Archetypes are everywhere. Archetypes are guiding us, possessing us, ruling us, and living through us.

Archetypes guide 99% of human behavior. (Maybe more.) It's not a matter of whether archetypes are influencing your behavior; it's a function of degrees.

To the extent you're aware of the archetypes operating within you is an indicator of your level of consciousness. With greater self-awareness, you're able to navigate the emotional landscape of archetypes skillfully.

To complement my guide to archetypes, here we'll explore a comprehensive list of archetypes so you can get to know your psyche.

How to Sort this Archetypes List

The general belief is that there are only a select few. For example, a list of archetypes might have only 4, 6 or 12. Or, perhaps you’ll have a list of 52.

The reality is that there are many thousands of archetypes. Each one possesses different behavior patterns and subtleties. A list of thousands of archetypes, however, won’t be very practical. As Einstein possibly said, “Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.” So first, we’ll run through a few archetype lists from popular models. Then, I’ll present a comprehensive list of archetypes for you to review.

Jungian Archetypes List

It seems appropriate to start our journey through the archetypes with the man who popularized the concept.
Perhaps more than anyone else, psychiatrist Carl Jung provided us with a map of the human psyche. Through his own analysis and inner work, Jung classified many of the driving forces that dominate our behavior. See my [beginner’s guide to Jungian psychology here](#).

Here are the primary Jungian archetypes, all of which Jung addresses in *Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious*:

- **The Self**
- **The Anima**
- **The Animus**
- **The Shadow**
- **The Persona**
- **The Father**
- **The Mother**
- **The Child**
- **The Wise Old (Sage)**
- **The Hero**
- **The Trickster**
- **The Maiden**

### Archetypes of Masculine Psychology

Perhaps my favorite (and the most practical) model for understanding archetypes comes from neo-Jungian Robert Moore. In *King Warrior Magician Lover*, Moore and Gillette highlight the four primary archetypes in the masculine psyche as well as the eight bipolar shadow archetypes that go with them.

The four healthy masculine archetypes are: King, Warrior, Magician, and Lover

The eight shadow archetypes are:

- **The Tyrant**
- **The Sadist**
- **The Detached Manipulator**
- **The Addicted Lover**
- **The Weakling**
- **The Masochist**
- **The Denying “Innocent” One**
- **The Impotent Lover**

The four healthy archetypes of boyhood are: The Divine Child, The Hero, The Precocious Child, and The Oedipal Child

The eight shadow archetypes of boyhood are:

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The High Chair Tyrant          The Weakling Prince
The Grandstander Bully         The Coward
The Know-it-all Trickster      The Dummy
The Momma’s Boy               The Dreamer

While Moore’s archetypal research focused on the masculine archetypes, his model extends to the feminine psyche as well where the King is represented by the Queen. He does say, however, that there are other variations that aren’t covered in his work.

The 12 Archetypes List

The 12 Archetypes is a popular model from The Hero and the Outlaw by Margaret Mark and Carol Pearson. While the book is geared toward brand building, these 12 archetypes apply to individuals as well.

The 12 Archetypes are:

The Innocent              The Lover
The Orphan                The Creator
The Hero                  The Jester
The Caregiver             The Sage
The Explorer              The Magician
The Rebel                 The Ruler

Caroline Myss’ Archetype Cards

Now, we come to Myss’ Archetype Cards, a deck of 80 archetypes. Her archetypes list includes:

Addict
Advocate
Alchemist
Angel
Artist
Athlete
Avenger
Beggar

Liberator
Lover
Martyr
Mediator
Mentor
Messiah
Midas/Miser
Monk

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Every personality system represents a model of archetypes. One of my favorites is the Enneagram personality model. Within the Enneagram community, there are two versions of the model. While they are both similar, they use different names to characterize the archetypes.

One model developed by Don Riso and Russ Hudson outlines the nine personality types (or archetypes) of the Enneagram as follows:

**Type 1: Reformer**
**Type 2: Helper**

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Type 3: Achiever
Type 4: Individualist
Type 5: Investigator
Type 6: Loyalist
Type 7: Enthusiast
Type 8: Challenger
Type 9: Peacemaker

The other model used by the Enneagram Worldwide and highlighted by Helen Palmer in *The Enneagram* describes the personality archetypes as:

Type 1: The Perfectionist
Type 2: The Giver
Type 3: The Performer
Type 4: The Romantic
Type 5: The Observer
Type 6: The Loyal Skeptic
Type 7: The Epicure
Type 8: The Protector
Type 9: The Mediator

Riso and Hudson's Enneagram model also includes nine variations or levels of each personality type. If we include each level as its own archetype, the Enneagram actually contains a list of 81 archetypes. Plus, each type has wings and variants, which easily quadruples the number of potential archetypes.

**The Greek Gods**

One of the original archetypes lists is represented by the pantheon of Greek gods and goddesses. The list of Olympians include:

- Zeus
- Hera
- Poseidon
- Demeter
- Ares
- Hermes
- Dionysius
- Hades
- Hypnos
- Nike

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Athena  Janus  
Apollo  Nemesis  
Artemis  Iris  
Hephaestus  Hecate  
Aphrodite  Tyche  

A List of Over 300 Archetypes

Finally, we arrive at the ultimate archetypes list:
Bully
Burglar
Caregiver
Casanova
Celibate
Challenger
Champion
Chef
Chief
Child
Clown
Communicator
Companion
Con Artist
Consort
Consumer
Copyist
Counselor
Courier
Court Jester
Coward
Craftsperson
Creator
Crime Fighter
Critic
Crone
Damsel
Dark Lord
Defender
Derelict
Destroyer
Detached Manipulator
Detective
Devotee
Devouring Mother
Dilettante
Diplomat
Disciple
Divine Child
Don Juan
Double Agent
Dreamer
Drunk
Dummy
Inventor
Jester
Journalist
Judge
Killer
King
Knight
Leader
Legislator
Liberator
Lobbyist
Loner
Loser
Lover
Loyalist
Mad Scientist
Magical Child
Magician
Maiden
Martyr
Masochist
Master
Matriarch
Mediator
Meditator
Mentor
Mercenary
Messenger
Messiah
Midas
Minister
Minstrel
Miser
Momma's Boy
Monk
Monster
Mother
Mother Nature
Muse
Mystic
Narrator
Nerd
Networker
Ninja
Savior
Scapegoat
Scavenger
Schemer
Scientist
Scribe
Sculptor
Secretary
Seducer
Seductress
Seeker
Seer
Serial Killer
Serpent
Servant
Settler
Sex Addict
Shadow
Shaman
Shape-shifter
Sherlock Holmes
Sidekick
Siren
Skeptic
Slave
Sleuth
Snoop
Sociopath
Soldier
Soldier of Fortune
Spell-caster
Spiritual Master
Spoiler
Spy
Stepmother
Storyteller
Student
Succubus
Swindler
Sybarite
Teacher
Temptress
The Self
Therapist
Earth Mother  Nomad  Thief
Emperor  Nonconformist  Tomboy
Empress  Novice  Trickster
Enchantress  Nun  Tyrant
Engineer  Nurse  Tutor
Enthusiast  Observer  Vagabond
Entertainer  Oedipal Child  Vampire
Environmentalist  Olympian  Victim
Epicure  Orphan  Virgin
Escort  Orphan Child  Visionary
Eternal Boy/Gild  Outcast  Wanderer
Evangelist  Patriarch  Warrior
Everyman  Peacemaker  Weakling
Examiner  Perfect Mother  Weakling Prince
Exorcist  Perfectionist  Weaver
Explorer  Performer  Werewolf
Fairy Godmother  Persona  Wise Old Man
Father  Philosopher  Wise Woman
Femme Fatale  Pickpocket  Witch
Flirt  Pilgrim  Wizard
Follower  Pioneer  Workaholic
Fool  Pirate  Working Mother
Friend  Poet  Wounded Child
Gambler  Preacher  Wounded Healer
Gigolo  Precocious Child  Zombie
Giver

Where to go from here?

As you can see, our psyche is filled with a pantheon of characters vying for our attention. It's no wonder humans are such complex creatures.

Want to begin to make sense of it all? Start with this guide.