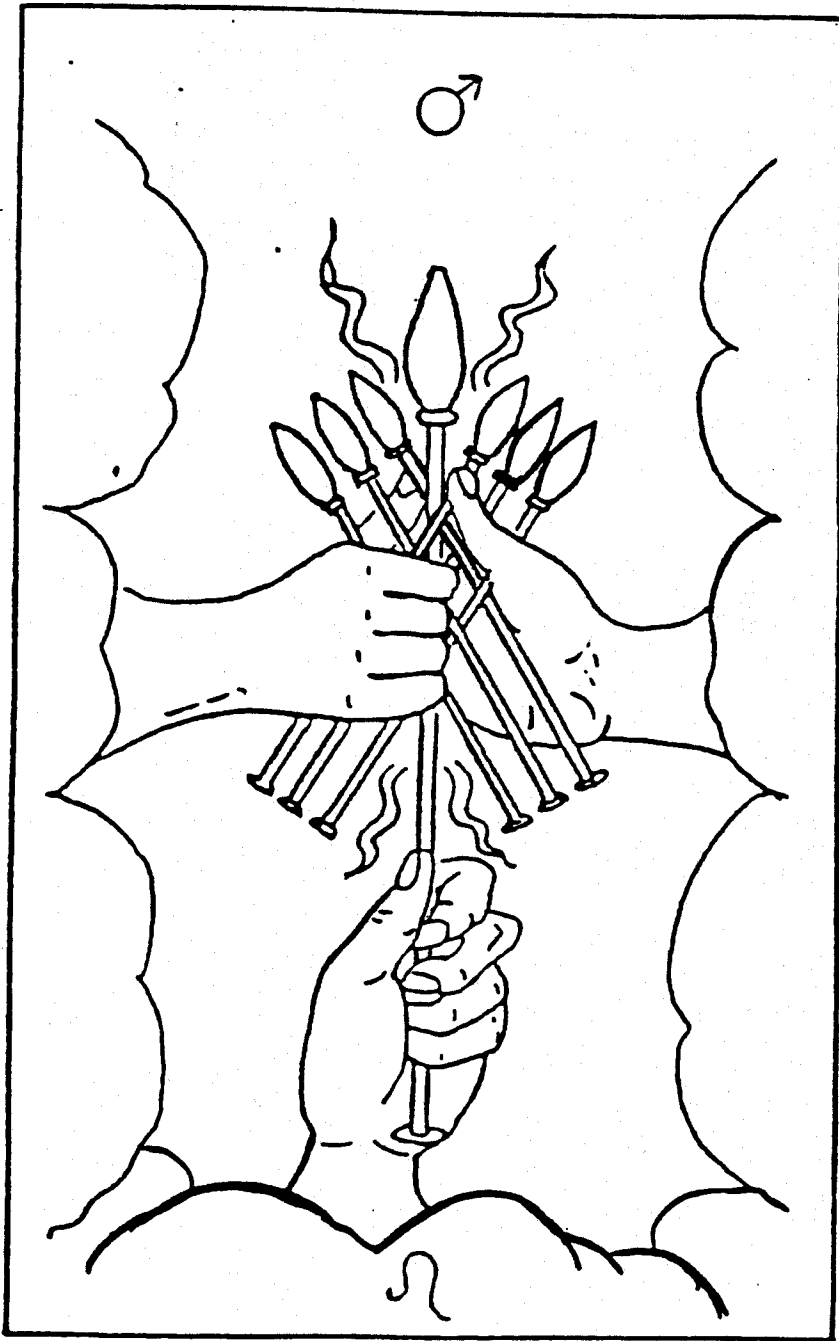


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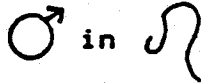


LESSON 58

7 OF WANDS

"Lord of Valour"

20 to 30 degrees Leo



Two hands holding six wands, three crossed. A third hand issuing from a cloud at the lower part of the card holding an upright wand which passes between the others. Flames leap from the point of junction.

The two hands meeting on the horizontal show strength, balance and harmony (see 6 of Wands). The introduction of a larger central wand reinforces the power of the 6 of Wands to a stage further - a card of struggle. Victory on its own has no support and direction, therefore the additional wand brings forth this element of direction, and support (stable government). Now one can progress, but even when progressing after victory, one encounters difficulties and obstacles. An element also must be introduced that will provide the force necessary to overcome obstacles no matter what and this is shown in the card by the number of hands being three - a type of perfection, a perfect number of direction for the powerful force.

The 7 of Wands has been called "Lord of Valour". Valour means one can encounter danger with firmness. What necessitates firmness is the central wand which gives support to bravery and

the victory previously attained. The initial impetus is thus carried through making changes and adjustments, so that all works with and not against the new energies.

With discretion and the use of frugality in judgment, each and everyone are given their role in the furtherance of growth, even if first there is destruction and separation. Each being, functioning individually for the greater whole gives an overall powerful force. The Emerald Tablet says this: 'Separate the earth from the fire and the subtle from the gross, softly and with great prudence.'

The 7 of Wands is painted in the colours of the King Scale. The backdrop is coloured in the colour of the sign - Poison Yellow. The wands are the colour of the planet - Scarlet. The flames are coloured Rich Violet. The clouds and hands are Brilliant White showing spirit manifesting from Kether through the fire element.

From these colours we see a picture of energy, not one of rushed energy as in the 2 of Wands, or of expansive energy as with the 6 of Wands, but one of warmth, gradually filtering out and becoming all encompassing. Together, these colours allude to an initiative, staying power, and the power of recycling using every bit of potential available. The energies are regenerating thus able to overcome weakness. In this there is the power to heal and revitalize the depleted, but its action is slow and steady.

The planet and sign represented by the 7 of Wands is Mars in Leo which gives willpower and energy, stability, significance and determination. It inspires confidence and initiative. The nature is strongly competitive and is very masculine in outward expression making the male very attractive to the female as the male's vitality is strongly sensed. It also has domination tendencies and the creation of a belief of self-infallibility. Mars in Leo is strong and generates success, honour and authority. There is rashness in matters of love and one is not so lucky with children. Its nature is also generous and sincere, affectionate, enthusiastic and sociable; capable of a fast temper and militant. Positions of responsibility and authority are more than likely. Disease and accidents are common to Mars in Leo if it is afflicted.

Wherever this card occupies there is struggle of one form or another.

Netzach of Yod (opposition yet courage).

DIVINATION

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

When receiving the 7 of Wands in this position the querent

is advised to self-promote himself and advertise his talents. When concerning others you have the power to urge them to achievement even if they lack enthusiasm. It is through the Will that you will bring forcefulness and a release of power in your expression. There is danger of a personal approach becoming narrow and one being overcome by emotional intensity. The life force must be held stable and channelled if you want growth and development; one can push too hard and too fast, thereby destroying all ones previous hard work. The key word for the 7 of Wands in this position is "Pushing".

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 this position the 7 of Wands depicts that there is or will be a strain on the finances with the necessity to spend more to keep all under control. This also includes a strain on ones personal resources which are frequently called on to keep everything in order. The querent must learn that giving too much of the self at any one time creates a depletion of energy, Will and any desire to continue. Keep a strong control over how much you give of the self, financially, psychologically and physically. Do nothing on impulse - think before you act. The key word for the 7 of Wands in this position is "Strained".

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

Relationships will have to be worked at if you want to maintain them. There is an element of ruthlessness with the 7 of Wands in this position, which will not accept 'no' as an answer and continues to persist at all costs. Measured risks may be taken with probable success being the outcome. All forms of communication must be made with care and do not leave any avenue open for contradiction. There are many areas to choose from when looking at literature, travel and personal relationships. In fact one may find that the momentum of activities necessitate travel further than originally intended, so be prepared, as you will have to act quickly. "Persisting Force".

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:

Although fulfilling your family's needs is a pressing issue the 7 of Wands points out that your needs must also be considered. You must be firm with others and single purposed in all of your tasks until all is completed, of which no doubt you now are. In this position the 7 of Wands shows someone expending a lot of energy against difficult odds. This could be in the search of a new home and purchase of land, or the reverse, the

sale of land, or concerning the hard work involved in moulding ones land and home to suit ideals. What has been achieved will now be worked on to maintain, or improve. "Exertion".

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

The 7 of Wands under the above matters advises that one must take on the attitude of the survival of the fittest. There is no sympathy for those who cannot keep the pace, who fall by the wayside - that is their fate and in most cases, their choice in failing, which they alone must experience. In sport and any form of competition, whether it be the applying for a part in a play or gambling, there is an opponent that may have more power and ability than you had bargained for. Therefore there will be a struggle for the top in whatever direction you go. Impulses can lead to trouble and one can get lost in the passion of romance. Desire and instinct are to the fore and you are warned to watch out for risks. "Survival".

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:

Under the above matters the 7 of Wands represents difficulties that can be overcome if one takes stock of oneself and has

the courage to meet face to face with their difficulties. To maintain physical health is an endless battle, but if you are ill you become drained of energy and may have heart or circulation problems which, when dulling the senses and reflexes, lead one into accidents. Avoid drugs during this period. Avoid food that causes fermentation. Within the work environment there are arguments which do not add to ones health. Learn that your skills are your most valuable assets and act decisively as this is really a terrific time to transform oneself while under duress, through discipline of the self and service to others. "Courage".

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:

You may be rushed or want to rush into some new association or relationship, but it is advised that postponement of commitments will save the day for you. Current commitments will be taxing and you must fulfil all present responsibilities if you do not want to put your future commitments into jeopardy. There is an element of escapism from the self and from external influences into social experiences, avoiding responsibilities. These are the workings of Karma in your life giving you two choices - which way do you go - or do you merely compensate. Being in two camps at once looses both opportunities. Do not confuse responsibility with devotion or cause. "Responsibility".

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 7 of Wands warns that one must act with caution in all financial business affairs as there is an element of risk. There may be obstruction in receiving inheritance - or partners may over spend. This position shows one over indulging in personal pleasures and wasting energy on trivialities. The resources necessary are available, its up to the individual to utilize them prudently. The querent is warned not to sway from pressing concerns and to see them through. On the esoteric side the 7 of Wands shows one who blocks off the inner power and the inner planes, one who strides along a very precarious path attempting to conquer physical matter with purely physical means.

"Precariousness".

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:

In this position the 7 of Wands shows that your thoughts belong to the moment. Movements in any direction are expansive, travelling far. What has been won up to this point has been satisfactory in itself but has not fulfilled your desires whether they be the power of material wealth or the power of the spirit -

whatever the goal, it is power of some kind. Because of this, one presses on searching within each moment as it comes. This mode of action is normally subconscious. A great deal can be achieved with this aspect, but it is of no importance, just a means to an end. For this, endless faith and courage is needed to continue against all odds. From another point of view you can always be trying to live up to others' expectations - that in itself is a mammoth task. "Power Hungry".

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

In you attempt to attain goals there will be tension as many other interests will need to be satisfied at the same time. To rise to any form of prominence you will need a great deal of creative effort. You must work hard to succeed, and from your work your family will gain an advantage in life. A crisis will have to be met which coincide with obstacles and antagonism. This will not be an easy road. All that can be said is to "push on". If you are consciously aware of what you must encounter and how it all fits into the cosmic plan you will be able to channel your inner power, concentrating it solely on the dedicated purpose. "Concentration".

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:

This position is one of reforming, pioneering and experimenting. There is liable to be conflicts with associates, advisers and friends concerning these issues and ones personal ideas of how things are to be are usually not accepted. The 7 of Wands shows an element of force in all that is done in relation to the above matters, thus causing disputes with those who wish to oppose. The main emphasis is to better oneself, the community, or your country, and to do that you must reform not just functions and energies, but the mind and beliefs whether it be of the self or others. The lesson to be learnt is subtlety in applying your energies and ideas. "Reform".

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 7 of Wands shows in this position that there are undoubtedly hidden enemies (external) but you will always overcome any influence they have if you push on relentlessly. But, the most powerful enemy is the self - your complexes, unconscious, and your past. These are the ever increasing obstacles obstructing free flow of energy and growth. These are what you must forever work out on an inner level. The 7 of Wands advises that now is a good time for spiritual investigation into your own inner layers

(encountering yourself), as now the old skeletons are more and more vivid and of more intensity. "Turn Inwards".

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Z of Wands: "Lord of Valour"

(Third Stage Putrefaction - rebirth)

In 1st position:	"Pushing"
In 2nd position:	"Strained"
In 3rd position:	"Persisting Force"
In 4th position:	"Exertion"
In 5th position:	"Survival"
In 6th position:	"Courage"
In 7th position:	"Responsibility"
In 8th position:	"Precariousness"
In 9th position:	"Power Hungry"
In 10th position:	"Concentration"
In 11th position:	"Reform"
In 12th position:	"Turn Inwards"

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MEDITATION ON THE SEVEN 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.