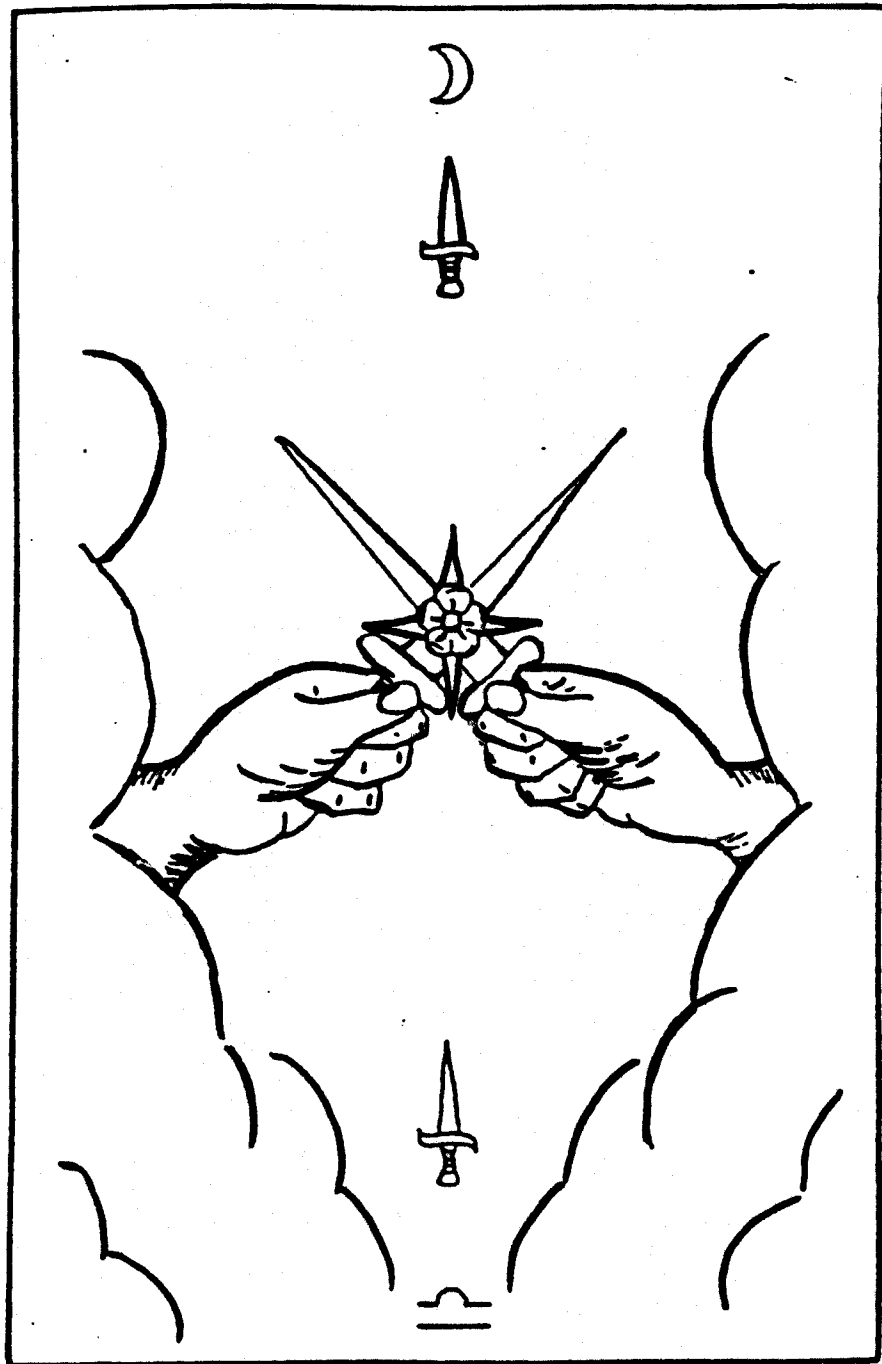


LESSON 73

TWO OF SWORDS

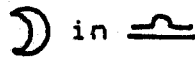


LESSON 73

2 OF SWORDS

"Lord of Peace Restored"

0 to 10 degrees Libra



Two crossed swords, like the air dagger of the ZAM, each held by a white radiant angelic hand. Upon the point where the two swords cross is a rose of five petals, emitting white rays.

The white rose at the junction of the swords shows that the very heart of spirituality has been pierced by the sword. The five petals show that this action is in each of the five elements - with possible different results. In material things such as the body it could refer to an operation, or a wound, to save ones life. In the intellect it shows penetration or mental anguish to bring out the negative tendencies so the individual will be well balanced. This card shows that one's very essence has to be reached then penetrated to bring forth the vitality trapped within. It is harmony or peace through penetration of self.

The two hands show balanced or controlled penetration, and they reach from the opposite sides of the card, each from a cloud showing the coming together of opposing forces. The clouds coming from the sides of the card and not from underneath show that the White Eagle of the Ace of Swords has risen from the great waters as vapor and has now become air.

In Alchemy the symbol (the cross with a circle in the middle) the 2 of Swords gives, symbolises Tutia, which in its true pure state as Tutty cleaves to the top of the oven, which again alludes to the risen White Eagle. This symbol was an ancient symbol for Pluto and for Salt in one of its many forms. It also symbolises a stage of the Green Lion, Crystallised Verdigris, of which C.G. Jung in *Mysterium Conjunctionis* says:

'The state of imperfect transformation, merely hoped for and waited for, does not seem to be one of torment only, but of positive, if hidden, happiness. It is the state of someone who, in his wanderings among the mazes of his psychic transformation, comes upon a secret happiness which reconciles him to his apparent loneliness. In communing with himself he finds not deadly boredom and melancholy but an inner partner; more than that, a relationship that seems like the happiness of a secret love, or like a hidden springtime, when the green seed sprouts from the barren earth, holding out the promise of future harvests. It is the alchemical *benedicta viriditas*, the blessed greenness, signifying on the one hand the "leprosy of the metals" (*verdigris*), but on the other the secret immanence of the divine spirit of life in all things.'

And there we see the nature of the 2 of Swords, which has been aptly named "Lord of Peace Restored". So from this card we'll understand how quarrels are made up and forces are united, how strength is attained through suffering, and how pleasure is

felt after pain. Most of all the knowledge of peace within truth.

The 2 of Swords is coloured in the Prince Scale. The swords are coloured the colour of the Planet, Turquoise White. The backdrop is coloured the colour of the Sign, Chrome Green (bright Bottle Green). The hands, rose and clouds are Brilliant White, and the star emanating from the rose is the complementary colour to the backdrop, Brick Red.

In alchemy green means perfection, but the green of the 2 of Swords is not a shining brilliant green but a deeper green, therefore it alludes to a state of an as yet unattained perfection. Nevertheless the Chrome Green of the 2 of Swords relates to a bridge between the personality and the spirit, and it shows a state of balance and rest. The Turquoise White alludes to serenity and awareness, and the Brilliant White shows the presence of the Spirit. However the mere presence of the Brick Red depicts that balance is not perfect and rest is not total as it installs a catalytic state and threatens to tip the scales.

The astrological association of the 2 of Swords is the Moon in Libra. The Moon in Libra shows the two concepts of superficiality and extreme sensitivity to how and what other people think. Its superficiality is derived from the avoidance of the harshness of reality. Therefore those with Moon in Libra tend to surround themselves with harmonious conditions and beautiful things, and live to the etiquette of the times. These people will go to any length for harmony and peace in relationships,

hence their oversensitive behaviour to the feelings and ideas of others, causing changelings to arise out of their personalities. They shift and change their ways and attitude to fit in with the attitude of their peers or those who have an air of power. On a more positive note the Moon in Libra can give an ability in public relations, and bring forth in a person a kind and gentle nature. Nevertheless there is an emotional dependence on partnerships, and rarely can such a person work alone in life. Those with the Moon in Libra are strongly influenced by acting out their emotions on an intellectual and cultural level, pouring all their energies in to social activities and relationships.

Chokmah of Vau (Quarrel made up, yet still some tension in relations; action sometimes selfish, sometimes unselfish).

DIVINATION

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

The 2 of Swords shows a beautiful external appearance and a genteel manner of projection. It represents a selfhood that thrives on change and a lot of mental activity. Severity in all matters causes abhorance and an over-balance of ones perceptions, therefore a great deal of effort is made to maintain a positive and pleasing environment. The lesson to be learned when the 2 of Swords turns up here is to learn to understand your own inner

flexibilities and uncertainties, then develop a mental independence from the influences of external factors. There you will find balance. The general vibration given by the 2 of Swords in this position shows that there is current peace and equilibrium after mental anguish. "Peacemaker".

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 2 of Swords shows an air of mistrust and suspicion, and the motives of others are questioned. The demands of others may cost you, disrupting a currently balanced situation. Financial and business affairs are not discussed openly, and if divulged at all, are discussed privately with only those close and with whom you can trust. Women are likely to play a part in your business affairs. This is a time when one has a stronger need for emotional and material security. One must not only know mentally that there is security, but it must be felt intuitively. The 2 of Swords shows that one can be assured of temporary security, but warns that there are still opposing factors. "Mistrust".

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

The 2 of Swords represents a lot of social activity and communication in this position. You can expect visitors to your home and a great deal of communication with co-workers, neighbours and family. A lot of decisions are made during this time, and the intellect is stimulated into many areas of thought, encouraging a wider field of observation and the ability to learn from everyone who comes into contact with you. On the negative side of things, you may have difficulty finding your own identity as you are influenced by the ideas and attitudes of the media, of those close to you and those you communicate with. There may be quarrels deliberately orchestrated, then peace is restored but not without an air of tension. "Socializing".

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:

Here the 2 of Swords shows how one can maintain and regulate a balance in lifes affairs through the agility of thought. As each difficulty is met one regulates ones mode of thinking and action which is governed by pre-thought, therefore forever maintaining the mental and emotional balance needed in our busy world. The home is made a place of peace, a haven away from the hustle and bustle of the outside world, thus the wise man provides nourishment in solitude and quiet and when confronted with the outside world acts accordingly to the flow of life that

surrounds him. In this way we stand over the onslaught of constant disruption. "Regulating".

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

To be loved is very important to those who receive the 2 of Swords here, but this must be kept in perspective. On the one hand giving love to a partner and receiving it in return can spur you on to heights never dreamed of. On the other hand one can spread love around like gonorrhoea. In matters of recreation etc., the 2 of Swords shows a disinterest in interests that cause too much physical or emotional excitement. Interest is taken in intellectual pursuits, especially when ones knowledge can be shared with others of like mind. The game of chess, for example, provides especial enjoyment, and other mentally stimulating board games are proven to be a great favourite for those receiving the 2 of Swords here. "Intellectual Pursuits"

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:

Problems in the work environment cause nervousness. Ill health causes the necessary direct and sometimes severe action to be taken to restore peace once again in ones body. Direct action

may be through an operation, or if you're lucky enough, a complete turn about of attitude and feelings for the self which will either purge the negativity within through the power of thought, or encourage some sensible action towards the right diet and necessary health steps to take for the restoration of good health. You are likely to work alone or with only one other in your work environment, for any more people around you causes nervous tension and disturbance in the general balance you keep in your mind. There may be a visit to an analyst to help you to balance yourself. "Operation".

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:

Disputes are made up and peace is restored, but all is not as it was; there are still some unresolved differences between parties. The 2 of Swords characterizes in this position domestic and marital concerns, and the necessity for partners to work in harmony. There will be additional interaction with women in your life, and you are likely to come up against fickleness in personalities, but this is compensated by warmth and companionship. The 2 of Swords shows one who prefers to go along with the flow of the trend of thought. One who is a fashion follower, is very conscious of "what's In" for the day, and is always concerned about what other people think. In fact these people don't feel comfortable or at peace with themselves unless they

are living, thinking and dressing to the current trends.
 "Reconciliation".

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 Swords in this position shows that many lives are enriched by a person that seems to psychically know more about other people than they actually know about themselves. Business ventures, estates and finance etc., will be handled with skill. Any disturbance in the finance market will be calmed. The 2 of Swords represents the intermediary, the arbitrator, or the executor. Emotional ties are shown to be ended and in some cases a stalemate forms. An amnesty is given for those who have committed wrong doings. On the mystical or spiritual side of matters the 2 of Swords represents keen intellectual penetration and translation of psychic and intuitive impressions. This is the translator between the unconscious and the conscious.

"Translator".

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 creative power of thought penetrates the written

mysteries of ancient times. For the more deeper kind of individual the 2 of Swords shows one who is careful in to whom and what they communicate. It shows one who puts a great deal of thought into the above matters, and who is able to (eventually) penetrate the depths of his/her own essence bringing forth a conscious realization. For the more superficial type of person philosophic, ethnic, and religious morals and values of the time influence all forms of thought. Under such conditionings attitudes can be biased. Participation in any of the above matters are motivated by what esteem they bring and to avoid being alone in ones community, whether it be physically alone or due to intellectual difference. "Creative Thought".

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

Under the above matters the 2 of Swords shows that a position has been firmly entrenched. Nobody gains an advantage as matters remain where they are. On planning advancement in ones career there is an element of delay due to indecision. The 2 of Swords also shows that goals at this stage cannot be reached due to opposition, though this opposition only comes into being when one decides to press forward. To remain in the situation without any advantage the opposing forces do not try to interfere with you but will let matters lie. This is a perfect example of the law of cause and effect for every effort you make one will be made against you, yet if you remain still the situation may

resolve itself in time. "Reaction".

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 2 of Swords represents an area of superficiality in the above matters. Generally speaking it represents someone in a rut. They are in a position of their own making and cannot get out of it. It is a no-growth factor. A person here finds his or herself closed in and unable to act. Friends will be unable to help because one cannot open up to them. They, on the other hand, will not show their innermost feelings to you. There will be no increase in income or any other type of material benefits, and all of ones ideals will not come about. It is a situation of little hope of advancement for the future. "Restriction".

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:

In this position the 2 of Swords relates to a point of balance between Karma completed and Karma yet to be faced. It shows a time of release and peace, a time to rest before pushing forward and meeting your future. It also represents a point

where the interplay of the opposing forces of the universe meet giving new life. Regarding health the 2 of Swords shows various afflictions caused by Kidney disorders. A time of strength after suffering and peace after pain. Confused thoughts and psychological disturbances are restored into orderly thought patterns leaving mental clarity. Total identification is shown to be with the power of thought and with the necessity for knowledge of ones inner most thought processes. "Equilibrium".

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2 of Swords: "Lord of Restored Peace"

(First Stage Cibation - Mortificatio)

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In 10th position:	"Reaction"
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In 12th position:	"Equilibrium"

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MEDITATION ON THE TWO OF SWORDS:

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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