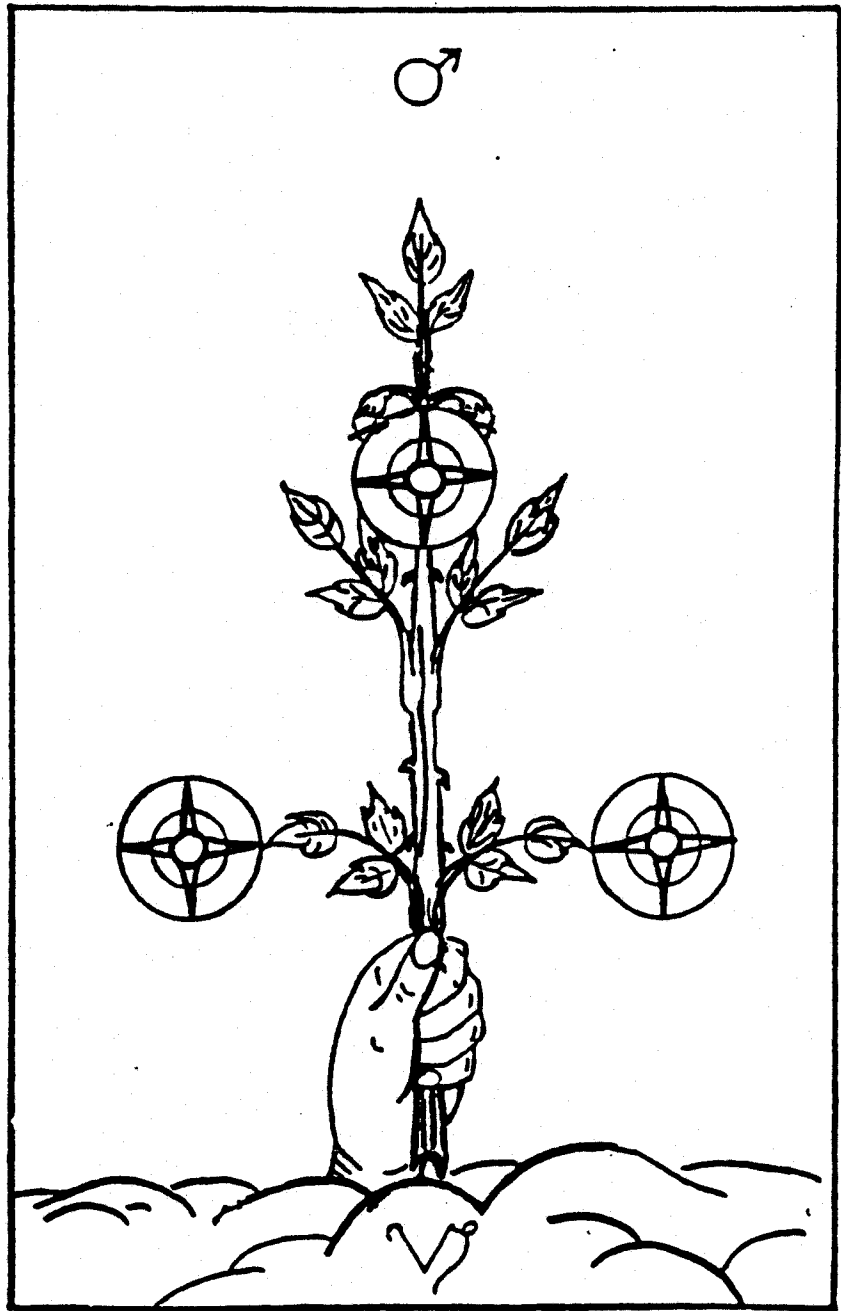


LESSON 84

THREE OF DISKS



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"Lord of Material Works"

10-20 degrees Capricorn

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A white winged angelic hand, as before, holding a branch of a rose tree, of which two white rose buds touch and surmount the top most pentacle. The pentacles are arranged in the equilateral triangle.

The rose bush forms the shape of the Papal Cross while the disks form a triangle, which is known as the human triangle or the triangle of consuming fire. Together they form a symbol thus:

The Papal cross symbolises concealed mysteries, and this is emphasized by the unopened buds at the top; the triangle of the supernals enclosing the cross shows that the mysteries not only allude to the spirit, but the presence of salt, sulphur and mercury, and symbolize the law of balance where trinity becomes unity, as the electrical and magnetic forces depicted by this symbol are of equal power. Moreover, the 3 of Disks shows through this symbol that conflict between opposites appears to have ceased for the time being and they are working in harmonic interaction. However, harmony only lasts while this conflicting force does not manifest.

In breaking down this symbolism we can see the alchemic

connotations coming through from the 2 of disks. For example, an upward pointing triangle with a straight line drawn from the apex through the bottom line is another symbol for Sal Alkali which now in this card represents the 'Oil of the Philosophers', or the 'Salt of Wisdom' which causes the spirit to enter properly into bodies and permeate them. If we continue the line above the apex and place a small vertical line across the top of the apex we have a symbol which relates to Cauda which is the Latin word for a tail of an animal. Here we are seeing the symbol of the serpent from the two of disks swallowing its tail and thus alluding to the concept of eating ones own flesh, self fertilization. From another angle we see two straight strokes, each intersecting the other in the centre, one horizontal and the other vertical with a small circle on the top and two side points formed by the disks and main branch of the rose bush is another symbol for Vitriol, the true self, showing the true essence of the stone is forming through rectification.

With the rose bush here as the Tree of Life, the third disk shows the completion of the supernal - perfection above the Abyss, something not yet tainted by the world below it. The buds show that the rose of purity has not yet blossomed and though formed it is in its infantile state of development. The supernal represents the Kabbalistic World of Assiah and is the completion of the first stage of a project. The basic building blocks have now been laid for future development.

A very active energy is shown by the 3 of Disks which works

in the world of Assiah, hence its name 'Lord of Material Works'. Its primal purpose is to 'bring into manifestation' through using control and discipline, and the firm establishment of the material. Its motion or energy is one that cannot go backwards, for it is constantly forced onwards through the power caused by momentum. There is a constant struggle between the positive and negative, and the Will and desire.

The clouds have returned to the earth and are kept everpresent due to the heat generated from the workings within the earth, which meets with the cool air above.

The 3 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The disks are the colour of the planet, Cherry Red rayed with Amber, and the background is the colour of the sign, Deep Olive Brown. The rose bush is coloured in the complementary colour of the background, Dark Violet. The rose buds, hand, clouds and centre of the disks (with stars emanating therefrom) are coloured Brilliant White. The background colour is shaded light and translucent in the middle of the card (surrounding the disks) forming a bell shape over the rose bush and disks, and gradually grows deeper to the outer edges of the card.

The Cherry Red against the Olive Brown denotes ambition towards material gain. The deep violet indicates dedication to ones aims, but if received negatively it gives a deadening, depressing effect; however the white rose buds show hope from the strengthening powers of the Dark Violet.

The astrological association to this card is Mars in Capricorn. This shows someone who is extremely materialistically ambitious, but this ambition gives a lot of energy and drive towards professional attainment. There is a lot of desire for status, fame and success both in one's personal and professional life. Being exalted in Capricorn, the Martian energy is applied positively and decisively. In some cases nothing is impossible. Such individuals have more self control than the average person and are strongly influenced by Mars; they're very productive no matter what they do. They are hard task masters to themselves and other people, and have leadership qualities. However they are also cautious, taking on the Capricorn influence, and are at times labelled strategists. Mars in Capricorn shows irritability which brings on a quick temper, and can also be aggravative to those in authority, evoking misfortune, enmity, criticism and disagreements. Nevertheless Capricorn uses Martian energies better than any other sign, and if you want to get anything done, this is the energy to use.

Binah of Heh(f) (business, paid employment, commercial transaction).

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## DIVINATION

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

The 3 of Disks in this position represents commencement of matters that are to be fully established at a later date, for this is a period of building up and preparation. For example one could be training for a sport, or an institution could be under construction. New ideas are constructive and worth investigating, and new projects are carried through to completion. The life force shown here is strong and vital; it is under control and doesn't burn out as fast as the 3 of Wands would show. First encounters with people can be aggravating as personalities try to dominate each other. This card also depicts someone with leadership ambitions with motives purely personal having little concern for the welfare of other people. "Building up".

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:

The 3 of Disks shows under the above matters a realization of an increase of material things. There is personal gain in

commercial transactions; however, whatever form of gain you receive, you would have to have had worked for it. One's prime concern is in working for gain, whether it be personally, financially, physically or commercially. This card shows possession of material resources and property which is used to bring in more income. In national and governmental matters there is a great deal of activity by which one can benefit financially, so be alert to opportunity. "Transaction".

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

The 3 of Disks under the above matters depicts someone who works very hard and achieves a great deal, but encounters negative reactions from family and neighbours towards his success. The root of such reactions is jealousy. If you are one of these people you'll find yourself semi-isolated from others, but if you're one of the jealous people think twice before allowing negative feelings to control you: The successful person got that way due to a lot of hard work and sacrifice. Don't let him have to sacrifice friendship as well. This card shows active communication, short journeys and keenness towards education. Children will do well in school and fields of activity will be enlarged. "Envied".

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:

Buildings will be erected, construction is underway, land is being worked properly. A great deal of effort and work is made toward obtaining security for yourself and/or family, but this need is far too often taken to the extreme of materialism. Within the home environment parents pressure one to live up to their goals, and as time goes by their goals become yours. However, you may resent their intrusion as you get older, and it is there that you'll take the right to follow your own destiny. Concerning the soul, one tends to be satisfied with material accomplishments. In matters of the occult, these people tend to be too interested in materialism to take any notice. "Construction".

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

Anything attempted under the above matters is likely to be successful when the 3 of Disks appears here. Great zeal is applied to overcoming all limitations. There is a lot of interest in sporting activities and in most cases, participation, whether it be competition or leisure. On matters of gambling and speculation, this card advises caution and prudence. Success comes if you apply yourself, and that is the only key needed, but some sacrifice is needed in your investments to achieve long range goals. The 3 of Disks also depicts activities of children - sons

and daughters; commencement of family planning. "Sport"

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:

Look out for accidents, small cuts and bruising when the 3 of Disks appears here. This card shows skillful craftsmanship and labour intensive situations. A person will hold rank in their service to their country or an organisation. Business relations are profitable and relationships with co-workers are at the most agreeable, but are prone to get heated. If unemployed you will find employment. If employed there will be a lot of hard work to be done. Physical labour is depicted by the 3 of Disks under the above matters; and represents the engineer, mason, builder etc. Those in the civil service are also represented by this card. "Craftmanship".

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 3 of Disks in this position depicts dealings with or connected to the aristocracy. A marriage works well and will be beneficial for both parties. However marital stability may be affected by one partners aggressiveness in his or her profession,

which is good for the profession, but not so good for the marriage when the work problems are brought into the home. Status is gained through marriage. In matters of partnerships and contracts a beneficial arrangement is made. Overall, there is a strong urge to gain a position of status and power without restraint and relationships are utilised with this fact in mind. "Status".

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:

Don't be too annoyed if your partner rejects your sexual advances, perhaps your attempts to satisfy your sexual desires are too personalised and don't make room for the consideration of your partners needs. In being quick to give the people the service they want you arouse their future patronage, and a lot of investments in business and in life are made when this card turns up here. If you have not made the necessary business preparations, the 3 of Disks will not show financial gain, but if you had pre-invested in your future you will now be seeing the beginning of its benefits. In matters of the mystical or spiritual methods are used for financial and physical gain. "Investments".

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:

If you're seeking public recognition you will have to pay the price, which is accepting your obligations to the public. The 3 of Disks in this position shows someone who is adventurous and is willing to take chances in life using the skills they have acquired. Under metaphysical and religious matters the 3 of Disks represents concealed mysteries, and systems of religious or mystical education. Studies will have to be worked at and indepth research is portrayed by this card. In legal matters a geat deal of preparation will have to be made before putting a case forward, and there is a possible appeal. "Adventurous".

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

The 3 of Disks in this position shows a driving need to be recognised for ones abilities and achievements. A lot of energy is channelled into ones chosen profession. However, your profession may not be your 'bread and butter', it may be a private activity that you attend to outside of working hours. The 3 of Disks main theme is material works for monetary gain. There is potential for earning esteem and honour through your work when you receive this card in this position. A parent will expect you to help out in the home or on a job teaching you at an early age the value of work. Ones undoing is neglecting the needs of family and friends in preference to work. "Material Works".

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:

This work-a-holic will isolate himself from friends and group activities because his work is more important than anything else. However, this need not be the case for he can incorporate his work into group activities and include his friends in his adventures and aspirations, from this he will receive a lot of fulfilment. In matters of politics there is a dedication to beliefs and causes, and the 3 of Disks also represents those that are politically involved. This card, in this position, is favourable for counselling, giving aid to those emotionally and physically in pain. Aspirations are also shown to be materialistic and of a physical nature. "Politics".

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:

The 3 of Disks here shows social issues and help to the needy come to the foreground. Ones life work is filled with actions and not words, your ideas are put to work, and if not, you should make a courageous effort to do so. In matters of

health the 3 of Disks shows that one could have problems with rheumatic and inflammatory conditions. Unresolved problems can only be solved through a conscious and physical attempt to work through them. Sorrow is handled by work, allowing no time to think; slow down and let your feelings go. Enemies are those in competition with you either in business or sport. Fund raising for hospitals and other institutions is also evident. "Confronting Issues".

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3 of Disks: "Lord of Material Works"  
(Second Stage Exaltation)

In 1st position:	"Building Up"
In 2nd position:	"Transaction"
In 3rd position:	"Envied"
In 4th position:	"Construction"
In 5th position:	"Sport"
In 6th position:	"Craftsmanship"
In 7th position:	"Status"
In 8th position:	"Investments"
In 9th position:	"Adventurous"
In 10th position:	"Material Works"
In 11th position:	"Politics"
In 12th position:	"Confronting Issues"

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MEDITATION ON THE THREE 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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