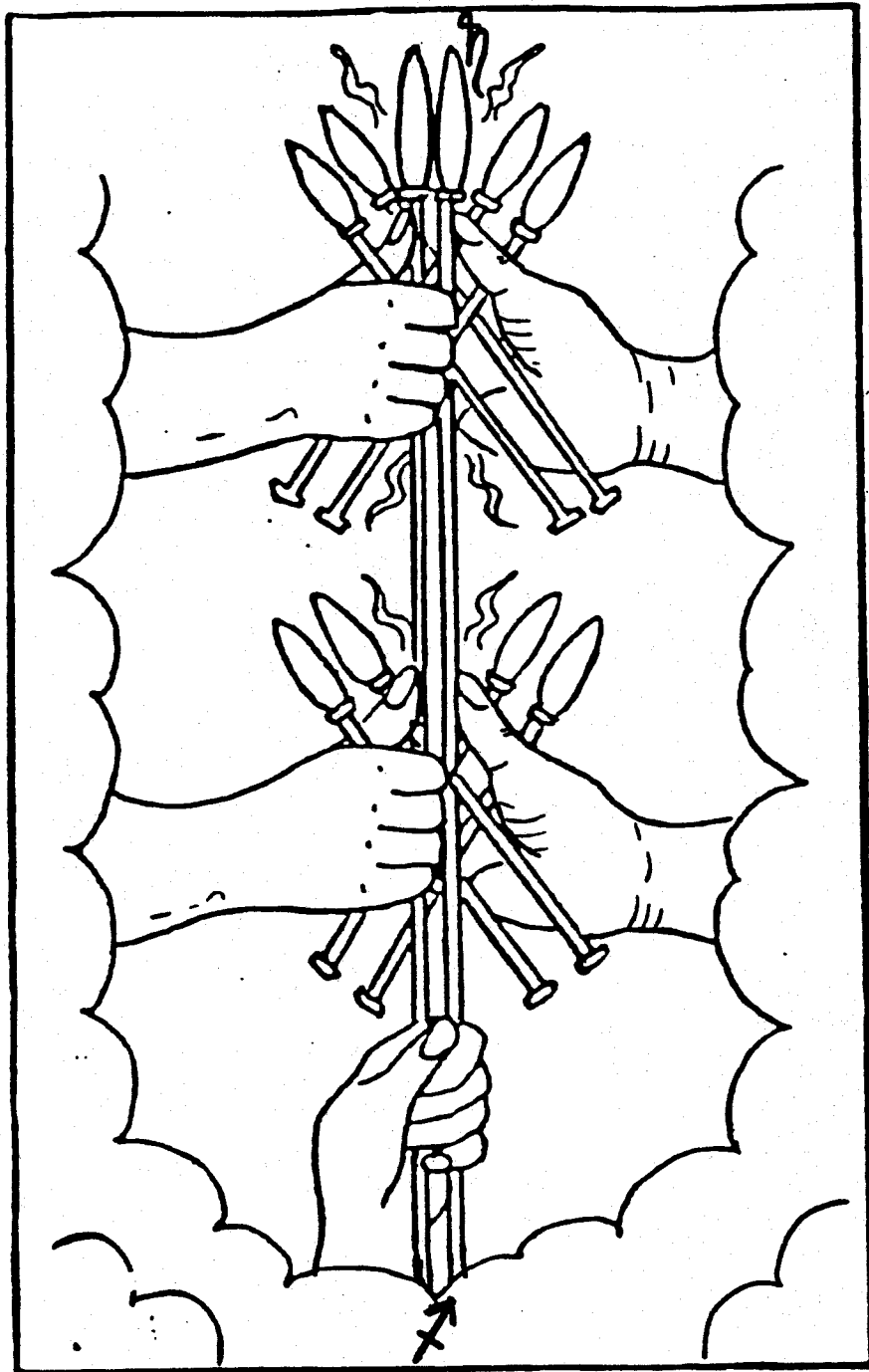


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"Lord of Oppression"

20 to 30 degrees Sagittarius

9 in X

Four hands holding eight wands crossed as before. A fifth hand holding two wands upright, which traverses the junctions of the others.

The bottom hand holding the twin wands shows energy, twice as much as before (as in the central single wand in the previous card) which shows an over-extension or over-application of strength for its outlet - in short, something that has tried too hard. The bulky size of the two central wands prevent the hands from clasping. This introduces an unstable factor to a once stable situation (as in the 9 of Wands). The entire glyph is ready to break up due to too much effort, like in the ending of the play "Prometheus unbound". But the two central wands also depict the rushing of light from above to below into darkness, thereby giving light. A disruption of the once still by an imposing yet necessary factor brings instability; multiplicity becomes unity. As the tenth card the 10 of Wands shows the end of one cycle, but there is too much force for stillness to set in, thus giving way to continuance, and acting as a catalyst for the impetus into a new cycle. Looking at it in the direction of ascension though, the 10 of Wands shows the weight of a new

energy onto an energy that has not yet gathered strength and adjusted to what it must encounter, thereby creating an oppressed state.

As the Lord of Oppression the 10 of Wands refers to the Karmic and mortal debts for past actions which we must work out. We carry this burden considering it cruel restriction or unjust severity, but in reality it is a challenge to transcend. If we would only but meet this challenge, how exciting the adventure. Oppression is also suppression, subduing, to tyrannize; it is overburdening and overpowering. These are the everyday inner and outer difficulties mankind faces. This card can then be the suppression of sexual desires, energy and thoughts, unfounded prejudice and preconceptions or represent a power house of energy, penetrating the darkest corners pouring forth as an unstoppable force. It is the Power of the Throne.

The Emerald Tablet says this:

"Thus the little world is created according to the prototype of the great world."

"From this and in this way, marvellous applications are made."

The 10 of Wands is painted in the King Scale. The backdrop is painted in the colour of the zodiac sign, Reddish Blue; the wands are of the planet, Light Indigo (Dull Violet); the flames issuing from the wands are complementary to the backdrop, Reddish Orange; the clouds and five hands are painted Brilliant White.

These colours show the possession of great determination, power and influence with the philosophic beliefs being expressed with power and authority inspiring confidence in others as renewed faith and religious beliefs come to the fore. They depict a position of prominence but with a tendency to "self service" and be "ego-identified". Determination and staying power are their virtues. The Light Indigo shows the seeking of spiritual truth, it is a higher vibration of Universality, an energizing colour. The Reddish Blue represents religion, when combined they are high idealism.

The Planet and Sign associated to the 10 of Wands is Saturn in Sagittarius. Saturn in Sagittarius is seriousness in pursuits of interest with an inclination to higher education and religion. Ethics and principles are of great importance, and Saturn gives Sagittarius intellectuality, discipline and terrific powers of concentration. Achievement and leadership, in that order, become prime concerns. Reputation is important as disapproval is feared. Greatness can be achieved through this configuration. Separation through travel creates independence and self reliance. Interests are forms of travel, religion, philosophy, study. To give the appearance of being great is not Saturn in Sagittarius, for actual physical and mental achievement can only appease the appetite. Responsibility comes natural and is exercised under most circumstances. The way mental energy is applied toward understanding is through an orderly daily life which is restructured under Saturn in Sagittarius. The need to restructure

mental patterns to current activities plays a dominant part in ones life.

Malkuth of Yod (cruelty, malice, revenge, injustice).

DIVINATION

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

In this position the 10 of Wands brings energies to focus on areas of life in which a person must concentrate until they are worked out. Selfhood and projection may appear to be of a one track mind but in essence this is a necessity for total accomplishment. Tradition dominates ones conscious behaviour oppressing renewal of selfhood. This can represent a dominant character who enforces his/her Will upon others. Physical health is impaired due to burning up of energies, or the coming up against an exhaustive force. This depletion will be felt in the spine, is stress related, and like a weakness with a sore tingling sensation. On the positive side (if surrounding cards imply), it can represent one of a great deal of power.

"Oppress".

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 10 of Wands shows that you are receiving a continual reminder of what you are capable of. This can lead to quite strong depressive feelings if you don't come up to your own or others expectations. Emphasis is placed on identity and the accomplishment of wealth. This in itself can become an obsession, making an approach of ruthlessness. All factors are taken into account and channelled into a workable structure which in the long run will be to ones advantage. You can be too hard on yourself thereby building up a 'constant', a challenge to better yourself, and prove yourself. Abuse of personal power and over work dominate the situation. "Ruthlessness".

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

Difficulties are encountered with brothers, sisters and neighbours; disappointments with education. You may experience cruelty from members of your family. This may be due to the increasing awareness of the level of mastery one has over oneself, coming out in every day life creating a new way of reference and action towards others. This acts as a catalyst to the counter-reactions of others. Limitations can be discovered, but they also can be overcome. Obligations come to the fore which maketh one feel trapped, but these are the Karmic lessons.

The 10 of Wands represents the constant testing of mental powers through communication. This can make the individual appear too intensive and oppressive to others. You will have a chance to develop your power, but against difficult odds. Take this chance, it may never come to you again. "Testing".

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 10 of Wands in this position represents the establishment of order and solidity in the home environment and the education of those around you. Religion becomes a pressing factor which can be pushed on to people. Something has to be reckoned with which won't get brushed aside. An intuitive understanding of the words of others and their implication makes one subject to quite a burden as the truth hurts, and what is more hurtful is that when others are confronted, they deny. You could be one of these people who deny the truth, so start facing up to a bit of truth, as you don't fool anyone. Free yourself from the oppression of misconceptions. This card also relates to extensions to buildings and restructuring. "Ignorance".

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

The 10 of Wands in this position depicts a jealous possessive love. There is a strict moral code which free expression doesn't belong. This creates a dam in ones psyche and emotions making interaction with others a creativity restricted or distorted. Knowledge can be used as a shield to hide inner turmoil. Again as for the 4th position, moral beliefs are impressed on others. The 10 of Wands also shows the Power of the Universal Whole. This power can be created through the individual which results in expression through creative accomplishment. A greater 'self' can manifest and one can become a channel for higher powers to further the Work. "Suppression".

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:

The form of employment most likely is in a position of serving and obeying - a subordinate position. Work to the common good can be obtained as long as one subdues personal desires. Do not force life to meet your demands or exhaustion sets in. Heavy loads are placed upon a person, monotonous, insignificant tasks for little recompense. There is illness in others which increases the burden. Vital energies become depleted. Emotions cause suffering and pain, and self pity can cause a complete reversion on any development you had achieved in the past. Generally you become confronted with a crisis to which all your personal resources must be applied. How you come through this

depends on your own personal power. "Crises".

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 10 of Wands in this position is not favourable for marriage, divorce, partnerships and contracts. There is too much force from one direction, arguments, upsets, and malice. Unless one spends time, only, with those that allow ones freedom in growth and career, you will find yourself pressured and inhibited. You are forced to consider others but this can go to the extreme thereby trapping yourself in a life of commitment. The lesson to learn here is to be ethical if breaking away from relationships. You must be able to look yourself in the mirror. From another point of view this card can represent you - you may be the one with too much force making the situation impossible for others. "Ethics".

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 10 of Wands shows the dealings with others outside legality and/or association with those that can benefit one financially. You will have to face reorganisation of

financial affairs, budgets and management. Financial debts weight you down. Sexuality is emphasised during this phase; you can be involved with others, or yourself, in going through a time of phsyco-trauma. The 10 of Wands warns against self destruction. If an individual is on a higher vibratory and evolutionary level a time of spiritual awareness is emphasised; receipt of vibrations and energies; where a lesser being has psychotic problems when exposed to these energies, a more evolved being would transform them within, to a greater good.

"Self Destruction".

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 influence of establishment and social structure is all too prominent. There are long difficult journies. The task here is the enlargement of vision and understanding. As a result of pressures compensation may be made through turning to religion, metaphysics, psychology, and studies. The direction is generally inclined towards mental pursuits. Through such studies you can learn to understand what is happening around you, why society is as it is, and why so many people demand so much. Most of all, how you fit into all of this. By doing this you learn to use the tremendous energies available, generated by humanity. Thereby the 10 of Wands shows the bursting from adolescence into adulthood. "To Broaden".

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

In this position the 10 of Wands represents the fear of taking the final step to reach ones goal. This marks a time to test ones strength for the biggest enemy one comes up against is fear. This fear is one of reservations, fear of what you don't want others to see or think. The 10 of Wands shows frustration. You must hold back and learn to take a detached perspective on what is important. Burdened with authority and duties, a small volcano begins to act up within the self exploding small doses in any direction affecting all those around. Channel your energies in the direction that suits your own personality structure. In this way you will achieve fulfillment. "Fear".

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:

Discipline of ones energies and careful planning assist one in achieving what is aspired. Politics are prominent in this position for the 10 of Wands. It represents Government and its current effects; the undergoing of hardships due to the law and its current policies; pressure groups trying to force politics their way; parliamentary debates; whatever it is, one thing will

be impressed onto another. In competing with others one is equal and able to stand strong. This position also shows the results of past actions, and being left with the question of what do we now do with success. Use it wisely! On the other hand, if one has failed, now and in the past, this card shows bitter revenge; over-reckless actions; or a "whats the point" attitude. Challenge the past and be a channel for creativity so that discontent doesn't set in. "Challenge".

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 10 of Wands here shows the haunting of the past emerging from the psyche. Have the courage to face these fleeting impressions as it is your opportunity to understand and thereby purge yourself from repression. You are now confronted with obstacles, ill health and loss. Ordinary reaction is defensiveness, this should be avoided for self analysis is the key. Its not going to be an easy time for you at the best of circumstances. The only advice the 10 of Wands can give is to hold firm, liken into its positive characteristics, draw your power from above, and channel it through yourself, and you will then have the strength. "Encountering".

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10 of Wands: "Lord of Oppression"

(Third Stage Fermentation - heat)

In 1st position:	"Oppress"
In 2nd position:	"Ruthlessness"
In 3rd position:	"Testing"
In 4th position:	"Ignorance"
In 5th position:	"Suppression"
In 6th position:	"Crises"
In 7th position:	"Ethics"
In 8th position:	"Destruction"
In 9th position:	"To Broaden"
In 10th position:	"Fear"
In 11th position:	"Challenge"
In 12th position:	"Encountering"

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MEDITATION ON THE TEN 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.

