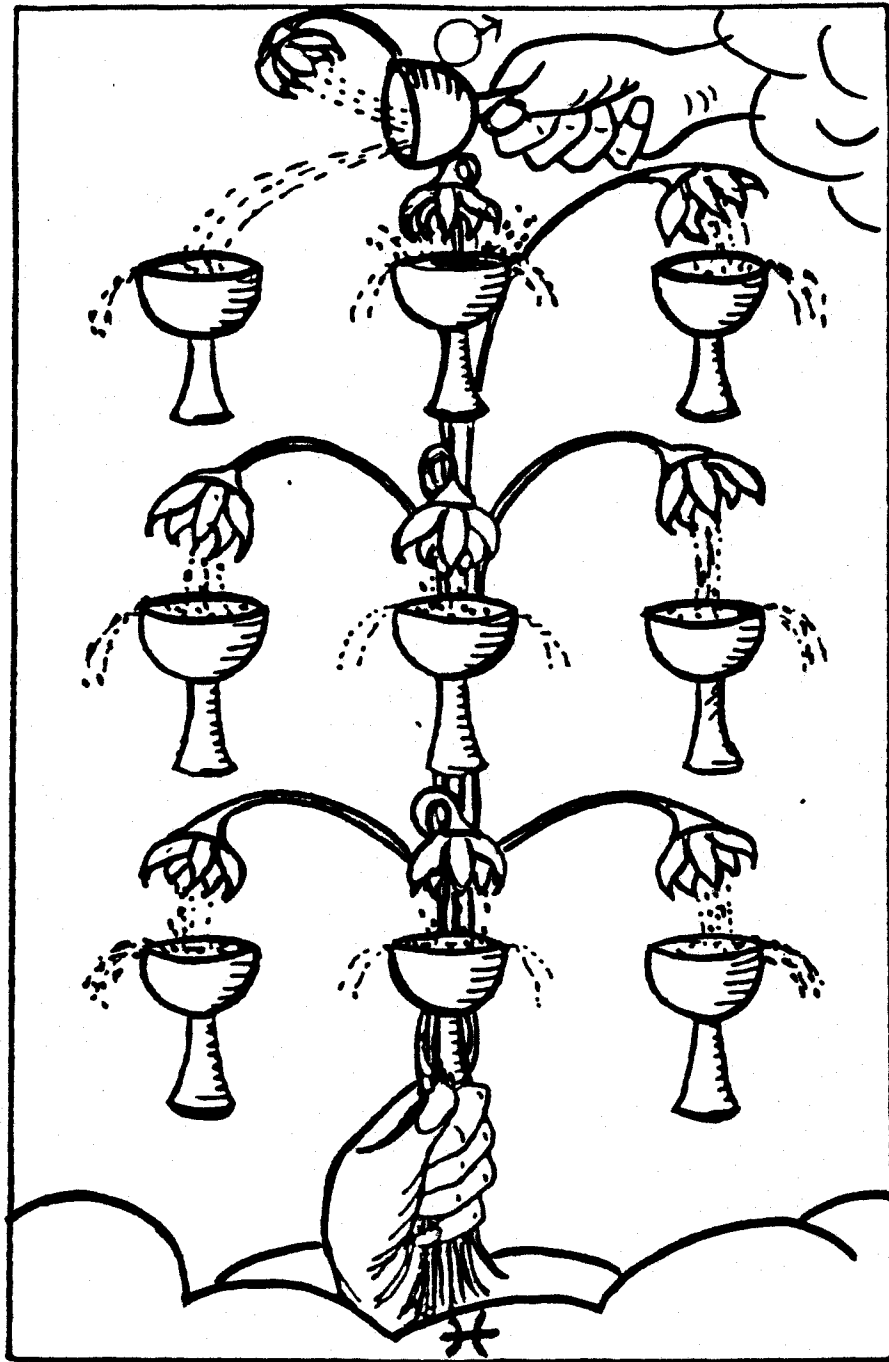


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"Lord of Perfected Happiness"

20 to 30 degrees Pisces



The hands hold a bunch of water lilies or lotuses, whose flowers pour white water into all the cups, which all run over. The upper-most cup is held sideways by a hand, and pours water into the left hand upper cup. A single lotus flower surmounts the top cup, and is the source of the water that fills it.

At this point the sea which produced the lotus has been regenerated enough by the sap or Azoth of the lotus plant to a stage where it is rich enough to produce the perfect lotus flower that has enough sap for all, and is continually replacing the nutrients back into the ocean - a type of perpetual motion - showing the vitality of Mars acting on Pisces by regeneration and growth. It has reached the stage by constant regeneration where it is the essence of the Ace of Cups strengthened on every possible level, hence perfection, answerable to its Key phrase "Lord of Perfected Happiness". This is much the same as the Kabbalistic concept of Malkuth being the Kether of another Tree. The top cup poureth the waters into the left hand upper cup denoting severity and the feminine powers of nature.

The alchemic symbol the cups and lotus plant form is the

mysterious sigil of Mars, and the ancient symbol of the Eye of Eternity is also formed by the 10 cups and lotus plant. This Eye is of the self contained, the mystic eye that is the solar door to regions celestial. The Eye of Eternity also represents enlightenment.

"Understand also, that, our Stone is from many things and of various colours, and composed from four elements, which we ought to divide and dissever in pieces, and segregate in the limbs; and mortifying the same by its proper nature, which is also in it, to preserve the water and fire dwelling therein, which is from the four elements and in their waters to contain its water: this, however, is not water in its true form, but fire, containing in a pure vessel the ascending waters, lest the spirits should fly away from the bodies; for, by this means they are made tinging and fixed. O, blessed watery pontic form, that dissolvest the elements! Now it behoves us, with this watery soul, in order to possess ourselves of the sulphurous Form, to mingle the same with our Acetum. For when, by the power of the water, the composition is dissolved, it is the key of restoration; then darkness and death fly away from them, and Wisdom proceeds." (The Golden Treatise of Hermes Trismegistus).

This showeth the virtue of the Aqua Philosophica which, by the Art of Life, distils itself to manifestation. It alludes to an inner and outer cleansing, and threefold law of life. What glory and inner sanctorum doth the 10 of Cups give.

The 10 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, Poppy Red. 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, Bluish Green, and giveth off the aura of the Poppy Red which distinguisheth them from the background Signal Green. The hand and clouds are Brilliant White.

The emergence of life itself emanates from all corners of the card of the above colours. The centre radiates outwards to the furtherest regions heralding spirit manifesting into matter. The Brilliant White water splashes forth as the elixir of life leaveing nothing untouched. The waters drawn from the Great Sea are firstly taken through the Orange Red alluding to power over the forces of nature, secondly through the Bluish Green lotus flowers alluding to the directing forces, and thirdly into the Poppy Red Cups alluding to pure heat and regeneration. The 10 of Cups giveth forth a flood of ecstasy, and at the same time veiled by the background of Signal Green are the hidden depths and mysteries of life.

The Planet and Sign associated to the 10 of Cups is Mars in Pisces. We have here a forward thrusting energy within an energy of changeability and expansiveness. Many say that Mars in Pisces has its energies dampened and at times drowned and liken it to repression. This is not the case, for Pisces settles the energies of Mars encouraging those under its influence to think

before they act, and it in fact refines the aggressive energies of Mars. Mars gives Pisces strong emotion and intensity of feeling, but this is not without thought or reason which channels these emotions into realization of what they are or what they are directed at, thereby preventing distortion and total uncontrolled reaction to ones emotional impulses. Pisces is considered a weak position for Mars. This may appear so, but this is because Mars is not totally controlling the situation - the depths of ones unconscious have a large part to play. Mars is the maker of Karma, therefore what better place for it to be for the realization of Karma. Undoubtedly due to the changeability of Pisces and when badly aspected, those under Mars in Pisces can become excessively emotional, depressively or ecstatically, depending of the situation. They also avoid direct confrontation with people or difficult situations for they prefer to work around these moments, or wait until a better time. These people will find that if they activate the Mars within their Pisces that they have ample strength to meet any situation, for Mars in Pisces gives strength and courage to this watery sign, and being in the depths of water it is a hidden, internal strength with determination that could last an eternity. Avoidance of confrontation is their unconscious reaction to fear of seeing how powerful and formidable they really can be - likened to the wrath of God.

Malkuth of Heh (matter settled, complete good fortune).

## 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 Cups shows that ambition is stimulated bringing forth a new surge of initiative and self-confidence. The problem encountered will be a tendency to reject responsibility for your actions and others tend to resent you due to this. Self projection is one of give and take. Well aspected this card shows excessive joy and happiness which envelopes those within its sphere thereby uplifting them, which in turn returns such emotion. The 10 of Cups depicts the full experience of the commencement of a new and exciting project and the joyful reaping of benefits thereof; it is not what one can hold in ones hand that is of value, it is what one can hold in ones heart. "Joy".

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 queries about finance the 10 of Cups, unless badly aspected, shows that good fortune is coming your way, but the 10 of Cups more importantly represents possession of far higher things than material objects. Nevertheless this position shows

the ability to capitalize on other people's needs; it shows the hard worker who expects a great deal in return - you value yourself highly. You can expect greater effort in enterprises than usual, an increased desire to obtain wealth and status. These changes of feeling towards your affairs can lead to impulsiveness in your affairs and turn your nature to greed. Try to avoid this for the greater good of your spiritual development. "Precious Gain".

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

You may travel a long way in pursuit of understanding, if only you would just be quiet for a moment and listen to the silence, you may not have to go to so much trouble. Find a quiet undisturbed place and blank your mind, then just maybe enlightenment will come and flood every part of your being. The 10 of Cups shows one approaching the above matters with great self confidence. This is a good position for this card if only for the happy, joyous occasions it represents, such as celebrations over passing of exams or reunion of family, or the improvement of neighbourhood affairs. Have confidence in those around you and your own destiny for you will not be disappointed. "Confidence".

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; con-



cerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

In this position the 10 of Cups shows there is concord between family members and success is crowned with fulfilment; ones environment is peaceful and secure. It represents the homeland and matters turning out far better than expected. The 10 of Cups also represents a strange and sudden turn of events; excessive emotion caused by a flooding of enlightenment and sight of ones Path. Where there is perfection there is bound to be disruption, therefore on the negative side of matters the 10 of Cups shows a situation where one is forced to submit to prevailing conditions, or the exploitation of the Will of others. Trials and tribulations encountered in the home however tend to strengthen the spirit. "Unbalanced Perfection".

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

To receive the 10 of Cups in this position you may feel that your ship has come in, and this may very well be so. A prize may be won; speculations become abundantly successful; love given is expansive and deeply emotional; possibly more than one love at one time; many children; and lots of fun and happiness in recreational matters. On a higher level love is transformed to a universal and spiritual love. There is only one thing you must be warned of, and that is over indulgence in pleasure seeking activities. The unusual and unexpected can most definitely be

expected here. Sexual desire is intensified which may cause additional aggressiveness in pursuit of fulfilment either sexually or in creative expression. "Sexual Creativity".

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 10 of Cups shows a person who is more than capable of being his/her own boss and able to work and accomplish a great deal unsupervised, but one who must be inspired. Health may be affected by living at a fast pace. Sports are taken up to improve health but these sometimes can do more harm than good if you're taking too much on. Surgery may be in order to solve a health problem. Those people who have benefited by your services or activities in your work environment will remember you and will express gratitude. Relationships in the work environment are good and trustworthy. On the negative side they tend to have too much excessiveness. You can expect good luck, or a good turn of events in this position. Anyone with psychological problems are likely to come to realization with the 10 of Cups in this position. "Trustworthy".

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:

A hasty marriage, contracts rushed into and relationships are quickly formed, all in an exalted rush of emotion and belief that good fortune will result. This position shows one who is willing at any time to do favours for others but needs to be appreciated in return. A great deal of satisfaction is achieved in working to the success of social activities. A marriage is depicted to be good, in fact beyond expectation. Activities within the above matters are arranged and settled in accordance with ones wishes. The 10 of Cups represents perpetual success when it turns up in this position. The Key word for the 10 of Cups here is "Satiety".

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:

A burning need to spiritually evolve draws an individual into spiritualism and mysticism. The 10 of Cups represents sight into celestial regions, revelations and the pouring forth of the Holy Spirit. Strong emotions may arise from the subconscious mind and one may harbour unconscious resentments which can lead to symptoms. This causes the need of solitude and possible therapy to regain energy. Materialistically the 10 of Cups depicts great happiness and good fortune in the above matters, one way or the other you will reap what you sow. This card is known to also represent the passage of the dead to the other

side. "Spiritual Aspirations".

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:

Liberties are taken in legal matters which could lead to more litigation. Turn your energies towards programmes for the benefit of the society; in this way you will receive recognition. There are possible dangers during travel and with water, be careful. The 10 of Cups shows a high religious sense and the promotion of ones religious values. this leads to possible fanaticism and a "holier than thou" attitude. Business with foreign countries brings prosperity and happiness. In educational matters there is success in studies and exams which brings joy into ones life. Success is well earned. A chosen path will be walked with great enthusiasm. "Perpetuity".

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 Cups represents perfected success; glory and an honourable reputation; material well being; that one is held in high esteem. There will be a gain in status within both ones personal and working environment. A parent or a superior will bestow honour; the receiving of a medal; or the

successful attainment of a goal. At this point in a persons life they could not ask for more, for the penultimate of emotional and spiritual fulfilment has been achieved. What more can be said for the 10 of Cups except the Key phrase "Perfected 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:

The bestowing of human love and friendship is represented in this position. This card represents the environment of the querent, or the birthplace, that holds precedence in the above affairs. A friend from the past comes back into your life, whose presence causes the flooding of memories. Contentment, trust and friendship play a predominant part in affairs of the community. There is a turn of events for the better within government which brings happiness to the public. The 10 of Cups shows selfless service and deep spiritual aspirations for the furtherance of the development of humanity. A great deal of love is received. One bestows upon the world what one has reaped. "Euphoric"

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:

Karmically the 10 of Cups represents total karmic responsibility of self sacrifice to humanity. It shows deep and hidden resources available to the querent and a deep understanding of the unconscious. Ones self undoing is excessive emotion. Health problems are diseases arising from excessive drinking, balanitis, hyperidrosis, bromidrosis, pectoral affections, feverish sweats, bunions and corns. This card shows the power to heal thyself. Total identification is with ones Higher Genius and one is never entirely happy unless flooded with the Divine White Brilliance. Problems come to light and are dealt with severely. The 10 of Cups is the power of the unconscious in this position and in most cases is not altogether fortunate as there are only a few that can handle and direct this power. "The Unconscious".

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10 of Cups: "Lord of Perfected Happiness"

(3rd Stage Projection - refined gold)

In 1st position:	"Joy"
In 2nd position:	"Precious Gain"
In 3rd position:	"Confidence"
In 4th position:	"Unbalanced Perfection"
In 5th position:	"Sexual Creativity"
In 6th position:	"Trustworthy"
In 7th position:	"Satiety"
In 8th position:	"Spiritual Aspirations"
In 9th position:	"Perpetuity"
In 10th position:	"Perfected Success"
In 11th position:	"Euphoric"
In 12th position:	"The Unconscious"

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## MEDITATION ON THE TEN 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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