# Tarot & Kabalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 10

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## Arcanum 7 – Zain ז

English: *Triumph, the Chariot*

Spanish: *El Triunfo*: meaning "Triumph, victory, success, win". *El Carro*: meaning "Car, truck or lorry; vehicle, automobile; carriage; chariot; cart".

French: *Le Chariot*: meaning "Chariot, Wagon, Cart". *Le Triomphe*: meaning "Triumph, victory; triumph, win, prevail".

Meaning: The Chariot of War, Wars, Battles, Struggles, Atonement, Pain, Bitterness, Difficulties.

Transcendental Axiom: "WHEN THE SCIENCE SHALL ENTER INTO THY HEART, AND WISDOM SHALL BE SWEET TO THY SOUL, THEN ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO THEE."

Explanation of the Card: In this card two sphinxes appear in the Waters of Life (a WHITE one and a BLACK one) who pull a chariot, and represent the Masculine and Feminine Forces. A warrior (who represents the Intimus) is standing in his Chariot of War, on the Cubic Stone (sex), and between the 4 Pillars in which he develops (which are Science, Art, Philosophy and Religion). The 4 Pillars also represent the 4 Elements, indicating that he dominates them. In his right hand is the Flaming Sword and in his left hand is the Staff of Power. The Cuirass (or breastplate) is the Divine Science which makes us powerful. The warrior must learn to use the Staff and the Sword, in this way he will attain Great Victory. On his head is a hat with 3 peaks, representing the 3 Primary Forces; in the upper part Ra, the Cosmic Christ, appears (the Wings).

Related Explanation: The number seven represents magical power in all its force, it is the spirit assisted by all the elementary powers; it is the soul served by nature; it is represented in the Tarot by a crowned warrior who stands upon a cube (the cubic or philosophical stone) which is attached to 2 sphinxes, one black and the other white (the two opposing forces which must be balanced), pulling in opposite directions. The Sacred Septenary, the complete number of the Kabalah. The summary and synthesis of all things.

Seven is the number of the days of the week. The Bible says that on the seventh day God rested and this implies that it is the "day of rest", that is to say, the number of stability. Seven is the number of the Chakras, the number of Seals in the book of Revelations, and the number of the Sacraments of the Church. These Sacraments are: Baptism, Penance (or Spiritual Testing), Communion (or the Eucharist), Confirmation (or Chrismation), Matrimony (or Marriage), Priesthood (or Holy Orders), Healing of the Sick (or Extreme Unction).

It is also the number of the seven alchemical planets, as well as the seven deadly sins and the seven heavenly virtues:

| | Sun | Moon | Mars | Venus | Mercury | Jupiter | Saturn |
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| Vice | Pride | Greed | Anger | Lust | Laziness | Envy | Gluttony |
| Virtue | Humility & Faith | Altruism & Hope | Love & Compassion | Chastity | Diligence & Prudent Activity | Happiness for others & Kindness | Temperance (Self-Control) |

## Practice 1

A Realized Monad is Powerful: having power over Fire, Air, Water and Earth. This is why in the Egyptian Book of the Dead, the devotee says to Horus: "I fortify your legs and your arms". The devotee begs that the Monad (Horus), the son of the Divine Mother (Isis) & Father (Osiris or Ra), should fortify their 3 Brains because Horus needs the devotee to have their 3 Brains strong.

## Practice 2

I.A.O. must be sung during the experiences of the Laboratory: this is how the Serpent moves about and is joyful. Sing I.A.O. Seven Times while in the Laboratorium-Oratorium. The Mantram I.N.R.I. has an absolute power over the fire: Sing it in the Laboratorium Oratorium, as well, in order to carry the fire to each one of your seven chakras. Sing it thus: INRI (Clairvoyance), ENRE (Clairaudience), ONRO (Heart – Intuition), UNRU (Telepathy – Solar Plexus), ANRA (Pulmonary Chakras – Memory of past lives). These Mantrams must be chanted or sung by syllabifying them. The Great Hierophant Jesus-Christ chanted these Mantrams in the Laboratorium-Oratorium of the Pyramid of Kephren.

## Practice 3

The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect prayer because it has Seven Magical Petitions:

[1] *Our Father, who is in heaven (I.A.O.).*

[2] *May your name be sanctified.*

[3] *May your Kingdom come to us. (The internal worlds).*

[4] *May your will be done, Lord,*
*on Earth as it is in Heaven.*

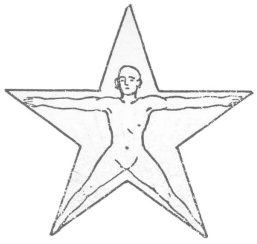
[5] *Give us this day our daily bread.*

[6] *Forgive us our debts,*
*as we forgive our debtors.*

[7] *And do not allow us to fall into temptation,*
*but liberate us from all evil.*

*AMEN.*

Posture: The student must lie down on the floor on a meditation or yoga mat. Then spread out his/her arms and legs to each side until the five pointed star is formed.



Methodology: Relax all of your body, do not think about anything, set the screen of your mind to be blank, concentrate your mind on your Internal God and start praying the Lord's Prayer extremely slowly, and reflect on the sense of each petition; become drowsy, in order to reach a profoundly sleeping state while meditating upon each word, upon each phrase, worshiping... worshiping... worshiping...

When waking the student must not move... be motionless and practice a retrospective exercise in order to remember the internal experiences: where were you, what places you visited while in the astral body, what was done, what was seen, etc. (Don't forget about the mantram "Raom Gaom").

This practice must be performed as a daily habit without ever becoming weary. Seeing and hearing the great internal realities must be the goal.

