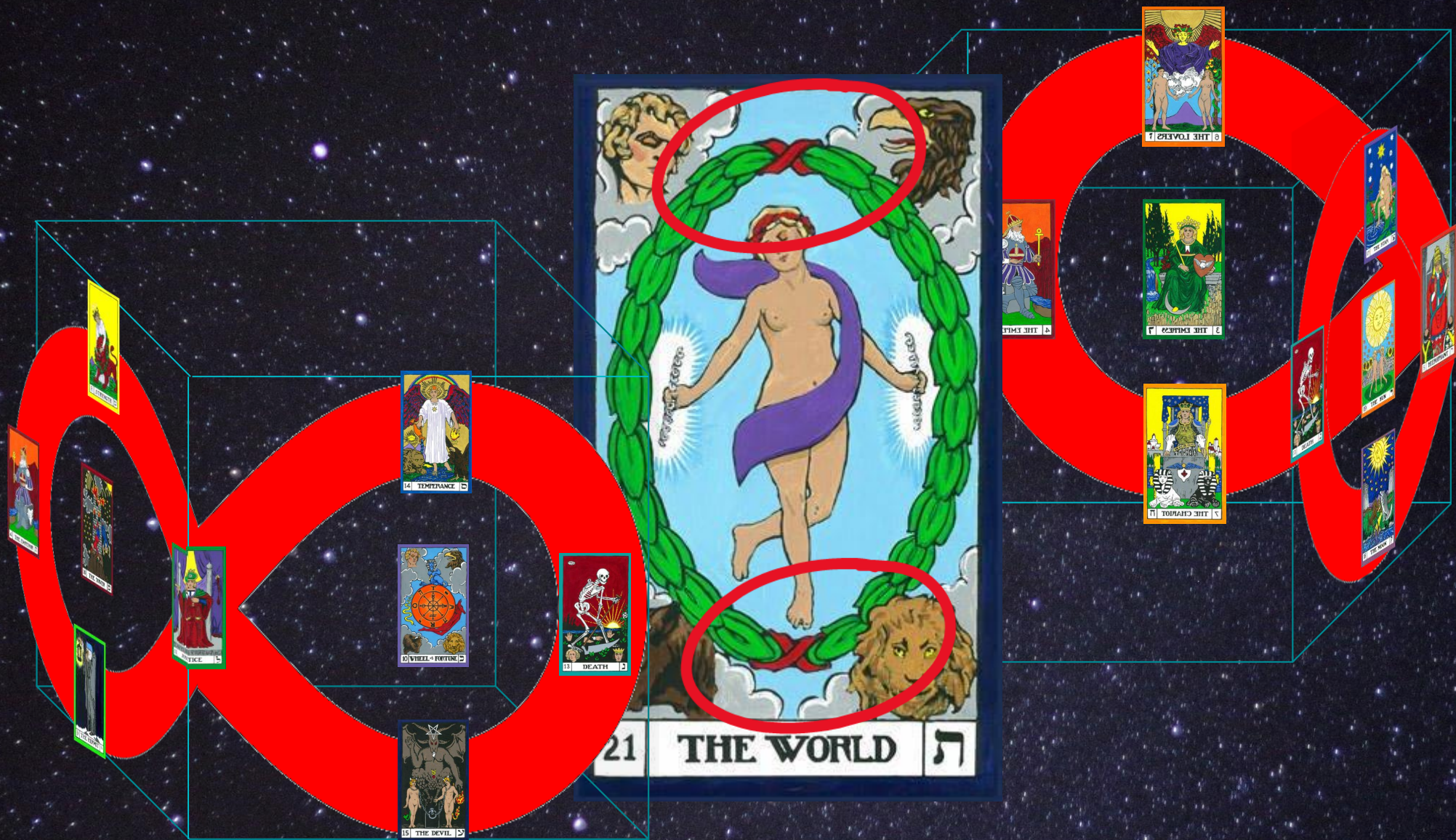
The South-East Infinity Path

The lemniscate outlining the Initiate/Teacher path:

- from the center of the South face (Sun)
- around the South edges (Moon, Death, Star, Hierophant)
- through the East edges (Hierophant, Chariot, Emperor, Lovers)
- ending in the center of the East face (Empress)







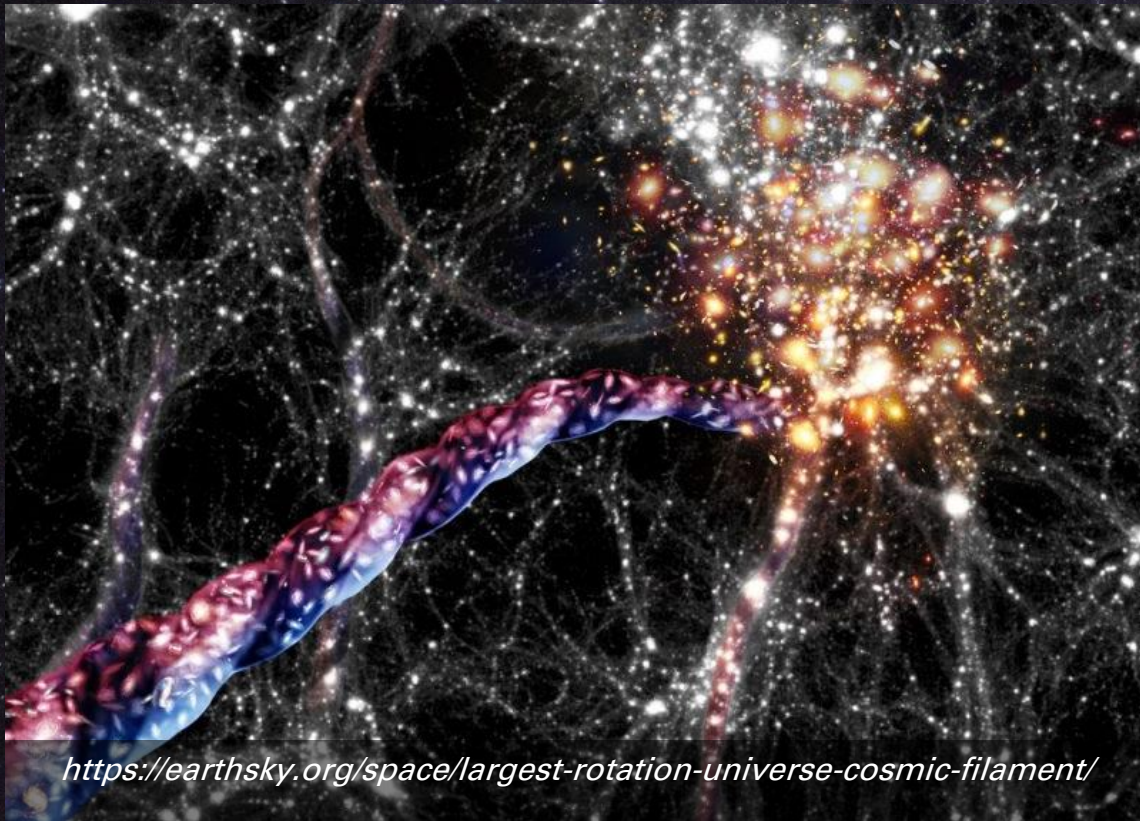
The Inward and Outward Double Spiral



The Spiral Wands of the World



One with the Infinite: Spiral Wand in Space



<https://earthsky.org/space/largest-rotation-universe-cosmic-filament/>

Headline: Astronomers Spot Largest Rotation In The Universe

Astronomers were looking at the universe on the grandest scale, in which there are great filaments made of galaxies, separated by giant voids. And they found that these long, thin cylinders of galaxies and matter, forming the vast cosmic filaments of the cosmic web, rotate on the scale of hundreds of millions of light-years.

As the early universe expanded outward from the Big Bang, and as galaxies began to form – the galaxies pulled themselves into these vast filaments, creating the cosmic web.

The galaxies in the filaments funnel on corkscrew paths into the clusters at their ends. As a result of mapping this, scientists discovered that the filaments themselves spin, the largest rotation in the Universe.



What's Next?

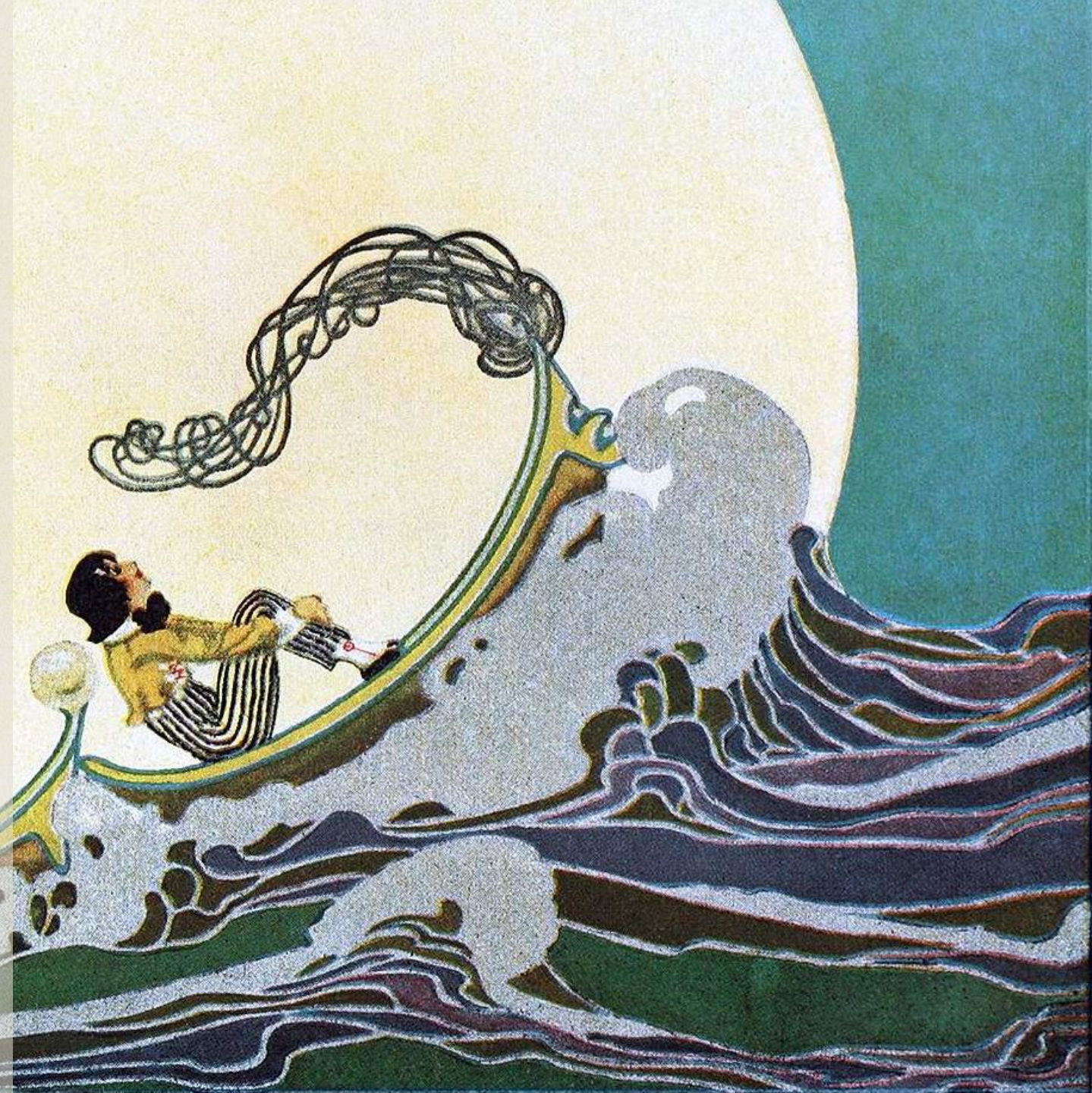


- Please follow our ongoing exploration of the Cube of Space, on the first Saturday of every month, starting in July, at the Greater Seattle Tarot Meetup.
- Also, please join the Denver Tarot Geeks, where we will pursue philosophies of the Cube beyond the evolution of the soul, tying all 78 cards into the dimensions of the Cube.



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