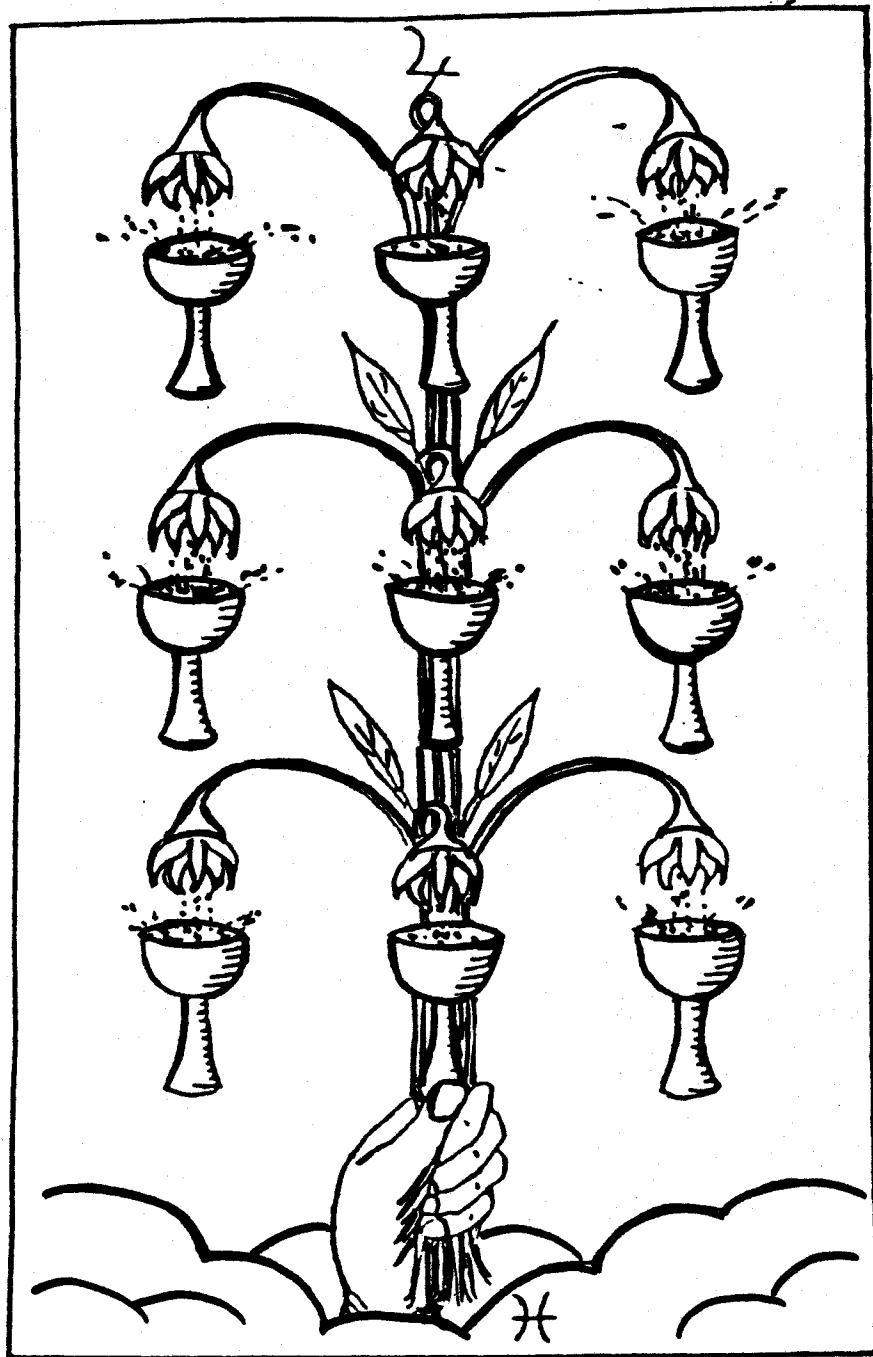


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"Lord of Material Happiness"

10 to 20 degrees Pisces

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A white radiant angelic hand, issuing from a cloud holding lotus or water lilies, one flower which over-hangs each cup; from it white water pours. Cups are arranged in three rows of three.

Here all the cups are filling showing that one's desires will be achieved. Since each cup has its own flower it also shows potential nourishment. The overflowing waters of Azoth having been mixed and intermingled in the previous card have united with the sea to formulate new growth which not only reaches the top three, previously abandoned cups, but sprouts new pods as well. The lunar sphere of Yesod shows motion which is reinforced by Pisces, while the energy of Jupiter's expansive qualities push forward to new growth and energy.

The symbol this card portrays by its middle vertical column and its three horizontal lines and central hand below, is the alchemical symbol of Jupiter. The cups and lotus also form a square above with a descending middle column forming a cross below. This symbol alludes to Sal Alkali which is the Salt of Wisdom which causeth the Spirit to enter properly into bodies and permeate them. A violent interpenetration has now taken place

causing a transformation at the moment of ingestion.

This card showeth three rows of cups, "...and know ye that the vine of the wise is drawn forth in three..." (The Golden Treatise by Hermes Trismegistus), and these cups containeth the Elixir:

"The Elixir, according to d'Espagnet, is composed of a triple matter, namely, of a metallic Water, or Mercury philosophically sublimated, of the white Ferment, if one wishes to make the White Elixir, or of the red Ferment, for the Red Elixir, and finally of the second Sulphur; the whole according to philosophical weights and portions...." (Treatise on The Great Art, by Dom Antoine-Joseph Pernety).

"Lord of Material Happiness" is the Key phrase of the 9 of Cups which is apt when one weights its content, for the 9 of Cups represents manifestation, and quite possibly materialisation. It is abundantly full, but not excessively full, and with it is harmony, balance and equilibrium shown by the position of the cups. Most of all it is regeneration depicted by the number of cups (9), which at each reproduction shows an individual completeness giving an identical of the self.

The 9 of Cups is painted in the Queen Scale. The backdrop is in the colour of the Sign, Signal Green. The cups are in the colour of the Planet, Ultramarine Blue. The lotus stems and leaves are in the complementary colour of the background which is

Orange Red, and the lotus flowers are the complementary colour to the cups, Orange Yellow. The hand and clouds are Brilliant White.

The warmth of the Orange red has generated new growth which is shown by the Orange Yellow lotus flowers as they pour forth the celestial waters from their radiant centers. From change shown by the Signal Green background emanates forth an upward surge; this surge is life. The Ultramarine Blue cups giveth a devotional aspect bringing a state of serenity into an otherwise surging card. The overall emanation of this card is contemplation which then brings forth creative expression, and it brings forth the spiritual and the psychic. Its vibrations giveth the desire for reincarnation, and encourage the use of one's intelligence and mental substance.

The Planet and Sign associated to the 9 of Cups is Jupiter in Pisces. Jupiter in Pisces is fortunate in effect and brings forth those who are inclined to self sacrifice, those who are passionate and generous. It shows convictions to religion or other spiritual paths, although a tendency to guru hunt. The more spiritually developed are able to see through the need for a human figure as the personification, and look towards the universal spirit. Jupiter in Pisces shows a person with unassuming, charitable, unambitious and sociable personality. A person who is easily influenced in any direction as they are an easy-going and easy-loving type. However, their beliefs are sincere. If negatively aspected, the Jupiter in Pisces person can be a

parasite of society, passing on the responsibility of their own survival to others. Or, their nature can also be too giving and find that they are taken advantage of.

Jupiter is often classed as the greater fortune, and has an influence over the abstract mind, whereas Pisces fluctuates like the tides and is as infinitely deep as the sea. Pisces represents the universal consciousness. Jupiter brings to Pisces higher levels of awareness and expansiveness. It expresses through Pisces healing and the teaching of life by life. Jupiter in Pisces has the ability to expand into many areas of expression, but in any area its main mode of expression is through the emotions, and the ever aspiring need to improve the self.

Yesod of Heh (complete success, pleasure and happiness, wishes fulfilled).

#### DIVINATION

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

A good and generous but sometimes foolish nature shows forth in this position. There may be a great deal of self praise and vanity. The 9 of Cups shows the high minded who is not easily satisfied with small and limited ideas. Ideas come forth through spontaneous inspiration which tend to send one in many new areas

of activity. This leads to expansiveness beyond your human capabilities. Concentrate on a few areas at a time and eventually the whole will be encompassed. Reaction to outside stimuli is taken rather personally leaving a sense of guilt due to social injustices. This causes a moral obligation to those less fortunate in society. "Inspiration".

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 9 of Cups shows good fortune in business and financial affairs. One has attained material success, not only in possessions but within the self as a person. This position alludes to the body builder, one who has endowed himself well through hard work and is riding high on his success. A lot of time may be spent in fund raising or investment in charitable or educational institutions. Beware of taking too much for granted as you may step out of the field of your capabilities. Avoid situations that are considered risky. There are those that may consider you an easy mark so tread carefully around situations or offers that appear too good to be true. "Well Endowed".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education;

books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

You're supposed to have your head above the clouds, not in the clouds, and place your feet firmly on the ground. Avoid taking on too much. Perhaps you're trying to avoid obligations by keeping yourself so busy! The 9 of Cups indicates fondness of travel, especially over water. Many short trips will be taken during this period. Relationships between family members and neighbours are congenial, however there is a certain amount of recklessness or over-confidence in how much you can get away with. Generally the 9 of Cup shows abundant happiness in the above matters with keen interest in expansion of your mental capacity. There is optimism in anything attempted. "Bold Folly".

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:

This is a fortunate position for the 9 of Cups for in all of the above matters the 9 of Cups represents material happiness. It shows an environment that gives all the opportunity possible to express creative talent; the experiencing of enriching life experiences; ones attitude is extremely positive so that even setbacks have little effect to ones forward movement towards better things. To get the most from this positive position in your spiritual life you must respond to your own genuine needs



and along with the needs of others inspiring them with positiveness. The 9 of Cups shows a vast storehouse of fruitful resources ready for when you need them. Your cup overfloweth for you have material and spiritual benefits. "Material Happiness".

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

This position would be a very beneficial one for the 9 of Cups if it was not for the tendency to expansiveness in all of the above matters. There is so much happiness and success in life's activities, one cannot see what a fall ones expansiveness will bring. Moderation is the key here which will maintain an equilibrium. One is fortunate with children, offspring do well in most activities, but do beware of giving them too much on a silver platter. There is a danger of indulgence in drugs, or whatever the trend of the generation. Unwise speculation will cause financial loss, therefore again attempt moderation and you will do alright. Generally this position is fortunate for you with the 9 of Cups here, providing you don't get carried away and cause your own downfall. "Expansiveness".

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 9 of Cups shows that there will be an offer of a better job, or that there will be a promotion within the place that you work. The movement in this position is upwards in whatever you do. There is happiness in your work environment with congeniality in relationships. One's sense of service can be almost to the point of devotion, giving many hours of yourself to your employment. If enquiring about employees, you are assured that they will be faithful and conscientious. Employers are benevolent. Skills are acquired that earn you a great deal of success. This position shows great fulfilment as you will receive a great deal from your life's work and those in positions of authority. For this reason the Key word for this position is "Benevolence".

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:

There is good luck in finding a marriage partner that is able to help promote the self as well as provide freedom of expression and growth. Don't kick it! The 9 of Cups in this position depicts material happiness derived from partnerships. A great deal of the self is devoted to society and its institutions; one could almost be considered a martyr as a great deal of selfless love is expressed to those in need of help in one way or another, and to relieve the problems of society. If you are not already doing this then you would do well to consider

it instead of indulging in self-interests. Nevertheless, no matter what your activity, there is happiness in the above matters. "Self-Sacrifice".

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:

On the material side of matters there is good fortune in all of the above. An abundant income of finance from other resources; great benefits achieved through partnerships; the successful handling of business affairs etc. There is a return of stolen or lost goods, or, a reimbursement. An overall contentedness in current affairs envelopes the atmosphere. On the esoteric/spiritual side of matters the 9 of Cups depicts a heightening and expansion of consciousness; spiritual contact with the other side; or mystic experiences of such capacity that they cannot be ignored, inspiring one on to a greater understanding of the cosmos and the inner self. This is truly a time of enlightenment. "Enlightenment".

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:

When the 9 of Cups turns up here men and women enter into

religious studies, religious institutions and hermetic orders. There is no half measure to these people for devotion must be total. Their convictions are strong and generally held for life. This is the position of the teacher, or one who devotes him/herself to higher education and the study of philosophy of life. The 9 of Cups in this position also depicts a great deal of long distance travel. If enquiring about the success of studies or publications, the answer is yes. There is only one warning if you receive the 9 of Cups in this position, and that is beware of excessiveness, of becoming lost in the vastness of the whole. "Religious Conviction".

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

Through ones service to society one reaches a position of high esteem and prominence in the eyes of others. Religious convictions play a great deal in your professional dealings. One has the capacity of vision to support achievement which in some cases can give worldwide recognition. The 9 of Cups foretells good fortune, happiness, joy and benevolence, under the above matters. Just remember one thing now that you have eaten your fill of life - remember those who are less fortunate. This card also foretells the preparation for an early retirement; moving to a place of privacy where one can live out ones days in peace and harmony. "Prominence".

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:

You are fortunate to have friends of generosity and sensitivity to your needs. Treat them well as they will show faithfulness as true friends should. Dedication to society and humanitarian concerns bringeth spiritual reward. The only thing that will prevent you involving yourself in charitable activities is fear of losing what you have acquired. Nevertheless, the 9 of Cups shows great reward in the right action. Expansive results are achieved in the above matters which will be very successful if you enlist the spirit of co-operation in those around you. "Martyrdom".

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:

An interest in healing of the body and of the mind predominates in this position. This often leads to spiritual healing and there is a deep interest in meditation and introspective study. Your hidden resources will be revealed through meditation. The 9 of Cups in this position shows the desire for expansion of the self into the universal consciousness. It shows

that you have a chance to clear away what impedes your growth. In times of crises you will receive support and enemies will become friends. This card represents happiness in your life, not sorrow. Dealings with hospitals or societies may have a predominant part to play in your life. Health complications depicted by this card are ones of the liver and lung. Generally one can expect a significant improvement in all afflictions.

"Introspection".

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2 of Cups: "Lord of Material Happiness"  
(Second Stage Projection)

In 1st position:	"Inspiration"
In 2nd position:	"Well Endowed"
In 3rd position:	"Bold Folly"
In 4th position:	"Material Happiness"
In 5th position:	"Expansiveness"
In 6th position:	"Benevolence"
In 7th position:	"Self-Sacrifice"
In 8th position:	"Enlightenment"
In 9th position:	"Religious Conviction"
In 10th position:	"Prominence"
In 11th position:	"Martyrdom"
In 12th position:	"Introspection"

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MEDITATION ON THE NINE 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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