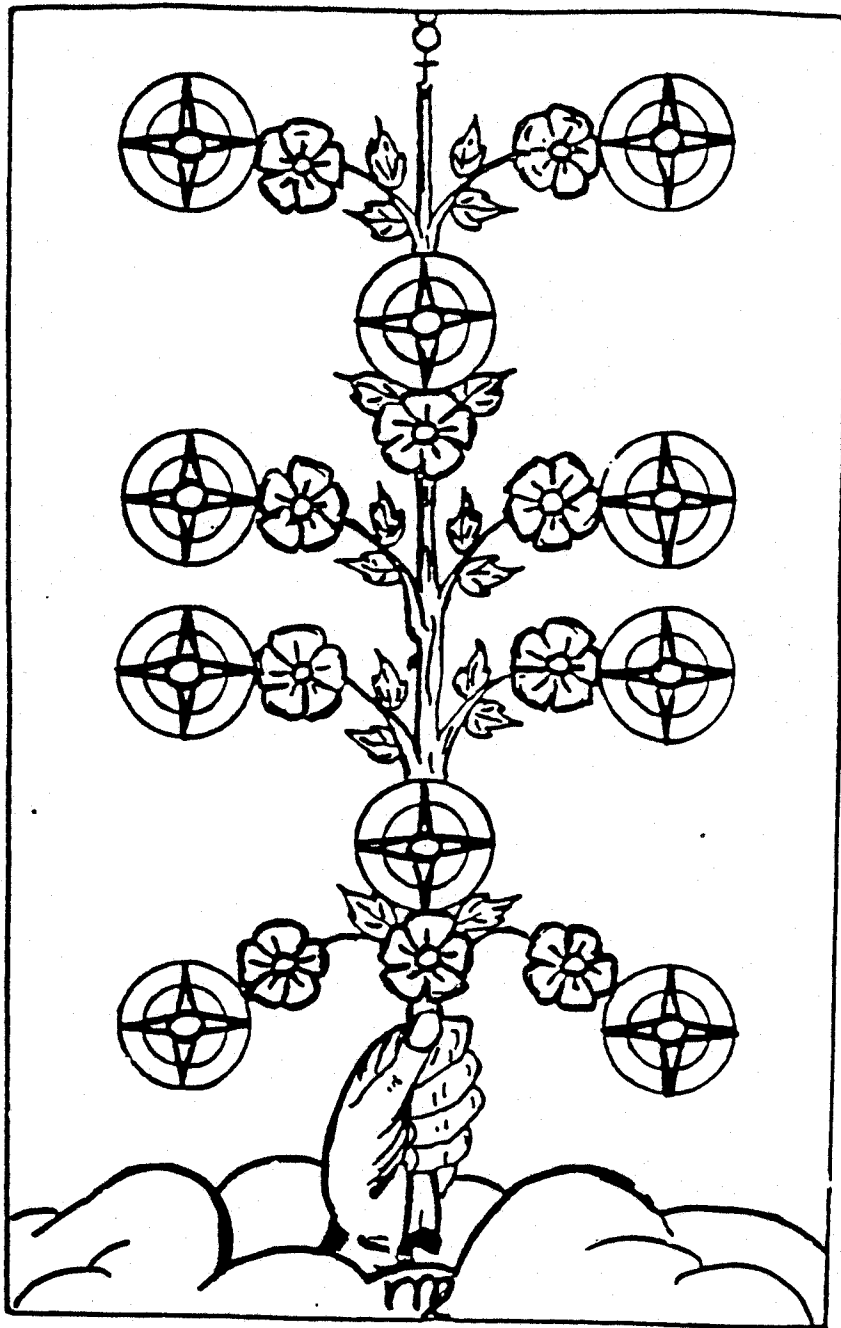


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"Lord of wealth"

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20 to 30 degrees Virgo

An angelic hand, holding by the lower extremity a branch whose roses touch all the pentacles.

The potential of the previous card has reached its maximum point with the influence of Malkuth consolidating in a central area, Assiah: wealth, growth and material success at its fullest. The top five disks show the five elements, with the five white roses showing the purity of essence in the spiritual sense which is equally balanced in Assiah - the four corporeal elements - perfect harmony on both planes.

The pattern the upper and lower disks and roses form on the rose bush is the image of each other. The clouds are set low, as if about to unviel, and the rose bush produces ten blooming roses (depicting the ten commandments, the ten Sephiroth) which all touch the disks of clay, showing that the commandments and the laws of the Sephiroth are at play on earth as they are dictated in heaven.

In alchemy the 10 of Disks is comparative to the crowned lion, although is not on its own the end of the work. As the

consuming fire, the lion, when crowned is victorious, having fought and consumed itself thereby rising out transformed.

"Lord of Wealth" is the name of this card which not only means monetary wealth but wealth of the mind (mind over matter) as shown by Mercury in Virgo. It deserves special attention, for not only is it the sum total of the whole Minor Arcana, but according to kabbalistic teachings, once you have reached the top of the Tree you immediately find yourself back at the bottom. However there is a difference: you take what you've gained with you. One must also not forget that this is Malkuth of Assiah - any further down and you enter the Qlippoth, so this is where Mercury in Virgo intercepts - if you let it - drawing on intelligence to use ones wealth and power correctly, within the limitations of Assiah (do not confuse intelligence with intellect). Aaron's rod has reached its full bloom.

The 10 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The background colour is Greyish Yellow, the colour of the Sign. The disks are the colour of the planet, Sallow rayed with Frimrose. The clouds, hand and roses are Brilliant White; the rose bush is the complementary colour to the background, Light Violet. Shade the background as per previous cards.

The colours of this card are best described from an alchemical viewpoint. The disks are showing a changing quality where the final impure properties give off their last gasp of breath. The "Golden Treatise" says: 'The colour of the golden matter

points to redness, and the nature thereof is not sweetness; therefore we make the Sericum, i.e. Ixir; and of them we make the encaustic of which we have written, and with the King's seal we tinge the clay, and in that have set the colour in heaven which augments the sight of them that see it.' (The Light Violet represents the Kings seal).

The Greyish Yellow is more closely described as Yellow Lime Green, and is a type of Citrine. For the "Golden Treatise" says 'The stone, therefore, is the most precious gold without spots - evenly tempered, which neither fire, nor air, nor water, nor earth is able to corrupt; the universal firmament rectifying all things by its composition, which is of Yellow or true Citrine colour'.

The astrological association to the 10 of Disks is Mercury in Virgo. This is Mercury Epimetheus, the extrovert and the traditionalist, the wisdom of public opinion, the contemporary. It symbolizes the active intellect; method and purpose. People under the Mercury in Virgo influence are fond of all forms of intellectual activity, delving in anything that will test the powers of their minds. They are also very highly strung and may incline to taking drugs. Writing and study is a popular past-time, and public success may be achieved through this. They need an orderly environment and concentrate a little too much on trivialities. This tendency holds them in good favour for research fields of employment. Financial success is common to these people who more often than not develop specialized skills.

They are ideas people, are adaptable, involve themselves in many pursuits at one time, are tactful and orderly.

Malkuth of Heh(F) (riches and wealth).

DIVINATION

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

Try to get plenty of exercise and keep your body in good health at all times. Relax and unwind from the demands of your life. You will have a broad capacity for achievement if you base your character on integrity and dependability. On first appearances one may encounter greed and materialism in people - try to look a little deeper. The 10 of Disks portrays a strong life force that has established a solid foundation of resources. You can handle outside stimuli quite well if you use your mind and not your emotions. "Physically Fit".

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:

Material prosperity is shown by the 10 of Disks in this position. One's source of income may be through lineage,

property holdings, development etc. A dowry is provided, resources have been accumulating and established on a considerable scale. Money is made through providing needy services to the public:- if it wasn't needed then a need is created. There will be success in earning a comfortable living and one is reminded that ones needs will be satisfied through ones own doing.

"Prosperity".

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

Try not to expect too much from yourself; you are only human and perfection is an unrealistic goal. Stability rules in family relationships although family matters take alot of our time, and there are occurances of reunions or small gatherings. A student can expect good results and celebration is in the air. Travel brings good luck, it will be enjoyed and be comfortable. The 10 of Disks advises one to communicate with relations if you've been keeping to yourself, you may be surprised as to what you hear. Practical solutions to problems will be found, so be patient. Libraries re depicted; a source of enjoyment for the avid reader. "Reunions".

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:

Blood ties are strong and privacy in ones private life is of great value. The 10 of Disks represents the acquiring or accumulation of property, buildings. One may have been brought up in an environment of wealth and established tradition, or is currently in such a situation and providing for ones own in such a way. In the occult this card shows the focus of generation and the manipulation of the elements. If you accept responsibility for your actions and ideas you will gain emotional security. You know what you want and are determined in initiating it, changing direction often, in order to keep to your plan. There are rewards earned and matters completed giving a foundation for further growth. "Blood Ties".

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

Lady luck is on your side for the time being, so take the gamble. Badly aspected it shows a major material loss. Talents are appreciated, and children benefit from guardian resources. There is gratification in sport, the theatre, arts and all forms of human enjoyment. Values are placed on materialism, like beating the Jones, being part of the intellectual elite, or the in crowd, following the trends of dress etc. Romantic affairs bring material gain. The 10 of Disks shows that under the above matters all action on a persons part is for the love of money. "Lady Luck".

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:

The 10 of Disks represents under the above matters success in employment; reward for services; some receive substantial pensions, others a bonus. It is wise to keep contacts for it is not what you know but who you know. The careful handling of the laws of nature reaps reward, but to know the inner workings of nature (likewise business) and to use it to your advantage can reap reward beyond your wildest dreams. Someone successfully completes a project and some reach the pinnacle of success in their field. There is harmony in ones work environment and harmony with ones health. "Inner Wealth".

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:

In marriage or divorce one gains financially, but if you ask for more it is not forthcoming. Marriage for money or position is common when the 10 of Disks shows here, but for those in love this card shows good fortune and prosperity. Contracts pay off and competitors are outmatched. If adversely aspected this card shows that social interaction becomes costly. To be wealthy the

average person must compensate inner joy or some other sweet value of life, but for those with an inner sight, they enjoy the sweet riches this karma brings. Overall the 10 of Disks is a marriage or merger, either between two people, two companies or two forces. "Marriage".

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 10 of Disks shows here riches and wealth; inheritances; cleaverness in material matters and dullness in spiritual matters. Those in old age are also represented. As a card of rejuvenation, it is fortunate for one to receive it in this position, but be aware that life works in cycles and the only thing that one can be sure of is change. It is the Ace of Disks in manifestation in all its glory. There is no transformation as one has already transformed; this is the final stage and what there is, will only be. Spiritualism and mysticism hold no value and little sense; what is important is the "here and now", life today, don't worry about tomorrow for it never comes. You may feel as if you are in the Garden of Eden. "Fortunate".

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 above matters the 10 of Disks represents the architects and mathematicians. Those who can build with their minds, then make their creations happen. Higher study into the teachings of wisdom are sought along with the ideal of becoming pure, for the futility of material gain should have become crystal clear. Travel by land is undertaken in safety. Legal battles are won; morals are high; the collective mind works on the levels of the unconscious. People avoid physical labour and apply themselves mentally for even with a limited education they are able to achieve more, at times, than others with a formal education through tapping into their own creativity. "Architects".

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

Under the above matters the 10 of Disks represents dedication and professionalism in ones career. A person is admired and respected; there is trustworthiness; a matter will be completed successfully. There are resources available to you so that you can accomplish your tasks. Achievements are materialistic, successfully executed and financially rewarding. A parent is benevolent. There is desire for success beyond the average scale, though there is danger with greed and loss of family honour through carelessness. The power of speech is convincing in public; one gains honour. "Wherewithal".

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:

Political astuteness and the accumulating wealth of governments are shown here. Much financial support is put into governmental projects. A richness is derived from interrelation with friends, and through social contact where communication and exchange of ideas take place. The 10 of Disks represents two patterns in this position: either there is great financial gain or holdings (as in assets) increase under the above matters, or if one is contemplating joining a group or organisation etc, it will be very expensive for one. Money is given to areas of research (scientific investigation), projects are supported by the rich. "Sponsorship".

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:

Although in a karmicly rich incarnation one must learn responsibility towards mankind and ones ecological environment, for humanity is slowly destroying this planet. Ask yourself, how much do you contribute? How much concern for humanity do you have other than for yourself? How many problems have you created

rather than resolved with your material existence? This is a time to pay your debts, for you have a free choice to break karma and start afresh. Secret enemies may be financially powerful. On health, the 10 of Disks represents intestinal conditions caused by rich living. It also shows pregnancy tests. "Karmic Richness".

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10 of Disks: "Lord of Wealth"

(3rd State Congelation)

In 1st position:	"Physically Fit"
In 2nd position:	"Prosperity"
In 3rd position:	"Reunions"
In 4th position:	"Blood Ties"
In 5th position:	"Lady Luck"
In 6th position:	"Inner Workings"
In 7th position:	"Marriage"
In 8th position:	"Fortune"
In 9th position:	"Architects"
In 10th position:	"Wherewithal"
In 11th position:	"Sponsorship"
In 12th position:	"Karmic Richness"

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MEDITATION ON THE TEN 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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