



The Magician is the rise to action, the call to confidence. The Magician is a leopard. He cannot change his eccentric self. He cannot turn his spots to stripes. He cannot shrink to become a demure house cat. He is a wild construction, but he would not change anything even if he could. His unique nature is the conduit for change. The infinity symbol on his chest shows that his magic is channeled through belief and self-love. If he did not love himself, if he questioned the body he had, or the change he created, his magic would not be effective. Believe comes before the magic.

The Magician has all that he needs to create change. He has accepted all the elements as tools. There is no hierarchy, and there is no favoring. He has what he needs to begin. He even has the eternal flow of light and shadow, master and teacher. With the Magician comes a need for acceptance. By accepting what he has, he can start to grow and attain what he needs. Even the sunlight surrounding him means that he no longer needs to camouflage. He no longer needs to hide. What is available to him is enough to move and shake loose the trepidation of naivety. The Fool had steel nerves to begin the task, but the Magician shows us that it will take more than nerves alone to continue.

There needs to be self-empowerment. There needs to be a conscious search to learn the sword, the cup, the pentacle, and the wand. If we do not begin to learn what these tools are, and what they

provide for us, we can never start to become one with our journey. The Magician reminds us that the trick does not come out of nowhere. There needs to be an active and willing being to channel the energy, to dare the illusion, to dream of impacts that remind us of what we are capable of.

Much of this comes from bravery. If we look at the physical life of the leopard, nothing comes easy. Most of the hunts are unsuccessful, and outside of the thick brush a leopard's spotted skin is altered from camouflage to neon sign. Yet, the leopard creates balance in the ecosystem. He creates the needed ebb and flow of healthy ratios. The physical leopard is very much a magician in his own right. If he did not exist, the ecosystem would be collapse.

The same can be said for the analogy of The Magician. If we did not have Magicians we would not find the inspiration that we can at any point channel our magic. If we do not honor and harness the energy of the Magician, we will never know our full potential. Just because the Magician is first card, after the Fool, does not mean that his status is weaker than those who appear later.

The Magician speaks to us and tells us to move, to get out of our comfort zone, and to create. Creation is the bird out of the hat. Bravery is the ability to catch a bullet. Those who believe in themselves are forever charged with a great and arduous task. They are forever reminders that much is possible. The Magician is a reminder to us that we are not meant to be like anyone else. We are not meant to coexist and cooperate until it becomes complacency. We are meant to harness that energy and move with it, through it, and because of it.