

23 Oracle Board Symmetries

Now that we have introduced in some detail each Trump and Major Court card on the Senet Oracle Board, we will take a look at the structure of the layout on the board. The structure of the Senet Oracle Board is based on holistic symmetry that keeps everything in balance so that the Cosmos is able to maintain itself in a dynamic condition.

We will begin with bilateral symmetry in the top row. We will start from the outside and work inward toward the center, seeing how the right side reflects into the left side.

Sun is the Source, the Ancient Male Creator with serious demeanor. This is the Cosmic Will of the Higher Self

Temperance is that same Source reflected as a ravishingly beautiful and seductive young woman who draws our attention into the light show of Reality and Romance. This is the bending of the will into the lower self so as to temper it with the experience of reality.

Tower is the sudden procreative urge that explodes uncontrollably into diversity, a veritable information explosion.

Priestess is the virgin holding vital information in secret as a source of great potential power that can be held in abeyance for undetermined lengths of time or other dimensional concerns. Yet she is the vehicle that carries the creative explosion into a new and more advanced form of life once she opens her door to Life.

Emperor is Source in a living breathing embodiment. He takes charge and manages his diverse creations, concerned only that they continue to exist and grow.

Empress is the female partner of the Emperor. She supports and nurtures with love and light all the Emperor's diverse creations, because she is his mother and wife and daughter and cares for all their joint creations.

Strength is a fierce lioness who provides the energy for the Emperor to maintain (or destroy) his creations. Strength is a female characteristic that males tend to mistakenly associate with brute force.

Chariot is the decisive leader who directs the actual use of energy for maintaining the system of creations. He is the Emperor's director in

the field. Leadership is a male characteristic, but has a female desire for security. Leadership is willing to take risks and explore. This dilemma of risk versus security often puts leaders into contradictory situations.

World is the physical space in which we presently live. You are here now. This is your World. It is always where you are at the moment. It is local and limited, but has all the potential of an almost endlessly diverse creation.

Star is the vast universe of stars and galaxies filled with opportunities for our future growth and evolution. Each star is a potential goal. That little spark of potential can grow into a new reality.

The top row also has another symmetry. The Sun is Source. Tower, Emperor, and Strength are the three great instincts that come from the "Past" actions of Creative Source. Tower is procreation, to perpetuate the species. Even the entire universe spontaneously spawns future universes with an endless urge to create. The Emperor maintains the cycle of breath/wind that keeps the universe alive and functioning. Strength provides the power to grow, expand, and evolve, without which things become stale and boring. Strength is the primal ego.

World and Star give us our present moment and future range of growth in this universe.

Chariot, Empress, and Priestess are the three great pillars of identity that allow an individual to take form in the World. Chariot is exercise of the Will. Will is only a potential, a possibility. We must choose a direction and use the natural energy of the Cosmic Will to reach our destination. Empress is the quality of nurturing and caring, or sharing love and light with all through our innate witnessing awareness. The Priestess is our secret Life Mission, the purpose for which we decide to come into this World. A Life Mission gives life a direction and integrates events into a holistic program of development, without which life becomes filled with random distractions that may lead to confused wandering and a sense of meaninglessness. Without a life mission, life becomes just a cycle of activity and rest, eating and defecating, a little of this and a little of that, and then it is over.

On the far left we find the Lady of the Temple who offers a stimulus to engage in experience of Reality, real or not, even if we have not

confirmed a life mission. Temperance is about finding the balance hidden in experience that leads back to Source. Her Mission becomes to support the High Priestess of Life Missions.

Next we look at the bilateral symmetry of the bottom row.

High Priest is intelligence and the systematic clarity to communicate that intelligence effectively.

Lovers live in the blissful realm of Romantic Love, but must make a choice in order to stabilize that love and share it over time. Lovers who do not communicate well soon break up, because their love is only a fantasy.

Justice means truth as an always perfect balance between heart and mind, intellect and emotions, self and not-self, idea and experience.

Judgment is a decision that creates a new reality. It is biased to a local preference and produces experiences that must be experienced. Each Judgment a person makes gives birth to a baby -- the experience of that Judgment as reality. For true lovers, this can be the joy of having a baby and becoming a family.

Death occurs as a gap between each period of life. It is a moment for gathering and integrating the results of each period of life experience.

Moon covers the phases of a life between deaths. Memory is often apparently lost during the death gaps and early life, but can be transmitted across these gaps. Moon angels assist the transitions through the lapse periods.

Fool has a playful and carefree view of life. He is not really serious about anything. If willing to let go of cares, he can accept whatever comes up as a new toy, a new game.

Devil is far too serious and often mistakes fantasy for reality. He is plagued with contradictions inherent in life and that fills him with doubts and fears that sometimes drive him to irrational anger and irresponsible behavior. He breeds complexity, but forgets to realize his own vital role in life, which is to be independent yet somehow working on the inside for the betterment of all.

Wheel of Fortune is a repetitive activity in society that goes somewhere. It produces some product or service that others value.

Hermit takes silent time to be alone with his innermost heart, to find what moves his life in the right direction for energy, creativity and growth. Hermit is the precursor to Fortune, because he discovers who he honestly is and then begins to express that in life.

The bottom row also has a flow that appears to run from left to right, just as the top row appears to run from right to left. The lower row is the expressed sequence of a life cycle. The upper row is the background layering of archetypes that make the life cycle possible.

The female (left) side of the bottom row is the period of immaturity, rebellion, and learning. The male (right side) of the bottom row is the period of maturity, creativity, and integration of lessons learned.

The middle row has two eyes, **Hanged Man** and **Magician**. On each side of these “eyes” are the Lords of the Senses, and in the central four positions we find the four Kings of the matter states with which the Hanged Man (fetus) and Magician (shaman) play. The middle row links the upper row and lower row together. So we must look at the vertical columns on the Oracle Board.

Temperance getting a **Taste of Life’s Magic** falls in **Love**.

The virgin **Priestess** becomes pregnant with a baby idea of a **Hanged Man** inside her and gives birth to a **Judgment** that she must now raise a child to maturity.

The Cosmic **Empress Mother** embraces, nourishes with her motherly Touch the product of her love through his **Moon cycles** until he begins to remember who he is -- a real Son of the Sun.

The general in his **Chariot** uses his masterful **Intuition** to find a resolution to the “problem” of the rebellious **Devil**. That intuition arises when he realizes that rebellion is a natural growth assertion of independence.

The **Star** shines apparently from far away beckoning with a path of **Happiness** to the lonely **Hermit** to chase after it.

The **World** is here now at every moment filled with **Valuable Resources** that can be turned into useful goods on the **Wheel of Fortune**.

Strength's serious ego gains power through the playful **Attention** Technology of the **Fool's** humor.

The **Emperor** holds the key to life (breath), but **Sees** clearly that **Death** (no breath) is an inevitable part of life.

The **Tower** ejaculates through his Crown chakra the diverse reality of the **Magician's** Higher Self that arises from True **Justice**, that all is One and in perfect balance.

The **Sun** simply shines forth from his hidden (Amen) Source and **Hears** the echo reflection of that light as the voice of an Intelligent Universal **Priest**.



23 Study Questions

- * Study the cards on the Senet Oracle Board.
- * Learn their names. Color their Outline Trump cards.
- * Study the relationships among the cards on the Oracle Board.
- * Put the BOTA or Waite cards into an Oracle Board layout and study.
- * Study how the dynamic relationships maintain a steady structural relationship. This is a key to understanding space and time.
- * How does the symmetrical structure of the Senet Oracle Board relate to the Series Overview article?

