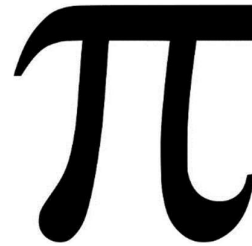


A Writers Journey into the Mystery of Numbers

You might think it strange that a writers coach is writing about numbers? Well maybe not . . .

Numerology is an ancient system for unlocking and understanding the influence of numbers to help a person become the captain of their own life. It is a system that claims nothing in your life is random, everything happens for a reason. As a writer I like order and structure, as a coach I work everyday helping people to become the captain of their own life, so maybe this numerology thing is worth a look.

Let's start with **Pi, (π , π) 3.14** (approximately 3.14159 actually). After all the 14th of March (Pi day) is soon to arrive.



"Pi is part of the nature of the circle," according to Nathan Hamlin, Mathematician Washington State University. The number 3.14 is the result you get every time you divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter.

Pi can also be found in the natural world. For example, in the pupils of your eyes or the rings of water that form when you throw a stone in a puddle. Albert Einstein discovered that Pi occurs in the shapes of rivers, when you divide the length of the river by its distance in a straight line from its source to the sea it always works out at around 3.14. And on a slightly freaky note, Pi Day falls on Einstein's birthday, March 14.

"Numbers rule all things." Pythagoras 580 – 500 B.C. Pythagoras believed numbers had souls, as well as magical powers. The Pythagoreans divided the numbers into two groups: odd and even, male and female, light and dark etc. Their most sacred number was the number **10**.



Number 10 is known as a symbol of the authority of God and his government on the Earth. This number can also symbolize responsibility, law and completeness. Number 10 is considered to be the symbol of obedience and responsibility of people towards the God's law.

Angel number 10, as a compound number, and is said to carry the vibrational essence of both one and zero. The number 1 is the number of leadership, assertiveness and professional achievement. The number 0 is a mystical number associated with the mysteries of God and the Universe.

My friend and visionary **Marco Bertagni**, founder of the River of Life® project and the force behind Geo-emotional Geography (Eliciting, Mapping, Managing, Emotions – EMME) is fascinated by numbers.

He was born in October, so the number 10 as previously discussed is important for him. He was also born in 1964. The number 64 is a magical number, it signifies self – determination, independence, home, pragmatism, as well as doing things of mutual benefit for yourself and your family. The number 64 also represents new ideas and new ways of doing things and signifies self – sufficiency.



64 is also the first whole number that is both a perfect square and a perfect cube. In math, 64 is known as a superperfect number. We see it often in our daily lives even if we don't notice it:

- In chess or draughts, the total number of black (dark) and white (light) squares on the 8 by 8 game board

- 64-bit computing – and the ASCII code 64 is for the @ symbol
- The number of Braille characters in the old 6-dot system
- The maximum number of strokes in any Chinese character
- Number of hexagrams in the I Ching
- Number of demons in the Dictionnaire Infernal
- The number of classical arts listed in many Indian scriptures. They include: singing, dancing, painting, poetry, playing cards, making arguments, making flower garlands, etc.
- The number of crayons in the popular Crayola 64 pack
- Number of codons in the RNA codon table under genetic code



I too was born in 1964 (a great year!), in July. For me, the number 7 has repeatedly shown up in my life. When I looked into its meaning I found that (according to www.numerology.com) “the number 7 is both deep and wise. It is not satisfied with simple explanations and surface-level information -- this is frivolous stuff. It knows that the real gold is buried deeper and won't stop until it finds it ... and then it'll keep digging for more. Asking questions, researching, listening, and sensing are all special skills the 7 uses in its search for awareness.

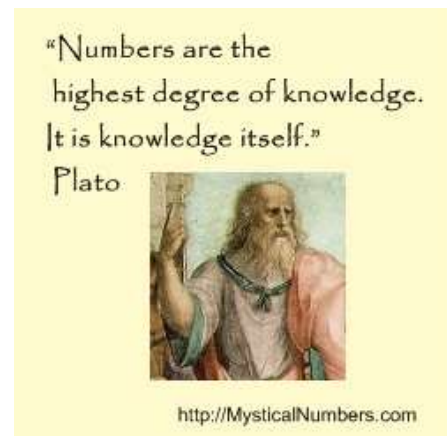
Though spirituality is especially important to the number 7 in Numerology, it takes a more intellectual approach to life than an emotional one. It is an analytical number that enjoys gathering and filtering through information to find answers. Still, it has a more powerful intuition than you might expect which it uses as a guide. This combination of conscious and subconscious thinking allows the mind of the Numerology number 7 to shine a light into the very deepest realms to access hidden truths.” I can relate to that.

What numbers are significant in your life. Maybe it's your birthday or another date that keeps recurring, maybe certain numbers resonate with you more than others.

What about Number Symbolism? Plato called the study of number symbolism, “the highest level of knowledge”.

Number symbolism is widely used to this day. Take for example the European Union flag. The meaning of the numbers of stars flag is based solely on symbolism and has nothing to do with the number of countries which joined the union.

The Council of Europe gave the flag a symbolic description in the following terms: Against the blue sky of the Western world, the stars symbolise the peoples of Europe in a form of a circle, a sign of union. They stand for the ideals of unity, solidarity and harmony among the peoples of Europe.



Sacred numbers in Religion

Number 3, 4, 7, 10 and 12 are significant numbers in many religions.



The Trinity, Jesus rose on the 3rd day, Jesus preached the gospel for 3 years are all examples of number 3 in Christianity. In numerology the number 3 “has a tendency to thrive in an upbeat and engaging atmosphere. Its energy is youthful and positive, and it has an incredible zest for life. It dances from one enjoyable experience to the next, eager to interact with others along the way. The prized skill of the number 3 is communication, and it uses this talent to build a wide and interesting circle of friends, lovers, and kindred spirits. The 3 is highly original and embraces unique thinking and creative expression. This number's artistic, curious nature allows it to convey abstract ideas and find solutions others may miss. A child at heart, the number 3 never misses a chance to have fun, engage with others, and express all the love and joy it embodies.” (www.numerology.com)

In Buddhism there are four sights and four noble truths. In numerology number 4 is a no-nonsense number with a heads-down approach to life and work. It is extremely dependable and lends a great amount of stability to a person or situation. The 4 is dedicated to advancing, but in a more conservative way than a progressive one. It sticks to what is tried-and-true instead of attempting methods that are new. Even more than the number 13 in western cultures, the number 4 is considered very unlucky in some Asian countries. There's even a name for the fear of the number 4: tetraphobia. But in reality the Numerology number 4 carries a wise and rational energy that can bring us a sense of security and consistency. It has a strict definition of right and wrong and tends to see things as black and white with no grey in between. The number 4 leads with its head, not its heart, and uses this mental strength to build a life of service and contentment.” (www.numerology.com)



In Islam number seven is important; seven heavens, seven times around the Kaaba, seven verses in the first sura are some examples of this numbers' importance. We have already looked at number 7 in numerology.

I found my little journey through the mystery of numbers really interesting in that numbers seem to mean so much more than, well just numbers.

So, if you have a spare afternoon, go and look up the numbers that mean something to you, you might be surprised by what you find.