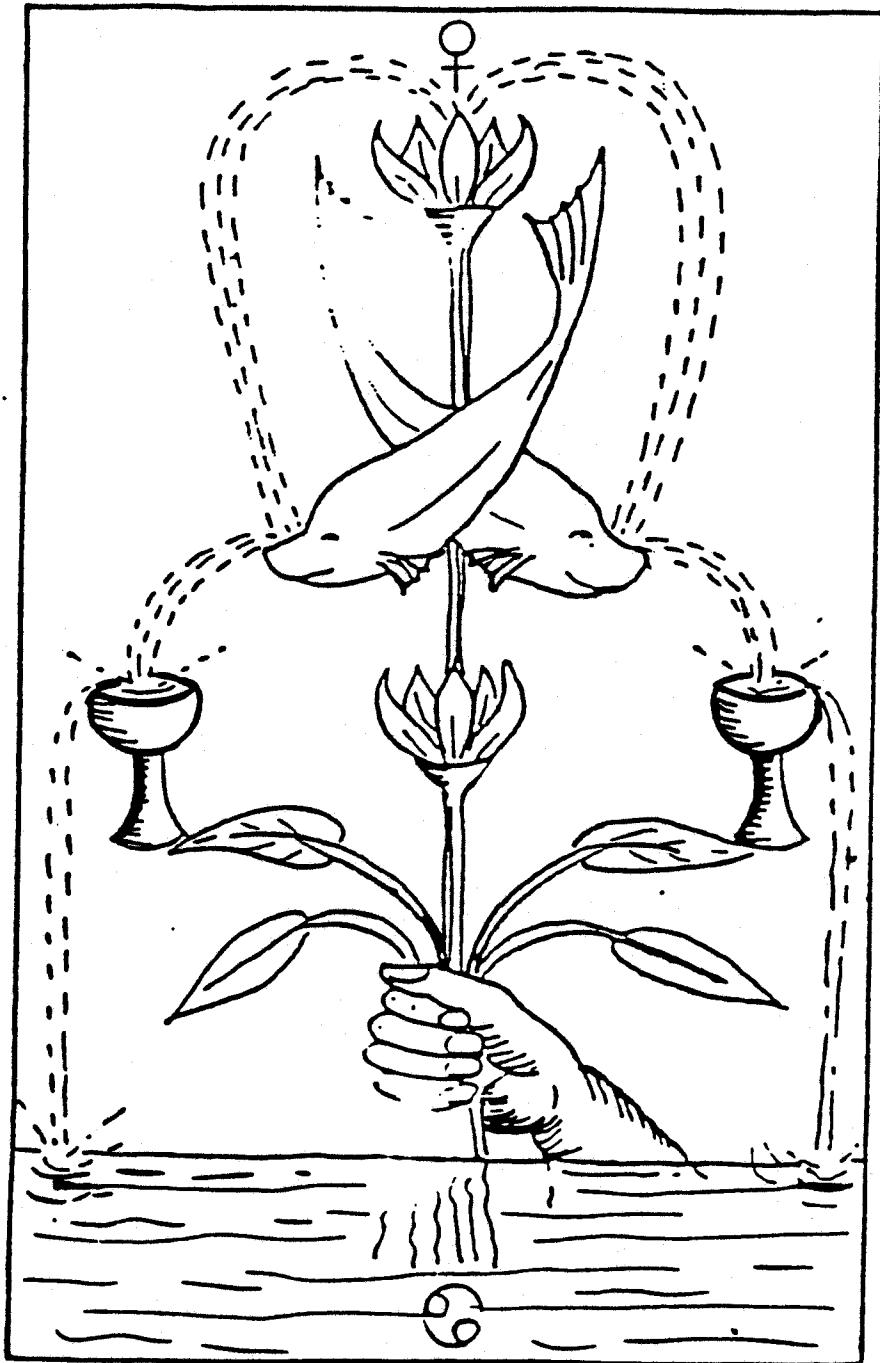


LESSON 63

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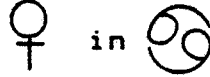


LESSON 63

2 OF CUPS

"Lord of Love"

0 to 10 degrees Cancer



A white radiant hand, issuant from the lower part of the card from a cloud, holds lotuses. A lotus flower rises above the water, which occupies the lower part of the card rising above the hand. From this flower rises a stem, terminating near the top of the card in another lotus, from which flows sparkling white water as if from a fountain. Crossed on the stem just beneath are two dolphins, Argent and Or, on to which the water falls, and from which it pours in full streams, like jets of gold and silver, into two cups; which in their turn overflow, flooding the lower part of the card.

The lotuses are a symbol of the Divine Source, showing potentiality, renewal and immortality. It is the emblem of Aphrodite/Venus associated to love and in it are the two facets of the Sun and Moon or fire and water in matter. The two lotuses, one above the other, show the upper and lower worlds which are connected by the stem of nourishment, which bringeth and giveth life. This life is drawn from the deep running life giving Celestial waters up through the stem of the lotus plant and poureth forth from the upper world only to cascade in two directions (giving dual natures to the central stem), then

splashing off Argent and Or the water is caught by the two chalices on the right and left hand side (positive and negative) of the central stem and lotuses, filling the chalices to overflowing giving life to the lower world.

Dividing the upper and lower worlds are the two dolphins which lie near the top of the column (which is the stem). The column and a dolphin (two in this case giving duality in nature) are ascribed to Ceres, by the ancients, who was an emblem of the sea - the dolphin being an emblem of love. The purity of the water has now been placed into polarity. The dolphins have generated from the heart of the upper lotus and the energy flow is similar to the Kundaline energy in man that becomes a living tree of perfect equilibrium. Dolphins represent the power of the waters, the soul's journey, truth, reality and wisdom. As a duality they are spiritual monads, the ego of humanity. They are the axis mundi of the Supernals.

The 2 of Cups is coloured in the Queen Scale. The cups are of the Planet, Sky Blue (light Blue). The backdrop is in the colour of the Sign, Oxide Red. The stem and leaves of the lotuses are of the complementary colour to the backdrop, Deep Green (Olive). The lotuses are the complementary to the Sky Blue: Gold. The front dolphin which faces the left is painted Silver and the back dolphin facing the right is painted Golden. The water cascading out of the top lotus is brilliant white until it splashes off the dolphins' heads where the righthand waterfall becomes glistening Gold and the lefthand waterfall becomes

sparkling Silver. These waterfalls pour into the Sky Blue cups then overflow into a White sea which then ripples a Blue, Silver and Gold. The hand holding the lotus stems is Brilliant White with reflections of Blue showing spirit manifesting through the water element.

The Gold and Silver allude to the Sun and Moon (masculine and feminine, the Pillars of Mercy and Severity), which at first cascade out of the top lotus as Kether (Spirit in its purity) before being tainted with the first essences of manifestation. It then flows into the chalices of immortality where the workings of alchemy (creation) occur:- In one chalice the male sulphur, in the other the female quicksilver, which then distilled over into the sea, the Blood of the Grail. The White waters rippling Blue, Silver and Gold show the alchemic intermingling of essence to create sustance, where the Mercurial water is formed - the philosophic gold.

The Green leaves and stem show life and growth while the Gold petals portray the giving of life through the Solar and Lunar, portrayed by the waters issuing therefrom. The Light Blue alludes to devotion to noble ideas and the Oxide Red backdrop is the hidden fire of Chokmah which generateth motion to what would be still waters.

So, with the 2 of Cups we give you Chokmah of Heh - representeth love, marriage and birth. The mere presence of the sea of eternity giveth purity of this card, so close is it still

to Heh of Kether.

The Planet and Sign of the 2 of Cups is Venus in Cancer. Venus in Cancer gives an emanation of deep affection, emotion, kindness, imagination, and loving. It is domestication, the love of home, security, beautiful surroundings and comfort. It represents marriage, possessions and money but obstacles are introduced, usually by a parent or loved ones. Nevertheless, there is gain in property and in a union. There is the ability to manage ones financial affairs though direction of investment is generally for security. The home is the place to be, according to those under this influence. Boredom sets in quickly, therefore initiative is taken in making the self busy. Peace and harmony is strived for, but in its essence the influence is an active one and there is always something to be achieved. There is a great capacity for love and affection and a great deal of energy is spent on service to others, which is where greatest fulfilment comes. But with this, emotional assurance is required in return, as this motherly nature can easily be hurt and turned away. There is a tendency to cling, hold on, and a weakness of jealousy.

DIVINATION

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

When concerned about how you will react to any given situa-

tion and if any success is desired 2 of Cups shows an outgoing response carried through with grace. Goals slip away if you wait for approval so push forward on your own. A physical body is depicted as having physical beauty, and a happy outlook on life. The past was a good one which brings great optimism for the future. First encounters will appear appealing leading to further investigation. The general outlook shown by this card is a happy one. If surrounding cards are negative you are warned of gullibility and naivety - be more sceptical. The Key word for this position is "Happiness".

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 2 of Cups is certainly at home in this position bringing good fortune to the outcome of ones question, but, this is only through your own endeavours and personal management of financial affairs. Security is achieved through effort which is usually a result of training in earlier years. The motivation for such attainments do not come from selfish designs, it is from the need to fulfill a loved one's dreams. One can strive to heights of success to provide for a dependant. The 2 of Cups also shows freedom from anxiety about material needs. This may seem incorrect when comparing this statement with the earlier, but compare "doing for another" to "doing for the self" and you will see the

difference in attitude in what is of personal value. "Earned Comfort".

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

In this position the 2 of Cups represents frequent short distant travel, and much communication concerning cultural activities, interests through speech and writing. There is a need to express inner feelings to others any way you know how, which instigates the love for literature and intellectual pursuits. Anxiety can be encountered through the disapproval of family and friends, especially when it concerns your choice of a partner. Generally the 2 of Cups represents harmonious and pleasant interaction. The Key word which aptly fits the vibration of the 2 of Cups under the above matters is "Sincerity".

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:

Activities and main emphasis of the 2 of Cups under the above matters is in the home. The presence of the 2 of Cups here shows that you will be helped in your endeavours. It also shows that someone within your environment loves you very deeply. You must learn to appreciate kindness and love, reciprocating it to

the best of your ability. In doing this you are likely to discover yourself in new ways; life will become more happier and you will be able to relax and enjoy your surrounds. The 2 of Cups shows that this is, or will be a tranquil time; make the most of it while it lasts. "Support".

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

The 2 of Cups advises the querent to appreciate the benefits, trials or tribulations gained in his earlier life, for they give him the Will and resources (internal or external) that he now possess. Under the above matters the 2 of cups represents love and romance, opportunities pertaining to such, the love of arts and a talent in that direction, the love of children which produces those that act in guiding the growth and well being (physically and mentally) of children. If enquiring whether one will have children, the answer is yes. A person is likely to receive great fulfilment with the turn of this card in this position. The Key word is "Love".

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:

Concerning health matters the 2 of Cups depicts nausea and

mild stomach related problems. If you do not abuse your health you should enjoy good health. Being able to deal with responsibility and having self reliance are the 2 main attributes of the 2 of Cups in this position. Relationships within the work environment are generally harmonious and friendly. It is important that one works in pleasant surroundings. You may meet a future companion within your work environment and if this companion is of the opposite sex, can lead to marriage. Work is more favourable in company than solitary. To be in affinity with all that surrounds you is very important. "Affinity".

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:

Marriage, romance and the honeymoon are predominant with the 2 of Cups in this position. Separation and divorce is settled quietly with 9 times out of 10 reuniting of couples. Any dispute or litigation as regards contracts are settled out of court. The querent may have had to make a decision in a relationship that alienates him/her from parents and family. There is a joining of two people in love, enjoyment of quiet social occasions and intimate settings and reunions. Obstacles can manifest through love affairs which the querent must overcome. Romance is in the air, and in the imagination. On another level it is the awareness of a presence on a higher level that one aspires to. The Key word is "Romance" for the 2 of Cups in the 7th position.

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 2 of Cups in this position represents love making and pleasure in relationships, but ones desires may be on crossed purposes at times. The 2 of Cups represents financial gain through partnerships, fortune is shared. It shows an inner psychic power as yet unmanifested, and those this card represents are considered psychically sensitive. It rules the realm of intuition - trust your intuition during this phase. This is also a position of giving and one is rewarded through building up a chain of contacts. Emotions can be intense and the querent is warned not be driven into the arms of strangers to satisfy the need for love. The Key word is "Intuition".

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:

Under the above matters the 2 of Cups shows that family obligations (emotional ties) prevents (or prevented) the achievement of ones higher education and self development. But once free of these ties, through determination alone, one works towards and will succeed in ones designs. Be patient, but above

all, relentless. "Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." These are the hidden qualities of the 2 of Cups for through an unassuming, harmonious, seemingly soft, pliable exterior is a Will of Steel. In addition, long jounies are taken for pleasure; strong attachments can be made for alternative religions or through churches and universities. "Determination".

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

The 2 of Cups is a card of honour under the above matters, but this honour is not publically displayed - it is an inner honour that needs no recognition from outside the self. Ambition stems from the desire for secluded, beautiful and comfortable surroundings. One sees the attainment of this through wealth. Actual domestic life is not appealing therefore energies are diverted to chosen interests and surrounding yourself with such interests in the home. Anxiety is caused through conceding to others (parents) wishes. The querent must learn to stand up to others and follow his own path according to his Will.

"Independence".

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:

Love by your Will alone the 2 of Cups advises under the above matters. This is an all encompassing love where beauty is seen in everything, side by side with the ugly. This love is manipulated by the Will for it is not hopeless infatuation, desire or lust, it is one of knowing. One must stay aloof of the Children of the Earth - Love at a distance and watch them fulfill their karma, with compassion but uninvolvedness. This is the lesson the 2 of Cups gives in this position. Involvement and the giving of the self is the mistake many fall into, finding that through their love they give away a piece of themselves to everyone leaving nothing for themselves. These people are eventually emotionally destroyed. To stand emotionally apart, and then give guidance and help where one can, to those "who will help themselves", and even to those who won't help themselves giving such people a chance, is the only pure love you can give to mankind that will be lasting. An apple core is of no use to those who need nourishment. "Compassionate Love".

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 2 of Cups under the above matters advises the querent to learn to share and give to another without expecting reward, materially or emotionally. Although a harmonious card, there are

always hidden unsolved problems but these can be overcome. The truth of it is that the problems don't really exist. When you realize this these obstacles dissipate. Health afflictions are breast cysts or oedema of breasts, but the 2 of Cups normally is read as good health. In trying to reach ones goals the 2 of Cups advises you employ the talents of another. Complementary talents can achieve a great deal. It also represents secret love affairs and unconscious behaviour patterns. "Illusionary Obstacles".

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2 of Cups: "Lord of Love"

(1st Stage Conjunction - union of opposites)

In 1st position:	"Happiness"
In 2nd position:	"Earned Comfort"
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In 6th position:	"Affinity"
In 7th position:	"Romance"
In 8th position:	"Intuition"
In 9th position:	"Determination"
In 10th position:	"Independence"
In 11th position:	"Compassionate Love"
In 12th position:	"Illusionary Obstacles"

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MEDITATION ON THE TWO OF CUPS:

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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