

Where many meanings are possible for a word or wording, they are usually all intended, often giving multiple ways to read a given poem.

Some words which may be unfamiliar:
chi - life force

hexagram - a configuration of six lines, determined by the casting of yarrow sticks, which denotes by its pattern a particular reading of the *I Ching*, the Chinese Book of Changes.

leader stroke - What appears as a single streak of lightning is actually made up of electricity flashing back and forth from cloud to cloud or earth. A leader stroke is the initiatory bolt, often coming from the earth.

ley lines - lines of electromagnetic energy that encircle and crisscross the earth. Along these currents it is said that the ancients were able to fly and levitate objects of great weight; they would dance or light fires along them to maintain the energy when it would lapse during eclipses, or to enhance the ley's fertilizing influences. Stonehenge and many other sites of standing stones, temples, shrines and old roads are located along these lines as are the pyramids, in whose interior chambers the revitalizing energy is said to accumulate.

When the right words were non-existent in our language I have created new ones or new interpretations for existing words:

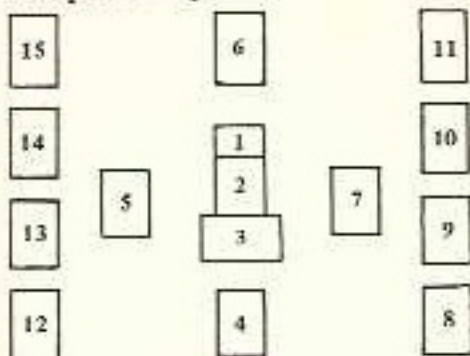
The Pharon - taken from the Greek myth of Pharon or Charon, who ferried souls over the River Styx to the land of the dead, hence one who helps others over, to die. In a reading, the XIII card is not a card of physical death, so the Pharon becomes one who helps others through any intense transition.

The Transducer - one who transmits energy from one system to another or converts energy in form.

The Wildon - a woman in her wild state, our animal selves.

The pictures speak for themselves. However, for anyone who does not know what a cypress swamp looks like, one is portrayed on the Foxfire card (the X of Knives). The projections that come up out of the water are called 'cypress knees.' They are an extension of the roots and are believed to help these swamp-loving trees breathe.

One possible layout . . .



And how to interpret each card by which position it occupies.

1. *the Significator* - the card which represents the querent, (your self or the person for whom you are doing the reading.)
2. *the Cover card* - this card depicts an encompassing influence surrounding the reading or the question asked.
3. *the Crossing card* - suggests the challenging forces, which may be used to advantage.
4. *Roots* - the past, where the present situation had its beginnings.
5. *the Present/past* - or the present and that which is immediately past.

6. *the Crowning card* - This card sheds its influence on the entire situation, and also on all the cards in the reading. Often a note on how to read each of the other cards.
7. *the Future* - what is in the future if the present course of events is followed.
8. *the Message to Your Self* - the querent's perspective on the question or on themselves.
9. *the View from Outside Your Self* - This card presents what others around or others involved in the issue think on the question or how they may be seeing the querent.
10. *the Forces* - this card depicts the energies that are at work which influence the course of events or the person involved.
11. *the Answer* - suggests a possible answer or suggestion regarding the situation.
12. *the Self* - This card represents the position of the querent in relationship to the situation at hand.
13. *Relationship* - This card shows the relationship of those near to the querent or to the circumstances.
14. *Forces* - is the higher power of the #10 position, hence portrays the cosmic forces at work here.
15. *the Outcome* - the card that shows how the situation may be resolved.

