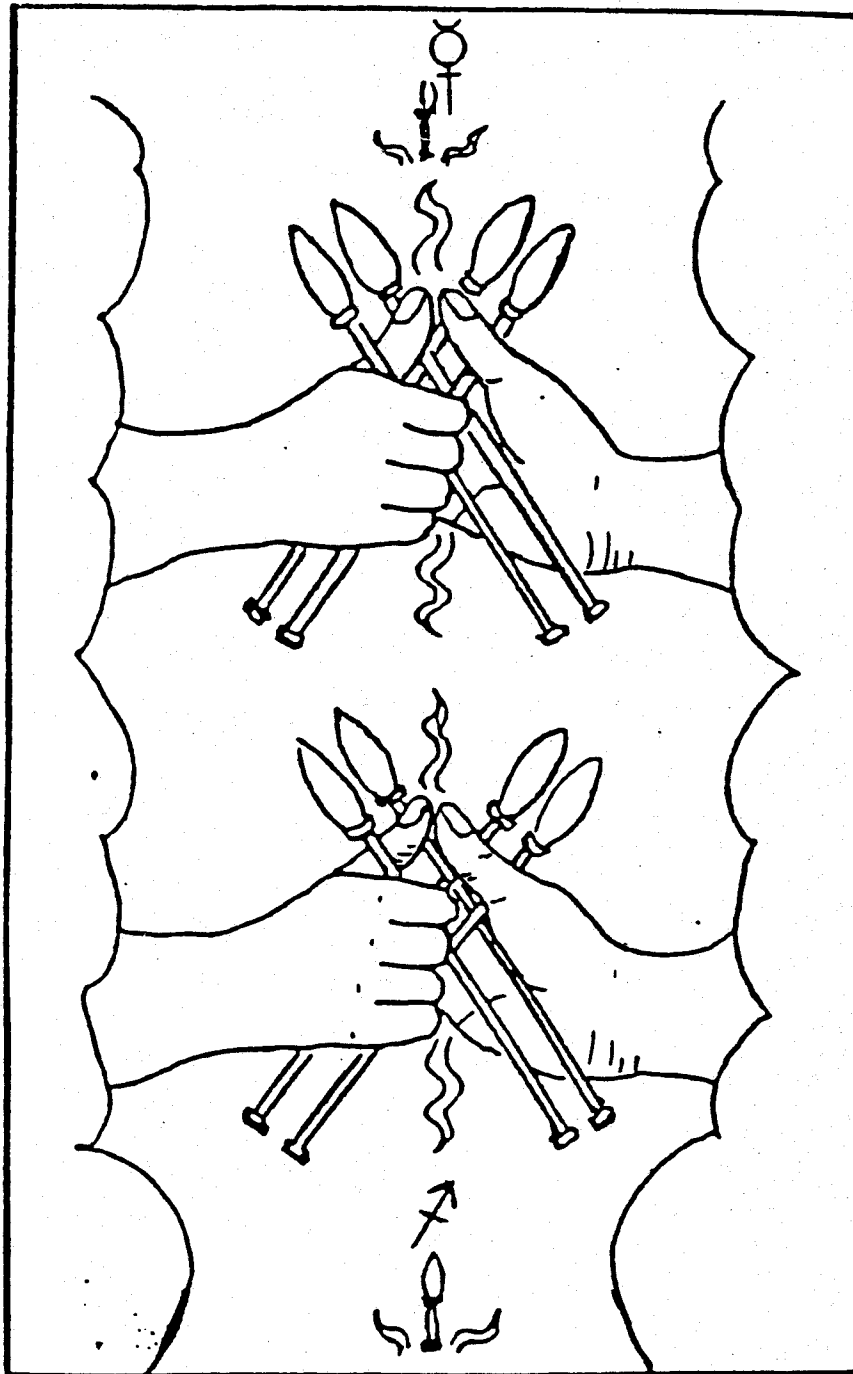


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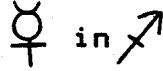


LESSON 59

8 OF WANDS

"Lord of Swiftmess"

0 to 10 degrees Sagittarius



Four white radiating angelic hands (two from each side) issuant from clouds, clasped in two pair in the centre with the grip of the 1st Order. They hold eight wands crossed (4x4) with flames coming from the point of junction.

Here we have duality - shown by the two lots of hands. These seem at this stage to have no central point of equilibrium. It has much the same action of a magnetic field, the two units linked by an invisible force - hence a link to electricity and its principles. This alludes to lightning which symbolizes the descent of power, illumination and initiation. The lightning flash is shown as the pathway of the descent of power on the Tree of Life, the interaction of energy and form. This interaction is the base essence of the 8 of Wands, but as there is no central point in the 8 of Wands the energy cannot be held as it is in the 6 of Wands or repeated over and over again as in the 7 of Wands. In the 8 of Wands energy (or electricity) must be picked up and quickly passed on - a transmitter of power - therefore the 8 of Wands has a transitory nature. It can harm, or illumine, which brings one back to a dual concept.

The position of the two sets of hands in relation to each other shows movement - but of a cyclic nature - not ready to merge yet not ready to break off and go in opposite directions. The energies thereof are eternally spiralling showing the powers of regeneration and degeneration, but as this is the fire element the energies are of a positive nature, the former being more appropriate.

Note again the position of the wands and of the hands, and you will see a careful balancing of forces, generating energy through space from one to the other - the upper to the lower and the lower to the upper, introducing ascension as well as descension. This card is pure transmission of energy and light.

"It rises from earth to heaven and comes down again from heaven to earth, and thus acquires the power of the realities above and the realities below. In this way you will acquire the glory of the whole world, and all darkness will leave you." (the Emerald Tablet).

The 8 of Wands is coloured in the King Scale. The wands are of the planet, Primrose Yellow, which is otherwise described as Lemon Yellow. The backdrop is of the sign, Reddish Blue, otherwise described as deep Blue with hidden Red. The flames issuing from the wands are of the complementary colour to the backdrop, Reddish Orange. The hands and clouds are Brilliant White.

The Red Blue shows a force which is unpurified. One that is struggling for supremacy over the physical. These three colours hereinbefore mentioned are the colours of the spiritualized mind, the Christ mentality, but the three colours are not quite the three primaries, which combined leave an unpure ray. But this is ascension. When considering descension one sees the transition into the beginning of religious selfishness and personal concern. Working together these colours are engulfing. There is not an area they can't penetrate and to which they can't install insight and knowledge of the future. They travel to the ends of the universe as the stars appear in the evening sky. The vibration is "large scale".

The astrological association to the 8 of Wands is Mercury in Sagittarius. This is quite voluble in expression and can become quite tactless under certain conditions. The mind is active, sometimes too active as it flits from one thing to another in rapid succession. Mercury in Sagittarius shows the ability to study more than one thing at once quite successfully and the sciences are dealt with. It is the writer or journalist, fluent in speech. It is the traveller, long journies and constant change is necessary for the active mind to express itself. The abstract is dealt with, whether it be in philosophy, religion, the arts or literature. Concern with attitude rather than fact can be of detriment but it gives foresight into public opinion. The hardest part for Mercury in Sagittarius is to hold on to the truth as it dwells in social thought, quickly adapting to the "in" thought or belief of the day. Conscious mental attitude

shifts with the times and reflects the current norm.

Hod of Yod (hasty communications and messages, swiftness).

DIVINATION

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

What enthusiasm that rides the waves of time, such speed, take care, no one will hear. Travel will be relaxing to one so take a trip - go out to meet others and express your thoughts and desires as then you will feel free. There is a need to project oneself as an intellectual but more importantly one must use knowledge and insight to understand those that you are involved with. The power is there to penetrate into minds and understand the attitudes of others. Self expression should be based on logic, just learn to control your enthusiasm as you pick up, mentally, all the goings on. One is very aware of what and who one is. This is a position of self awareness for the 8 of Wands but an awareness that must express through action. "Self Awareness".

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 8 of wands represents application. The application of knowledge, skills and material resources in the outside world. This also applies to the world within. Problems are solved and the financial situation is rectified to a steady income. There will be - or is - a constant interchange of resources, therefore, on whatever goes out, something will come in to replace it. If surrounding cards are favourable one can see a swift increase in resources as whatever goes out returns twofold. There is a general concern with work towards the betterment of economy. "Multiply"

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

"Hasty judgements are generally faulty ones. Be not Hasty in Thy Spirit to be vexed!" Ecclesiastes. The 8 of Wands advises that if you want to get on, you must obtain a better education. In other words you must know your opponent, know what they know and more. There is a great deal of interaction of thoughts between relatives, and in relationships in general. Beware of false promises. The querent is advised to listen carefully and retain what is heard. You will benefit by this behaviour more than by talking themselves. Travel will be considerable and you is warned to make each trip defined and purposeful otherwise energy will be spent running in circles. "Haste".

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 home environment will more than likely be an electrifying environment. Comings and goings are at high velocity. This is a very social position for the 8 of Wands, and the home environment usually ends up a centre - or relay point - for some outside activity. The 8 of Wands also represents one who has a strong Will, or one who is able to develop practical occult powers, easier than others. Thus we can have the Magus in action, invocations, meditations and alchemy. It is a favourable time for such activities when the 8 of Wands appears in this position. Pursuits in the home are more energetically intellectual than physical. "Electrifying".

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

The 8 of Wands denotes dedication in this position. You will have to dedicate yourself to accomplish your goal no matter what it is. Sport or entertainment, or art become science and a commitment. It is the position of perfecting. There must be direct contact with the public for that is where the best challenge lies. Chess and the creating of computer games come under

this position - anything that requires mental agility. Romantic relationships are electric but not lasting for boredom comes easy. The 8 of Wands requires mental stimulation but not purely mental for it must "act out" what is created in the mind.

"Experimentation".

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:

Employment in areas relating to time and motion, mobility and transport come under the 8 of Wands in this position. Generally the haste and electricity of the other positions is slowed down here under the above matters, where more care is taken. There will probably be a stability problem or things happening faster than what you can keep up with. Health problems are in the hip and thigh region, sometimes resulting in sciatica, or paralysis. There can be nervous problems which can lead to psychological instability. Nevertheless the 8 of Wands also shows that a lot can be accomplished with very little effort in ones working environment, for matters run on as predestined. The Key word for this position is "Unstable Effort".

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 8 of Wands situated under the above matters shows that a permanent place will be established within the lives of others and if ideas and goals are explored as to their possibility, many peoples lives will be enriched. If needing help, you are likely to receive it from those you have helped in the past. Popularity is brought about by enthusiasm and one must accept the popularity of friends and partners. The Key word for the 8 of Wands in this position is sharing for this is what you must learn, even with those closest you must give freedom. Share your experiences and your troubles. Concerning transaction and all other dealings under the above matters, all will proceed swiftly. "Sharing".

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:

In this position the 8 of Wands represents quite a penetrable force. Nothing can be hidden as one digs deeper - or something will be looked into on a deeper level. Every little stone will be turned over when dealings are undertaken with others estates. One could almost call it the Auditor. Make sure your accounts are in order and that there are no skeletons in your closet. For mystical and spiritual work the 8 of Wands represents speedy transition from one level to the other. The medium would find this favourable as there is ease in communication from other planes of existence. There is no union - only

communication between two levels. "Uncover".

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 looking at the 8 of Wands in this position one immediately reflects on duality, and then wonders why. Intelligence and intellect are two very different states of mind which many confuse many of you as being one and the same. The 8 of Wands represents intelligence, for this card is not low enough on the scale of evolution to become intellect. Its concern is the evolution of ideas; but without getting philosophical, when the 8 of Wands appears in this position the querent is forewarned of an intermediary factor governing or entering into ones concerns and that you should apply higher thought to your direction and action, listen to wise advice and apply it. Important journies, swift journies. "Intelligence".

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

In this position the 8 of Wands is representeth of the desire for the attainment of knowledge. One must be known by ones mental achievements; the teacher or lecturer. Realise that the knowledge one has gained can justify ones actions. This card

can also mean warfare, for you are assailable. All matters take place rapidly and their outcome is according to dignity. Success has not yet been attained as conditions leading to an outcome still prevail. The querent is advised that the time is suitable to take the initiative and to fire all your arrows, but be cautious not to move too quickly. Success is in the making. The Key word for this position is "Swiftness".

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:

Keep yourself informed of circumstances and show concern about other peoples problems. In this way you can best handle the energies of the 8 of Wands under the above matters. Communication and exchange of ideas, investigation into the sciences and advanced occult philosophy are prime activities. Group activities and interaction between groups come to the fore as this card represents social thought and action being the prime driving factor. Students and those of like mind travel long distances to be together in groups of learning as energy is of high velocity. A great many will benefit from such gatherings. Movement creates heat, but the movement of many together generates waves of energy. "Energy".

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 8 of Wands in this position shows the coming and goings of images, people, or afflictions. There are those who would tread on you to excel in their own personal activities. Dreams will only come true through effort. Chronic asthma is possible. This card represents an on-rush of psychic energy into the a conscious level. In cases where one is insufficiently trained in the occult knowledge or psychology, this on-rush can lead to madness where you may end up in an institution. The 8 of Wands also represents escape; action is swift and precise, though dangerous to those who get in the way. A rush to freedom. "On-Rush"

8 of Wands: "Lord of Swiftmess"

(First Stage of Fermentation - introducing of substance)

In 1st position: "Self Awareness"
 In 2nd position: "Multiply"
 In 3rd position: "Haste"
 In 4th position: "Electrifying"
 In 5th position: "Experimentation"
 In 6th position: "Unstable Effort"
 In 7th position: "Sharing"
 In 8th position: "To Uncover"
 In 9th position: "Intelligence"
 In 10th position: "Swiftmess"
 In 11th position: "Energy"
 In 12th position: "On-Rush"

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MEDITATION ON THE 8 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.

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