

NOTES

82. Thierens, *General Book of the Tarot*, 22.
83. Robert Wang, *The Qabalistic Tarot: A Textbook of Mystical Philosophy* (York Beach, ME: Samuel Weiser, 1987), 58.
84. To learn more about the indigo child attribution, read Lee Carroll and Jan Tober's *The Indigo Children: The New Kids Have Arrived* (Hay House, 1999).
85. *Symbol Dictionary: A Visual Glossary*, SymbIDictionary.net, s.v. "Caduceus (Kerykeion, Herald's Wand)," <http://symboldictionary.net/?p=1131>.
86. Dennis L. Merritt, *Hermes, Ecopsychology, and Complexity Theory* (Fisher King Press, 2012), 52–53. The caduceus should be distinguished from the rod of Asclepius, which is a wand with a single snake entwining it and no wings. See also Walter J. Friedlander, "Definition of the Caduceus," *The Golden Wand of Medicine: A History of the Caduceus Symbol in Medicine* (New York: Greenwood Press, 1992), 5–10.
87. *Sex: The Secret Gate to Eden*, directed by Thelema Press, 2006. Documentary.
88. Throughout the tarot, the tree symbolizes the extension of knowledge from Mother Earth, or of the earth. The tree represents knowledge. The tree of knowledge is an allusion to the interconnection of all things. When the tree imagery appears, such as it does here in the Four of Cups, it is a sign to the Seeker to examine how the disparate parts are in fact related to a cohesive whole. It is about urging the Seeker to understand the patterns.
89. Thierens, *General Book of the Tarot*, 19.
90. Waite, *The Pictorial Key to the Tarot*, 83.
91. Thierens, *General Book of the Tarot*, 21.

CHAPTER 10

1. By far the more popular and also the traditional reference to the card is "significator," most likely of astrological and Hermetic origins. In horary astrology, a significator is the planet identified during a reading to signify the querent (the Seeker consulting astrology for an answer) or the quesited (the inquiry at hand). See William Lilly, *An Introduction to Astrology*, ed. Zadkiel, 1852. The Hermetic approach to tarot heavily integrated astrology into the cards and thus may have transferred the terminology "significator" from astrology into tarot. I prefer to use the term "signifier," per its standard dictionary definition.
2. Paul Foster Case, *Oracle of the Tarot: A Course on Tarot Divination*, 1933, 6.