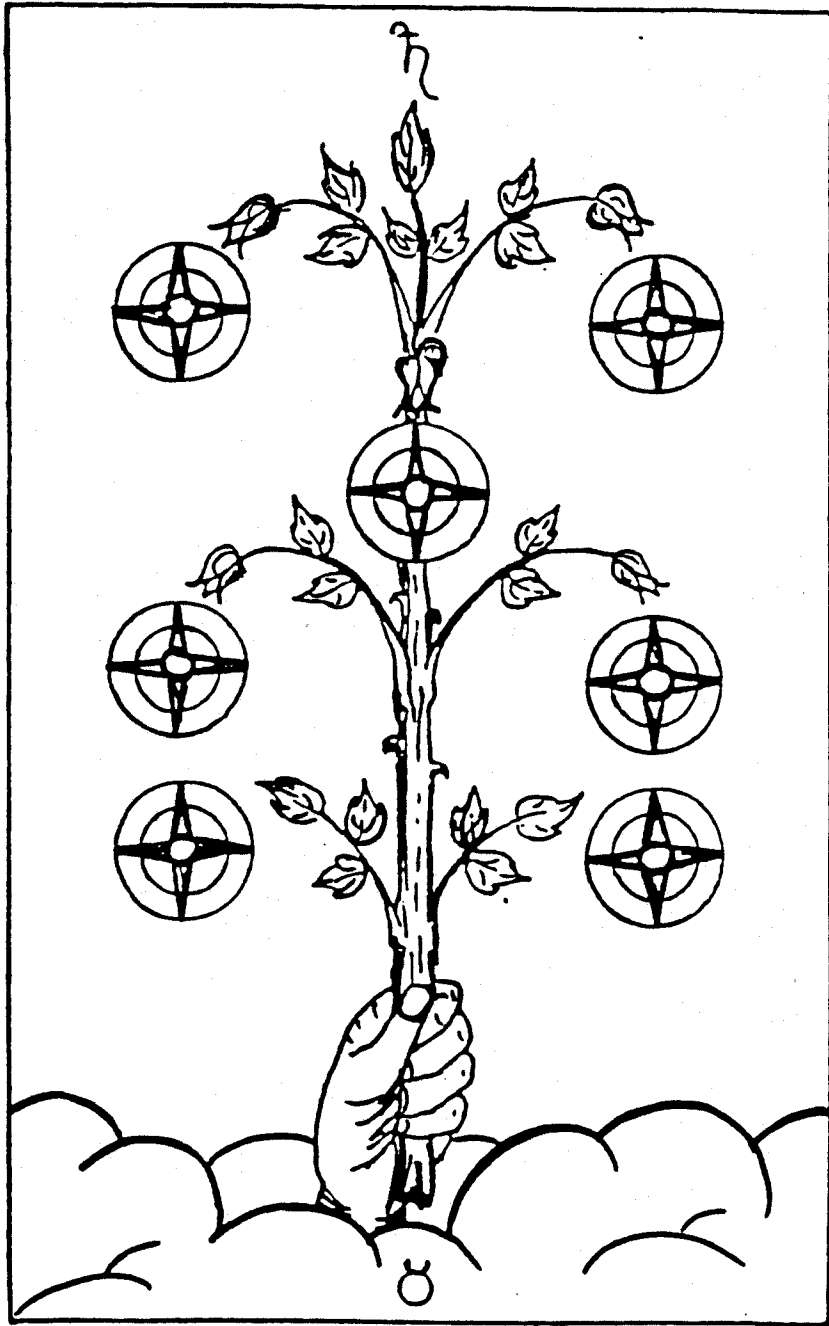


LESSON 88

SEVEN OF DISKS



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"Lord of Success Unfulfilled"

20 - 30 degrees Taurus

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A white radiant angelic hand issuing from a cloud, holding a branch of white rose buds with seven pentacles on them, arranged in the figure of Rubeus. There are only five buds, which overhang, but do not touch the five uppermost pentacles.

In the previous card the vibrational pitch allowed enough energy through for the roses to bloom and the pentacles or disks to formulate. Here the extra disk has drained the energy so that the buds form, but there is not yet enough nourishment in the tree for them to bloom. What looks like a good start has not or does not materialise.

The new rose buds show two aspects: there has been an initial partial failure, or a start has been made in line with the universal law. This card deals with the world of desire and the key to it is to understand the magnetic law of attract and repel, which is generated by the forces of the two poles - positive and negative, which themselves are the law of our planet and the cosmos. Stability is then produced between the opposites.

The symbols portrayed here are the downward pointing

triangle above a rectangle. This shows the power descending rather than ascending and being caught in stone where a temple for the spirit is built (matter), and these forces are subject to equilibrium.

Alchemically the 7 of Disks represents a stage where the work has not reached purity, for although it is newly white in the upper levels (the 4 overhanging rose buds) it is still corrupt beneath (the 2 lower disks with no roses), and this is the process by which it goes for it is said by Flamel: 'that Rebis will begin to whiten in this same manner, whitening first at the extremities, then all around this white circle. The Ladder of Philosophers (Scala Philosoph) says: "The sign of the first part of the Whiteness is when one sees a certain little capillary circle, that is to say, one passing overhead, which will appear around the matter on the sides of the Vessel, in a colour approaching orange".' And out of the darkness a son is born.

The 7 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The disks are the colour of the planet, Greyish Brown rayed Blue. The centres of the disks and stars thereof are Brilliant White. The background is coloured Deep Grey Green, deep in colour close to the clouds and translucent gradually towards the top of the card. The rose bush is Dark Red Violet. The clouds, hand and rose buds are coloured Brilliant White.

Amongst the heaviest of the above mentioned colours is glimmering hope, shown by the blue rays which typify potential

growth, shown by the small white buds which are nourished by the dark Red Violet rose bush. The Greyish Brown and the Deep Grey Green are the restrictive colours of matter and limit any intellectual or spiritual growth. They keep the consciousness on material concerns for basic physical survival and block out the unconscious which makes the darkness the unknown. The Deep grey Green encourages depression; and the Greyish Brown encourages melancholiness and doubt. These are the colours that surround those that doubt and are shown the words of the Gods and cry for proof but do not see.

The astrological association to the 7 of Disks is Saturn in Taurus. This configuration gives extreme earthly heaviness; it is structure and stability and its key frame of reference is "need", for it needs structure and stability to feel secure, emotionally and financially. It gives unlimited endurance and reliability, following the letter of materialistic principles and social concepts. Such people under this influence need to develop financial security and the lesson they must try to learn is to balance their sense of values to material possessions. These people are rarely spontaneous or giving in their natures for they have rigid habit patterns, a strong will and lack of trust in other people. Once attachments are formed it is difficult to let go. They rigidly structure their own lives and if they can get away with it, the lives of others as well.

Duty and responsibility are the two functions that hold the mind in check. With Saturn in Taurus this also prevents the mind

from drawing on deeper resources. When one does finally turn inward those with Saturn in Taurus can develop a powerful inner strength.

Netzach of Heh (unprofitable speculations and employments; little gain for much labour)

DIVINATION

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

Good intentions and promises of success do not get the job done. The 7 of Disks in this position shows a person who may intend well, set goals and give promises, but alas are not fulfilled due to lack of resources or foresight of the problems that would be encountered, but generally through a lack of energy (nourishment) and genuine Will to complete what was started. So there are enthusiastic beginnings, false promises and feigned sincerity. Enthusiastic while stimulated by an external source, but little inner power or will to continue once the source is removed. "Ephemeral".

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:

Under the above matters the 7 of Disks represents a possible loss of fortune, thinning out ones means of income, or a lessening of tangible resources. One loses through business dealings for personal gain. Financial gain is slight and isolated. Promises of success to the individual by governmental or national organisations are not fulfilled. Principles and feelings are limited to the social and commercial structure, giving defined ideas of right and wrong, (or wrong if you think you can get away with it). Ones attitude is very materialistic and concentrated on financial gain. "Success Unfulfilled".

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

In this position the 7 of Disks shows contemplation. Ones silence becomes annoying to family or other relationships and can be quite often misinterpreted as contempt. If well aspected a lot of energy is put into early education, but generally this card shows unfinished schooling, plans for a good education goes astray, a student loses interest. To deepen ones sense of security you must force a broadening of your sphere of learning and activity, otherwise your ideas and opinions will only be expressed in the abstract, and will probably be very bias, without having immediate experience necessary for credence. Limits to relationships are defined. "Contemplation".

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:

Without parental backing in ones earlier years one misses out on alot of activities, as their interest is only given energy when being supported by another. The 7 of Disks shows attempts at improving the structure of your home or environment, but failing in the attempt, or loosing interest before completion. You may encounter poverty and indebtedness and your obligations to parents and family are more pressing than normal, cramping any freedom you may want. Experience of direct Karma is represented here; try to weather it out and you will benefit in the long run. If you run away from your problems they will eventually find you again. "Loss of Interest".

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

The 7 of Disks in this position shows a person whose vitality has reduced, and someone who is very serious about himself in activities under the above matters. There is a sadness and a lack of love given, especially to children who need a great deal more care than the adult. There are blockages to ones creative will with inhibitions preventing free expression. People

receiving this card here will be going through a period of creative frustration. A sense of loneliness is realised even in a crowd. Recreation is unsuccessful in its purpose as one does not relax, for the mind dwells on serious thoughts. If gambling you will loose money in the attempt to make up for previous losses. "Seriousness".

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:

In matters of employment, an application may be turned down. For those employed, discipline and hard work are needed for one to fare well. A heavy investment is made to develop ones skills. In matters of health, money is spent on medical help to find a cure, which will not take place without a lot of conscientious effort on your part, for this card suggests a necessary period of adjustment in ones health habits. Ones discriminative faculties may work overtime which can lead to depression, or psychosomatic tendencies due to over criticism of the self and dissatisfaction with ones surroundings. Under the above matters one may be pressured to work harder, be more organised and disciplined. "Hard Work".

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 7 of Disks in this position shows a withholding of emotional commitment to relationships. Relationships, marital or otherwise will have to be worked at. This card if well aspected (by the surrounding cards) may indicate a potential mate. Delays in contracts and forming partnerships are indicated, with financial consolidation at a later stage. A partner withdraws into his/herself to get a clearer perspective of his/her life. This is a trying time for marriages and a deciding time for relationships, decisions and commitments. There is no compensation here as matters will be one way or the other - karma is at work making people face up to facts. "Non-Committal".

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:

Under the above matters there is an element of intimidation when the 7 of Disks turns up here. The financial power of others appears quite awesome, leaving you to feel dissatisfied with your own achievements. Compare what you get out of your services to what others receive and analyse your approach more carefully; Life may be not so bad after all. Ultimations will be encountered in your life; perhaps you should get your affairs, wills, and estates in order. One may go through a period of sexual frustration. The lesson to be learnt is self containment.

"Ultimations".

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:

Assimilate your lifes experiences, structure a meaningful goal or form of self improvement, then push on. Under the above matters the 7 of Disks warns one to define ones beliefs, otherwise no matter how much you learn, the essence necessary to give it life and meaning is not grasped. This is a time when people feel the urge to structure more forms of learning, toward self improvement. However the 7 of Disks also shows very little drive in carrying ones urges through. It is through the Will that one will go forth, so strengthen and purify your will, be positive as this card shows negativity at the brink of success. "Initiating".

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

The 7 of Disks represents growth through hard work, dealings with money in business, but unavoidable delays. There will be a long wait before the fruits of your work can be realised. People will not volunteer their services unless paid for their efforts. heavy responsibility comes with professionalism and this card shows a heavy influence from ones career; a feeling of unfulfil-

led success and frustration with ones career and current goals. There will be little fulfilment in public honour and one has a detached perception of ones reputation compared to how others see you. "Delayed 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 7 of Disks in this position shows volunteer work for communities, social services and the like without hope of reward. Friendships are formed initially through physical attraction but these are not lasting due to lack of mental harmony. In governmental affairs one may encounter inertia among employees thereby causing delays. Success however, is still not lost if a bit of effort is made and stimulae given in the right area. Group attendance will dwindle and enthusiasm is lost, but there are the few whose ideals and aspirations carry groups through their difficult times. There are financial worries for organisations, societies or groups. "Apathy".

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:

Here the 7 of Disks advises that to realise a financially secure retirement you must be careful in using your resources during your earlier years. There is an element here of self-dislike, which causes self-persecution. Other people don't share your feelings and see another side of you; look at yourself through their eyes and start looking after yourself - it is never too late. Health afflictions represented by this card in this position are laryngeal consumption, catarrh, loss of voice, decay of the gums and teeth, diphtheria, dying body tissue, and tightening arterial tissue. This card shows a sickness of a long duration, but there is hope for recovery. Karmic debts may be monetary or one may have to give ones services without reward. "Sickness".

Z of Disks: "Lord of Success Unfulfilled"

(Third Stage Dissolution)

In 1st position: "Ephemeral"
In 2nd position: "Success Unfulfilled"
In 3rd position: "Contemplation"
In 4th position: "Loss of Interest"
In 5th position: "Seriousness"
In 6th position: "Hard Work"
In 7th position: "Non-Committal"
In 8th position: "Ultimations"
In 9th position: "Initiating Feelings"
In 10th position: "Delayed Success"
In 11th position: "Apathy"
In 12th position: "Sickness"

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MEDITATION ON THE SEVEN 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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