



### ***Himself, from Brian Froud's *The Faeries' Oracle****

*Natural law. Life force. Magic. Shamanic power.*

Known as Himself, this Sidhe is guardian of both the hunter and the hunted – and finds no conflict in that because he understands the many necessary balances of nature. The living bond between all life, Himself is the breath that moves, the atom that dances, and his magic is in pure being – living, loving.... [H]e has the magic of procreation, of dancing the spark of life into being. His presence brings magic and life into a world where it is shaped and given form by Earthmother. He dances as the Bright Mother gives us birth, powering us into the world. He is the Great Father....

[H]is wild yang energy is channeled through humans to benefit tribe and family. His family is all of us, human and animal. Shamans draw upon his power, and the best healers channel a balance between his power and the Bright Mother's nurturing energy.

Even as our hearts beat within us, we learn to mediate the life force through joyful being and actin. Expressing this power through healing and love and trust, we become more like Himself.

**Reversed [how I picked the card]:** When the energy of Himself is being blocked, we feel limp, enervated, drained. There may also be depression, either physical or emotional. Energy may be locked into obsessions or may swing from blocked to out of control.

Twisted, the life force, strength, and/or authority may be being misused as arrogant aggressiveness or violence toward others. When this card is reversed in a reading, careful and prayerful consideration needs to be given to how the energy can be rechanneled into its naturally creative and protective mode.

At worst, this potent energy becomes a force for war, oppression, and domination. The very worst is when brutality or twisted sexuality is turned on the very persons this energy within us should be protecting. As in all the Sidhe powers, what has great potential for good can also have great potential for destruction. Volcanic release may occur.