

## XVII THE STAR

**Key Words:** Aquarius; inspiration, crystallization, self-recognition, radiating, clear vision, trust in the self; connection to universal intelligence.

This card represents a beautiful process. Cosmic inspiration of the highest nature is received and made manifest on the material plane. The card is ruled by Aquarius. The medium, or water carrier in this process, is represented by the star goddess Nuith (see also XX The Aeon). She is fully open to the input from the spiritual plane, and passes it on in full service to the highest good. She is the channel used by divine energy to manifest on earth. In each hand she holds a cup through which the spiral vortices of energy pour. Her hair acts as an antenna to extend perception and flows to the earth, carrying with it the inspiration of the cosmic.

A new, crystal-clear vision lends form and purpose to that which a moment ago was only a vague impression. You gain a more penetrating view into the boundless potential of your development. The power of the inspiration you receive gives wings to your soul and lets the apparently impossible become manifest in marvelous ways.

A person led by this wisdom exudes such a quality of being, such a radiation, that other people are drawn as if by a magnet. The sheer force of spiritual transformation causes the masks of personality and the limitations of the small »k« to become meaningless. Stubborn willfulness and fear can be dropped as the water-bearer gives herself up, more and more, to the workings of the newly-freed spirit.

The receptive antennas must, however, be subjected regularly to careful purifying and cleansing. If reception is disturbed by self-seeking tendencies, the tremendous energies at hand can have a devastating effect. Enthusiasm may become fanaticism; inspiration may become illusion. The emotions need to be watchfully observed. Just as the water flows from the cup of Nuith and turns to crystals, so must the emotions become crystalized. This means they must be clearly and definitely grasped. This cannot happen if you repress and control emotions, but only if you allow emotional unfolding to take place (symbolized by the rose blossoms). The butterflies, symbols of transformation, indicate that your own view of things will change and become liberated from the bonds of old conditioning.

**Indications:** Let your star rise, and stay in contact with the earth. Trust your environment and find ways to let others share in it. You will be tested and recognized by the fruits you bear.

**Question:** Are you totally fulfilled in your present area of work?

**Suggestion:** Check to see if you are doing everything possible to bring your ideas to fruition.

**Affirmation:** My creative powers of imagination and my connection to all-encompassing consciousness show me the way to realize my ideas.

*We convince by our presence. - Walt Whitman*

**THE STAR** is the universal principle of self-esteem and confidence. It is the state of radiance and confidence that is neither inflated or deflated. The quality of looking within and trusting what is there is symbolized by the figure looking toward the guiding star within the cup she holds. The word confidence comes from the root base to confide. Confidence is the ability to confide in and trust oneself. This deep confidence allows us to fully radiate and be expressive of who we are. When we trust our inner guidance and direction, we see things more clearly (the multiple crystals) and become more spontaneous, like flowing water, with our feelings.

In major religions, the Star symbolizes the guiding light, like the Star of Bethlehem and the Star of David. In astrology, the Star is Aquarius, the water-bearer, symbol of the innovative and creative mind. The two seven-pointed stars that are spinning their way toward earth on this card represent the radiance and confidence of our inherent light or life force that has every intention of actualizing creative ideas on earth through our own natures. Perhaps the best description of the function of this archetype comes from the philosopher Heidegger when he said, "A Person is not a thing or a process but an opening through which the Absolute can manifest." The Star card reminds us that each of us is an opening for light, or a gateway through which the Absolute can manifest.

### **THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND TALENT RECOGNIZED BY OTHERS**

To the side of the card, the flowers and butterflies or moths are symbols of unfoldment (the flowers) and of transformation (the butterflies). Through our self-esteem, which has three components (self-love, self-trust, and

self respect), we are able to unfold like flowers and grow more fully into our many-splendored expression (the butterflies).

### **The Star as Life-Time Symbol**

For those individuals whose birthday adds up to the number 17 or 8, The Star is your life-time personality expression or symbol of your external expression in the world. People will see you as naturally radiant and confident. You possess a natural charisma and magnetism that pulls people and opportunities toward you.

Often The Star symbol is associated with fame and recognition and, at different times in your life, you will be recognized for accomplishments that provide a contribution and service to others.

You have a natural ability to assist others with self-esteem issues. You instinctively know that arrogance and self-effacement are signals that low self-esteem is being experienced. You assist others to trust their inner guidance and intuition because work can build confidence, and the ability to confide in and trust oneself. You know that qualities such as arrogance and self-deprecation cannot continue to exist in the presence of self-love, self-trust, and self-respect.

Aquarius people (anyone born January 21 - February 21) in your life become mirrors of your own ability to be pioneering, innovative, and creative. You are a natural visionary (the crystals) who trusts your intuition (the star within the cup) and your feelings (the flowing water from the cups). You have an innovative and inspirational mind like Aquarius (the two spinning stars) with a deep commitment to actualize those ideas on earth (the planet in the background).

### **The Star as a Growth Symbol**

The Star is your growth symbol when you add the month and day of your birthday to the current year, and the sum total is the number 17. This is the best year to resolve issues or initiate new projects with Aquarian people (anyone born January 21 - February 21) in your life; or, the month of Aquarius would be an excellent month for initiating new projects.

During this year, you could be recognized for services or accomplishments that have made a notable contribution. It is a year where you experience your self-esteem intact or are more confident in who you are. You no longer feel the need to inflate or deflate yourself and others.

### **The Star Symbol as a Visual Affirmation and Meditative Tool**

The Star is a symbol that assists the process of sustaining and increasing self-esteem. If you desire to reinforce your self-esteem in any area of your life, The Star is the archetypal symbol that facilitates your inherent confidence and trust to manifest all of who you are. Through meditation with this symbol, or conscious intention, you can maintain and increase your own ability to confide in oneself, which is the true meaning of the word confidence.

If you are wanting to be pioneering or innovative with your ideas, The Star is a symbol that can assist you in actualizing those ideas.

### **Sample Affirmations To Use While Looking at The Star Archetype**

I am a walking star on a giant star.

I value who I am.

I see what can be of benefit to people in the future.

I am a radiant lighted being.

### **The Star as an Outer Mirror**

When you pull this symbol or find yourself continuously drawn toward it, it represents a state of radiance and deep inner trust and confidence in oneself. Like Aquarius, the water-bearer, you are committed to implementing innovative and creative ideas that can serve the planet. During the month of Aquarius (January 21 - February 21) or with Aquarian people, you are determined to initiate new concepts, visions, and experiences for yourself and others.

The next seventeen weeks or the next seventeen months you find yourself increasing and maintaining your own self-esteem to such a point that you may find yourself assisting others with their self-esteem issues. During this period of time you may find that recognition comes your way for projects, services, or accomplishments that are noteworthy.

### **Other Symbols that Are Aspects of The Star Archetype**

The Star (the number 17) is the externalized expression of internal balance and clarity (Adjustment/Justice, the number 8). Self-esteem and internal radiance are apparent in the world when we are spontaneous, vital, and

natural (The Star). Our self-esteem is a barometer of our internal balance or imbalance (The, Adjustment/Justice symbol). Two conditions sabotage our balance and self-esteem: Over-extension or compensation patterns (Eight of Cups) and doubting ourselves (Eight of Swords). Two qualities rectify or reestablish our balance and self-esteem: taking swift action and communicating directly (Eight of Wands) and utilizing prudence and wisdom in our actions (Eight of Disks). Once we naturally adjust and realign to the clarity within (Adjustment) we are able to express who we are more fully (The Star). (See the Adjustment/Justice constellation in Section VI for additional information.)

### **The Gifts and Challenges for Persons whose Life-Time Personality Symbol Is The Star**

#### **Gifts:**

Adjustment (Balanced; Clarity)  
The Star (Confidence; Self-Esteem)  
Eight of Wands (Swiftiness; Directness)  
Eight of Disks (Prudence; Wisdom)

#### **Challenges:**

Eight of Swords (Doubt; Interference)  
Eight of Cups (Indolence, Over-extension or Compensation)