

Imagery in the Pentimento Tarot

Most of the vintage photos in the Pentimento Tarot are of people who are anonymous. Their names may be lost, but their images still speak to us.

I used vintage photos of the following well-known people in some of the cards:

High Priestess – Mary K. Greer, beloved tarot author and teacher, who advocates using the cards for personal insight and creativity.

Empress – Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1917), the last sovereign of the Kamehameha dynasty of Hawaii.

Emperor – King George V, grandson of Queen Victoria, grandfather of Queen Elizabeth, King of England from 1910-1936. Cousin to Tsar Nicholas of Russia.

Hierophant – Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902) brought Vedanta and yoga teachings to the west in the 1890s. He is credited with rising interfaith awareness.

Lovers – Mexican painter Frida Kahlo (1907-1954) and Mexican singer **Chavela Vargas**.

Chariot – Rene Thomas (1886-1975) French motor racing car champion.

Justice – Sojourner Truth (1826-1883), African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist.

Hermit – Walt Whitman (1819-1892), American poet, often called the father of free verse.