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The Student should ever bear in mind the fact that all is the outcome of One Principle emanating from the Spiritual Sun of the universe, the rays from this spiritual center of life being brought to a focus at various points in space form the spiritual center of smaller universes, of which ours is one. From this secondary center the divine rays emanate as Life, Light and Love, being refracted as they flow outward by the sub-centers about the spiritual sun into the seven active and three latent principles of nature, or planetary rays. These ten emanations of the sephiroth are further modified as they pass outward thru the medium of the twelve signs. This being the origin of manifested existence it follows that everything in the universe partakes of the nature of these 22 qualities in some measure, but vibrates more distinctly to one of them.

Names are no exception to this rule, and possess a vibratory power that affects entities associated with them. The nature of the effect depends upon the astrological vibration of the name and the harmony or discord existing between it and the astro vibrations of the entity. Therefore, it is necessary to know the astrological quality of both to determine in what manner a name will be fortunate or otherwise. The astro-vibratory quality of a person is found from their chart of birth; and that of a name from the astro-correspondence of its letters and its numerical super-root and super-power.

To form an astrological chart of any name, substitute for each letter of the name the Major Arcanum ruling the letter. Add together the numbers corresponding to the letters of the name. Then find the super-root and super-power of this sum. The Sun is the Father of all life, the Moon is the Mother of its manifestation, and the Earth the universal matrix. Therefore, as the most powerful factor in the chart of a name, its father, place the Arcanum representing the super-root at its head. As those factors filling in the earthly details, next place those Arcana representing each letter of the name in its order. Lastly, as indicating the mother, or direction in which the forces will manifest, place the super-power at its foot. As some letters may occur more than once, it will be necessary to make a chart and place the Arcana on their proper stations as read. If this chart is the name of a person it may be read by the Arcana as a chart of life. The first card, or super-root, will indicate the natural endowments, and the following cards will show the successive events and

influences in life, the last card, or super-power indicating the success or failure at life's close. In such a reading the full name is required. The Surname indicates the fortune of the family as a whole, and the Given names show the individuality of its members, but can not be wholly separated from the family, for each is a branch of one tree and must partake partially of the fate of the trunk.

Not only are names of people susceptible of being read by substitution of the Major Arcana for their super-root, letters and super-power, but much light may be shed upon any name in the same manner. Thus as a short example let us take Iron. I-R-O-N = $10+20+16+14 = 60 = 6$, the super-root. $60 \text{ minus } 6 = 54$. $54 \text{ divided by } 9 = 6$. $6 \text{ plus } 1 = 7$, the super-power. Therefore the Tarot chart of the word Iron is VI-X-XX-XVI-XIV-VII, and the astro-chart - Venus, Uranus, Moon, Mars, Taurus, Sagittarius. Its primary quality VI is pliability and attractiveness, as for the magnet, and yielding under pressure, shown by the super-root 6. The ultimate manifestation of its endowments is the super-power VII, triumph over trials. It is therefore both pliable and strong. The incidental qualities are shown by changeableness (X) as rapid expansion and contraction due to temperature, resurrection (XX) ability to vibrate and detonate, violence (XVI) as an electric transmitter or as a tool, transmutation (XIV) as it is readily converted into steel. Iron as a whole is not ruled by Venus, but by Mars. However, Mars rules all irons and steels, and the name iron designates it as a different quality than steel, cast iron, wrought iron, etc., giving information as to its specific character. Steel ruled by Mars, has a name indicating greater strength and less pliability, thus - XI-XXI-XXII-V-V-XII-VII. The super-root and super-power are Force and Victory, the other letters expressing characteristic qualities. Any name may thus be read as a Tarot chart, or an astrological chart; and if the intuitions of the reader be keen, much information about the thing for which the name stands will be obtained.

To illustrate briefly reading the significance of a word by its super-root and power we will indicate the Tarot meaning of the words used at different times to express Deity, showing the effect upon the morals of the devotees. The Jews called their stern and unyielding God Jehovah, spelled in Hebrew : Jod-He-Vau-He. $10+5+6+5=26$. 26 being more than 22 must be involved. Its super-root is 8 and its power 3, meaning unbending Justice in Action, the Jewish moral code. Christian nations spell their Deity G-O-D = $3+16+4= 23$, which being larger than any Arcanum must be involved; its root and power, which are in this case also super-root and super-power, being 5 and 3, expresses beneficent Law in Action. The Deity of the Egyptian initiates is Ra = $20+1= 21$, which does not involve as it is already Arcanum XXI. Ra is the Spiritual Sun of our universe, the highest spiritual and intellectual entity, hence is well expressed by The Adept, or perfect man, which his worshipers strive to become. She is astrologically the Sun, and the religion involved in His worship is expressed by the two Arcana composing the word, 20 and 1, or Will and Intelligence Resurrecting the soul beyond the tomb. Jesus: $10+5+21+6+21= 63$, involved to root 9 and power 7, meaning the Prudence of Victory, which is the real religion of his followers in spite of their meek pretensions. On the other hand Christ involves to 9 with a power of 9, showing that Prudence advises the attainment of Wisdom. These are the real Christians and not the worshipers of mammon. The Christian mystics worship the Christ within, called Christos, = 118, involving to 10 with a root of 13, indicating Change of Fortune due to Transformation. Now let us ask what is the import of the Hindu deific word used frequently as a mantram, and rendered into English A-U-M, $1+6+13 = 20$. The root 20 reveals the object is to awaken the soul to its latent possibilities; the method being shown by the letters: The Will(1) brought against Temptation(6) to produce Transformation(13).

Where the numerical value of a name is different in the language from which it is taken, the English spelling gives only the meaning to English speaking people, and the native spelling the original meaning. Buddha = 25, and involves to 7 and 3, or Victory of mind in Action, which is essentially the life and teachings of that reformer. Brahma = 45, which involves to 9 with the power of 5, meaning Wisdom operating thru Law, which is the gist of real Brahmanism. Shiva, the destroyer, is 35 involving to 8 and 4; or Equilibrium Realized, which destruction is. Both Devil and Hell = 37, which involves to Arcanum X and IV, indicating sudden changes of Fortune Realized, which is supposed to be the function of this place and its lord. Babylon, mentioned in Revelations as the great prostitute is numerically 57, involving to 12 with the power of 6, meaning Sacrifice to Temptation, in the manner there written. We are led to believe from this that the downfall of the earthly Babylon was due to licentiousness and yielding to evil. The early Magi erected a tower to Bel = $2+5+12=19$. Happiness and Prosperity being devoted to Science, Religion and Sacrifice. But later generations forsook the worship of Bel for Baal = $2+1+1+12=16$, Violence being the primary motive for studying science and cultivating the Will and for Sacrifice. Instead of seeking heaven thru natural growth they attempted to storm it thru austerity, and downfall resulted.

In determining what effect a name will have when attached to any given person, it is necessary to know that person's birth-chart. Find the super-root and super-power of the name, then substitute the astrological correspondence of the super-root, the letters of the name, and the super-power. Compare this astrological chart of the name with the birth-chart to determine what departments of the life the name will stimulate into activity, and if the activity will be beneficial or otherwise. Thus: Mary, has the super-root 8 and the super power 5; the Tarot chart is, VIII-XIII-I-XX-X-V, being read as a Just and well Balanced life, showing early Removals, a strong Intellect and Will; with an Awakening to new possibilities after middle life, followed by sudden change of Fortune, which results in devoting late life to Religion. The chart of the name, considered astrologically is: Capricorn, Aries, Mercury, Moon, Uranus, Jupiter. The strongest astrological influence is the root Capricorn, therefore, whatever house Capricorn occupies in the birth-chart will be stimulated by the name Mary. If Capricorn is fortunate in the birth-chart the name will be benefic, and bring about the good things signified by it, but if Capricorn is evil in the birth-chart, the name will act inharmoniously and strengthen that evil. Now let us suppose the person given the name Mary has Capricorn on the cusp of the house of marriage and its lord, or Saturn, evilly aspected; Jupiter at the same time being well aspected in the house of business. In this case the name, Mary, stimulates the house of marriage and assists in bringing about an unfortunate marriage. Consequently she is thrown on her own resources, and Jupiter the power of the name comes to the rescue and assists her in making an independent living, for Mary stimulates the evil of Capricorn and the good of Jupiter latent in her chart. But in this case the evil is greater than the good for the Root is stronger than the Power of a name. The other astrological influences represented by the actual letters of the name also stimulate the departments of the horoscope they rule at birth; but their power to effect anything is less than either root or power. So if Mary had Aries on the house of friends the letter M in Mary would stimulate it, but whether for good or evil would depend upon the aspects received by its ruler. And the house occupied by Mercury would be stimulated, as would that occupied by the Moon, and by Uranus, by the letters A-R-Y, the effect depending upon their strength at birth. By making an astrological chart of a name as indicated, the precise influence a name will have over an individual may be determined by comparing it with the chart of birth.

The Conqueror

Arcanum VII.

Letter: Egyptian, Zain; Hebrew, Zayin; English, Z

Number: 7

Astrologically: the zodiacal sign Sagittarius.

Color: the lighter shades of purple.

Tone: high A.

Occult science: Masonry

Human function: the sense of smell

Natural remedy: such herbs as mallow, wood betony, feather-few, and agrimony.

Mineral: the talismanic gem Carbuncle, and such stones as are mixed with red and green including turquoise.

Z-7, expresses in the Spiritual world, the septenary dominion of spirit over matter.

In the Intellectual world, the sacerdocy and the Empire.

In the Physical World, submission of the elements and forces of matter to the intelligence and forces of man.

Remember then, son of earth, that the empire of the world belongs to them that possess the sovereignty of spirit, that is to say, the light which makes clear the mysteries of life. If the Conqueror appears in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, it signifies that in breaking thru obstacles thou wilt crush thy enemies. and all thy wishes will be realized if thou attack the future with audacity, armed in the consciousness of thy right.

Arcanum VII is figured by a war-chariot of square form, surmounted by a starry canopy sustained by four columns. Upon this chariot advances a Conqueror armed with a Cuirass and carrying both Sword and Scepter. He wears a crown from which rises three pentagrams, or golden stars with five points. The square car symbolizes the material world vanquished by the work of the will. The four columns supporting the canopy represent the four quadrants of heaven surrounding the conqueror, and the four elemental kingdoms that have submitted to the master of scepter and sword. Upon the square front of the chariot is pictured a sphere sustained by two outspread wings; symbol of the immortal flight of the soul thru the infinitude of space and time. The sacred serpent at the conqueror's brow signifies the possession of intellectual light which makes clear all the Arcana of fortune. The three golden stars rising from the crown symbolize the dominion of man in all three worlds, physical, astral and spiritual. A T-square and two try-squares are traced upon the cuirass. The T-square, or Tau symbolizes virile force, and the two try-squares indicate the rectitude of judgement that enables the conqueror to direct this force either to right or left, into mental or physical power as occasion demands. The cuirass signifies resistance; the high held sword is the emblem of physical victory; and the scepter that of mental conquest. The scepter is surmounted by a square, emblem of matter, a circle, and a triangle. The circle indicates the realm of spirit, and the trine signifies mind; all denoting the perpetual dominion of intelligence over all realms and forces of nature. Two sphinx, one white and the other black are harnessed to the car. A sphinx as composed of the four fixed zodiacal emblems indicates the passage of time. The white sphinx signifies fortunate periods, and the black one periods of adversity; both of which serve the soul victorious over the ordeal in its pilgrimage of eternal progression.

In Divination Arcanum VII may be briefly read as Victory.

(1) Numerically, seven as composed of the numbers three and four expresses action and completion. It is the number of perfect form on the physical plane. It is thus the octave, which is the complete and perfect gamut. So in all things in which perfection of form exists will be found the number 7 expressed as three and four. The three are active principles. The four are reactions, secondary, or forms. These exist on every plane as the Seven Principles of Nature. In human life 7, as composed of 3 and 4 expresses the concrete 4 dominated by action, or 3; the realization of physical perfection thru active effort. As composed of 5 and 2 it indicates man in full possession of the law of polarity, realizing the potency of sex force. As composed of twice 3 plus 1, it signifies body, soul and spirit united to body, soul and spirit, guided by intelligence and under control of will, thus representing the perfect nuptial union. It is dominion of Intelligence over all actions, hence complete Victory over all Temptations.

(2) Astrologically, Sagittarius is pictured as the starry Centaur, with bow full drawn, indicating its combative qualities and its locomotion. Sagittarius is a dual sign, adapting itself to both scepter and sword. It is natural ruler of philosophy and travel; its chief mental characteristics being obedience to ruling authority, discipline, prompt decision, self-control and the power to command others. These are the qualities expressed by Arcanum VII, as well as the conservative attributes indicated by the Cuirass, and it thus corresponds in every detail with the sign Sagittarius.

(3) It has been explained that Jupiter corresponds to the Electromagnetic form. In addition to Vitalization and Polarity, this form is capable of being nourished by the more ethereal particles of matter known as aromas. Hence it is that incense becomes a valuable aid to religious and magical ceremonies. The odors that are beneficial or injurious to the electro-magnetic form are distinguished by the sense of smell ruled by the sign Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter, corresponding to that form. The sense of smell, therefore, corresponds to Arcanum VII.

(4) Alchemically, Arcanum VII is the quintessence resulting from the union of the two forces of the Grand Alchemical Agent. This quintessence is of equal parts Acid and Alkali perfectly blended and held in a state of stability by the addition of water at regular intervals, and a carefully maintained temperature. Too much water results in weakening it below the standard strength required for transmutation. And too much heat results in effervescence and waste, decreasing the quantity below that necessary for the Great Work. To keep acids and alkalies in proper proportion and at proper strength requires care and constant supervision; but the victory is well worth the effort.

(5) In the Bible we find reference to Arcanum VII in the person of Joseph who was sold captive into Egypt, representing the soul born into the world fettered by the senses and desires. But Joseph overcome all obstacles and rose to possess great power, as symbolized by the sword as well as being a great interpreter of the divine will, as symbolized by the scepter. Joseph was tempted by Pharaoh's wife, Arcanum VI, but he Triumphed over that temptation, even tho it brought affliction. Pharaoh's dream of the 7 fat kine, and 7 lean kine, the 7 good ears and seven bad ears, related to periods of good and evil, such as the white and black sphinx signify in Arcanum VII. The result of his triumph thru periods of good and evil and not succumbing to temptation is stated thus, Gen. 41:41. "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring

from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; and made him to ride in the second Chariot which he had; and they cried before him; Bow the knee; and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt." So shall those who triumph over temptation be made rulers over the physical plane, or Egypt.

(6) The Royal Arch degree of Masonry is based upon Arcanum VII. The chariot, like the tabernacle, is an oblong square, and instead of being divided into four veils, the canopy is supported by four columns. The captivity in Babylon is denoted by the square-formed chariot; and the release from bondage by the scepter; the return journey to Jerusalem being denoted by the sphinxes hitched to the wheeled car. It also symbolizes the vault into which the candidate is lowered; and where he finds the Ark of the Covenant containing the four emblems that are the suit of the Tarot cards. The scepter represents the rod of Aaron, the sword is symbol of the tablets of the law, the gomer is represented by the cuirass, and the sacred serpent indicates the manna, or intellectual food. The three jewels, or trying squares, of the three ancient Masters are to be seen on the Cuirass, and the wonderful scroll which is a key to the ineffable character of the degree is to be seen as the starry canopy overhead. The long lost Master Mason's Word which is recovered in the Royal Arch is fully exemplified by the four symbols alluded to, and written in three languages as indicated by the golden stars. All of which plainly stated is harmonious union of positive and negative forces, such as the Masonic trowel suggests, on all three planes of existence.

(7) In Magic Arcanum VII represents the power of Projection, sending the astral form to a distance; and the power of Attraction, which is the faculty of compelling the astral of another to appear and obey whatever commands may be given. It is also of the same symbolical importance as the Seal of Solomon, or two interlaced, equilateral trines. Next to the Pentagram, Solomon's Seal is the most important magical pantacle for it represents the Macrocosm and its Laws, and indicates its user to be familiar with the laws and forces of nature and endowed with intelligence. The trine pointing downward expresses involution, and the upward pointing trine evolution. Properly formed the downward pointing trine is dark and the other light, signifying matter and spirit, female and male. The seventh point in the center is where both are one. indicating the astral spheres. And truly it is in the astral world that the Brethren of Light support the heavens and combat the hells. These two equilateral trines, signifying in humanity an equally developed body, mind and soul united to an equally developed body, mind and soul, represented by the point where the two trines are one the true At-One-Ment, or the finding of the Christ within. Solomon's Seal is a six-pointed star, but the blending of the two trines makes a central, or seventh point necessary, where their true equilibrium is found. The spiritual world is represented by the upper trine, and the physical by the lower; revealing the Hermetic Axiom, "As it is below, so it is above, as on the earth, so in the sky." But the true conqueror occupies the point where above and below meet, indicated by the central point of Solomon's Seal, and still more plainly in Arcanum VII by the Conqueror stationed between the square car of earth and the canopy of the star-spangled sky.

(8) In the soul's pilgrimage Arcanum VII indicates physical initiation completed. It shows proficiency in science and magic. The temptation of the material world have been surmounted and the Neophyte has gained complete control of Self. The body is under the control of a disciplined will, and whatever knowledge concerning spiritual things is obtainable in the external world has been mastered. The scepter and the sword balance each other, positive and negative, indicating the Neophyte

has a partner whose physical temperament, mental polarity, and spiritual aspirations are in complete harmony with his own. And further; as shown by the Tau and squares on the Cuirass, that they both implicitly obey the divine laws governing physical union, having mastered which they become candidates for regenerate union as signified by Arcanum XIV, and later for true soul-union represented by Arcanum XXI. Neither 7 nor 14 are powers of 3, the number of union; but 7 as composed of 3 and 4, expresses union and its issue, which is perfection of form, and the multiples of 7, tho not powers of 7, relate to some octave of perfect form.

(9) Masonry is one of the branches of Magic, being the science of Symbolism and Rituals. Solomon's Seal and Arcanum VII both express the Master Mason's Word which is found concealed under the three squares in Arcanum VII. The key of the ineffable characters of Masonry is the scroll of heaven above the chariot of the Conqueror; and Arcanum as a whole pictures the Temple of Solomon in which initiation is conducted, the pillars Wisdom and Strength being indicated by Scepter and Sword, and the pillar Beauty where the two are harmoniously united is signified by the Cuirass. Arcanum VII is a key to all symbolism and ritual, exemplifying the Hermetic Action as the true law of correspondence, as well as giving the clue to its use in revealing the Master's Word.

The sign Sagittarius is general significator of Philosophy, long journeys, publishing, public writing, teaching and out-door sports; therefore each of the Sevens must relate to these things according to its suit.

The Seven of Scepters is success in Teaching, Writing, or Publishing.

The Seven of Cups indicates a successful change of home.

The Seven of Swords indicates danger thru travel or sports.

The Seven of Pentacles signifies money earned thru a journey.

The Balance

Arcanum VIII.

Letter: Egyptian, Helitha; Hebrew, Cheth; English, H

Number: 8

Astrologically: the zodiacal sign Capricorn.

Color: the darker shades of blue.

Tone: low G.

Occult science: Mundane Astrology

Human function: the sense of hearing.

Natural remedy: such herbs as henbane, nightshade and black poppy.

Mineral: the talismanic gem onyx, and ash colored or black minerals such as coal.

H-8, expresses in the Spiritual world, absolute justice.

In the Intellectual world, attraction and repulsion.

In the Physical world, relative justice, fallible and limited which comes from man.

Remember then, son of earth, that to be victorious over thyself and dominate obstacles is but a part of the human task. To accomplish it entirely thou must establish equilibrium between the forces that thou hast brought into play. All action produces its reaction. The will should foresee the shock of the opposite forces in order to temper or annul them. If the Balance should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, it signifies that the future is balanced between good and evil, and

warns that an unbalanced mind is like an abortive sun.

In Divination Arcanum VIII may be read as Justice or Equilibrium.

Arcanum VIII is figured by a woman, blindfolded, seated upon a throne; from her forehead the sacred serpent thrusts its head; she wears a crown of lance-heads; she holds in her right hand a raised sword, and in her left a balance. This is the ancient symbol of justice, which weighs all acts and opposes to evil as a counterweight the sword of expiation. Justice emanating from God as symbolized by the overshadowing protection, is the equilibrating reaction which reconstitutes order, that is to say, equilibrium between right and duty. Justice is crowned with lances to indicate inflexibility, adorned with the sacred serpent to signify she acts with enlightenment, and her throne is placed on a platform of three steps, representing her action in all three worlds. At her side is a lion, symbol of the force over which she rules; and a sphinx, symbol of the passage of time which enables her to manifest. Above is a winged turtle, symbol of repentance which may bring forgiveness. At the back is a divine messenger, signifying that the justice of God will be the final judge of the justice of men. The sword is here a sign of protection for the good and a menace for the wicked. The eyes of justice are covered with a bandage to show that she weighs and strikes without taking into account the conventional differences that men have established for themselves.

(1) Numerically, Eight expresses complete balance and equilibrium, hence stagnation and death. As composed of two fours it indicates two realizations of an opposite nature, and is the antithesis of progress. In nature it signifies the polarization of the forces that bind together, or that produce motion, hence dissolution of matter and inactivity of energy. It is the number of annihilation, unconsciousness and mortality.

(2) Perfect equilibrium of forces produces crystallization. A solid is the result of an equilibrium of forces produces crystallization. A solid is the result of an equilibrium established between at least eight forces. First there must be two forces that meet to produce the impenetrable central point about which other forces converge. And about this atomic point two forces meeting from above and below, two from right and left, and two from behind and in front, or eight in all. This is well represented by a cube, which has six faces and a center. Verily, matter is nothing but Spirit in a state of equilibrium. Equilibrium expressing material crystallization, it follows that Capricorn, the most Earthy sign of the zodiac, the sign which the sun enters when life's forces are at lowest ebb, and the waters and vapors of earth crystallize into ice and snow, corresponds to the Balance, symbolizing this condition.

(3) Capricorn is a receptive and also a reflective zodiacal sign pertaining to earthly endeavor. These qualities of receiving and not giving, of utilizing all to its own advantage, are well represented by the sense of hearing. It is said that Speech is Silver and Silence is Gold; and Arcanum VIII represents the stable attitude of listening .

(4) Alchemically, Arcanum VIII indicates the crystallization of the product of the first complete process. The metals treated with the Quintessence are permitted to cool and coagulate. The result of this first is not pure gold, but an impure gold which requires additional treatment to convert it into a refined metal. Yet even this first treatment with the quintessence greatly enhances the value of the metals, and is well worth all the labor and care expended, even tho not carried further than this alloyed stage.

(5) In the Bible the reaction, or judgement, that befell Adam for yielding to temptation, which is the descent of spirit into matter, represents Arcanum VIII. Gen. 2:19. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken, and unto dust shalt thou return." Surely, the wages of sin is death, the only real death being the polarization of the spiritual forces by the animal soul that permits the dissolution of the divine soul and spiritual body. This state of moral crystallization is spoken of and judged thus: Rev. 3:16 "So, then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Those who are ignorant will be purified after much suffering, but those who once see the truth and accept it and again turn to evil meet the fate of Lot's wife: Gen. 19:26. "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

(6) The Royal Master degree is founded upon Arcanum VIII. As a Just reward for the most skillful and faithful Masons in building the Temple, it was decided to impart to them the Omnific Word as soon as the temple was completed. "And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" etc. It also represents the judgement that was ultimately passed upon the assassins of Hiram Abiff, and the state of disintegration in which the body of Hiram was found.

(7) Nothing is so sure in Magic as that any thought or desire projected toward another will ultimately return to the sender when its orbit of influence is completed and react for good or evil upon him. The magical force of the soul traverses the spaces almost instantaneously and fastens upon the object of its ceremony, and if disciplined, may act with terrible force in whatever direction it chooses; but ultimately these forces return to the sender. When such a force is launched toward another and does not have the power to penetrate the odyllic sphere, it reacts almost immediately upon the sender, affecting the one to whom it was directed not at all. On repelling any evil influence there should be no thought of vengeance or mercy; but unbending justice and self-protection; for retaliation unless entirely just brings fearful dangers.

As indicating the spheres of crystallized selfishness and crafty evil, the number 8 represents the final abode of the black-magician; and the only real death, the ultimate fate of the Inversive Brethren. The Dark satellite, or orb of death is no myth, as many have occasion to know.

(8) In the soul's Initiation certain trials and hardships are met and mastered, certain temptations overcome, and certain knowledge acquired. And where the birth-chart of the neophyte does not prohibit thru too great affliction from the house of partnership, a co-worker is chosen. At this time he also comes into possession of his life-work, upon the faithful performance of which depends his opportunity for further progress; for spiritual powers do not coalesce with inefficient souls. In carrying out this spiritual work, the requirements of physical life must also be met. The body must have sustenance, and obligations to society and family are due, as well as those to his soul and his unselfish work. In order to make the greatest progress a state of equilibrium between the higher and the lower necessities must be maintained. Undue time and effort spent in gaining wealth and caring for the body starves the soul; and too much time and effort spent in spiritual work starves the body. Both must receive their proper nourishment. This is what Jesus meant when he said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

(9) Capricorn, more than any other sign is interested in mundane affairs, and as natural ruler of earthly honor and station, governs that branch of astrology whose function it is to forecast the events that are to befall nations and cities. General forecasts regarding the world's condition may be made from a study of cycles; but the condition of a country is more local, and times of war and famine, storms or earthquakes affecting life and property, and the major events that happen in any country are predicted from Ingresses, Eclipses, Major conjunctions of planets, the appearance of new stars and comets, and the study of lunations. Astro-influences meet Justice ultimately to nations even as to men.

The sign Capricorn is general significator of station, honor, business, the parents, and government affairs therefore each of the Eights relates to these things subject to the phase of life shown by its suit.

The Eight of Scepters is a political appointment.

The Eight of Cups signifies extravagance.

The Eight of Swords means loss of honor, or business failure.

The Eight of Pentacles indicates a costly law suit.

The Magic Seven Spread

Ten completes the cycle, and seven completes the form. Seven plus back and white, or positive and negative, equals nine, the number of the highest manifestation of deity. Common Divination is concerned with external life, hence with form, whose problems are readily solved by the application of the Seal of Seven, or Solomon's Seal as it is commonly called. This Seal is an abstract astrological chart, for the sum of the angles of the two triangles equals 360, measuring exactly in a more concrete form from the zodiacal circle. The six external points of the Star with the one in the middle expresses the planetary octave in terms of the divine Word Jod-He-Vau-He, both above and below, the final He, or product occupying the center of the star.

To use this magical figure as a Tarot Spread, first, as usual formulate clearly the information sought and keep it in mind while shuffling the cards and cutting them. Then deal the cards face downward one by one on the points of an imaginary six-pointed star in the order shown on the frontispiece, the seventh card being dealt in the center.

Turn the cards over one at a time and read as turned.

The first card dealt, the upper Jod, signifies the past of the matter enquired about, which is the Cause of its present condition.

The second card dealt, or upper He, indicates the present of the enquiry; the effect of past causes.

The third card, or upper Vau, signifies the past and present uniting, signifying the immediate future of the matter.

The fourth Card, or lower Jod, represents the power of the individual or persons favorable inclined to affect the matter thru effort.

The fifth card, or lower He, designates the part fate and environment will play in the

questions future.

The sixth card, or lower Vau, shows the combination of fate and individuals in the future designating the future opposition.

The seventh card, or final He, the seventh seal of the Apocalypse, reveals all factors of the past and future having undergone complete gestation giving birth to the final issue. It is the result of the thing asked about.

Both Hebrew characters and Planetary symbols are added to the figure to assist those studiously inclined to discern the astral and kaballistic meaning of the Seal and the method of divination. This need not confuse those interested in divination only; and as the question may embrace any phase or all of life, its application is universal.

Lesson 5

Examination Questions

Course VI

Branch of Science: Kabbalism

Subject - The Sacred Tarot

1. What is the significance of Solomon's Seal used as a magical pentacle?
2. What relation do the 7 fat kine and 7 lean kine of Joseph's dream bear to the sphinx of Arcanum VII?
3. What is symbolized by the square car of Arcanum VII?
4. Where the numerical value of a name is different in the language from which it is taken, what is the significance of the English spelling?
5. What does the super-power of a name indicate and in a chart of a name where should it be placed?
6. How may the astro-vibratory quality of a name be determined?
7. What is the divinatory significance of the 8 of swords?
8. What is meant by "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's"?
9. What is the numerical significance of 8
10. What is the Divinatory significance of Arcanum VIII?
11. In what way is the Royal Arch degree of Masonry symbolized by Arcanum VII?
12. What is the divinatory significance of Arcanum VII?
13. What is the numerical meaning of Bel?

14. In what manner may a person's name be read as a chart of life?
15. In an astrological chart of a name what is the most important factor and where should it be placed?
16. From what astrological phenomena may forecasts regarding the events that will befall a country be made?
17. Should there be any thought of vengeance or mercy in repelling any evil influence?
18. Why are the eyes of Justice represented as blindfolded?
19. What is the significance of the number 7?
20. What is symbolized by a winged globe?
21. What effect upon the astrological chart of birth has the super-root and super-power of a name?
22. What did the Egyptian Deity Ra symbolize?
23. How may an astrological chart of a name be formed?
24. What is the significance of Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt?
25. In the Magic Seven Spread what is the significance of the 1st card dealt?
26. In the Magic Seven Spread what is the significance of the 5th card dealt?
27. In the Magic Spread what is the significance of the 7th card dealt?