

LESSON 128

THE SUN

The Golden Dawn version of this trump is based on the Marseille's design and relates very heavily to the Sun in the Zodiac theme. However the original elements of the 15th century Pierpont Morgan-Bergamo version of the Sun are also incorporated in its theme as well, for this shows the Sun through the framework of the child dispensing growth to all the lands below.

Mathers says of this card 'The Sun has twelve principal rays which represent the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac. They are alternately waved and salient as symbolising the alteration of the masculine and feminine natures. These again are subdivided into the 36 decantes or sets of 10 degrees in the Zodiac, and these again into the 72 quinances or sets of 5, and the 72 fold Name Schemphamporesch (Note: This will be discussed in greater depth near the completion of the Correspondence Course. P.Z.). Thus the Sun embraces the whole of creation in its rays.

'The seven Hebrew Yods on each side, falling through the air refer to the Solar influence descending. The wall is the circle and its stones are the various degrees and divisions. The two children standing respectively on Water and Earth represent the generating influence of both, brought into action by the rays of the Sun. They are the two inferior passive Elements, as the Sun and Air above them are the superior and the active elements of Fire and Air. Furthermore these two children resemble the Sign of Gemini which unifies the Earthy Sign of Taurus with the Watery Sign of Cancer, and this Sign was, by the Greeks and Romans, referred to Apollo and the Sun.'

In the 3=8 ritual of the Practicus Grade further meanings are given of the 30th path of Resh, which are analogous to this card. "I am the Sun in greatest elevation, bringing down upon the earth ripening heat - fructifying all things - urging forward growth of vegetable nature, Life giving, Light producing, crowning summer with Golden Harvest, and filling the lap of plenteous Autumn with purple vintage of the Vine... I am the Sun in the greatest depression beneath the Equator when cold is greatest and heat is least - withdrawing his light in darkening winter, the dweller in the mist and storm - I am the Sun in Equinox, initiating Summer or heralding Winter - mild and genial in operation, giving forth or withdrawing the vital heat of life.

The Father of All congregated the Seven Firmaments of the Cosmos, circumscribing the Heaven with convex form. He constituted a Septenary of Wandering Existences, suspending their disorder in well disposed zones...". This shows that the 7 Yods relate not only to the 7 heavens but to the planets (their esoteric title is "Lords who Wander" which is the reason the esoteric title of this card is "Lord of the Fire of the World"). The second set of Yods show the curved effect of the Solar System which through the Precession of the Equinox will return to where it was. The two children also represent both man and woman before the Fall for here everything is in balanced disposition - their nakedness and innocence being part of the divine plan. The entire card is also a composite of the 4 elements which the Zodiac energies work through. The 3 sunflowers (Mr. Wang please note) beside the male child show the initiation of man into the mysteries of the Supernal of his soul, the Neshmamah, Chiah and Yechidah. There are 72 bricks, in 12 layers, of the wall with each brick representing an angel of the Schemphamphoresch and each layer under the presidency of its Zodiac hierarchy.

The Sun and its 12 points are coloured in the Maize Yellow of the King Scale and the next outer circle of 36 points is painted in the complementary colour of Light Bluish Violet. The sky is coloured in the Melon Yellow of the Queen Scale and the Yods are a Soft Violet Blue. The earth beside the pond is Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink of the Princess Scale and the water is the complementary Hyacinth Blue. The two children are coloured in the translucent Orange of the Prince Scale while the wall is coloured in the complementary Blue.

The psychological mode of consciousness that this card represents is an individual who is the center of attention. He is the electric or magnetic type of person who has a natural in-built authority to take command and lead. This person attracts those around him like a moth to a flame. As a person he feels he has to build for the good of all. He is the key to transformation and conversion of energy for the overall good. The benefits he gives to others are enormous. His level of perception is far seeing and the best over all description one could give of him is that of a Demi-God.

The alchemical action of this card is that of the Conjunction, the unification of brother and sister outside the bounds of matter, one of the stages an alchemist can reach.

The numerological association to this card is 19. Levi says of 19 that: 'It is the number of light. It is the very existence of God proved by the very idea of God... Being is alive with

intelligence, and the living intelligence, and the living intelligence of absolute being is God'.

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### DIVINATION

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

Concerning new ideas, the Sun represents the fertile mind: the World is your oyster, you will be inspired. This card shows a pure expression of the self, uninhibited by any social taboos, with an honourable disposition, a strong character which may be assertive and dominating. The physical body has good vitality, this card favours longevity. Reactions to outside stimulæ are positive and forward. The Sun deems success for any project undertaken. First encounters are positive and in fact appear radiating and are deemed fruitful. Your own positive qualities will have to be mastered to be brought into unity with the whole self.

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:

A very fortunate card in this position. All conditions will manifest, but only when the time is ripe; don't despair as affairs will be motivated and people will be stirred into action, for the Sun shows challenge to strive forward. While you wait for the "ripe" time, collect experience (the Sun is a card of collecting consciousness, experience, knowledge) to fortify yourself, your way of life and business/income. Careful thought and consideration of all interrelating factors must be applied for success in any endeavour. Generally speaking this card portrays one in control, with potential gain, and for some if positively aspected, wealth. Negatively aspected it shows vanity which could lead to a multitude of sins.

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

Fortunate in matters of education, reading and writing - the fertile, receptive mind. There is a great deal of collecting information and co-operation. You can expect to receive mail and will find communication in all forms will be unobstructed. The Sun shows the influence of a higher intelligence, perhaps superiors. One is illuminated, or inspired to enlarge a field of activity. Travel is congenial and fruitful. A decision will be made and a trip taken for leisure purposes. Relationships in all forms are happy, harmonious and bear fruit. There is joviality. It shows a strong identity complex and one identifies with relationships to gain a perspective of lifes worth.

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 Sun shows here the strong, fit, kindly, all giving father archetype. Such a basis in ones life will extend happiness and contentment in the home environment where ones emotions are expressed freely and there is an abundance of affection. There is gain through property etc., and material well-being. On matters of the occult, it shows initiation of the Self, introducing the higher self; psychic experiences. If negatively aspected in the first half of ones life there are family troubles, persistent bad luck and thwarted plans, but this will improve towards middle and later life where one will experience success and comfort.

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

A fortunate position for the Sun to be in! Vital powers urge you outward to express the self strongly, to increase your physical and mental prowess. You should have nothing left to fear with your health. Nations join together for the purposes of sport - all unite. The Sun shows a strong creative will, which can achieve anything desired, using all that is available in your life; pride and happiness with children; a child will follow in his fathers footsteps. Enjoy life and take recreational time off. Concerning Love, there is a happy union of minds and souls for a duration of time however there is some element of transience.

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

Here the Sun represents those who are in a position of power - the employer. Relationships will be good; there will be helpfulness although self-reliance is encouraged. Being frank and open is the key to success. Ambition leads to development in many directions. Health improves as there are physiological changes for the better. If afflicted, heart, muscles, arteries and vitality is affected. If you are thinking of changing your employment the Sun implies success in whatever you choose. Employees work sincerely and are of like mind and purpose. Fellow worker relationships are jovial and harmonious. Friendships are carried through into personal life activities. A nation grows as a united force.

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 Sun is a fortunate card for marriage, partnership, contracts and social interaction. There is social pleasure, harmonious relationships which are not inhibited or bound by social prejudices. You can expect good companionship and a happy union. There is a movement towards outside activities, meeting new and interesting people. To any question under the above matters the path of least resistance is usually taken. The Sun also shows someone who has dignity and samples the finer things in life. Competition is strong, but should be met with equal strength. There is very little lacking and you should reflect on your life and just see how rich it really is.

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:

Spiritual, mental and physical rejuvenation - powers of renewal. The Sun is not transformative for it works with what is already there, giving the energy and growth. It shows psychic development, the balancing forces of Yin and Yang. Partnerships are sound and beneficial for all concerned. There should be riches and success in the above matters, joint resources grow. The effects of others are beneficial, sexual unions are spontaneous and without guilt. Mood remains stable - content. This card shows daily reality, the "now" material world and has little if any association with mysticism, spiritualism or death. Longevity is implied.

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:

Desirous of public esteem and higher education. "Collective Intelligence". In this position the Sun shows the highest one can hope for in life as regards knowledge (wisdom) while in the physical body. Outwardly, inner truth is expressed, people are influenced, their lives are enriched. Extend your education, change that outlook, see that different viewpoint, rationalize. religions are solar - patriachic, science is held in high esteem. The Sun depicts pure thought, it does not show travel, however if travelling you will be safe. Public communications are clear and understood by all. This would be a good time to verbalise your beliefs. A legal system will work for the good of all.

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

A person or country worthy of respect. One who leads, rules with dignity exercising power and authority fairly. Decisions are firmly made and carried out. There is prominence and success in activities undertaken. Sound judgement. The Sun alludes to the Splendour of the Material World in which one bathes. Achievements great and small are fulfilling. Concerning a parent - he/she shines inspiration - is a benefactor - or guides one through difficult times. You (or a country) are able to identify with an opposite and able to experience such an opposite of energies objectively and subjectively which leads to an advantage where one can understand and predict action and reaction.

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:

Governmental decisions benefit the people: Patriotism is strong, the glory/honour of ones country must be upheld. Attention is turned to the physical wellbeing of the people; Municipal bodies co-operate and a civilisation grows. The Sun represents that which is here now, not what will be or was. Friendships grow; people are less bound by prejudices; bad times turn to better. Public holidays are represented here as well as individual holidaying. Whatever the situation under the above matters the Sun shows a fortifying and vitalising energy. Warmth

is yielded by you or another to other people, giving them comfort in their difficult moments.

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 Sun in this position shows an element of secretiveness and privacy in a person (or country). It alludes to the gold of the Philosophers and an initiating into the greater source of inner light. Karmically everything will work according to the Divine Plan. The Sun advises the querent to get in touch with the direction of life's currents. You will need time to be alone with your thoughts and feelings and to revitalize yourself. Institutions and public attention must be avoided if you are wish to work unnoticed. There is a demand that you face reality and your own unconscious egotism - make peace with yourself. Sensitive to the hardships of the under-privileged may draw you to work in areas that help groups.

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MEDITATION ON THE SUN:

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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Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

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