

The Hierophant

Traditional meaning:

Taking on a belief system, perhaps losing some individuality in exchange for the benefits of the group. Learning more about the larger communities you belong to.

My Interpretation:

The card seems related to religion, with priestly robes and a Christian style staff. His hand is raised to the sky similar to the classic John the Baptist sign made so famous by The Da Vinci Code. There's a pair of keys there – the keys to the Kingdom of God?



He stands over a pile of jagged mountains, maybe offering safe passage past those dangers. His look is serious. He is a force to be reckoned with. Interestingly, while I tend to think Western when I think of this type of religion, his hat looks like a Chinese / Japanese pagoda, and the sidebars of his hat look Mongolian, so he seems to represent a variety of religious styles. Even his neck area seems floral, to bring in nature religions.