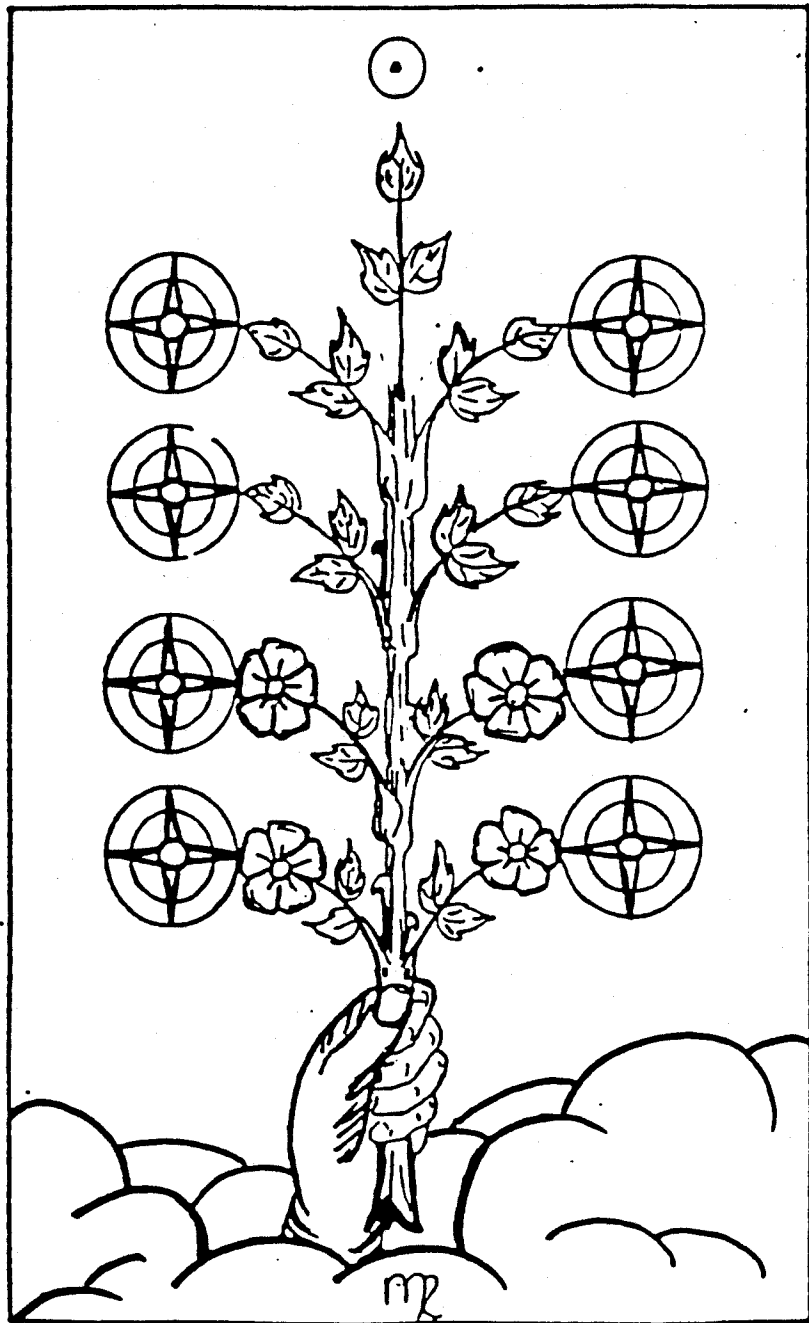


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EIGHT OF DISKS



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"Lord of Prudence"

0 - 10 degrees Virgo

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A white radiating angelic hand, issuing from a cloud, and grasping a branch of a rose tree, with four white roses thereon, which touch only the four lower most pentacles. No rose buds are present, only leaves touch the four upper most disks. All the pentacles are similar to the Ace, but without the Maltese Cross and wings. They are arranged like the geomantic figure Populus.

The four lower pentacles are analogous to the four elements in their corporeal form. The four uppermost disks are linked to the elements in their incorporeal form. The five rose buds of the 7 of Disks have died and given way to growth in the 8 of disks over the four lower disks, where these four outer roses bloom in full glory signifying necessary sacrifice of higher aspirations for the more attainable and simple, to be cultivated. Therefore the roses blooming on the lower disks show growth of the material but lack of spiritual. Since the roses bloom in Assiah, it shows toil in this area to keep them blooming - cultivation.

The clouds have gathered a greater fullness, nourishing the earth through rain, causing new life to spring forth.

The 8 of Disks teaches a balance that must be kept on earth with life/death, vice/virtue, and all lifes idiosyncracies. Hence its name "Lord of Prudence", for with the powers of discrimination and discretion, one may judge right and wrong thus acting with care so as to work with the Cosmic Law. It shows the time between sowing of the seed and the harvest, which involves growth and nourishment, clearing of weeds, watering and removing pests which all point to a productive though waiting time in a persons life. If a person takes care of their crops, giving them just enough but not too much of the right treatment their harvest will be a successful one; and this also applies to life, and to alchemy. So these are the lessons the 8 of Disks teaches.

Alchemically speaking, this card represents a hardening, or in some stages congelation which must be broken and made aqueous again. Moreover though the 8 of Disks represents the discriminative powers of the alchemist where each operation must be done with care, with everything according to its own time. Therefore you see here the practical application of the sowing, cultivating and the harvest.

The 8 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The background is the colour of the sign, Greyish Yellow, which is described as a Yellow Lime Green. The disks are the colours of the planet, Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink. The rose bush and leaves are coloured the complementary colour to the background, Light Violet. The centres of the disks and stars thereof, the

hand, roses and clouds are coloured Brilliant White. The background is likened to the other cards where it is painted deep near the clouds and translucent as it graduates to the top of the card.

The overall impression taken from these colours is gentle growth, the impregnation of soul into life. The Greyish Yellow shows an active intelligence in a state of relaxation and the Light Violet brings forth the freedom of vision and hints at dedication to life. The Apricot Yellow is the productive workings of humanity. The colours here are very subtle, therefore their effect is also subtle.

The astrological association to the 8 of Disks is the Sun in Virgo. This portrays an individual who is very versatile and adaptable, both in mind and in physical ability. There is an awareness and inventiveness with a talent in the world of business - trade and merchandise. In health this combination shows strong recuperative powers though there is an intolerance to drugs and toxic foods, however consciousness of health encourages clean living. This character is at home in the outdoors and draws strength from nature, but has a preference for the comforts of life and to general practices of self abuse, alcohol and rich food. Sun in Virgo people are very critical not only with other people, but with themselves making them perfectionists. Another side of this nature is the servant type who works long and hard for his employer, is very conscientious, meticulous and a worrier over little matters.

Hod of Heh (skill, prudence, cunning)

#### DIVINATION

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

For new projects, this card advises one to take care and examine every detail. An opportunity arises where you can prove your own worth to yourself and to others. If you cultivate good habits in your own way of living you can be assured of good health. You may find yourself involved with many projects; be careful of being unable to see the wood for the trees. Try to spread your proposed activities over a period of time, for too much too soon could cause an excessive strain on you. "Many Projects".

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:

One is advised to be frugal under the above matters. Wise investments bring long term rewards. Monetary gain over a long term in small sums is the best answer. Governments become involved in long term projects which meet opposition at their

outset, however the harvest is good. You have the talent to be able to make the most of your financial resources. Money is put to creative ends. The 8 of Disks tells of small success in business and promises growth in the future. "Small Gains".

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

Relationships must be worked at to be lasting. You need to share with family and close friends to make life worthwhile. You must channel your wealth of ideas into practical use - write them down and it will release frustration. A sound early education brings its rewards. There is a strong drive to achieve to intellectual heights as well as practical skills. Many aspire to be craftsmen of one form or another. The desire to travel is strong and there is experimentation in all forms of communication. It is important that you communicate with family and friends and express what you feel and think. "Channel Ideas".

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:

A farm environment is represented here, and/or an environment where there is great productivity. Parents are concerned with material matters - a parent has his/her work in the home.

The 8 of Disks represents someone who looks forward to the days when they will not have to work for a living and is free from daily harrassment and effort. If you work at it, you will achieve this goal and be able to enjoy the comfort of your home. This card advises you to learn from your parents' success or failure for this will structure your future. See to the welfare of your parents as they saw to yours. In matters of the occult this card shows practical workings and attunement with nature. "Yearning for Quiet".

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

Long term gambles are taken. If you use your resources creatively you will achieve recognition. Those that you love inspire you to use your creative talents. This position shows nurtured creativity and slow material growth of ones work. Sport and recreation are neglected as there is just too much work to get done. There is an element of lack of enterprise in this position and anything commenced may dwindle due to lack of follow-up. A lot of time is put into the welfare of children who respond well to this attention; however some may fall off the path you guide them on, through no fault of your own. "Nurtured Creativity".

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:

This is a strong position for the 8 of Disks. It represents apprenticeship and learning of new skills in material matters, the development of a craftsman in practical and intellectual application. Employment is gained - one receives a regular income. Negatively aspected there are misplaced ethics and misapplication of skill. However ones labour brings its awards. You are warned against trying to do too much for people as they'll only expect more; People won't visualise work quantity with human capacity. Your health will suffer if you work too hard, so take time for rest. "Skills".

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:

You may find yourself in a position, socially or professionally, where you must show or demonstrate your credentials. Once this has been done you will become accepted, if you prove competent in your field. You will be fortunate to have a partner who is a catalyst to success. You will be given support in meeting problems, and your partner will appreciate you as a person. Competitors and adversaries have very little affect on one for one looks only in one direction, ahead, not in any other. The time is fortunate to sign contracts but not until every detail

has been carefully read and amendments are made, if necessary. One must allow time for growth in all of the above matters. "Credentials".

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 8 of Disks under the above matters shows an advantageous change in the circumstances of ones financial affairs, in business and in partnerships, for anyone willing to apply their talents and energy this card is auspicious. In mystical and spiritual matters this card shows little interest, for it is concerned purely in the material. It represents being close to nature, and the practices it would depict would be Wiccanraft or anything that allies itself with the living, the growing. There is also an element of transformation here, just take note of the cycle of the butterfly. "Auspicious".

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:

Under the matters of higher study and education the 8 of Disks warns that one must work hard to succeed. It will not be an easy road, although there will be times when one can sit back

and watch the fruits of ones efforts mature. This card also alludes to the education of patience. In metaphysical matters you will begin to understand once you start believing. Morals and ethics are of a practical kind; philosophy is ignored unless it has a practical use. Preparations are made for travel - there are areas in ones life yet to be cultivated. Be prudent when dealing with the above matters for carelessness will get you nowhere. "Prudence".

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

On the outside a person appears humble, of high moral standards for the good of others, but on the inside this person is desirous of wealth and power. However, one must aspire to live up to ones own highest expectations with responsibility and dedication. Work conscientiously, setting small attainable goals which will eventually lead you to your higher goals. You may come up against a cunning individual - it would be wise to get that person on your side. The 8 of Disks also shows that you refrain from seizing opportunities which is mainly due to your own inhibitions. It advises that in these circumstances you should let your desires pour forth and allow them to drive you forward. "Avaricious".

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:

Productivity in industry and government, settling of details and final preparations for social affairs. Although you may be well known and liked you let only a few close friends into your confidence. In this position the 8 of Disks represents strong humanitarian feelings and service to humanity, whether ones efforts be small or great. However, this card also shows those who use acquaintances and friends for selfish purposes. These people are the losers as they are let down, their ideas backfire and they become the victims. With this card here, groups, clubs and organisations etc., are formed, through hard work, and will prosper. "Productivity".

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:

Health afflictions represented here are diseases of the digestive system, mainly those with mal-assimilation and diarrhoea. The 8 of Disks portrays a quiet person who needs time alone to reflect on thought and feelings, time to revitalise lost vitality. It also shows someone who compulsively devotes themselves to helping, giving support and attention to other people. However what this card reveals on the psychological level is

someone who has withdrawn into themselves, afraid to venture out and face life, and experiences are shut off into the unconscious - they live their lives through others. "Reflection".

8 of Disks: "Lord of Prudence"

(1st Stage Congelation)

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MEDITATION ON THE EIGHT 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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