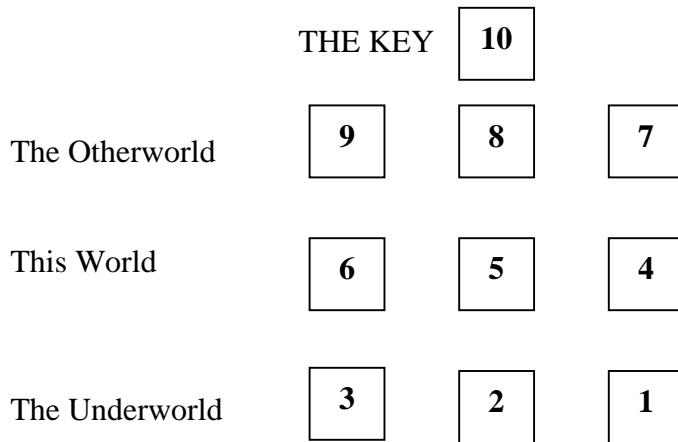


## **The Three Worlds Spread Revealing Unconscious Potential**



In Celtic mystical cosmology there is a great deal of interchange between the three worlds, as witnessed by the stories of countless heroes and heroines. The three worlds can be roughly defined as follows:

**The Underworld-** the ancestral place of power, where the roots of creation were laid down. It is not a place of misery and punishment as in Classical and biblical understanding, but a place of primal power and integration, where skill and empowerment are to be found.

**This World-** the created, terrestrial world in which ordinary people are born, live and die. It is closely associated with the other two worlds.

**The Otherworld-** the blessed worlds of the gods and archetypes, of which mortals had visions, and into which they frequently ventured for enlightenment. It is the burning glass through which eternal light filters into this world.

This spread is particularly valuable for putting people in touch with the hidden alignments of the three worlds, which are still operative for those who perceive them. The Otherworldly level often provides the guiding 'story' which animates that reading.

This spread is quite flexible and does not have a fixed or designated meaning for each card. The three levels are read in order and also in alignment, so that cards 1,4 and 7 may reveal an interesting or significant factor that the person being read for is ignorant of or somehow suppressing. The 10th position, the key, gives the keynote of the reading, either expressed as a cumulative factor or else as a way of proceeding.

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