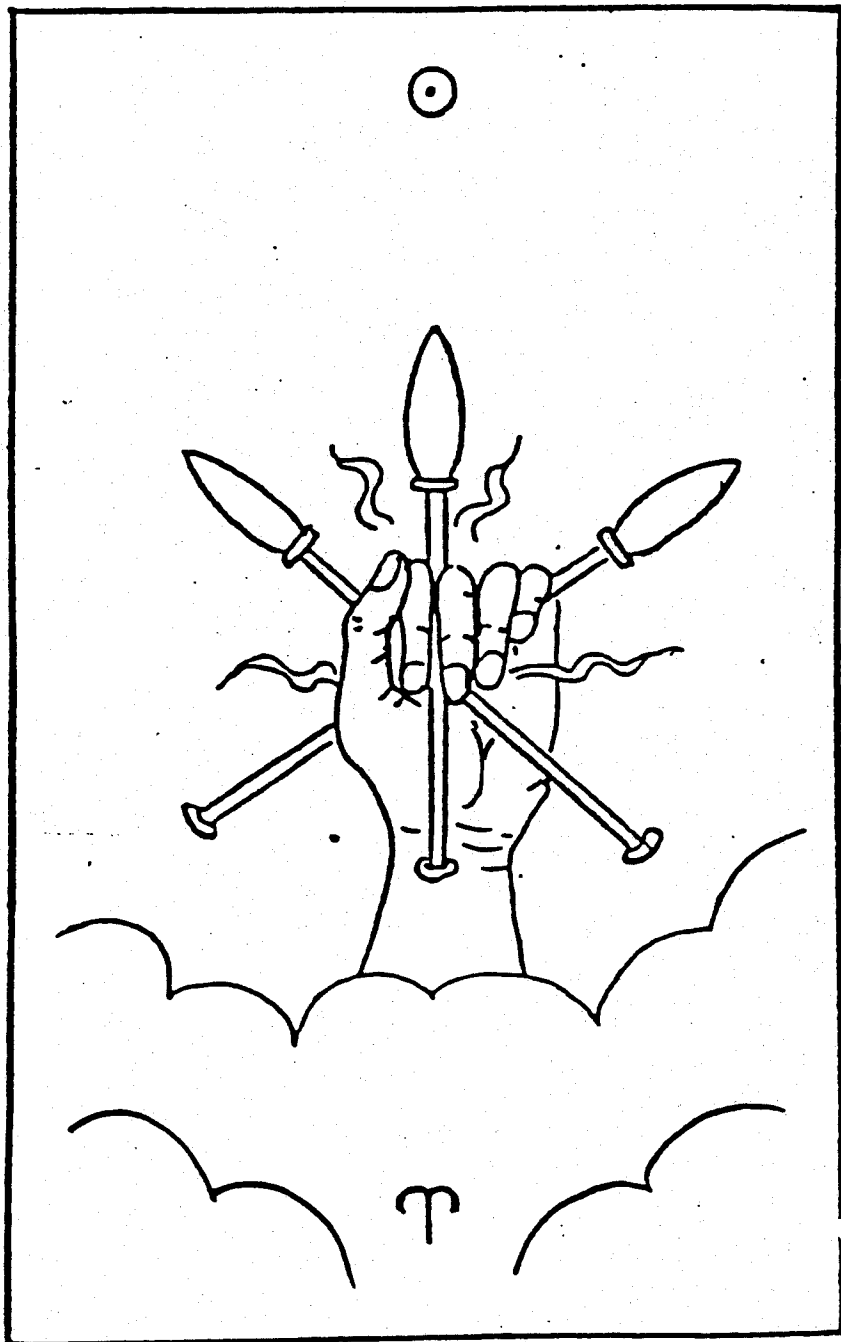


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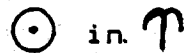


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"Lord of Established Strength"

10 to 20 degrees Aries



A white radiating angelic hand, as before, issuing from clouds and grasping three wands in the centre (2 crossed and a third upright) flames issue from the point of junction.

The three wands are held firmly in a single grip, the maximum one hand can hold in this manner and still retain strength and balance. The introduction of the third baton in the middle of the X shows the central point of increased strength to a maximum within the outlet of a single hand which directs this force. This central point introduced by the third baton is the Sun and this presence represents a tapering factor to the force previously applied by Mars and prevents over stimulation. The amount of energy and force applied will be enough to suit the situation.

The first two wands are as they were from the 2 of Wands, pointing upwards at an angle, and as an introduced factor the third wand points upwards. This is a reflection of the Holy Trinity shown in the Ace of Wands. But it is not just a reflection, it is power formulated, brought into manifestation from the

incorporeal to the corporeal, the 2 of Wands being the intermediary stage. The symbol shown by the three wands is the sextile which is a sigil from the Greek Alchemical tradition. The sextile represents thirty degrees ( $30, 3 + 0 = 3$ ). 30 is very much in the unconscious and the energies are universal and spiritual, being internal they tap other dimensions. The sextile also represents the soul, union of spirit, soul and body. So here we have the 3 of Wands, the third stage in the suit of Wands. The sextile has six points and this alludes to the six pointed star. Where we had in the 2 of Wands one descending force and one ascending force meeting in the middle but not yet merging, in the 3 of Wands the powers merge, a union is formed; the one is created through this union of spirit, soul and body; and as it says in the "Emerald Tablet":

'Just as all things proceed from One alone by meditation on One alone, so also they are born from this one thing by adaptation.'

One need say no more, for from the 3 of Wands which is a manifestation of the Ace and 2 of Wands, there is growth and multiplication as three is the formula for creation, the catalyst acting as union upon duality.

In the 3 of Wands the wands are painted the colour of the planet in the King Scale which in this case is Maize Yellow. The backdrop of the card is Blood Red, the colour of the sign in the King Scale. The flames coming from the hand and wands are

coloured in the complementary colour to the backdrop, Vivid Green. The hand and the clouds radiate White with their shading and outlining tinted red, this showing the spirit manifesting through the fire element.

The Maize Yellow vibrating through the Blood Red emanates a powerful deep Orange which is a powerfully soothing healing and revitalizing colour as warming as the Sun. This deep Orange represents "Mastery by Will" and it links man with the Universe through its direct effect on the spiritual aura. It is the source of power of the rulers but also one of love and nobility.

The Sun in Aries is the planet and zodiac sign attributed to this card. This combination is an energy of strength, willpower and vitality; it is fortunate for advance in lifes activities, the taking of opportunities, positions of prominence and the taking on of responsibility. As in Mars in Aries there is energy and power, but the projection of it is not so spontaneous, it is more controlled in the Sun in Aries. The Sun is exalted in Aries therefore its positive life giving expression will be emphasised. It gives the ability to lead, self-confidence and its mode of action is independent of external factors. "I Am" would best describe the power bestowed by the Sun in Aries. This configuration promotes foresight which becomes prophecy but with a tendency to ideality. Opinions are outspoken and its keen mental energy delights in intellectual arguments. Ones intelligence is of prime importance causing one to seek the sharing of ideas in congenial company. Metaphysical and occult concerns are subjects

of interest and there is a tendency to clairvoyance.

In the 3 of Wands the idea formed in the Ace of Wands and impregnated in the 2 of Wands is now fertilized and a course of action can now take place. Hence its name "Lord of Established Strength". Its mode of action is internal power, authority and unification.

Binah of Yod (pride, arrogance, self assertion).

#### DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

On a personal note the 3 of Wands denotes one of a sunny disposition who has ease of projection of the self with the ability to turn pride and arrogance into attributes. It is a position of self realization and success in ones endeavours. Self-assertion leads to achievement. One sees oneself as what they really are and sets out to utilise the qualities, whether positive or negative. The physical body holds general good health and has an inner power or reserve that is usually applied in a positive manner. The energy of this card takes hold of initial events and launches these into operation. Recognition of ones achievements is important for those represented by the 3 of Wands and due to this these people use their creative talents to

that end. When the 3 of Wands turns up in this position its key word is "Foresight".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

The 3 of Wands invokes virtuous principles and feelings, giving honesty in dealings of finance and personal affairs. Know thyself, be true to thyself and you will be true to others describes its code and lesson. When turned up under the above matters it foretells good fortune, increase in possessions, successful negotiations in business, commerce or in governmental affairs. If surrounded by opposing cards, the 3 of Wands shows the toil which eventually suspends or ceases the adverse events and through the reserves of persistence and inner power, relaunches activities on a more successful note. Profit arises out of self development of ones talents which can then be used to attain objectives. This means that you must endeavour to utilize all your personal resources to achieve your objectives.

"Utilisation".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

The outlet for the energies of the 3 of Wands in this position is through communication. When turned up under the above matters it is optimistic, and gives hope and probable success to the result of the question. A flare in writing and speech is characterized by the 3 of Wands and that the essence of the subject is bound to be expressed. Travel is inevitable, pleasure derived and the expression shown by the 3 of Wands is artistic, romantic and warm in associations. Another meaning derived from the 3 of Wands here is that nothing is a secret. Whatever it is the knowledge of it will be spread far and wide. "Interaction".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in life's directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

The 3 of Wands turned up under the above matters teaches that independence and security comes only from within and can only be achieved after you accept your responsibilities to yourself and those around you. Self assertion is important as there are setbacks, but due to setbacks one meets these challenges thereby growing stronger. There becomes increased activity in the home and concerns with property are brought to the fore, with speculation and negotiation in purchase of land. With the 3 of Wands positioned thus new steps are taken on life's pathways. It is the initiator, although it talks of a Path of Light, as the Postulant, you have a choice of Paths and there are many that you



can walk. In essence the 3 of Wands should depict harmony. The key word is "Initiation".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

This is the position of Virtue for the 3 of Wands. Virtue - as in the inherent power to produce effects. In the extreme we have the cardinal or theological virtues. Success in any of the above activities is deterred by over-confidence and due to over-confidence one may neglect to develop ones creative talents which ensure success. Here we have the artist and the inventor. The 3 of Wands indicates a positive view on the above activities representing the union of like minds. It shows concern and care of children and their education. On the other side of this is a scheme which is grandised, and at the most may be commenced but unfinished. The key word for the 3 of Wands in this position is "Virtue".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Concerning work related matters the 3 of Wands shows a positive expression, work will be enjoyed and there will be promotion, or recognition, and an employee will be faithful. The

3 of Wand's power of unification tells that success comes when one works in harmony with fellow workers, doing no more, and no less. It indicates that an interest should be taken in dietary and health regimes and the improvement of your appearance for your (or the one enquired about) general well being. In addition, when enquiring about health, recuperation is speedy and there will be resistance to disease. When asking about the course of direction to take for someone's or your own mental health that is at present in an unstable condition, you should seek help from a psychologist or counsellor. Through this course of action problems will be overcome. In general it will indicate sound mental health with internal penetrating powers to understand. "Participate".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

The 3 of wands is in a position of weakness, therefore this card's powers cannot be expressed in their fullest. All concerns enquired about will result modestly and moderately. It is neither very good, nor at all bad, but there is hope and optimism, and that is where the established inner strength can win out through persistence. Marriage should be worked at, relationships built on, contracts looked into deeper before signing and troublesome people of situations put up with. Stick it out and you will win out. Where the 2 of Wands would not

compensate in this position, the 3 of Wands can tolerate and meet half way. The key word of the 3 of Wands under the above matters is "Persistence".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

When the 3 of Wands appears under the above matters it shows that a revitalizing will take place. there is a powerful force influencing ones concern which has only one outlet. The querent must become aware of this outlet and allow such a force to channel through it, for if a dam is built it will surely burst due to the buildup of energy, which can cause a great deal of harm. The querent is advised to work within a framework of established things if one wishes to succeed. Do not struggle and try to hold opposing factors as that is giving those factors something to struggle against - channel them! This is a time when transition has not yet been completed; although it is prepared, everything is not yet in its place. "Transition".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

Nobility is the sole expression of the 3 of Wands in this

position. There is gain through higher education; a leader in ones field; or strongly influenced by someone of that calibre. Whatever is done it is done with style. The development of the higher mind is of prime concern to the 3 of Wands and is favourable for any endeavours in this field as well as areas of religion. It shows the ability to succeed and risks taken to do so, along with dedication to the Path chosen. In this position the 3 of Wands advises the querent to take the opportunities available and if there are none, make them. Hold your head high and be noble. "Nobility".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

In this position the 3 of wands shows how the subject enquired about is in essence already established and a precedent has already been set on what strength of ones position. All the querent need do is to realize this position, if not already recognised. Once the position is realized then the appropriate force can be applied to achieve goals. In all of the above concerns it represents honour. On a more material note the governing bodies over the querent are of a powerful nature and cannot be swayed, and if the querent wishes to work in harmony he or she must identify with this. The key words for the 3 of Wands in this position are "Established Force".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation;

ones attitude; group activities; government; counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

The unified duality of the 3 of Wands again becomes prominent in this position. Friendship holds a strong bond and one should rely on friends as they will be supportive. Goals are reached then new goals are established in their place. Community activity takes a prominent place in influencing the subject of the querents question. Important people will also play a prominent part if not in the flesh as an archetype. A more universal outlook should be attempted along with the use of ones talents for the sake of humanity. Another aspect of the 3 of Wands in this position is success and wealth brought about by clarity and through culture, but this is only attained the path of honesty is walked. (Note: the use of the words success and wealth are inclined to a more spiritual concept than monetary.). The key word is "Clarity".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

The 3 of Wands represents a spiritual teacher and service to humanity positioned thus. It is rather a bright card although if enquiring of the nature of an enemy, your foe will surely be

strong. Health afflictions should be on the mend and the querent should draw from the advice in the 6th position. In spiritual concerns mind, body and soul are one, and you should be able to identify with the spirit; it advises that this is the course to take. Entrance into a secret society is favourable and one can become a Master of your own abilities. Selfless service to humanity channelled through whatever path you are walking in your lifetime is the karmic debt portrayed by this card. "Service".

3 of Wands: "Lord of Established Strength"

(Second Stage Calcination - Whitening)

In 1st position:	"Foresight"
In 2nd position:	"Utilisation"
In 3rd position:	"Interaction"
In 4th position:	"Initiation"
In 5th position:	"Virtue"
In 6th position:	"Participate"
In 7th position:	"Persistence"
In 8th position:	"Transition"
In 9th position:	"Nobility"
In 10th position:	"Established Force"
In 11th position:	"Clarity"
In 12th position:	"Service"

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MEDITATION ON THE THREE OF WANDS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then

study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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exercise

Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

