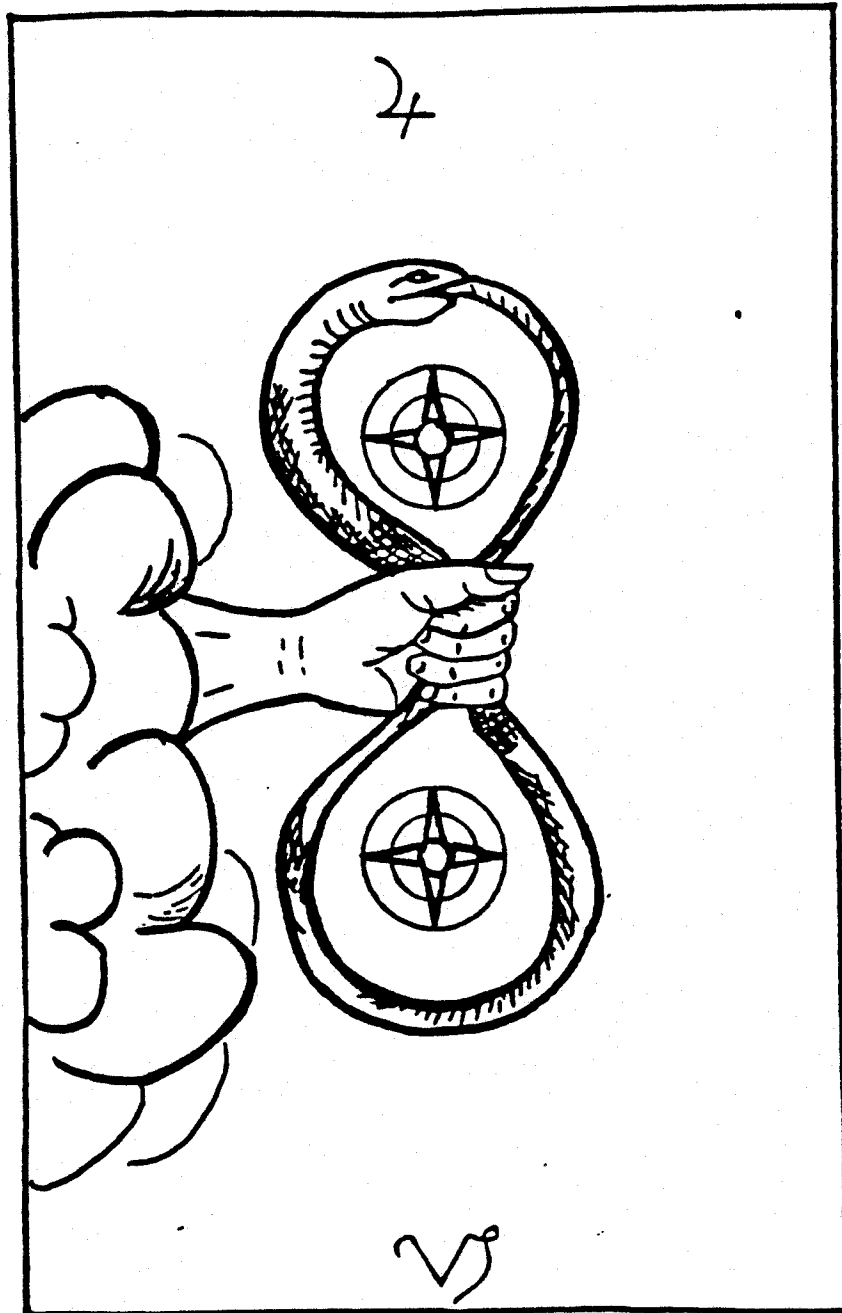


LESSON 83

TWO OF DISKS



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"Lord of Harmonious Change"

0 - 10 degrees Capricorn

4 in V3

Two wheels, disks or pentacles, similar to that of the Ace. They are united by a green and gold serpent, bound about them like a figure of 8. It holds its tail in its mouth. A White Radiant Angelic Hand holds the centre of the whole. No roses enter into this card. Above and below are the symbols of Jupiter and Capricorn. It is a revolving symbol.

Entwined by the serpent Mercurius, the two disks show the Yin/Yang concept of duality but also the self fertilisation aspect which leads to birth. It shows two opposites interwoven so closely together that they almost function as a single unit in a harmonious vibration. The cyclic nature of the card, influenced by Jupiter with the detachment of Capricorn shows the expansion of the individual units. The unsupported disks are cosmic forces in action and they create the necessary conditions for further unfoldment and show the movement of the elements at interplay.

The Fountain of Life that was reflected through the winged sphere of the Ace of Disks, is shown to have stimulated growth and regeneration in the 2 of Disks through the presence of the serpent, whose phallic connotations depict the seed, and through

the presence of the disks, encircled by the serpent, depicting the ovum, which will be seen in future cards as the growing rose. The encircled disks also reveal the power of the waters around the earth and the awakening of a dynamic force, which shows the disks as emblems of resurrection. The clouds separated from the lower part of the card, and placed on the left side and centre of the card show that the source of change of the 2 of Disks is not earth-bound.

The serpent is Mercurius and is also known as the "fiery wheel of existence." It is also analogous in meaning to the unenlightened soul, however, the figure 8 formed by the serpent shows the vertical symbol of infinity, and also the alchemic symbol of Sal Alkali, Sal Gemma, White Vitriol and Tutia. From these symbols we see here firstly a pure fluid metal (zinc) which is itself generated from three fluid primals, crystalised within salt¹. Secondly the 2 of disks represents the salts of metals² at their magistry during the whitening stage.

Note:

- 1 This is implying the formation of material form in the mineral and vegetable Kingdom where the zinc is made solid by imbedding it in Sal Alkali (glass salt), and from which it can be used. Sal Gemma is sparkling salt (metaline salt).
- 2 White Vitriol is known as Zinc Sulphate, Vitriol is other wise known as Salts of Metals. Alkali is vitriol from the mines.

The serpent being coloured green and gold is also representative of nature who gradually performs her work, where substances regenerate within the bowels of the earth (see above "seed and ovum"). So the green and gold serpent is initially crude matter, in the verdigris, (the green) and then in the gold as the resultant matter.

You will see from the above that the "Lord of Harmonious Change" is an apt name for the 2 of Disks, its nature being one of increased realisation and its constructive force towards creation.

The 2 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The background is the colour of the zodiac sign, Deep Olive Brown, which is translucent around the snake and disks, forming a figure 8 in space, it becomes truer to the depths of its colour on the outer areas of the card. The disks are the colour of the planet, Violet Blue rayed with Yellow Gold. The stars of the disks are Yellow Gold. The middle circle of the disks, in the centre of the stars are coloured White. The hand and clouds are Brilliant White and the serpent is Yellowish Olive Green (on its underbelly) and Gold (on its back). Note: The introduction of the Green to this card is another example where additional colours are used to balance up the overall meaning of the cards, though these are few and far between within the G.D. system. If you combine the Yellow Gold rays with the background colour you will obtain Yellowish Olive Green that has been introduced.

The Deep Olive Brown is the necessary solidification required to effect the change and growth of the Yellow Gold and Yellowish Olive Green in the direction of manifestation of matter, along with structuring the volatile and expansive nature of the Violet Blue. So where there's solidity there is also the subtle upsurge of growth and movement (Green and Gold), and where there is overexpansiveness and stillness in "just being" (Violet Blue), there is compression and construction causing movement, (Deep Olive Brown).

The astrological association to the 2 of Disks is Jupiter in Capricorn. This shows a period of readjustment, changes in public image and an overall attempt at self improvement. Jupiter is in its fall in Capricorn and those under its influence must learn how to give, free of commitment and free of payment. They have a talent for planning and are analytical in their work, traditional and conservative in their ways. Through managerial abilities there is personal financial gain. They are practical in thought and on the negative side of things they become dogmatic, miserly and morally narrow. However these people are very serious minded individuals and have a talent for turning everything their way. There is an inclination to travel and study philosophy and religion. Jupiter in Capricorn represents those who desire positions of power and high social positions. When in these positions of power they can become cold individuals with an austere manner along with an inflated ego.

Chokmah of Heh (F) (Pleasant change, visit to friends).

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 2 of Disks has a dual meaning, more so than any other card in the Minor Arcana. On one side it shows a generous, positive and intuitive projection of personality with many agreeable qualities. On the other side it shows an indecisive and pliable personality that gives the impression of weakness. The lesson to learn is dependability and integrity. This card does not show new beginnings, and projects will be difficult to launch, however it does show change and a new flow of energy in current matters. Here the querent must turn life's changes into an ever upward spiral. There is great sensitivity to the harshness of outside stimulæ causing a withdrawal reaction; ride these times out and all will end for the better. "Changes".

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:

There is an alternation of gain and/or loss when the 2 of Disks turns up in this position - the deciding factor being the

surrounding cards. You will be going through a very industrious period in your life and if you are prudent in management you will be fortunate. However, your attitude towards yourself may not be very desirable, fluctuating from one idea to another. Nevertheless this card shows creativity and can be likened to the continuous wheel of commerce and the constant reshaping of governmental issues with the installation of new governments. "Fluctuations".

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

Here the 2 of disks shows someone or something constantly on the move; there is change in all forms of communication and travel. For the young, gentle growth takes place mentally and physically and they take favourably to study. There may be talk which does not account to much within the family or between neighbours. You may find yourself very talkative but still come up against unspoken suspicion. In being able to know and understand the areas where you are weak and where you are strong, you will be able to apply your energies where and when they work best. Trying to live up to family expectations will only give a sense of failure and lead to depression. Invest your wealth of ideas into longterm projects as they will give you your best returns. "Harmonious Growth".

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:

The 2 of disks in this position shows harmonious transitions between stages. It represents a happy and healthy home environment which works in harmony with all concerned, although the status of harmony is unreliable when minor disruptions occur. Adjustments are made for disruptions, however, and everyone soon gets back to their routine. Either you or a parent is argumentative so be careful of a little baiting by others to set you up for a fall. This card shows shifting homes, sale of real estate or moving from one country (State) to another. It depicts the wanderer in many ways, yet this is not a person driven to wandering by circumstance but someone who wanders by choice. "Wandering".

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

The 2 of disks in this position advises that one must invest in time and effort towards gain in ones investments. In affairs concerning children try not to over-indulge them as they will not endear to you but go in the opposite direction. Under entertainment, recreation, etc., this card shows a pleasant change, a lot of gaiety. In gambling your luck could change for the better or worse, and you may encounter embarrassment in debts. Use dexterity in these matters. However, any troubles are usually more imaginary than real. The 2 of disks represents agility of

mind and body in this position. "Dexterity".

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:

An everchanging occupation is depicted here or an occupation that incorporates alot of travel. Time and effort towards your career brings benefits if you can stay in one place long enough. However, under the above matters the 2 of Disks shows change in your place of work, ideas and plans. These changes are harmonious and generally for the better unless surrounded by cards to the contrary. Work may involve a lot of writing and messages. You will find agility in handling situations simultaneously, but if adversely affected, you will have difficulty and find that you just can't cope. Interaction between co-workers is productive and developments thereof are stimulating. Be light-hearted and laugh and enjoy life more. "Career Moves".

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:

Under the above matters the 2 of Disks represents someone wandering. The karmic challenge this person must encounter is to ask why they must wander: find that purpose, then give conscious

purpose to movement. In relationships there are natural fluctuations. For the single, there may be a bit of juggling between dates. Social gaiety, partying and laughter show when receiving this card here, and there is a general feeling of physical well-being. Seeds for a new relationship are sown and business concerns grow. Again the general influence here is harmonious change. For example, marriages improve through the people concerned changing, more so than changing conditions. "Juggling".

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:

First elated, then filled with melancholy. There is over-concern in facts and figures and of the physical rather than spirit then sudden changes to the spirit, neglecting the physical. Wealth is attained through management and patience although ones fortune is limited. In mystical matters and spiritualism the 2 of Disks is well aspected and shows alliances in all spheres of relationships. In crime someone may escape retribution. This card shows the powers of rejuvenation to the fullest in this position, as it is the interplay of the elements. Its influence is transformative and the querent may not know what has hit him or her until this upsurge subsides and they are able to look back on their old selves, or old partnerships. In matters of joint resources these are juggled from one investment to another and show a general improvement. "Interplay".

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:

Now is the time to extend your education - look and see how education has helped you to reach your objectives. The 2 of Disks is fortunate in this position, providing opportunity in all of the above matters. Travel is evident and there is a lot of interaction with public communication providing benefits all round. On matters of religion there are strong energies interacting, drawing people into areas of realization of spheres that they would normally not be involved in. There is still skillful navigation in areas of the above matters and application of inner knowledge. Of negative side effects, studies are unstable and there is an element of recklessness in everything one attempts. "Benefits".

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

Here the 2 of Disks show one working in harmony with the chains of command. Journeys are connected with business interests and show definite changes, with careful manipulation of set conditions for the purpose of continued success. This card shows a person who holds down two careers at once. It also shows a sudden but harmonious change in one's career (one manifesting the

other). There is prudence in management which wins recognition and respect. However the 2 of Disks alternates under the above matters between gain and loss, weakness and strength. Of energies it represents the "go with the flow" of the times but then one makes an unexpected, but natural change. "Harmonious Change".

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:

Visits to friends and visits from friends are shown here by the 2 of Disks. There are changes in legislation and governmental issues as this is a time when all things must flow in harmony together; holding back will only bring negative results. Realization of purpose in affairs under the above matters is just around the corner. Watch your attitude as you will be expecting people to remember or recognise you for your accomplishments. You must remember that you are only a small part of this great universal wheel of life. You can expect an unstable financial income when the 2 of Disks turns up in this position and activities within groups show promise of bearing fruit. In giving and benefiting others you will yield twofold. "Visiting".

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:

Spiritual and physical riches may come ones way. In matters of health the 2 of Disks represents cutaneous disorders such as eczema, psoriasis, urticaria. The responsibility held here is the nourishment and preservation of life according to the cosmic law, but this does not mean to prevent death, as both life and death are part of the cycle of life. No condition is fixed, so that unresolved problems will become resolved, poor health becomes good health and good health become poorly, sorrow becomes elation etc. The 2 of Disks represents one who is very sensitive to vibrations and emotions. It also shows a time in a persons life when they can retire from one form of activity, and take up, full time, other activities they so long have wished to do. "Transient".

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2 of Disks: "Lord of Harmonious Change"
(First Stage Exaltation)

- In 1st position: "Changes"
- In 2nd position: "Fluctuation"
- In 3rd position: "Harmonious Growth"
- In 4th position: "Wandering"
- In 5th position: "Dexterity"
- In 6th position: "Career Moves"
- In 7th position: "Juggling"
- In 8th position: "Interplay"
- In 9th position: "Benefits"
- In 10th position: "Harmonious Change"
- In 11th position: "Visiting"
- In 12th position: "Transient"

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MEDITATION ON THE TWO OF DISKS:

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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