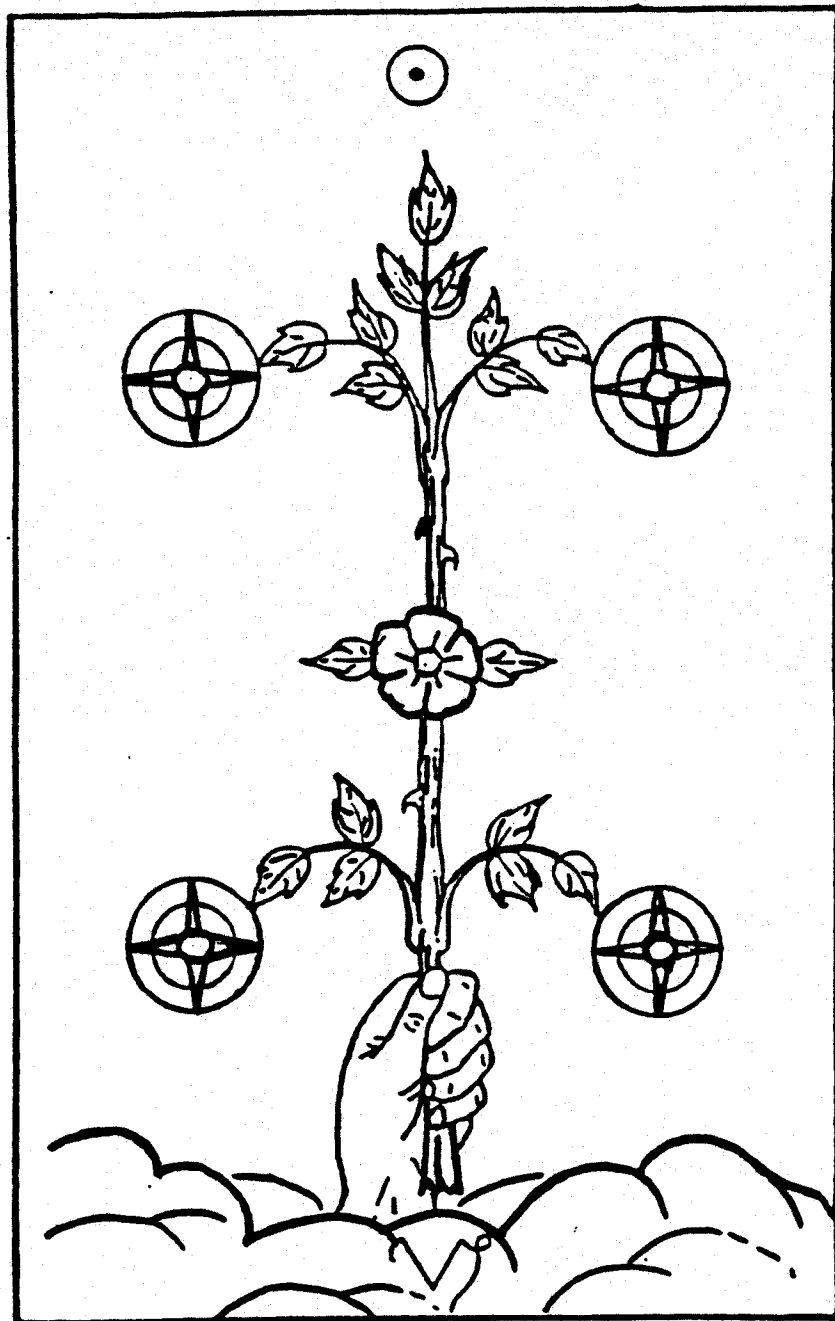


LESSON 85

FOUR OF DISKS



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4 of Disks

"Lord of Earthly Power"

20-30 degrees Capricorn

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A hand holding a branch of a rose tree, but without flowers or buds, save that in the centre is one fully blown white rose. Pentacles are disposed as on the points of a square; a rose in the centre.

Here the white rose of purity has fully manifested in its solar aspect (as Tiphareth) controlling the tree by its central position. This shows the four elements (matter) being controlled by a fifth, spirit (the rose). A complete, harmonious and perfected cycle.

The 4 of Disks has been named "Lord of Earthly Power" which is best described by the symbols this card portrays. For example, the four disks form the shape of a square at the top of a cube; implied by the central rose acting as a point where a line is drawn from each corner of the square which then forms 4 divisions. These 4 divisions express the currents of the four elements, making the square one of manifestation on the physical plane. However, the rose shows the presence of the 2nd square, and 2 squares make a cube, which has 8 sides and symbolically expresses the physical, spiritual, astral and mental planes. We

also have here the symbol of a circle within a square, which characterises life on other planes of nature. This indicates mastery of the physical plane, which the cube also represents as well as a place of worship, i.e. a tower with a dome temple. The square has also been considered to symbolise "God manifested in creation" though as a square or cube it is limitation within matter and fixation, alluding to death rather than the cycle of life. The square is also a boundary and is likened to the walls of a fortress or some other such structured form; laws, rights and rituals.

Alchemically the 4 of Disks portrays the symbol of two triangles, with the top one being inverted, each meeting in the middle at their apexes. This is the symbol of birth and also the number 8. If you join up the outer edges you have a completed square which is an alchemical symbol for the word "month". But we also have in this card the symbol of a vertical line through the middle of a square representing Vitriol in its reddening stage as perfected sulphur. This is also a symbol for calcined Tartar being is the magistry of the whitening during calcination, and alludes to "perfect restoration". Most important of all is the symbol of the circle within a square which is the alchemic symbol for Cinnabar. Now Cinnabar has been described as many things, but for our purposes here are not important. What is important is the meaning of its symbolic presence and that is; where you see the presence of Cinnabar, gold or silver is not far off.

The 4 of Disks is coloured in the Princess scale. The background is coloured the colour of the sign, deep Olive-Brown. The background is dark, close to the clouds, and becomes translucent as the colour graduates to the top of the card. The disks are the colour of the planet, which is Apricot Yellow, rayed with Soft Pink. The inner circle of the disks and the star therein is coloured Brilliant White. The rose bush is the complementary colour to the dark violet. The rose, hand and clouds are coloured Brilliant White.

The Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink within the Deep Olive Brown represents the living image of the soul within the confines of matter. These colours show life (Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink) and death (Deep Olive Brown). The Dark Violet here acts as the stimulation needed in the other colours to create the living and of course, where is the living without the spirit (shown by the Brilliant White). Interests evolve around the self (Deep Olive Brown) and one nurtures oneself (Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink over Deep Olive Brown).

The planet and sign associated to the 4 of Disks is the Sun in Capricorn. A character with the Sun in this sign must be busy creating, developing, or just doing. The weaker or shallow side of this sign goes from one inspiration to another, from one place to another, forever running in senseless circles. The more developed side of Capricorn however grabs hold of goals and works until accomplishment, then makes new goals. They have faith in their own abilities and expect others to be just as confident and

competent. They have no mercy for the weak and are also quite self centered. Melancholyness can lose them opportunities but they do not remain in this mood for long as they hate weakness in themselves. Concealed in the Sun in Capricorn are all the elements of the complete being. It imparts precision and individualism and is very profound at bringing states of awareness that are not normally accessible. There is ambition and endurance in this character which in most cases brings success. They are leaders and have great power, but at the same time have great servility and place themselves in positions of service.

Chesed of Heh(F); (gain, money, influence a present)

DIVINATION

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

A strong sturdy constitution, high idealism, integrity, ambition and practicality are shown by the 4 of Disks. In remaining discriminative, this sort of person can maintain a balance on all levels of activity, especially when ones self image is threatened. To promote yourself and your ideas you must, however, sacrifice some amount of freedom and privacy although common sense is applied to all areas of endeavour. The 4 of Disks shows endurance as a quality of ones life force and portrays a solid wall of protection to outside stimulae. Ones selfhood is con-

tained in a structure of beliefs and concepts; this is a position of secureness and self containment. "Security".

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:

This can be a sound and fortunate position for the 4 of Disks in the above matters, as there is assured material gain and earthly power as well as the aquisition of many possessions. There is also a completion of power and gain, showing that whatever you have now, is all you'll ever have. The interpretation of this depends on the surrounding cards. Business management is handled well, estates and resources are built upon and made secure. Governmental and national affairs directly influencng one are the technicalities of the law. These may work for, or against you. If working for you, you are able to use current laws to enhance your position. If working against you, there will be found restriction and confinement. "Earthly Power".

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

Under the above matters the 4 of Disks shows one who has established the boundaries of their environment and ideas. All

who wish to see or communicate with this person must do so within the already pre-established confines. This card portrays a solid foundation in education and depicts beneficial results to questions in these areas. Relationships are sound and long lasting, brothers and sisters are morally and sometimes financially supporting when you need them. Journeys are not shown, except those returning home. Rather than you going out to what you want, it comes to you. "Framework".

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 4 of Disks represents a fortress or structure built to contain something. It shows attainment and possession of estates, property, buildings. Walls are built to keep the outside out and the inside in. One holds on firmly to what one has. This card advises you to spend more time with your loved ones because you tend to neglect them in pursuit of your ambitions. Parents may expect a great deal which one tries to live up to. This can make or break you. One thing which must be remembered under the above matters with this card is, what ever you imagine, you can create. This is its power. "Boundaries".

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

Solid training has been provided for ones children, but now may be the time for them to achieve things on their own, give them that freedom. Ones romantic life may be interfered with through your, or your partners preoccupation with his or her career. Areas of entertainment, sport or art are entered into for what one can gain rather than pleasure. There is potential success in areas of gambling although you may be a bad loser and would do better to hold onto your money. In matters of speculation the 4 of Disks shows that whatever you strive for, you'll likely attain. "Self Preoccupation".

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:

Distinctions are sought and most of the time attained through work and service, while attention is demanded towards acknowledgement of ones achievements. When the 4 of Disks turns up in this position it depicts the hard and capable worker; jobs will be done proficiently and followed through to completion. You should not have any trouble in obtaining a well paid job when this card is given in answer to a question on the above matters. This card does not show promotion but does show success in your current situation. On matters of health ones constitution should be strong, and able to overcome any effects your working environment causes. "Proficiency".

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 certain amount of importance is placed in having control over your competitors. In relationships the 4 of Disks portrays a partner who supports and gives strength to you in your goals. However, you are advised to be sensitive to their needs otherwise any support will not remain long lasting. Under the above matters this card shows stability and strength. One has gained a foothold in matters and are well fortified against ones enemies. Laws, rights, pomp and circumstance come to the fore in ones life and affairs are cyclic. "Fortifying".

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:

In this position the 4 of Disks can be the establishment of a commercial and financial empire; obstacles to business success are removed and one may obtain a possible inheritance. If you haven't chosen a career that gives you room for growth there may be a cramping of style and limitation to what you can do in your life. Now is the time to change your career if it provides no room for development. There is financial gain here and an oppor-

tunity to obtain financial independence if it is not already attained. Enterprise in business has little originality so this it is advised that you should work within conventional concepts. On a negative side, the 4 of Disks shows those that are covertous. "Potential Growth".

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:

Prejudicial issues arise when the 4 of Disks appears here. Ambitions cause a continual need for more education and objectives are pursued to their end. In matters of religion, metaphysics, higher education etc., this card shows that traditional structures, precedents and methods are used. There are learning institutions that are well established and hold status in their fields due to their reputation - majority rules. There is involvement in foreign affairs and cultures, and an interest in travel, although this card does not represent travel; if enquiring how travel will go, the answer is that it should take place with no mishap. "Establishments".

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

Earthly parental intimidation can cause a threat which

causes you to be more determined to do things your own way. The 4 of Disks shows power in this position, the power of the Law, of authority, of ones community, state or country. Commercial transactions and negotiations. Public prominence is predicted and ambitions come to fruition. Those in dominative positions play a strong role in your life during this time. Money has influence and there is assured material gain. "Intimidation".

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:

Bureaucrats, polititians and those connected with the law may be encountered when one receives the 4 of Disks here. There are group and community activities which work for the betterment of everyone. Towns are planned and built, public buildings are erected, visits are made to reputable establishments. This card shows that laws must be adhered to or one will be severely punished. Communal situations occur, such as living arrangements and agricultural pursuits. Communities and groups become close knit, friendships are lasting. "Communities".

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:

Rheumatism and Osteo-Arthritis are the main disorders represented by the 4 of Disks, otherwise this card shows a strong healthy constitution. If you are ill and receive this card for your query, the answer lies in releasing the disease, for this card shows that the problem is contained and restricted and must be brought out then dispersed from the body. The 4 of Disks typifies institutions of physical and mental health, of spiritual and other forms of learning. There is material enclosure, but one where some form of gain can be acquired. Karmically there is a balancing and centralising. "Institutions".

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(Third Stage Exaltation)

In 1st position:	"Security"
In 2nd position:	"Earthly Power"
In 3rd position:	"Framework"
In 4th position:	"Boundaries"
In 5th position:	"Self Preoccupation"
In 6th position:	"Proficiency"
In 7th position:	"Fortifying"
In 8th position:	"Potential Growth"
In 9th position:	"Establishments"
In 10th position:	"Intimidation"
In 11th position:	"Communities"
In 12th position:	"Institutions"

MEDITATION ON THE FOUR 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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