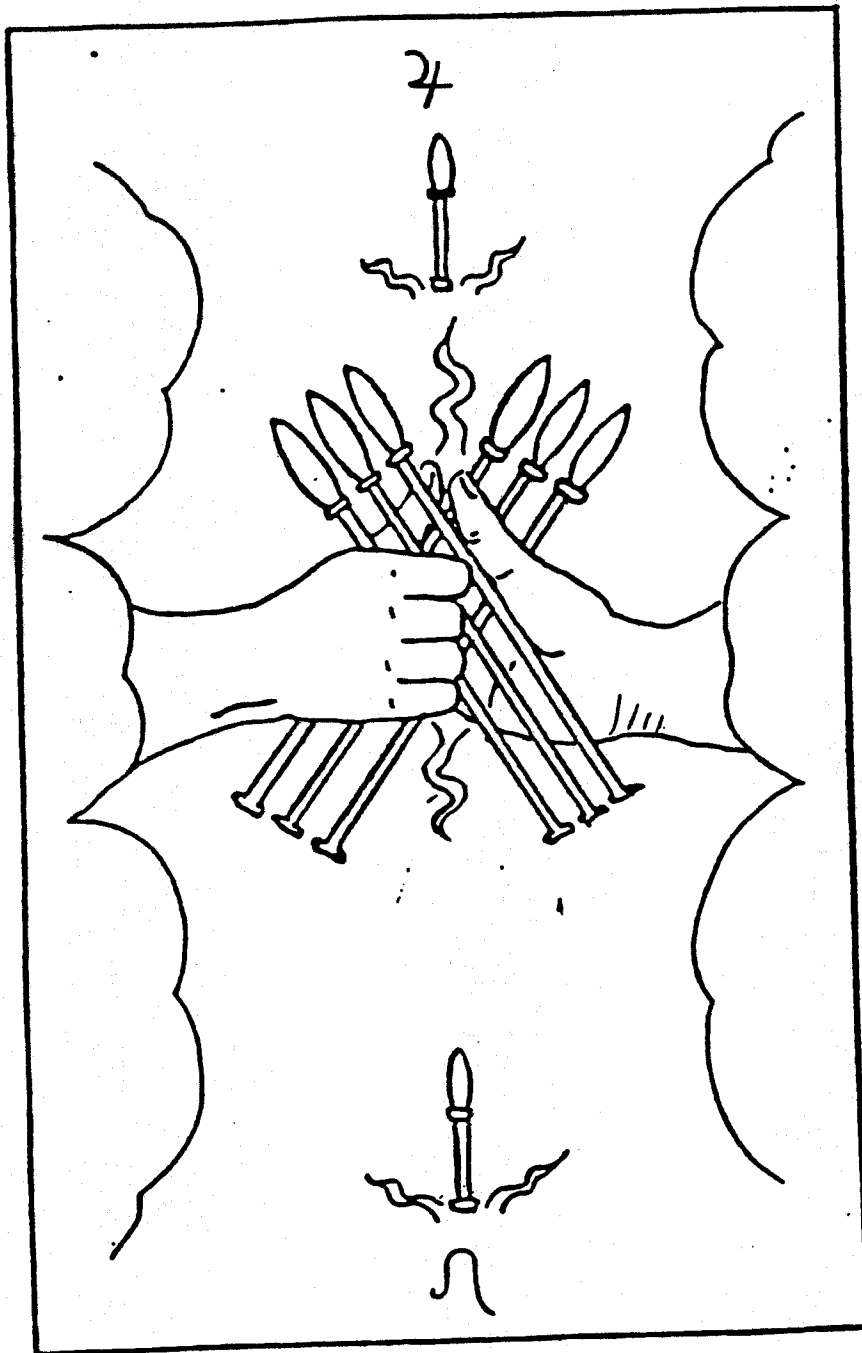


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"Lord of Victory"

10 to 20 degrees Leo

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Two hands in the grip of the last card, holding six wands crossed. Flames issue from the point of junction. Above and below are short wands with flames issuing.

A powerful force is shown here, not as strong as in the card "Strength" but something powerful and well balanced - a successful consolidation of power. Each hand shows the symbol of the triad, which reflects the governing triumvirate of authority in the Order. This card shows victory through unification, another completed phase has ended. It is a symbol of the power of the Inner and Outer Order working in harmony through progressionary stages.

The centre of the crossed wands represent Tiphareth and the pattern within giveth four diamonds, which when acting in the fire element, representeth "Luminous Being", "the mystic centre", and "the unconquerable" which is synonymous to the name of this card "Lord of Victory". Victory is not gained without a fight and in this the 6 of Wands becomes Victory after Strife of the 5 of Wands. Pleasure is gained through labour.

The Higher Self operates within the physical body but it must overcome the Lower Self. In doing so the physical body becomes the throne from which the Higher Self works towards the purification of the Soul. It is said in the Book of Dead Ch. CX: 'Of Victory there; of Glory there...I conquer by this my most mighty word which is within my body, for is not this my throne?' The 6 of Wands is also representative of the subduing of ones passions and emotions and the stilling of the mind. 'Its power is perfect if it is converted into earth' (Emerald Tablet). The result is heaven within earth, and in this there is ultimate power.

The 6 of Wands is the product of the bolting energy of the 5 of Wands. This energy has levelled off and come into a state of equilibrium. From this state the life force acts with ease and harmony, but it is like unto a spinning top - momentum must be continued with no disruption, or disharmony will arise. Disharmony is of course inevitable, nothing remains calm. The 6 of Wands can be likened to the eye of the hurricane or likened to the calm before the storm.

The 6 of Wands is coloured in the King Scale. The wands are Vivid Violet representing the planet. The backdrop is Poison Yellow (Greenish Yellow) representing the sign. The clouds and hands are Brilliant White showing spirit manifesting from Kether through the fire element. The flames issuing from the Wands are in the complementary colour of the backdrop, Rich Violet.

The colours of this card emanate spiritual and creative love, wisdom and intuition. It is the higher brain centre. It giveth freedom and bringeth innate understanding and direction. Trends in culture and politics prevail and are moulded to a designed purpose. Their nature is expansive. The energies of these colours are concentrated in the middle pillar, its sephiroth and paths.

The planet and sign of the 6 of Wands is Jupiter in Leo. Jupiter in Leo can mean vain glory and arrogance, or dignity and benevolence. Although two extremes, they are "one" in a potential quality. If power is expressed selflessly a complete fulfilment can be obtained. Here we have the teacher and counsellor, drama, religion and fraternal activities. Publicity appeals as acknowledgement of ones achievements by others is of importance, and in fact motivates action and enthusiasm where there ordinarily would not have been. Jupiter in Leo gives the tendency to create a social mask - the persona. In time contact with the real self is lost. One can become like a chameleon to outside influence, all for the need for acceptance. For the energies of Jupiter in Leo to work properly, there must be a total sense of purpose for a non-superficial end; one must go forward with free creative expression, risks must be taken to actualize this expression and to learn to manage the power that flows through Jupiter in Leo. Jupiter in Leo is concerned with high minded concepts, its nature is gentle and kind. It gains esteem over time and is very ceremonial in approach to life. It gives the ability to penetrate into finite details of ritual or

any form of ceremony; it gives a retentive memory. The expansion of the "I" to the "We" on the unevolved works on an unconscious level. The job for those with Jupiter in Leo is to work the later on a conscious level.

Tiphareth of Yod (Gain).

DIVINATION

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

The 6 of Wands in this position tells that one must begin to obtain a clear conscious understanding of ones selfhood. Personal expression then becomes free flowing and harmonious in response to outside stimuli. When enquiring about the physical body, the 6 of Wands represents good health, a time of peace and comfort. There is a tendency to overindulge which can cause gain in weight. Beliefs are strongly religious, combined with a deep spiritual need to help others. This position offers the opportunity to grow and reach ones fullest potentials, therefore, it is very favourable for any question on ones personal, or another individuals personal expression. The Key word for the 6 of Wands in this position is "Opening".

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:

In matters of commerce the time is right to act for financial gain, and it is also favourable for the financial affairs of the above concerns. As the 6 of Wands is of the fire element its main concerns are not with material gain but with gain of vital power, personal and/or and spiritual growth; this is how one must look at this card under the above matters. Opportunity is given to attain prophecy and an insight into the cosmic law - mankind's destiny. The 6 of Wands advises that this is a time when you must take full advantage of your creative potentials. Create within yourself great possession and wealth, be fulfilled. "Take Advantage".

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

A deep sense of loyalty to ones kin shows up when the 6 of Wands is positioned here. There is a great deal of coming and going; short journies, usually for the sake of loved ones; family gatherings and dealings. The best is given to such affairs. The way is paved for opportunity in education giving general success in that area after hard work and effort. Be optimistic in all the above matters and expand your mind. Receipt of letters and much communication. Unnecessary travel can waste time when one

could be using it for development. This is a time to prepare for the future. "Preparing".

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 lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

With the 6 of Wands in this position it is advised that it is time for consolidation; pick up the flow of energy and direct it into a structural form. This also relates to the building of the physical and spiritual base to work from, hence, even in times of chaos, there is stability. This is a fortunate position for the 6 of Wands and all matters can be read thus. The querent is likely to receive benefit, or something of benefit. There is happiness in the home. If taking a new direction in life the time is fortunate. The Key word for the 6 of Wands here is "Consolidate".

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

Children are (and must be) given as much as possible, the opportunity to develop and learn. It is a position of romance, love and good luck for the 6 of Wands. In maintaining grace it is fortunate in all of the above matters but in excessiveness the equilibrium is soon shattered. A valuable lesson that is taught

from the 6 of Wands in this position is the application of the Creative Will. Let the querent take heed of the virtues given in this card and apply its wisdom in ones daily life. One must stand separate from the self and look on, thus guiding each action and thought with clarity, which in time will come to full understanding. "Understanding".

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:

In this position the 6 of Wands governs homeopathy and spiritual healing. One should concentrate on healing the body and mind as there is a threat of ailments. While things appear won over and currently easy, you must demand from yourself a constant flow of application in your work, otherwise carelessness sets in and victory does not last. The 6 of Wands provides a chance to look into the future, foresight into the results of your current actions. It advises one to put enthusiasm into effort to strive towards efficiency and furthering of the self. These energies are free flowing, if there is any obstruction it is most probably of the psyche, not of external circumstances. The Key word is "Prediction".

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:

'She that weds will wisely match her love, Nor be below her husband - Nor above". (Ovid). The 6 of Wands advises that the querent should be confident in his/her decisions and that it is time to capitalize on resources. Life's concerns work in equilibrium, so much so that one can be easily swayed by others as both sides of the penny can be seen. It also advises that one is desirous of great love and also prepared to give love, but be aware of the direction of feelings as these tend to be all encompassing. In personal relationships such feelings cause conflict - love is selfish. The 6 of Wands is fortunate for contracts of all forms and relationships in general. "Prosper".

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:

The 6 of Wands advises that the lesson of Conservation of Energy must be learnt. Financial benefit and income must be converted into working assets. This position shows inner sight into matters, and the querent is advised to trust his inner voice, but he should sleep on decisions until he is sure the picture is clear. A single individual can exercise his fullest potential when working in unity with another where personal resources and energies are combined. The 6 of Wands warns that there is a danger of wasting energies on acting too soon in ones

private and business affairs. This action causes delays and additional expenditure of energy to rectify the situation. The secret is "when to act and when to remain still". The Key word for the 6 of Wands in this position is "Calculated Action".

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:

The 6 of Wands is in its element in this position. Philosophy is the power of being and one would do well in applying their energies to higher religion, metaphysical studies or to the Church. Positions of importance can be achieved and explored avenues put into operation. Travel is likely but only for a defined purpose. A powerful momentum can set up from this position, far beyond the querent's recognition of how, why and for what end. One can be carried along for the ride and then eventually spun off by the momentum, or you can latch on to this power, absorbing it, channelling ones energies along its lines, and then through this becoming quite a formidable force.

"Power".

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

When asking about your profession, the 6 of Wands answers

that times are fortunate and that a great deal has been confronted and overcome with the results now available to use to ones benefit. Achievements are great and honour is derived from these. The 6 of Wands is good in all aspects. Goals and ambitions are won over and one is identified with success. Be proud. A parent is well loved but must learn to let others develop their own self discipline. This parent may be in a position of prominence. The 6 of Wands represents Victory under the above matters. It represents an energy that is not too forceful and not too soft; a force that adjusts to circumstances. The Key word is "Victory".

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:

Groups work in harmony through progressionary stages. Legal, diplomatic, and legislative controversies are won. It is a time of fulfilment and achievement. If questioning someones advice the 6 of Wands shows that it was given with wisdom and if carried out, likely to be successful. In unification there is victory, therefore the 6 of Wands favours all group activities. You are warned to let others express their own creative talents and get on with the development of the self. Do not exploit others. The Key word for the 6 of Wands in this position is "Fulfilment".

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:

Through hard work cometh the fulfilment of hopes and wishes. Here the 6 of Wands represents the power of the Second Order. All past actions are now judged. You cannot get off with sympathy or excuses. All present and future actions are deliberate and you must answer for what you Will or allow your ego to run away with. You are expected to be responsible for your thoughts, desires, intent and reaction. You must maintain equilibrium internally and externally making each thought and result thereof one of Will - Pure Will. Illnesses shown by the 6 of Wands are Apoplexy, fatty degeneration of the heart, and fevers. These are not beyond help and the most positive help you can get is through your own Will. You have nobody else to blame but yourself if you do not do all that is within your power to help yourself. The Key word is "Will".

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6 of Wands: "Lord of Victory"

(Second Stage Putrefaction - gestation)

In 1st position:	"Opening"
In 2nd position:	"Take Advantage"
In 3rd position:	"Preparing"
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In 5th position:	"Understanding"
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In 7th position:	"Prosper"
In 8th position:	"Calculated Action"
In 9th position:	"Power"
In 10th position:	"Victory"
In 11th position:	"Fulfilment"
In 12th position:	"Will"

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MEDITATION ON THE SIX 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.