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"Lord of the Wide and fertile Land; the King of Spirits of Earth"
 Rules 20 degrees Leo to 20 degrees Virgo

A dark winged warrior with winged crown and helmet, mounted on a light brown horse. His equipment is that of the Knight of Wands. The winged head of a stag or antelope is his crest. Beneath the horse's feet is fertile land with ripened corn. In one hand he bears a scepter surmounted by a hexagram. In the other he holds a pentacle like that of the ZAM. The stag's head relates to fertility and is analogous to Reshep and is solar in nature. The Sun is passing over the Earth to give nourishment to all below it. The corn itself reiterates this idea and shows awakening, abundance and man himself, all is nourished and is developing. The Disk shows the tool he will use to direct the forces of earth under his command. The inference being that there is tremendous growth and prosperity but only while directed or fed the right inspiration, otherwise he eventually becomes like smouldering embers that eventually die.

The crest of the stag he bears shows not only the Tree of Life (the antlers are analogous to its branches) but is a symbol of growth and regeneration. The fertile field shows potential growth (achieved through toil) but being unploughed the field shows a virginal or untapped source of power. The stag in this field is the potential within, if cultivated. The five pointed crown of the Knight relates to the Solar aspect (through Tiphareth). The hexagram he holds shows a full cycle of birth, life, death and regeneration. The 7 husks of corn are analogous to the hexagram with the solar aspect at its centre, a cycle.

The Knight has dark straight hair and dark eyes. The background to the card is a light green, slightly darker than his translucent green skin. The tilled field is black with some green growth emanating from it. The open field is a rich green. The stag's emblem is gold with white wings while the stag itself is black. The reins and bridle are red. The corn is yellow-gold. The disk is green and black, like that in the Ace of Disks. The armour on the legs and arms of the Knight is red. The cloth beneath it is green. The buskins are also green with heavy dark shadings. The crown of the Knight is gold and the helmet is red while the wings of the Knight are white. The wings from the helmet are dark green with red streaks.

The Knight rules 20 Degrees Leo to 20 Degrees Virgo which

shows the decreasing aspect of his fiery nature (to warmth) to the potentiality of Virgo, i.e. hope for the future.

The Alchemical theme is a state where heat is applied to dry out the exalted work to a powder, and the calcining until only the Salt of the Soul remains, and with the residue the same process until only the Salt of the Body remains.

The Fiery part of Earth represents power developing within - a massive amount of strength and reserve. The fiery force is the spark or impetus that propels a person so that they want more of everything. Initially extravagant, exaggerative and over confident one now finds oneself being pushed into a practical or earthy framework that is an ideal method of channelling the fiery essence. Because of the sheer size and weight of numbers of the earth's forces, a lot of fiery energy is spread rather thin. However it does show that things happen, not as quick as one would like but they will happen. The Fiery part of Earth is in fact a prime mover of things to come.

Yod of Heh(f) shows a masculine formation within a feminine force. It is the initial act of conception or potential growth. The Heh(f) is just starting to develop and form, since it left Vau. The Yod force is quite strong in the sense that though it is starting a new growth in a still area, (Heh(f)), it grows stronger than any previous force because Heh() is a survivor and has managed to isolate and act independently from the trinity (Yod, Heh, Vau - Father, Mother, Son). The Heh(f) force has a powerful momentum and the Yod aspect is its initial impetus that ignites life.

DIVINATION

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

The Knight of Disks in this Fire House shows an individual who initiates warmth and force into situations that have remained stagnant or were bogged down for a considerable period of time. He brings new zest into projects and generally is a warm and friendly individual. When dealing with the Knight of Disks in this position, expect growth and movement in any project you enter together. There is however a possibility of a decline so seasonal type projects are the best type to enter into, for though the Knight shows movement he only does so for a limited period. Short term ventures only will make an excellent yield.

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 Knight of Disks in this Earth House shows an individual who is very keen to gather material possession around him. It is something he will strive for as he needs to see the results of his efforts. His innermost feelings are expressed in terms of tangible assets. In dealing with this individual one will find oneself bogged down a little in mundane affairs. Expression is a keyword here that we should understand for there could be a tendency to be halted by governmental red tape, though financially one will do well. This is also an indication that one could be swamped with material responsibility.

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

The Knight of Disks in this Air House shows an individual who is out of step with his surroundings. He is spurred on to do a job he is not suited for, a classic case of being out of his depth. When dealing with the Knight of Disks in this position one will find that one is bogged down and cannot get away from the mundane tasks so that one can overview the entire situation. It is not good for travel as there is little movement indicated and what movement there is, is confused. This also applies to correspondence and other forms of communication. It is a situation where the part is given more thought and action than the whole. However, where a fire is lit you can be sure it will be fanned.

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:

The Knight of Disks in this Water House shows an individual who is a strong steady builder who has a strong emotional tie to family who form a strong bond in his lifes needs. Changes of any type at this point are not forthcoming as he prepares for security and growth through strengthening his emotional needs. When dealing with the Knight under the above matters one will find him receptive to you and you should listen to his counsel. If he is a business partner he will take his time planning before acting which will yield a very good result. He is reliable.

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

The Knight of Disks in this Fire House shows an individual who is an extremely creative person who tries to build new structures where ever he goes. He is a loving individual whose main aim in life is to build, whether family, companies or monuments. When dealing with the Knight of Disks in this position be prepared to enter a new venture, possibly a formation of a new business or company. It is good to go with the Knight here for he has all the possible advantages. There is limitation to this however and make sure your ventures are short term ones only.

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 Knight of Disks in this Earth House shows an individual who appears slightly dull to the outside world but in reality is quite clever. He does not show his intelligence because he has not had a chance to extend himself fully. When dealing with the Knight in this house one will find that most things come to a stop. As very little movement is indicated one appears sluggish and causes the bodily systems not to be at their peak which paves the way for sickness. The working environment is over-burdened and shows a large amount of work being done with little to show for it. A possible collapse of a business is apparent. Positively aspected however, this card represents potential growth - all hope is not lost.

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 Knight of Disks in this Air House shows an individual who has failed or is in a failing marriage. There is simply a period of no growth or stagnation for him. He feels that nothing will be accomplished by him and his partner remaining together, and he looks ou to greener pastures. This also applies to other areas in the above matters as well. When dealing with the Knight here in business one has reached their limit. The business will not grow in spite of elaborate planning. There is a lack of image here that seems to be one of the business problems, perhaps a new

creative type of advertising programme may help. It is a point where ones intentions are one thing, but ones actions are another.

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 Knight of Disks in this Water House shows an individual who gains from matters of death. This refers to his profession which could possibly be in a legal field or as a beneficiary of an estate of a deceased person. When dealing with the Knight, as an executor, one will find that things proceed slowly and it is a very emotional time. If the Knight is a benefactor he will be a person of greed and getting anything out of him will be difficult. This also shows a change in attitudes as the emotional framework of this Water House drowns out material values. There is a profit to be made dealing with the Knight but it will be a long time in coming, difficulties must be overcome.

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:

The Knight of Disks in this Fire House shows an individual who is a constant innovator of new ideas and concepts in a metaphysical field. He may be slow to change but when he does he will be thoroughly behind a project or belief. The Knight also has an affinity for religious convictions. He may go on trips with a view to studying, teaching religion or hermetic dogma. When dealing with this person one will find him very helpful but you are also liable to have his views pushed onto you as he may intend to try and convert you to his way of thinking.

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

The Knight of Disks in this Earth House shows an individual who is able to reach the heights of material success. He bestows gifts and benefits wherever he goes. He has achieved status as a wealthy and powerful man who continually increases both of these two assets. When dealing with such a person as the Knight of Disks, one cannot help bathe in reflected glory. You will undoubtedly gain from such an enterprise and it looks as if financial gain and other material rewards will be given to you

because of your association to him. You will in turn also gain a certain reputation which will be in keeping with the image of the Knight. He is a leader where leadership is earned.

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 Knight of Disks in this Air House shows an individual who has a good income and is steadily building his fortune up. With friends he is popular, though he appears a little slow on the uptake he is very steady in accumulating both finances and friends and is very reliable. When dealing with this individual one will find him at the head of groups, parties etc. His apparent slowness will cause problems for those who want things in a hurry. Though a little dull he does try, and any negativity coming his way will be because of the impatience of others. He wants to get ahead but his outlet does not suit him and it would be better if he went to a new social and work environment.

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 Knight of Disks in this Water House shows an individual who tries to ease his conscience by giving to others. This is however only a phase he is going through which is necessary for his growth. It is a period where he expresses sorrow that has been suppressed inside him. He wants to help everybody but settles on doing something as a gesture so that he has at least gone through the motions. His feelings are genuine but they are still only transitory. It shows him supporting societies, some are good and some are not so good and it is his period to identify with sorrow and afflictions and then try to help others.

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MEDITATION ON THE KNIGHT OF DISKS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail: Each symbol and image. 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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