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PART X. - SOUL (AND PERSONAL) PATH -

The King of Diamonds, Lincoln's Soul and Personal Cards combined, is Mars-Venus in the Triple Chart; and the seven cards following it, reading from right to left, represent the combined Soul (Birth) and Personal Paths. The King of Diamonds himself is often a business man and one who handles a great deal of money; or, if he is on the higher planes of consciousness, will deal in supernal values. His place as Mars-Venus designates a mind which is centered upon humanity, and so indeed the mind of Lincoln was.

The Mercury Card of this combined Soul and Personal Path is the Six of Hearts, denoting that Lincoln was uniformly successful in his relations with people, a thing for which indeed he was celebrated. He made friends easily and without conscious effort, and held them as easily because of his love of wisdom which is represented by his Venus Card, the Four of Clubs. His love of principle rather than of the personalities involved made him universally respected and loved.

The Mars Card, the Two of Diamonds, shows that Lincoln was a teacher, not of the ordinary things of life merely, but of the higher humanities as well. As this is a card of opposites, it is always the representative of test conditions in the life, as the individual always has two courses very clearly outlined before him.

The Jack of Spades is the Jupiter Card. Reference to the Table of the Card meanings shows the following values for it: "Types occult force acting in matter in the formulative aspect;" "Symbolizes the descent of Spirit into matter, the Divine Intellection ashape in the objective world." Inasmuch as Jupiter means the world in its objective aspect, the world we see and know, this card indicates that Lincoln's mission was to represent the Divine Mind acting in our world of thought and ideal as well as in the actual change which he wrought in the status of a large group of Humanity.

The Eight of Clubs, power in wisdom, is the Saturn Card, and shows that the purpose of the Soul of Lincoln, his profession, was intrinsically one of the highest wisdom. He was a Lawyer in the upper as well as the lower planes of human action, one who dealt with LAW. Remember that Saturn represents crystallization, profession, etc.

The Six of Diamonds is the Uranus Card. Uranus as a planetary force denotes the extremes of high and low, the spiritual and the material worlds. Six denotes smoothness of action, and Diamonds are value, this signifies slow but smooth action between the two poles; that is, Lincoln was slow in arriving at conclusions but apt to be entirely correct in his results. We know this to have been true of him.

Lincoln's Neptune Card, the Four of Spades, is Jupiter-Venus in its position in the Triple Chart, signifying that the greatest work, highest ideal, holiest desire of his soul and personal life, all these represented by Neptune, was centered upon the welfare of Humanity (Jupiter being mundane welfare; Venus people). The Four of the card denotes that this work will be satisfactorily accomplished, though not entirely completed, for in that case the four would have been a nine or a ten. Spades mean work, effort, and the result energy expenditure.

MENTAL CARD AND PATH

That Neptune was probably the most important factor in the life of Lincoln is demonstrated by the fact that his entire Mental Path is under that planet. Neptune signifies distance, range of action, scope, governs liquids, anything not crystalized, and is Spiritual because it embraces all things, as indeed the actual planet does in its orbit embrace all the rest of the Solar System. The Jack of Diamonds, the Thought Card, is by position, Uranus-Neptune which denotes, as Uranus the two poles, and as Neptune the ability to act between them, to include the entire measure of value in the action of the Soul in its aspect of Mind.

The Mercury Card in this Path is the Four of Hearts, and again we see that Lincoln found satisfaction in his relationships with people, with all whom he contacted, almost instantly.

The Four of Diamonds is the Venus Card and for its value duplicates the Four of Clubs in the Soul-Personal Path; denotes the Mind to be centered upon obtaining values for people; the four is satisfaction, the Diamonds value, and the position as Venus both in the Mind Path and in the Triple Chart shows that the desire to raise humanity is likely attained in the outward developments of the life.

The Two of Spades as the Mars Card, is a further duplicating of the Mars value of the Soul-Personal Path as above. Represents the two poles of action between which Lincoln's mind so readily functioned.

The Eight of Hearts as the Jupiter Card causes Lincoln to have "Power with People" on the planes of Manifestation, which that planet represents.

The Six of Clubs is the Saturn Card and again denotes his profession as that of One dealing with LAW.

The Uranus Card, the Six of Spades, reaspects the same values as the Uranus Card in the first Path, denoting that his mental work was easy and harmonious though not extremely rapid.

The Queen of Hearts as the Neptune Card has a world of meaning here. It shows that Lincoln attained to the Love of Humanity, as do most others, through the loss (because Neptune indicates distance, the regaining in the larger aspect and ideal of life that which is lost in the more intimate and personal sense) of that person which represented the centralization of his love forces. It also denotes that his death, though seeming untimely, was really, "the end of a perfect day," that this Master Soul, arrayed in its natural beauty, fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the Faith."

Make special note of the fact that the position of the cards of this Mind Path are the same as the position of these cards in the Triple Chart, and that he could hardly have failed in his work with this natural co-ordination moving constantly with him. "To this end was I born" means that we are born under the aspects of the planets which represent the conditions proper for the work which we came as souls to do.

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Publisher's Note:

This concludes the first series on THE TAROT OF THE YEAR, which the publishers of THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW had arranged with the author to print. With the very lucid exposition of its general principles presented in its earlier parts, followed by complete tables of card readings or delineations, then by the Triple Chart which embodies a comprehensive and graphic diagram of the manner in which the cards are to be read; and lastly in the two concluding installments, LX and X, an example of a complete reading, which thoroughly demonstrates the working of the system, the student is now equipped to proceed with the practice of delineations. A complete grasp of the system can only be had, as with anything, by practice and application.

Mr. Barker hopes to elaborate on his work at a later date by more comprehensive and more widely detailed treatment of the science, which THE OCCULT PRESS REVIEW is desirous of presenting to its readers as soon as it is able to resume regular monthly publication. In the meantime any readers feeling in need of more light on any part are invited to communicate personally with the author, whose address is

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