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The Hermit

"Everybody's got something
to hide except Me and my
monkey..."



He steps cautiously out of hibernation, armed with the easy light of truth: he holds the key to the solution of pressing problems and he no longer has anything to hide.

When hermits return to the world, they do it for a very important reason: to guide other people in their search for answers. In the course of the natural cards revolving, the Hermit stands on a middle ground where both the physical and spiritual worlds are visible to him.

Holding his lantern out to those who seek enlightenment, his position in the Tarot deck indicates the breakdown of heavy situations, and in a reading he stands for the sudden emergence of a favorable resolution to the inquirer's question or problem.

The Hermit's significance to our own sub-culture is obvious, in light of the many people taking to the mountains and other hidden, natural spaces: perhaps they too will return with a lantern or an answer or perhaps an invitation to the Hermitage.