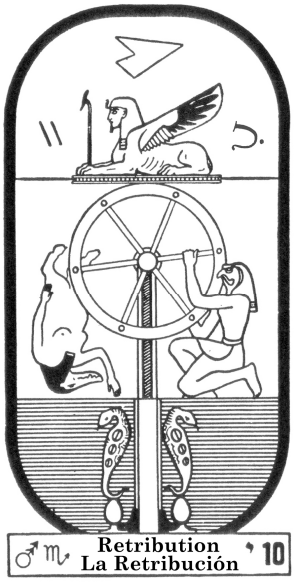
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Arcanum 10 – Yod י



English: *The Wheel of Fortune; Retribution*

Spanish: *La Rueda de la Fortuna*: meaning "The Wheel of Fortune". *La Retribución*: meaning "Retribution, compensation, repayment in kind".

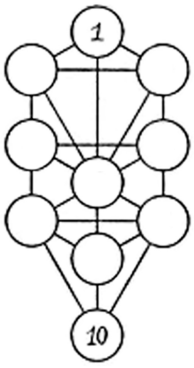
French: *La Roue de Fortune*: meaning "The Wheel of Fortune". *Le Sphinx*: meaning "The Sphinx".

Meaning: The Wheel of Fortune, the Wheel of the Centuries, the Cosmogenic Wheel of Ezekiel. The Law of Return and the Law of Recurrence. RETRIBUTION: Successful negotiations. Changes.

Transcendental Axiom: "THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU BUY WITH EXPERIENCE IS EXPENSIVE, BUT EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU LACK AND HAVE YET TO BUY."

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life, we find TWO SERPENTS: the Positive, Solar Serpent which cured the Israelites in the desert and the Negative, Lunar Serpent, the Tempting Serpent of Eden, that of the Lunar Bodies, the Bodies of Sin. In the middle section is the WHEEL OF FORTUNE, or the Wheel of Samsara; the Wheel of Deaths and Births. On the right side arises HERMANUBIS, evolving; to the left descends TYPHON BAPHOMET in involution. At the end of 108 lives, the wheel has made a complete turn; while it rises we observe Evolution through the Mineral, Vegetable, Animal and Human Kingdoms; when falling, it descends via the same route. The Wheel of Samsara revolves 3,000 times; after this, the Essence, having passed through many purifications and sufferings returns to the Absolute, but without Self-Realization. In the upper part of the card, the Sphinx, in equilibrium above the Wheel, represents Mother Nature. The Sphinx is the Elemental Intercessor of the Blessed Mother Goddess of the World. In it we will find the Five Elements represented:

1) WATER: THE FACE OF THE MAN.
2) AIR: THE WINGS OF THE EAGLE.
3) EARTH: THE HOOFS OF THE BULL.
4) FIRE: THE CLAWS OF THE LION.
5) ETHER: THE STAFF.



Related Explanation: The tenth letter of the sacred alphabet is the letter Yod י. The number ten is: 1 (the unity, the figure of being) and 0 (the zero, image of life); it is the wand and the serpent; it is the universal hieroglyphic. All numbers are summarized in the number 10. There are 10 Sephiroth, the first is the crown and the last is the kingdom: Kether [1] and Malkuth [10]. The kingdom supposes the crown and humanity demonstrates God. But where is the crown of the supreme king, if not in Malkuth, which is also the kingdom? Thus that which is above is like that which is below. God is crowned by his works and it is humanity's job to accomplish these works: Kether is in Malkuth. God created the essence of man and the essence of man gives birth to the science of God. *"Parturit homo Deum!" Man gives birth to God!* The science of God is the manifestation of the Verb made flesh.

Practice 1

Arcanum № 10 is the Wheel of Samsara, the Cosmogenic Wheel of Ezekiel, in which is contained the whole secret of the Tree of Knowledge. It is necessary that our Gnostic disciples learn how to get out of their physical body in order to travel with their internal vehicles with complete consciousness and to penetrate within the different Sephirothic regions. It is necessary to directly know the different spheres of universal vibration, where all the beings of the Universe develop and live.



The disciple should concentrate on the Chakra of the Heart, which is where the Divine Cosmic Mother lives, and beseech the Sephirah (the Mother of the Sephiroth) begging her to take them out from their physical body and to take them to the different departments of the kingdom in order to study the Sephiroth of Kabalah directly. The disciple must pray and meditate abundantly on the Divine Mother while mentally vocalizing the following Kabalistic Mantrams:

"LIFAROS – LIFAROS – LICANTO – LIGORIA"

Vocalize these Mantrams by syllabifying them. If you carefully observe the intelligent phonetic structure of these Mantrams, you will see the three vowels I.A.O. of the great mysteries. I.A.O. is hidden and combined in these sacred Mantrams of Kabbalah. The disciple must become drowsy while mentally vocalizing these four Kabalistic Mantrams.

Practice 2

It is necessary to practice a retrospective exercise when awakening from our normal sleep; this is in order to remember what we have seen and heard during sleep. The Mantram "A" and its variants helps us to awaken the faculty of Occult Memory (vocalize these Mantrams often). There is also a prayer which can be done to help us remember our internal experiences related to the beloved Maiden of our memories. Of the four ethers which compose the Etheric Body (chemical ether, ether of life, luminous ether, and reflective ether), she expresses herself in the final two.

It is necessary for the disciple to learn how to take the beloved Maiden of our memories with them during their Astral travels, in order to bring back the memory of all that they have seen and heard within the internal worlds. She serves as a mediator between the senses of the physical brain and the ultra-sensible senses of the Astral Body. She is like the 'storage' of memory. Invoke your Intimus (your Inner Being), at the time of sleep, while in your bed, like this:

> "Father of mine, Thou who art my real Being, I beseech Thee with all my heart and with all my soul to take the beloved Maiden of my memories out from my Etheric Body, with the goal of not forgetting anything when returning to my physical body."



