

LESSON 120

JUSTICE

The Golden Dawn version of this Trump has many of the attributes of the older concepts of the card Justice, for here we have what one would consider the standard western archetype of Justice, the woman and the scales. In the previous card we have the Wheel of Fortune which shows us cosmic evolvement of the Karmic concept of the law of cause and effect. Justice in fact takes us a step further and shows us the result of the actions of the previous card.

The general context of this card is actually enforcement through an institution. In old versions of this, it related to those in power, the nobility who enforce the laws of the sovereign over the people, hence the throne the figure of Justice sat upon. The Golden Dawn took things a step further and made sure that the card was Justice enforced through law and order, which is shown by the structure of the two pillars on each side of the figure. Felkin described this card as thus: 'The Path of Lamed you have already learnt is attributed to the Tarot Key of Justice, which leads from the Beauty of Tiphareth to the Severity of Geburah, and it may thus be said to denote the equilibrium between Emotion and Will. It represents, as you see, a Queen seated upon her Throne, her foot resting on a Fox, her hands grasp both a sword and a pair of scales. Thus shall the soul, upheld by firm Will, tread under foot the desires of the flesh, and rule her kingdom by the Light of the Spirit. Mercy and Truth have met together. Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other, and in that embrace shall spring the perfected man, ready to face with tranquil mind whatsoever the day may bring forth, life or death, joy or sorrow'.

Justice shows harmonious balance within structured confines. In mythology there are many associations here. Firstly the figure appears to be androgynous and relates not only to Osiris sitting in judgment of Ani, but to the Goddess Maat as well. It was she who tested the scales with a feather against the heart. the western concept of blind justice is also evident here and like the trump Death, directly opposite it on the Tree does not spare anyone for all are treated equally.

The figure in the card, as stated above, represents nobility - a person who has the authority and position to reign. The pillars behind and the two each side of her are of course those

of Severity and Mercy for these are the two extremes of the Law, each being applicable according to the nature of the crime one has committed and the scales she holds are balanced between them. In many ways we are yet again reminded of the weighing of the heart. Felkin changed the figure of Anubis the jackel to that of a fox though both have the same inference of slyness and cunning. By lying under the feet of the figure we see that in the name of Justice the slyness and evil have been vanquished. (The Stella Matutina changed this animal to a fox because by placing Anubis the guardian underfoot one has a tampering of the concept of justice, manipulation as opposed to balance.) The sword held upright shows the wrath of those who fall under the figure's domain if they have done wrong. It is held up in front of the Pillar of Severity and thus depicts the power of the martial actions of Geburah (these are of course controlled through the Tiphareth centre of power and balance). The scales are the instrument of weighing and represent the karmic actions of the law of cause and effect. The lotus's on each side of the throne show the influence of both the Sun and Moon and together they show the androgynous middle path of purity that Justice must take. The figure herself actually represents the Adeptus Major of the 6=5 grade whose sphere of influence is in manipulating and teaching the correct path to follow through subtlety and hidden resources, for these are the forces that have put her in the position of power to wield the sword of Geburah and measure the balance of justice. The chequered floor has a total of 44 squares, though some are obscured by the animal. One square for each of the positive and negative aspects of the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet. Together they are so placed in juxtaposition to each other that they are perfectly balanced and in harmony with each other. The emblem she wears around her neck is shaped like a drop of blood, for that is what it represents; the blood she has shed over the anguish of her decisions yet she still continues to make them for here she has sacrificed a part of herself for the greater good of all.

The right pillar and sword are coloured in the Grass Green of the King Scale and the left pillar is in its complementary Red. The background of the card is the Deep Turquoise Green of the Queen Scale. The robe of the figure is the Chrome Green of the Prince Scale while the throne, stand, and the blood emblem are the complementary Red. The Egyptian headdress and chequered floor are coloured in the Deep Green and complementary Red of the Princess Scale. The flowers at the base of the pillars are also in their complementary colours. The Fox is coloured in the translucent complementary red of the Princess Scale as are also the scales held by the figure. The skin of the figure is coloured in the translucent colour of the King Scale. The lotus's on top of the Throne are coloured in the same colours as the pillar they are closest to.

The psychological aspect of this card shows a balancing up or harmonisation of internal stresses. This is achieved by initiating and completing relationships so that one knows exactly where one stands. Social intercourse is a very important part of the individuals portrayed by Justice. There is a sacrificial aspect here as well, to a greater cause. It shows someone who is constantly balancing and checking the personal aspect of his nature in favour of a greater whole. Extreme adaptability to almost any situation is indicated, so that he or she can merge or be part of the huge social scene. There is also a very exhausting tax on ones energies with this type of behaviour for Justice represents the idealist. The scales held by the figure is the means through which a balancing and checking force comes and of which the individual uses in order to decide on events and issues that are for the greater good of all. Minute attention to detail is needed by the individual before judgment.

The title of this card is "Daughter of the Lord of Truth; Holder of the Balances." This relates to Maat the Egyptian Goddess of Truth and her place in the Hall of Maat.

The alchemic concept of Justice shows the weighing and measuring of ingredients by the alchemist. One old text says: 'The beginning of the Hermitic Work is with the conjunction of three principles: (1) Weight of the body which is about half the weight of spirit' - soul, hence the even balance of the scales. Also the scales, shown here evenly balanced, shows how the conversion to Philosophical Mercury can be accomplished in reducing the weight evenly by the use of a solvent which takes a watery form, but is of a solid brittle nature - emphasized by the chequered floor - each part of the same but different.

The number associated to this card is 11. Westcott calls this the number of sins for it exceeds the number of perfection (10) which is also the number of commandments. This is in fact a number that stands both with and outside the mainstream of continuity. Eliphaz Levi says: 'Eleven is the number of force; it is that of strife and martyrdom'.

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#### DIVINATION

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

The card Justice, in this position, shows in the evolved person one who is well balanced psychologically and emotionally; though in one who is unevolved, it shows someone who is striving for balance and at present has an unstable equilibrium. There is possible restlessness and neurotic behaviour; this sort of person wants so much but is unable to harmonise the self internally. For the person that is well balanced we find someone who is in touch with the inner self, emotionally, psychologically, and intellectually. Individuality is projected through the co-operation of others. There is an evaluation of any outside stimulæ so that all is slotted into a category. Any beginnings undertaken shall be on a good footing.

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 application of Justice under the above matters, if negatively aspected by the surrounding cards, advises an end to any business venture and tend to all the legal ramifications of said venture, otherwise you may be the loser. However if positively aspected, from a managerial viewpoint Justice shows a good working relationship and sound projection for the future. Commercially everything is set to go ahead. One is neither poor nor wealthy with a good body and good mental health. This card also shows a person with strong powers of evaluation who wastes nothing. Generally Justice shows an honest and resourceful person in affairs.

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

Travel to places where one has not been before, journies are neither short nor long, and communication is formally established along traditional lines. There may be some correspondence but not much. Do not expect sensitivity when Justice turns up here, only intellectual evaluations and responses along the lines of protocol. In matters of education there is a refining of ones mental state; inner perception will help in studies. There tends to be philosophic expression of thought and desire and a coolness of attitude. Relationships under the above matters are healthy, but not emotionally close.

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:

Justice here shows a very good homelife though there seems to be something austere or cool about it, but security in life is more than adequate. The home is made a place of chosen ideal expression - an image one wishes to project to the outside world. There may be aquisition of land, buildings or rental of property. Emotions are evenly balanced, and any directions open for one to take are evaluated. There appear to be no immediate major shifts in lifes directions. Justice advises that one should not make any moves or binding decisions until the situation is carefully evaluated. If one goes through any emotional upsets, they are left in psychic exhaustion.

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

In matters of love, feelings are reciprocal. Creativity is confined to accepted ways. Relationships with children are good. One can expect to be involved with the guidance of children along their path of evolvment, also there appears to be a need to have children. In areas of entertainment and recreation there is a moderating influence and pleasure is taken from unique things. In areas of speculation this card advises one not to over indulge, and if careful you will be generally successful. Enjoyment of or an involvement with music is depicted. Overall, Justice, represents moderation and control, adhering to the laws of society and culture.

ON MATTERS OF sickness; employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

In this position the card Justice shows the middle level management position where mundane decisions and judgements, evaluations, must be made. Co-workers are sympathetic but rarely offer help. Employers are understanding but expect an honest day's work. Any sickness would be through emotional turmoil or disharmony in a work environment or through mishaps in personal relationships, however, this card generally portrays stable health. There is contentedness with ones current work situation and sense of service. This card represents balance and harmony here on all levels of being. Many skills are acquired which complement each other. If negatively aspected by the surrounding cards, ones mental state will be unstable or confused and this

card advises one to stabilize the self and face up to whatever life may bring forth.

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:

Justice in matters of marriage represents someone who is suited to their mate. Partnerships and marriage is of primary concern - alot is expected from a mate. A marriage may take place in the Registrar's office rather than a church. In matters of divorce, the parting will be equitable and a third party will judge the division of property. Relationships are of a competitive nature. If negatively aspected you may find yourself an adversary. In partnerships one is valued and public relations are under control. In social matters life will be either balanced or one may be a social butterfly, depending on the surrounding cards.

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:

Profits made from the misfortunes of others, wealth gained through partnerships, are shown here with Justice in this position. A person (organisation or country) is able to generate wealth from unknown sources. Excellent manager of affairs. In this position, Justice is the card of retribution. Wrong-doers are punnished, whether it be by man or Karma, and the innocent go free. People work to a structure, or enforce the letter of the law and in religious factions they work to enforce the will of their prophets. Disputes are dealt with fairly if an outside or unbiased party is given the final say. On death there is a facing up to Karma earned either for or against from ones previous life, a time of testing in the Hall of Maat. Excellent manager of affairs.

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 card Justice shows circumstances adhering to social etiquette, laws and judgments made along such lines. It represents religions or philosophies where there is alot of dictating,

one where people are judged by their actions. There is a necessity for logic and a comprehensible format for application. On matters of higher education, Justice portrays attainment in ones endeavours possibly in the field of Law. Public communications are arbitrary and dictatorial. One will work best through groups. Generally, one can expect harmony.

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

This is a good position for the Justice to be in for it shows someone who has achieved much. Possible involvement in a judicial field or profession is indicated and one will gain from it or one will meet or have dealings with someone who has gained a great deal of notariety, who may be feared and/or respected. Justice represents the harmoniser and integrator, someone who has a clear vision of their goal, who is in a position of authority affecting the lives of those around through his/her decisions (this could also refer to a governing body or nation). Although Justice can depict happiness and idealism there is a sensitivity of reputation.

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:

This is an all encompassing position for Justice to be in. It shows working in with governmental organisations, groups and activities with a concern for humanity and the rights and wrongs of nations. Justice represents counsellors, arbitrators, organisations formed to set standards and laws and become governing bodies. It shows an individual who wants to do right by all others, has a strong set of ideals and will sacrifice personal feelings for the greater good. For the unevolved, constant attempts are made to "fit in" which leads to someone "who runs with the fox and hunts with the hounds". Stable patterns with Cabinet/Congress, decisions made which to a greater degree affect the populous.

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 Justice shows someone going to another with unresolved problems. One or more persons seek outside help whose verdict will be the final say. Secret societies shown here are ones connected with the \*'White-Lodge' type. Ones downfall is worrying about triviality and approaching any meaningful or indepth subject or relationship with superficiality. On a higher note, if well aspected, one gains recognition of ones place in the universe and there is total identification. Karmic debts are balanced out - paid off. Health should be good, however if one is afflicted Justice advises balancing oneself internally. There may not be a cure but any illness will not get worse, however each to ones own karma.

\* The White-Lodge is a brotherhood, whether it be mythical or otherwise, and is said to house the finest esoteric brains in the world. It is considered a meeting place for masters of all creeds.

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MEDITATION ON JUSTICE:

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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