



A Course In Astral Travel

(Supplementary Topic 2)

WEEK 7

The Meaning of Numbers

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Numbers are used in the Astral world by divine beings to teach. You can therefore see them not only when you are conscious in the Astral but in dreams too.

So pay attention to them and use this guide to assist you in their interpretation. These numbers occur throughout the history of esotericism, they are the basis for the Tarot cards and occur throughout the work of Samael Aun Weor, the founder of modern Gnosis and this list owes much to his work.

So many people see numbers in their dreams, so this guide will be useful; it is just a summary of the numbers and a short guide rather than a complete description. Each number needs to be interpreted according to the context of the experience and the spiritual work the person is doing. Bear in mind that many of the terms used are esoteric, they apply especially to those who have taken up the spiritual path and are beyond the scope of this course to explain. I have other courses such as the esoteric one, where I explain the knowledge of the inner worlds and the spiritual path more fully.

The numbers go from 1 to 22, if a number is over 22, you add up its parts, so for example if you have 23 you add $2 + 3$ giving the number 5.

When numbers within the same type of item have been given you add them up together, so for example you get \$24.48, it breaks down as $2 + 4 + 4 + 8 = 18$.

When separate numbers of completely different types of items have been given you add them up separately and then get the meaning of each separate number, for example: 23

stones and 57 footballs breaks down as $2 + 3 = 5$ and $5 + 7 = 12$. So you need to look at the meaning of the numbers 5 and 12.

When you are summing up a series of related numbers such as day year and month in a birthday you treat them separately but you sum up to a maximum of 9 for each sub total, you only go over 9 when you add up for the final total. So for example, 11/12/1995 breaks down as: $1 + 1 = 2$, $1 + 2 = 3$, $1 + 9 + 9 + 5 = 24$; $2 + 4 = 6$; the total then will be $2 + 3 + 6 = 11$, because in this case you don't go over the number 9 in a sub total you break the 24 down $2 + 4 = 6$. Then add up the sub totals, $2 + 3 + 6 = 11$.

You only go as far as 12 when summing up hours of the day, so for example, don't use 21:00 hours but 9:00 hours whether it is the morning or the night.

The Numbers

Number 1 The Magician.

It represents the masculine principle, the wisdom of the Father and the Unity.

It also represents something that begins, (every beginning is difficult and you have to sow to be able to reap).

It also represents the sword, which is willpower and power (that power is the power to awaken and to dominate the passions of the egos).

The 1 unfolds to become 2. The Unity is the root of the Duality, the Father unfolds into the Mother.

Number 2 The Priestess.

The Wife of the Magician, the receptive Feminine principle.

This is a favourable number.

"The wind and the waves always favour the one who knows how to navigate" (the waves are Alchemical).

The two columns of the temple.

Number 3 The Empress.

The Divine Mother.

Spiritual and material success and productivity, overcoming obstacles.

The 1 and 2 unfold to produce 3.

Number 4 The Emperor.

Ruling, progress, success and mercy.

It also represents stability; establish a solid base in order to succeed.

The cubic stone which is the basis of the spiritual work must be carved.

Number 5 The Hierarch.

The divine law, Karma, this includes the persons karma.

It is also Mars, which is a rigorous spiritual war.

The five pointed star, the solar man must be born. Fight so that the star can point upwards.

Number 6 Indecision.

The choice between different paths.

It is also temptation - the struggle between love and desire. The lover.

In triumph - victory, good luck, in failure - Erotic violation

Number 7 Triumph.

The Chariot of War.

Wars, struggles, battle, difficulties, penitence, pain and bitterness.

One must learn to use the Staff and the Sword and will thus achieve great victory.

(Willpower is vital).

Number 8 Justice.

It signifies hard tests suffering and pain.

Within it are to be found Initiatic tests and the work of Job, who had enormous patience and who suffered much

It is also righteousness, justice, and equilibrium. Seek the good, cost what it may. Fulfil the law with good actions.

Number 9 The Hermit.

Initiation, solitude and suffering.

The number 9 also represents the Ninth Sphere, the work with sex. There is great suffering in the Ninth Sphere so one must learn to understand, to suffer and to be resigned; those who do not will fail.

Number 10 Retribution.

The wheel of fortune, successful dealings, changes.

It is also the Wheel of Samsara, the tragic wheel which is the law of return.

It promises good and bad fortune, ascents and descents, and circumstances which repeat in a different form.

Number 11 Persuasion.

The tame Lion, the divine law is in your favour.

Have no Fear.

Mars.

The work with the Fire, with the force of love.

Persuasion has more power than violence, a soft word pacifies anger. Persuasion is in essence, a subtle, spiritual force.

Number 12 The disciple.

It implies sacrifices and sufferings, tests and pain.

Alchemy is vital to take the pain away.

Number 13 Immortality.

Death and resurrection, transformations; it indicates total change.

But death has two aspects, the human physical death and the inner death of the egos.

It can also signify something new.

Number 14 Temperance.

It is chastity, transmutation, the waters. One must work hard, chiselling the Stone, without which one cannot achieve sexual transmutation.

Matrimonial association, long life, stability, no change.

Number 15 Passion.

It warns of Danger. Failure in love.

It is the work with the tempter, which esoterically is called Satan or the Devil, in the process of dissolution of the egos.

The passion is based in the Luciferic Fire - the main defect is sexual passion, lust.

Number 16 Fragility.

The fallen tower; the terrible fall of the initiate.

It brings punishment.

Avoid this Date.

Number 17 Hope.

Sex under the control of the Spirit.

Number 18 Twilight.

Hidden Enemies – they can appear at any Moment and can be physical or internal.

Illnesses.

Bad for business.

Number 19 Inspiration.

The radiant sun, successes, good luck. It promises total Victory, be it through one's own efforts or with the help of other peoples.

It also can refer to working with the Philosophical Stone."

Number 20 Resurrection.

The resurrection of the dead (from the death of the egos comes life, the resurrection of the soul is only possible through initiation. Human beings are spiritually dead and can only resuscitate by means of Initiation).

Favourable changes, take advantage of them. Put an end to weaknesses.

Number 21 Foolishness or Transmutation.

The Fool: failure, committing folly in the spiritual work.

Transmutation: It indicates that you must transmute.

Number 22 The crown of life.

The return to the light, the incarnation of truth within.

Triumph, everything turns out well, power, strength, good fortune.

Additional Information About Clocks

When a clock is shown the hour is of great importance, a clock signifies that time is pressing so you need to see the hour, these hours have their own meaning that is different from the other numbers. These numbers refer only to those shown in a clock, although the hours are related to the numbers; the first hour is related to the number 10 and each number goes in that sequence right through so that finally the hour 12 relates to the number 22.

Below is what Samael Aun Weor has written about them

1st Hour: The transcendental study of Occultism.

2nd Hour: Persuasion has more power than violence.

3rd Hour: Serpents, dogs and fire. Work with the kundalini.

4th Hour: The beginner will wander at night amongst graves, he will suffer the horrors of the visions; he will surrender to Magic and Goecy (he will be attacked in the astral by millions of black magicians) all this is to move him away from the Path.

5th Hour: Superior waters from heaven. The disciple learns to be chaste and understands the value of the seminal fluid.

6th Hour: Keep still, immobile. The test of the Guardian of the Threshold; courage is needed to defeat him.

7th Hour: The fire comforts the inanimate beings, and if the priest or purified man steals it and projects, if he mixes it in holy oil and consecrates it, he will manage to cure the illnesses by applying it to the affected parts. The initiate sees here his financial misfortune threatened and his business fail.

8th Hour: The astral virtues of the elements of the seeds of every kind.

9th Hour: Nothing has ended yet. The initiate increases his vision towards the limits of the intangible world. He arrives to the infinite threshold. The divine light reveals and new dangers appear.

10th Hour: The doors of Heaven open and the man comes out of his lethargy. This is the second initiation of the Major Mysteries and the initiate travels in his Etheric Body. It is the wisdom of John the Baptist.

11th Hour: Angels, cherubims and seraphims fly; there is joy in the sky. The earth awakens and the sun arises from Adam. This belongs to the Great Initiations of the Major Mysteries where only the terror of the Law reigns.

12th Hour: The towers of fire are disturbed. This is the triumphal entry of the Master in the happiness of Nirvana or his renunciation of it for the love of Humanity, which leads him to be a Bodhisattva of Compassion.

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