



Family, my communities, and circumstance
crafted me, one of their herd.

Much of my experience can stay, but some
parts just aren't in tune.

These poems are new tales we tell ourselves,
and then begin to live.

The analyzer and dreamer in me work in union.

Eight realms, eight ways to be aware; into one I
go!



I need my sword, discernment, now more than
ever.

Our wealth of knowledge hides among trash
and delusion.

I honor the old victories, not with dogma, but in
spirit of exploration.

My words, my symbols, my patterns help me
cocreate my reality.

Curating my Inner Library also cultivates Outer
Prosperity.



At first it's all so shiny!

Even the little tarts full of tacks...

Your intuition knows the difference.

I embolden you to hear and act.

Your thoughts are your private library, there's no shelf space to waste!



My mental sword clears brush from my path.

It cuts down nonsense masquerading as friendly guidance.

What isn't cut away is left with room to unfurl into my Inner Court.

Reason's sword, Discernment, slashes to create the space for wisdom.

With it, time, and vigilance, my Inner Library grows strong and sharp.



Buried in the data, charts, research,
speculation, theories, and fear of fallibility!

Ever second guessing and fretting...

Or bolstered by former success and
comfortable in reputation.

The know-it-all who learns not-at-all!

Balance! Instead, we speculate once and then
follow the plan to action!



Hear your Ego, dear Psyche, that we may stand
in union!

Out of Chaos, we know our realm, our virtue's
champion, our shadow, and our helpers.

May my actions ever match these aspirations.

May other bearers of these virtues ally in
common goals.

May this knowledge and action move me ever
closer to my Ideal Self!



I bless myself for my efforts on this sacred path.

I bless the Order of Book Builders, sticking
apart with me in stride!

Joy from the future I KNOW I manifest by
magnetizing virtues, fills me now!

My life, my actions, when channeled through
virtues, give strength to my communities.

Grow in wisdom and compassion.