

Into The Mystic

The Sorceress Archetype



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At one time



People who knew the Way



Were subtle, spiritual, mysterious, penetrating, Unfathomable...

Mysterious, oh yes!



Lao Tzu

Dark is falling. The moon rises over the forest as six weary archetypes stand before Hecate. They've come because she's asked them and a goddess of this power is wisely heeded. These women, exhilarated and apprehensive in equal measure, wait for Hecate to speak. She looks at each in turn, impassive and assured.

"Don't be afraid, she says, "I may be Queen of the Shadow Realm, but I don't bite. Besides, I have a gift for each of you."

To the Sage she hands a rare edition of Plato's Republic; to the Cultivator, she gives a forest fern; to the Warrior she hands a plaque upon which is inscribed the ancient Samurai creed; to the Daredevil she gives a pair of hiking boots and to the Creative she hands a golden spinning wheel.



Lastly, she turns to the Sorceress and tosses her a small lump of coal. The others look puzzled, but the midlife sorceress understands. Hecate smiles, “My gift to you is the most challenging of all as you must learn how to turn this rock into gold and place it in your heart. Then, when that is done, you must use this knowledge to transform the world.”



The Essential Sorceress Toolkit



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The Sorceress Philosophy

A Sorceress will ultimately seek to transform the world and herself with her own hard-won knowledge. In learning to harness energetic movements, she begins to positively affect her personal environment, and as she matures the entire world is open to her benign intentions.

The Sorceress seeks to synthesise disparate aspects of existence into a coherent whole. Her thinking is symbolic and intuitive, allowing her to perform ceremony and ritual in a meaningful way.

Above all, the Sorceress seeks inner truth gained through personal experience and she makes a conscious choice to live on the margins of “ordinary” existence.

Transformational Movies

2001: A Space Odyssey:

You'll never look at your computer the same way again.

Silent Running:

Will turn you into an instant environmentalist. Permanently.

Little Miss Sunshine:

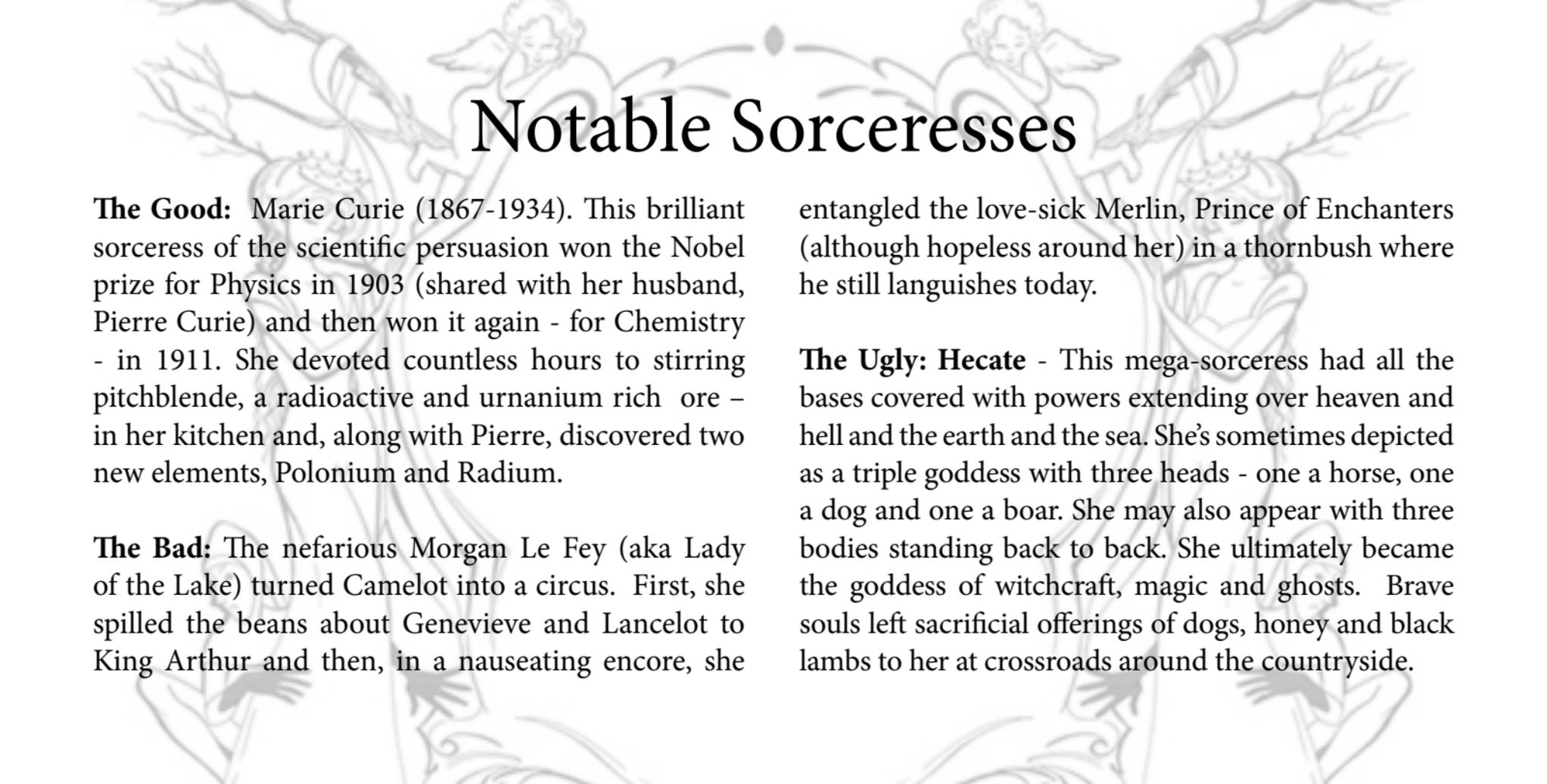
There's just so much light around this movie. Stays in your heart forever.

Muriel's Wedding:

Watch Muriel's transformation affect everyone – mostly for the better. The final scene is joy incarnate.

Lord of the Rings Trilogy:

Peter Jackson's movies are a masterpiece. So much love has gone into every detail of these films that it seeps into its audience, too.



Notable Sorceresses

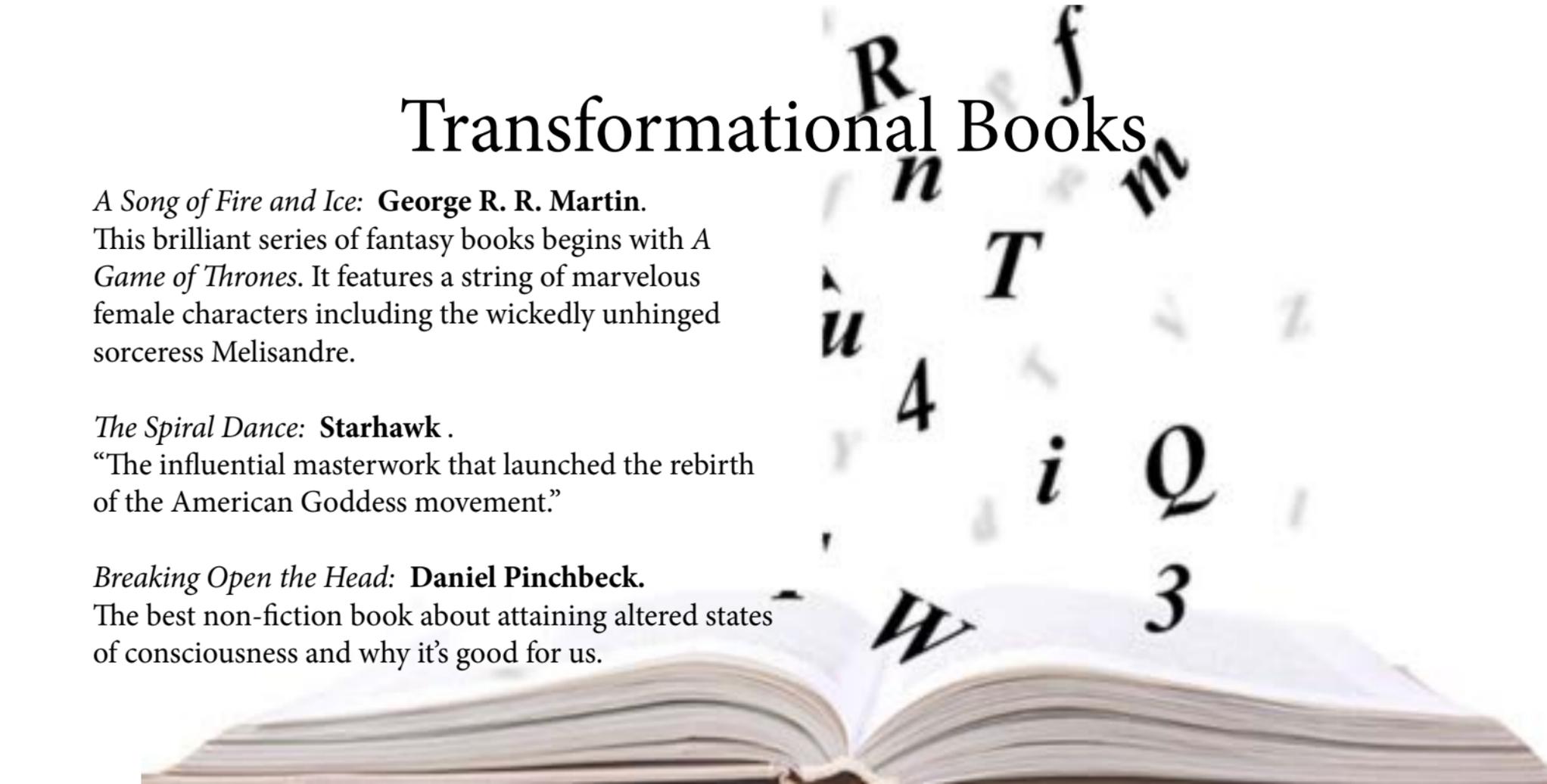
The Good: Marie Curie (1867-1934). This brilliant sorceress of the scientific persuasion won the Nobel prize for Physics in 1903 (shared with her husband, Pierre Curie) and then won it again - for Chemistry - in 1911. She devoted countless hours to stirring pitchblende, a radioactive and uranium rich ore - in her kitchen and, along with Pierre, discovered two new elements, Polonium and Radium.

The Bad: The nefarious Morgan Le Fey (aka Lady of the Lake) turned Camelot into a circus. First, she spilled the beans about Genevieve and Lancelot to King Arthur and then, in a nauseating encore, she

entangled the love-sick Merlin, Prince of Enchanters (although hopeless around her) in a thornbush where he still languishes today.

The Ugly: Hecate - This mega-sorceress had all the bases covered with powers extending over heaven and hell and the earth and the sea. She's sometimes depicted as a triple goddess with three heads - one a horse, one a dog and one a boar. She may also appear with three bodies standing back to back. She ultimately became the goddess of witchcraft, magic and ghosts. Brave souls left sacrificial offerings of dogs, honey and black lambs to her at crossroads around the countryside.

Transformational Books

An open book is shown at the bottom of the frame. Above it, various letters and numbers are falling through the air, creating a sense of motion and transformation. The letters include 'R', 'n', 'f', 'm', 'T', 'u', '4', 'i', 'Q', 'w', and '3'.

A Song of Fire and Ice: **George R. R. Martin.**

This brilliant series of fantasy books begins with *A Game of Thrones*. It features a string of marvelous female characters including the wickedly unhinged sorceress Melisandre.

The Spiral Dance: **Starhawk.**

“The influential masterwork that launched the rebirth of the American Goddess movement.”

Breaking Open the Head: **Daniel Pinchbeck.**

The best non-fiction book about attaining altered states of consciousness and why it's good for us.

Loving What Is: **Byron Katie.**

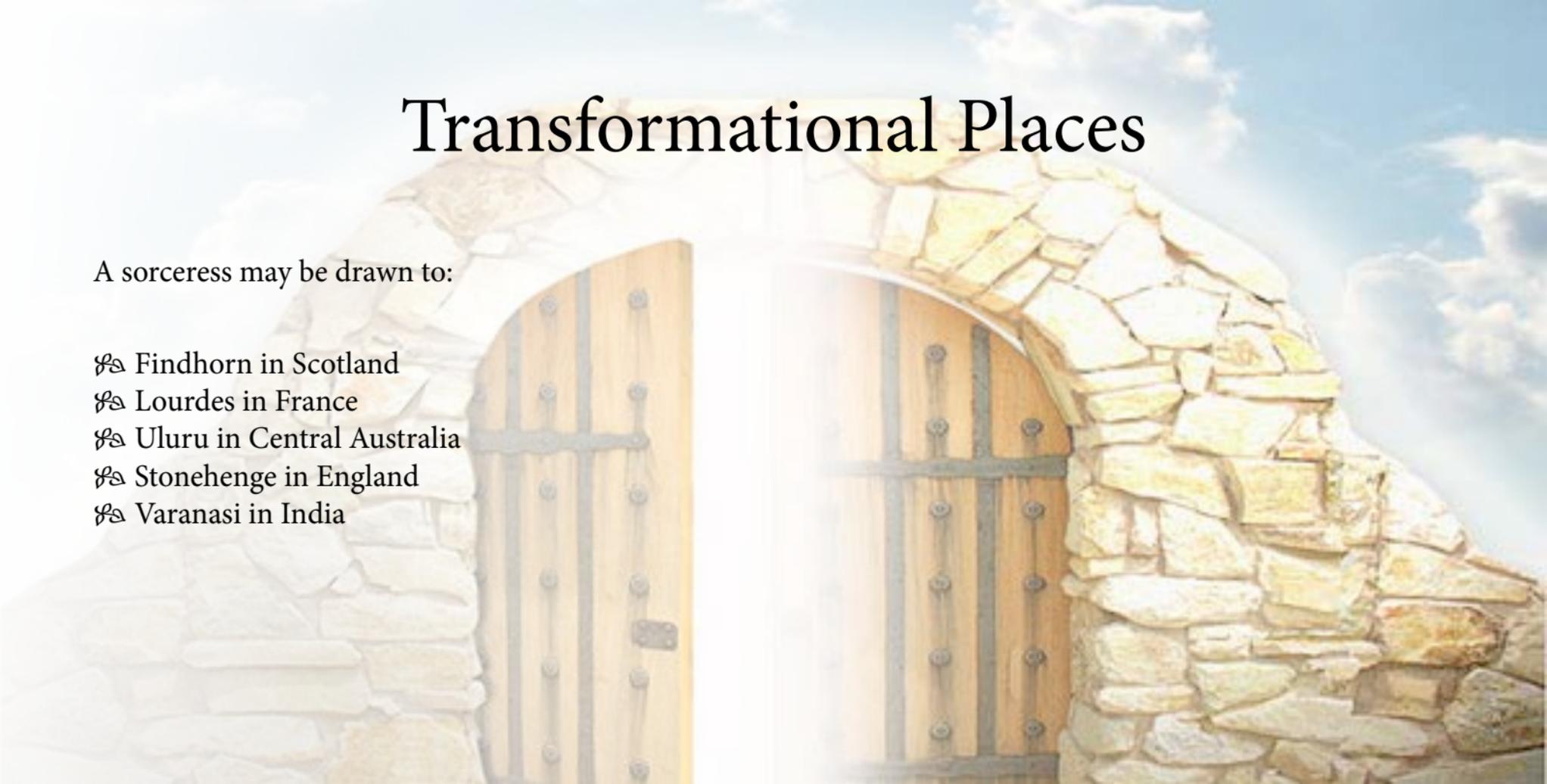
This book, with its Four Questions and The Turnaround, will have you spinning like you wouldn't believe. This could be THE most transformational book you will EVER read. This is how humans will be when we get over ourselves.

A New Earth: **Eckhart Tolle.**

Never will you find such a lucid and practical explanation of the human ego. Tolle's genius lies in explicating what it is, where it came from and how we can work with it (rather than suppressing or denying it) to transform ourselves and the world. His explication of what he's coined "the pain body" will transform your life.



Transformational Places

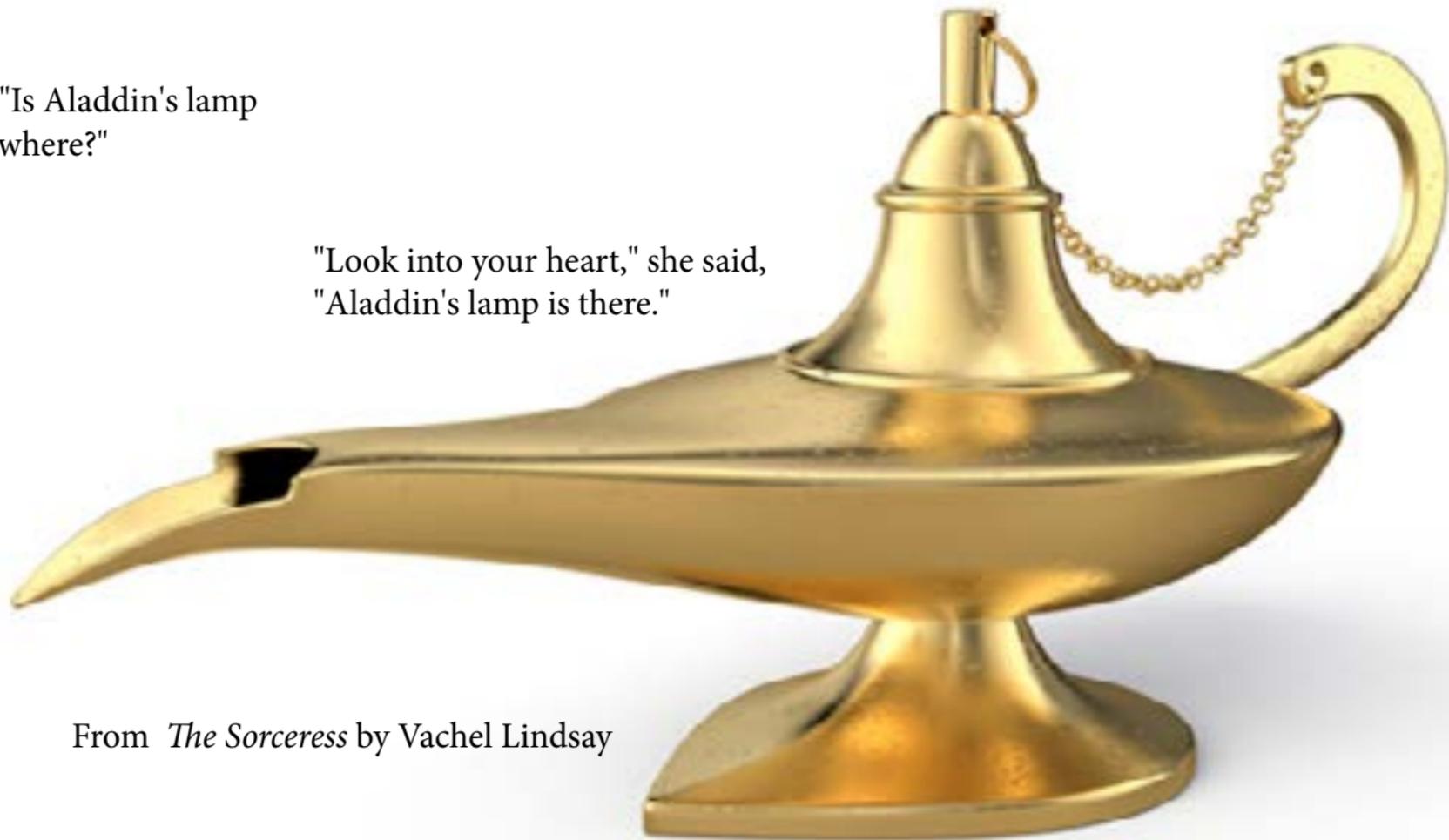
The background of the slide features a stone archway with a wooden door. The arch is constructed from light-colored, irregularly shaped stones. The door is made of vertical wooden planks and is reinforced with a metal crossbar and several vertical metal bolts. The scene is set against a bright, blue sky with scattered white clouds, suggesting a sunny day.

A sorceress may be drawn to:

- ☞ Findhorn in Scotland
- ☞ Lourdes in France
- ☞ Uluru in Central Australia
- ☞ Stonehenge in England
- ☞ Varanasi in India

I asked her, "Is Aladdin's lamp
Hidden anywhere?"

"Look into your heart," she said,
"Aladdin's lamp is there."



From *The Sorceress* by Vachel Lindsay