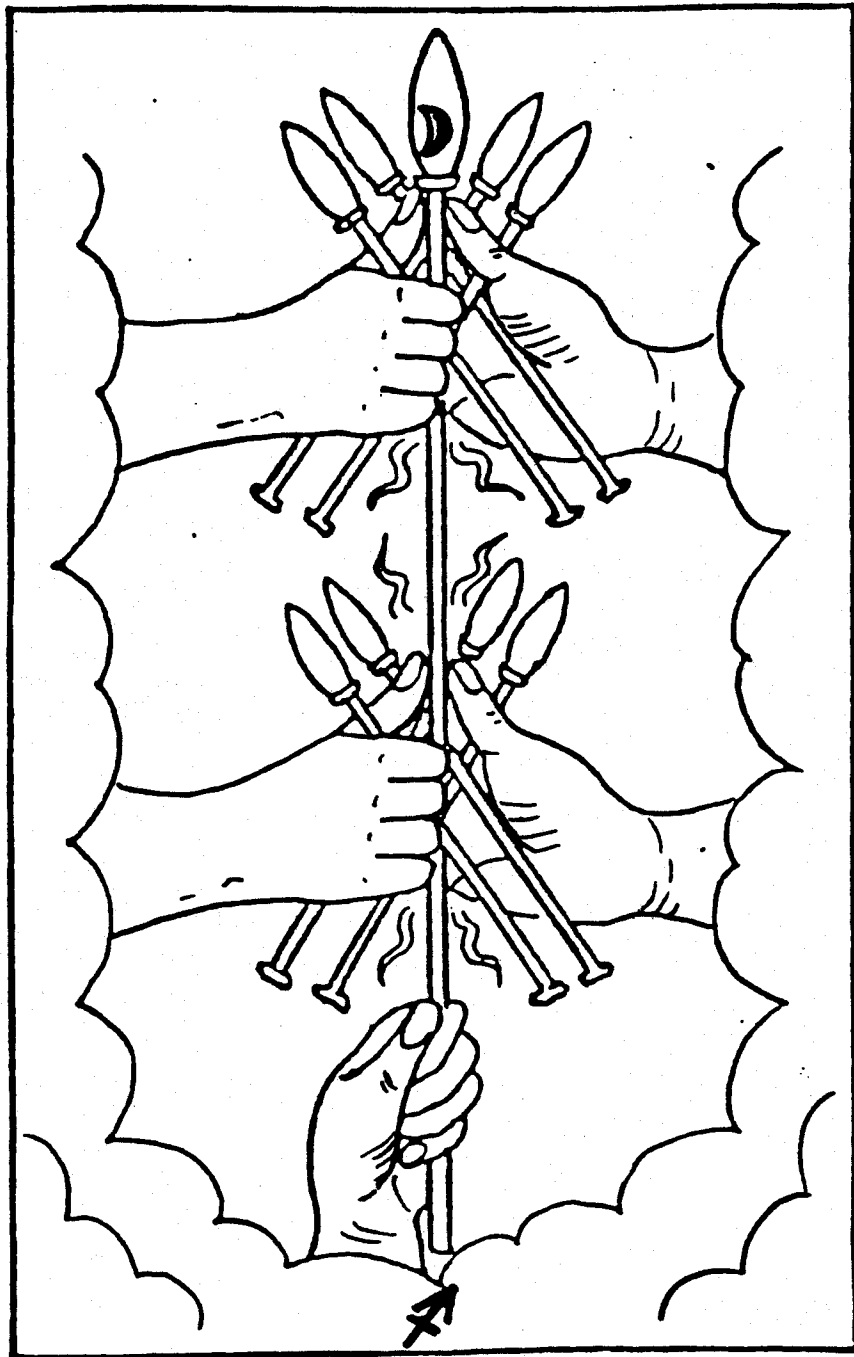


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"Lord of Great Strength"

10 to 20 degrees Sagittarius

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Four hands as in the previous symbol, holding eight wands crossed with a fifth hand at the foot of the card holding a large central wand upright which traverses the point of junction with the others.

Here the two lots of wands show not as semi-fragmented forms as in the 8 of Wands, but by virtue of the ascending shaft as a further support which is a strong stability factor - reinforced strength, and a now visible connecting line between the two forms. The five hands now hold the maximum amount of wands they can hold - showing strength at its limit.

Each point and corner of the earth is pointed to from the upper half and the lower part of the card. This alludes to established strength where the upper and lower part of the tree are in balance and maintain a connection. But moreover here we have the fifth hand situated in Yesod holding on to the central wand. Matter has begun to grab a firm hold of the powers above. It has established its hold but is not yet ready to pull any harder, just as one pauses after attaining a goal before moving on to make it substantial. One can also look at this card with

the view of descent, where the energies and emanations of the upper tree have now established themselves in equilibrium, therefore pour forth their emanations into a central point which becomes the support, or balancing point during a time of stillness before they overflow into another generation. After movement there is stillness, and then there is movement, just as there is silence after noise, and then there is noise again. Strength is in knowing when to move and when not to move, when to speak and when not to speak. The 9 of Wands represents a point of attainment, an established stronghold. This is a time when the spine should be kept still. Everything has its place and its time, there is no weakness in stillness if it is of the Will. There is contemplation and meditation where the ego is forgotten and one is led beyond and back to the self: transcending. Do not be disillusioned by the above to think the 9 of Wands represents a time of nothingness, as it is a tremendously heavy force that has gained a hold which cannot be shaken. It is omnipresent and is useable and active if the need arises.

"This is the power of all powers, for it conquers everything subtle and penetrates everything solid". (Emerald Tablet).

The colours of the 9 of Wands are of the King Scale. The backdrop is the colour of the sign, Reddish Blue. the wands are the colour of the planet, Pale Silvery Blue. The flames issuing from the wands are complementary to the backdrop, Reddish Orange. The clouds and the five hands are Brilliant White.

These colours denote aspirations and devotion. Ideal is high and noble and reach out to the infinite. There is an element of narrowing that creates confines, or boundaries within which one must operate. Achievement of positions of power and influence are shown by these emanations along with determination and optimism. They install faith and devotion into those that come under their rays. Philosophy and religion are served developing in individuals strong opinions and beliefs. One must be careful to avoid biased views and prejudiced ideas when under these combined rays. The power is lasting and if used with discretion leads one to the road of success.

The astrological sign and planet for the 9 of Wands is Moon in Sagittarius. The Moon in Sagittarius stimulates mentally those under it who in turn activate those around them through speech. Here we have the teacher and philosopher, one of lofty ideas and high emotion, one with high goals, and the restless. An active intuition and possible gift as a psychic. The Moon in Sagittarius brings one before the public, gives many acquaintances and friends. It is inclined towards politics, teaching and philosophy through which one may rise in the world. there is a definite talent there that must be put to work. Physical activity in hobby or sport is preferred and one is likely to have more than one occupation. Freedom and wide open spaces are of great importance to this configuration for the physical and mental to thrive. If fences are put up the single purpose becomes to tear them down. Above all, a purpose in life is needed for survival.

Yesod of Yod (strength, power, health, recovery from sickness)

DIVINATION

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

When the 9 of Wands turns up under the above matters it informs the querent that they are (or the object of their question) finally coming into their own. A great many factors have held one back, factors out of ones control. Now the querent must be more confident and independent and relate more to the outside world with his lifes experiences. The main lesson of the 9 of Wands in this position is that you must open your own doors, set yourself free. No one is going to do it for you. You have the power now so liberate yourself. Make an investment, you've got nothing to loose. Self awareness may be discoloured due to emotions and your identity being influenced by other people. Its time to change this. "Liberation".

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 9 of Wands shows an unassailing position under the above matters. This is the pinnacle of an era. Your resources will gain no more in new directions, but you will remain strong with what you have, utilizing this to the best advantage, thereby gaining more strength. The personal attitude shown by the 9 of Wands is that steadfast, monetary security is necessary for stability, material comfort important. Investments are made on the self, for example, the investing in better education to further ones career. The 9 of Wands also represents under the above matters the laying of the ground work for security, and the preparing of groundplans. This is foretold to be successful. The key word for the 9 of Wands in this position is "Unassailing".

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

A field of activity is enlarged through the action of attack - victory being the result. This may not be the querent's nature but the 9 of Wands positioned here advises more aggressiveness in communication. In this way more beneficial contacts will be made. There will be stimulation in contacting those who are achievers and through this one will gain great strength. It shows adeptness in what is known but this can lead to restlessness. You are not content to remain as you are - so get more education, encourage others to follow suit, broaden your spectrum for here you are at your greatest danger of procrastination and

becoming limited in your attainment and strength. The Key word is "Aggressiveness" which is an expression needed to break from the lapse from victory.

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:

In ones strength one builds a fortress then holds together all attained, holding back from further action. The 9 of Wands advises that going out and using what one has for the benefit of all, brings good fortune. Now this fortress may be in the material in the sense of lands and buildings, or it may be in the sense of the self. In either case the advice applies. This does not mean break down your fortress, for a strong base is beneficial. Holding back also means retreat. There is strength in withdrawing at ones own will to prepare for movement. "Fortress".

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

In this position the 9 of Wands advises that one can gain by alliancing oneself with those of established strength. Dedicate oneself to achieving a high degree of competence for you are also likely to come up against such people. This position indicates fertility and pregnancy. It is fortunate for gambling, and

stock market investments. Potential for success is more clearly realized. It is a time for extension of the self and also in ones romantic relationships which are very emotionally involved. Give yourself a break and see how much you can accomplish. The Key word for this position is "Extension".

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:

Health may be afflicted with nervous disorders and gout, but generally the 9 of Wands represents a good strong constitution. If the subject of the querent (or querent) is unwell, the 9 of Wands advises that ones strength has reached its limit and a time of rest is in order. Re-evaluation and self-analysis may get one down but through this one rejuvenates. Diet is a main area to consider. Mental energy is absorbed into work or service. It also depicts one that lives by a high moral and ethical code, one of stability. Generally the 9 of Wands under the above matters is fortunate and strong for in conflicts one wins out; in work you should remain where you are, it is not a time to move on. The Key word for this position is "Re-evaluation".

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:

In Romantic alliances discomfort arises unless there is a spiritual bond. True understanding between partners is essential for relationships to last. Energy goes into relationships, personal or public. New ones start and old relationships end. Marriage for security and stability is likely. Opposition is assured to be defeated and one can be comforted in knowing that contracts and partnerships are in a safe and secure position. Hold on to them while this lasts; sign contracts now as the time is right. The 9 of Wands shows a point of karmic gain, and if you have got hold of such workings do not let go until they are worked out. This will result in increased strength of wellbeing. "Strength".

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 9 of Wands in this position denotes a spiritual responsibility to others. Many indulge themselves in ignoring such responsibilities, resorting to egotism and power trips which eventually lead to conflicts and suffering. If one can use the great strength as shown by the 9 of Wands, orientating towards lifes issues and searching deeper values, this could be one of the most profound times in your life. The 9 of Wands also depicts that one is in a position of receiving, but also a position of responsibility with what you receive, thereby a position

of executorship or trusteeship is likely. The Key word is the "Executor".

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 9 of Wands stands for spiritual and moral standards. This can lead to censure at levels of authority. Kept in their right framework, such things can form a constructive ladder of stages, unconsciously and consciously applied, for growth of the higher mind. It represents travel over long distances and relocation. Expansion of horizons and the learning of the ultimate truths; seeking the idealistic; a period of incessant questioning, searching and discovery. It represents the sharing of knowledge and inspiration. It shows an osmotic situation to which the querent can gain great benefit. "The Seeker".

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

The 9 of Wands here represents the executive; attainment; the peak of a situation; ambitions and goals will be reached. The querent is (or has) likely come up against opposition. After a struggle you gain victory then rest and survey the contours of the land. Through this observance its nature is discovered, thus

the executive peruses his papers before taking further action, discovering any error or possible pitfall before it does harm. It relates to a position of strength in the above matters, the upper hand. The Key word for this position is "Attainment".

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:

What appears to be success leads to disorder if one continues to remain still. On reflection you must see what action is to be taken, then take it. This is how the 9 of Wands advises you to act on the above matters. Although in a position of strength or attainment, you must, after forethought, take action. Success must be worked at, just like friendships if an equilibrium is to be maintained. The 9 of Wands also shows an increased sense of social involvement, responsibility and realization of ones purpose in relation to humanity. The Key word for the 9 of Wands in this position is "Action".

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 9 of Wands in this position represents a time when old

ties and meanings to life will be shed. This can be a time of loneliness and retreat, and a time of strength in having the experience of the past as knowledge to carry on. It is also representative of the power of the institution and generally institutions of learning. You must learn as much as possible in your life span. Health afflictions can be chronic asthma caused by a back condition. The 9 of Wands shows that an improvement or recovery in health is foretold. One will persevere and win out over life's obstacles. It is fortunate for reflection on spiritual gain over the past. The 9 of Wands represents the time after completion. "Reaping".

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9 of Wands: "Lord of Great Strength"

(Second Stage Fermentation - fermenting)

In 1st position: "Liberation"
 In 2nd position: "Unassailing"
 In 3rd position: "Aggressiveness"
 In 4th position: "Fortress"
 In 5th position: "Extension"
 In 6th position: "Re-evaluation"
 In 7th position: "Strength"
 In 8th position: "Executor"
 In 9th position: "The Seeker"
 In 10th position: "Attainment"
 In 11th position: "Action"
 In 12th position: "Reaping"

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MEDITATION ON THE NINE 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.