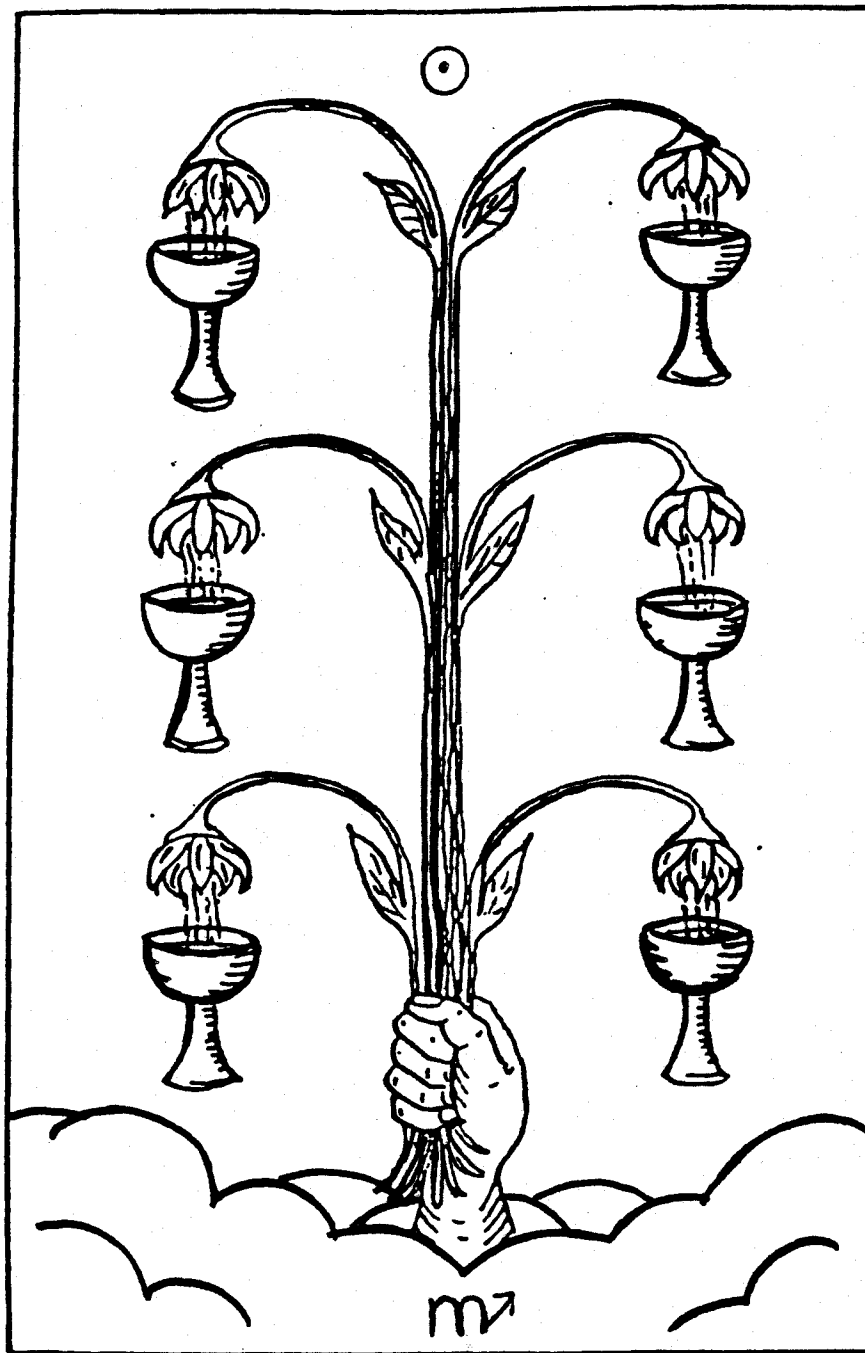


LESSON 67

SIX OF CUPS



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"Lord of Pleasure"

10 to 20 degrees Scorpio

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An angelic hand, as before, holds a group of stems of water lilies or lotuses from six flowers bent, one over each cup. From these flowers a white glistening water flows into the cups as from a fountain, but they are not yet full.

The dead lotuses of the previous card have fallen back into the water nourishing it as it forms a type of compost. The dead sea has been given a new lease of life. The harshness of the previous card now softens with the added polarities derived from the growth of the central lotus of the 5 of Cups to two full lotuses of this card, giving a balancing up of opposite forces.

The six lotus flowers show the regeneration of the solar influence of Tiphareth, the 6th Kabbalistic Sephiroth of balance, renewed after the harshness of Geburah. The flow of water from the lotuses is still not strong as the regeneration is at its initial stage, enough though to fill each cup - but not to overflowing properties. The seed of fertilisation has just started to manifest. There is no effort or strain shown by this card as the forces harmonize. The overall concept being new hope, new life, newfound energy, and one of nurturing, though it is in its

infancy showing its first glow of individualization, as yet dependent on its life source. The inward concentrated force of the 5 of Cups now begins to find its feet in the external world.

Alchemically the curcubite has been taken from the darkness and placed in the Sun for the next stage in digestion, described as one of rising and falling. Here the Solar powers gently nourish and transmute the putrefying waters giving new life to the once seemingly still. This process is called Circulation and the stage is Isolation.

The 6 of Cups is represented by the Hexad. Nicomachus, a Pythagorean philosopher and father of Aristotle, and who wrote 10 books of morals called "Nicomachea", spoke of the Hexad alluding it to "the form of forms, ...the soul, the distinct union of the parts of the universe, the fabricator of the soul, ...harmony..."

This association is fitting for the 6 of cups which shows the Soul being cradled and nurtured into form, and alludes to the mysteries.

The stem of the lotus plant has 6 leaves. These allude to the Lily Gabriel presented to the Virgin, the six lotuses representing the six petals of the flower of Gabriel's Lily. This exemplifies the gift of purity.

The 6 of Cups is coloured in the Queen Scale. The backdrop is the colour of the Sign, Jasper Red, and the cups are the

colour of the Planet, Melon Yellow. The lotus plant stems and leaves are the complementary colours to the backdrop, Brilliant Green. The lotus flowers are the complementary colour of the cups, Light Violet Blue. The water, clouds and hand are Brilliant White alluding to the presence of Spirit.

The Melon Yellow has deep soothing tones but shows an as yet impure substance and alludes to the workings of a craft which works within a gentle heat. The Jasper Red represents a state of strength and endurance which strives constantly for a state of physical perfection. This is the catalyst behind the works of the Melon Yellow. The Melon Yellow cups are fed with a restorative and healing substance which is drawn up from the hidden sea by the green stems, and as it pours out through the blue lotuses it is touched with the purifying essence of spirit, for the Blue Violet lotuses allude to the "unfolding".

The Planet and Sign represented in this card are Sun in Scorpio. The Sun in Scorpio deals with transformation on any level; it has incredible staying power which is driven by intensity of Will and emotional desires. Sense of justice is unswaying and a Sun in Scorpio person is a hard task master to himself and those around him. He is highly secretive and intuitive; when spiritually developed he can tap into an unlimited source of power. Sun in Scorpio is strong, determined and generally positive; there is a constant struggle to be better, to overcome desire and outside influences. It is extremely independent yet very dependent on knowing there is security of some form or

another. It can be very uncompromising and exacting; its vibrations highly magnetic. Sexual desires are very passionate, love can become deep and possessive or become self centred and self-gratified. There are two extremes with Sun in Scorpio in all things having the innate powers of being very good or very bad; intense devotion or jealousy. It possesses a generative force that can lead to great heights. This force can be turned into psychic penetrative powers.

Tiphareth of Heh (beginning of wish, happiness, success, or enjoyment).

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 6 of Cups represents a state of physical wellbeing. The body has overcome difficulties and is at a state of feeling extraordinarily comfortable, a revitalized feeling flows throughout. Self projection is one of ease and gentleness for you have finally learned to apply only as much energy as necessary. A person is likely to serve others, reacting to their needs. New hope arises in any given situation which provides a clearer sight into a great many more possibilities of life. "Wellbeing".

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:

Envyng the successful will only leave you sitting by the wayside. You must strive to exceed those who appear more successful. Forming alliances is profitable. Pleasure is given to your current situation if you reflect on the past and realize what you are and what you have now is a product of your past efforts. New elements are likely to enter your life now so be alert, do not sink into nostalgia. The 6 of Cups portrays reward and recompense in this position. "Recompense".

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 6 of Cups represents the gift of anticipation. This gives ease in relationships and communication. There is a tendency to identify the self in fantasy rather than see the real self. One is susceptible to personal sacrifices. These sacrifices may help your image as long as they aren't in totality. There is a desire to achieve distinction through your own accomplishments. These accomplishments channel through school work, writings and learning. There is also a deep need to understand the processes of the cosmos - inner workings.

The 6 of Cups shows a state of waiting for some form of communication, physical or non-physical. "Anticipation"

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:

After a time of difficulty, balance and harmony is renewed in the home, and a comfortable living is now being earned. You feel prepared to advance and meet new challenges as one's potential unfoldment comes into realization. Success is on the way. A feeling of security and an air of happiness is foremost when the 6 of Cups is turned up in this position and your environment is free from disputes. All in all, you and those involved with you are emotionally stable. This card shows domesticity, for example cooking and baking. Occult wise, the 6 of Cups represents alchemy and its practical application, the mixing and the anathor. "Harmony".

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

This position for the 6 of Cups is very fortunate. It represents itself "Lord of Pleasure" and all its fabrications. It represents the recreation of selfhood and the strengthening of your creative Will. When you partaketh in leisure activities

there is pleasure and reward with rejuvenation. In matters of Love this card shows virtuousness yet fulfilment. This arises from purity of intent. The greatest pleasure of life is love. It is jokingly said that man is made for pleasure, but pleasure full of glory and as joy neither blushes nor expires. "Pleasure".

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 6 of Cups shows that there has been a recovery from sickness. This is a time for convalescing so take it easy because there is susceptibility to nose and throat infections, colds and influenza contracted from your working environment. New employment, or new employees are depicted by the 6 of Cups bringing new elements into your life. These are favourable moves. Past efforts bring their rewards in your present work. Relationships in the work environment are not as harmonious as you would like them. This is mainly due to your not liking authority or discipline. Nevertheless, there are hidden resources here where one can achieve many things in ones work. "Hidden Strength".

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 deeper reason for marriage may be for financial gain. It would be more beneficial to your mental and physical health if you married for love and compatibility. This position shows human frailties which you are sensitive to. You tend to devote time to people helping to solve their problems. Look carefully at your actions, for showing sensitivity to the frailties of others may be helping them indulge in their own weaknesses. Don't underestimate your ability to contribute to society. The 6 of cups shows the beginning of new relationships, peace and harmony after quarrels, rest after strife. It represents past karma and the fruits it bears in the present. It is the forces of evolution and a point of choice to rethinking your life under the above matters, recognise your mistakes and correct them. "Amendment".

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:

To fulfil your personal destiny self analysis will show that sacrifice of selfish personal desires is the prime subject of concern at your present stage of growth. The 6 of Cups in this position shows that you feel obligated to others (or they to you) and therefore remain tied to them. A partner expects more from you than what is fair but you continue giving as you see an enriched end product. You are very impressionable, and no matter

how clear you see things, there is always an excuse to compensate. A change of fortune is forthcoming in the above matters and an overall equilibrium predominates. Sexuality is temporarily satisfied. Investments are exploited for additional profit. "Impressionability".

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 6 of cups shows that you can look forward to a happy future. Your knowledge becomes (or is) a source of nourishment for the emotions of others. This card advises you to devote some of your life to helping others become intellectually and emotionally independent. In doing this you will also grow, for teaching is the surest source of self education. Examinations will be sat; their results being the product of your past efforts. Spiritual and religious pursuits are generally expressed actively through education, philosophy and Christianity or some religious organization. Intuition borders on prophecy. Foreign affairs, distant places and travel draw you, but you tend to remain in your locality. The Key word for this position is "To Bestow".

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

The 6 of Cups in this position shows a harmonious merging of pleasure and business. A position of responsibility is attained and honour and recognition is forthcoming. A distinct advantage over others comes when you learn to know what their needs are as individuals or in groups, then you can provide the required services. This form of activity brings good fortune. Cause for disgrace is through lack of flexibility and effecting your own idea of how things should be without consideration of others' thoughts. New opportunities will be opening, so be prepared to adjust. Success will not come easy, you must earn it. "Earned Success".

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:

A tendency to remould or remake friends, but marriage partners or business partners may cause resentment if you're not extremely tactful. Diplomacy is applied under the above matters. You will win the favour of friends and groups and will be able to bend their thinking your way. You are a leader as the 6 of Cups shows one with one-pointed concentration and creative willpower. This card also represents the necessity to make all sacrifices necessary to provide security for your later years. There is an interest in occult subjects within group activities. The 6 of Cups shows times of harmony and happiness under the above

matters. "Influential".

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:

Although health would be considered temporarily on the mend or stable when the 6 of Cups turns up here, afflictions would be diseases of the generative organs, appendicitis, fistulas, or ailments of a reoccurring nature. This card represents a time of retiring out of the limelight and a need for privacy. In fact you should insist on privacy. There are mediumistic implications and exploration into the unconscious. Self expression finds fulfilment in large institutions. The querent will find some contact with an institution of some sort. It also shows release from a sanitarium; the solving of psychological problems. The overall consensus of the 6 of Cups in this position is a realization of ones actions and their effect, and the Key word is the response to this realization, "Repentance".

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6 of Cups: "Lord of Pleasure"

(Second Stage Sublimation - Spirit be Corporal and fixed to be Substantial)

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| In 1st position: | "Wellbeing" |
| In 2nd position: | "Recompense" |
| In 3rd position: | "Anticipation" |
| In 4th position: | "Harmony" |
| In 5th position: | "Pleasure" |
| In 6th position: | "Hidden Strength" |
| In 7th position: | "Amendment" |
| In 8th position: | "Impressionability" |
| In 9th position: | "To Bestow" |
| In 10th position: | "Earned Success" |
| In 11th position: | "Influential" |
| In 12th position: | "Repentance" |

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MEDITATION ON THE SIX 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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