

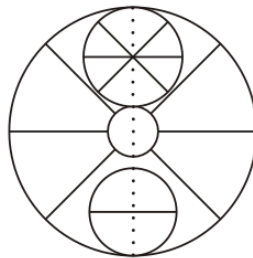
Trump XI or 11:

Justice

Central Heaven

Individual Fate meets Karma

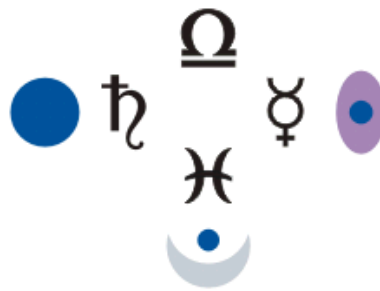
Libra as Central Harmonious Agent



Trump 11 has been said to lie at the center of the Tarot. Among the 22 Trumps, number 11 occupies the central place, which it shares with Trumps 10 and 12. For "Justice" to really be Justice in an all-encompassing sense, it must truly balance all aspects. This only a trinity of powers can achieve. Therefore the Emerald Tablet of Hermes Trismegistos reads in paragraph 11: "For this reason I am called Hermes Trismegistos, for I possess the Three Parts of Wisdom of the Whole World."

The blindfolded "Justice" coming from Roman times correctly symbolises the "whole being from inside", the astral and mental eyes see, they need not place any judgment on outer perception. These astral and mental faculties should be developed, the confrontation with the whole quadripolar planet should have served as stimulus to this. Realisation of Man's true station is also realisation of the "whole inner self", the triple-luminous being that consist of the three bodies: physical, psychic-astral and mental-noetic.

It is within the certainty of a harmonious inner constitution that true alchemy can be worked. Any alchemic process needing swift and highly dynamic action is well placed within the symbolism of number 11: "highly dynamic change". These are not chaotic wishful actions, they are based on profound study, certainty of the outcome and a total reliance on the swift dynamics that will come to fruit in "less than no time".



Trump 11 has been associated with the negative "shadow Tree of Life", the demonic Sephirot whose name is the Quliphot. This, positively seen, was certainly done out of the view that the conflict generated by a destructive force also constitutes a stimulus towards evolution. In fact, it is decay and decomposition, destruction of the old, that leads to new life. Yet the forces of evolution which destroy and oppose are not associated with Demons and Devils, they are pervasive within the wheel of life to death to life, products of Polarity, which through multiplicity leads to Creation. It is therefore suggested that this aspect of the Tarot, a misguided enlargement of the very terrestrial entities of the binary Earth-Moon-Sphere, not enter into consideration. As this, through the violence of the times and the interlocking forces of "good and bad", is not entirely possible, the focus on "Evil" is seen as not lying within the central symbolism of the 22 Tarot Trumps. This is not its place, for Justice is not meted out for this sphere within the psychic-astral sphere. There is a "parting of the ways", that is: another, further choice opens for the seeker of truth. A "collaboration" with the negative impulses, though all good counsel has been integrated, is still possible, or rather imaginable. But this does not concern the symbolism of Trump 11, it applies to a lesser extent to Trump 12 (via a "densening of the Hexagram"), and is actually a choice within the sphere of Tarot 13. Within Trump 11 its only possibility resides in an "upside-down", deranged combination of 6 plus 5, i.e. an evocation of the Sun via Mars (or vice-versa). That this must lead to a violent outcome is certain, it goes against all decency, for the Sun is of almost ultimate strength and is therefore to be revered and not approached via one of its own reflections. Tarot Trump 13 will refer to a possible choice within a reasoning to "accelerate the speed of time", thus leading to a faster elimination of the 4th Worlds' last vestiges: a call for divine judgment to fall faster and harder.

At this point, though this sense has guided us throughout this study, we quote Gareth Knight (A History of White Magic): "Theurgy, or high magic, is the raising of consciousness to the appreciation of the powers and forces behind the external world in a pious intention of

developing spiritual awareness and subsequently helping to bring to birth the divine plan of a restored Earth."



The zodiacal symbol Libra is certainly symbolic of the divine plan. It is the higher powers of astral and mental sight and intuition that serve this plan. Libra, the double-sign, is - once again, yet in a higher aspect - the oldest twin-Goddess: Isis-Nephtys. It is said that as Isis rules the external world, so Nephtys rules the invisible double of this world. The very idea of Justice comes from Nephtys, the "Master of perfect Transformation". In the Hindu world, it is Shiva who judges, and therefore destroys and restores as he sees fit.

As we remain within the mainly psychic-astral manifestation, it is clear that "Justice" is a product of conscience. It is a psychic necessity, otherwise "things fall out of place".

In essence, as number 11 adds up to 2, we have here the direct reflection of The High Priestess, called upon to pronounce judgment. "She", as we have pointed out, stands mainly for Evokation, and this aspect is also repeated within Trump 11. A review of Trump 2 is suggested here, for we cannot repeat all attributes at this point. Yet, the "11 being 2", here the significance of planet Venus also enters. Trump 10 was shown to be perfectly aligned with the Great Pyramid at Gizeh (Khufu), giving all Earth-measures. Trump 11 is reflected by the second pyramid (Khefren), which has been shown to reflect all measures of Venus. In symbolism, Venus stands for the psychic-emotional "form-giving" vital aspects. These are definitely also the most dynamic, and so give the dynamic impulse towards a further integration of the mental-noetic qualities for which trump 11 is symbolic. The forces of Trump 7, The Chariot, are also to be considered. But it is not really the Earth-Moon Sphere that is in action here. Trump 11 stands for the whole spectrum of psychic-astral and mental-noetic spheres, it is they who combine to evaluate, to "judge".

In Man the individual step, the quality of inner elevation, the Soul, the most inner Being, is here stressed. It must take over where the physical might and rank and station may not interfere with Man's destiny anymore. In a way, the outside world fades, to give rise to an inner reflection on the purity and integrity arrived at.

The individual, ideally, is here within the orb of the 5th Visuddha or Throat Chakra, which "pronounces judgment in words" on the physical plane, and now begins to form an ever-growing link with the 6th Chakra: Ajna Chakra, symbolised by the "Third Eye". This is the all-seeing eye of "Justice", blindfolded or not. Man stands at the "hub of the wheel", directly reflecting his station at Trump 9, yet on a more mentally related scale. Although the whole symbolism of Trump 11 consists of extremely dynamic, fast change and flux, it is at the hub of the whole wheel that all these forces "stand still". We are reminded of the eye of the hurricane. Polarity stands in the middle of Manifestation, is prior to it and will constitute its last expression. Thus Sino-Tibetan symbolism says: "at the hub of the wheel resides Liberation, Illumination, Nirvana, here all movements come to a standstill". This should enter any meditation on the flux and change, within and without. Ajna Chakra, the Third Eye of astral and mental sight, corresponds to the "swiftest of all horses", symbolic of Freedom and rapid Liberation.

The number 11 stands for enhanced swiftness, highly dynamic. Around this supposed center of the Tarot all other cards whorl in dynamic spiral movements of time and space. The true center of the Tree of Life is Da'ath, physically unseen yet highly present in the invisible world. The Trump Justice has been identified with this Sephirah, but it is still only a mirror-image, a single aspect, albeit powerful and relevant. For "normal", physical Man, Tipheret is still the true center. In this time, the present, in this world-age, the Heart is called upon to speak and pronounce judgment. When lack of love and intolerance are threatening, the Heart is the best advisor, the emanation of Love the best remedy. A consciously striving individual, a searcher for truth, will always bear this in mind, for when the language of the heart is bypassed, ignored, the cruelty of abstract, inhuman behaviour looms as a great danger.

The very fact that the number 11 has been negatively reflected upon this planet, the fact that the central number, the core number of the Tarot, has been projected as symbolic of the demonic fantasy of the Quliphot, all this is proof enough that heart- and soul-less behaviour is indeed a very tangible evil.

In the ancient myths and legends, it is now that the dangers have been overcome, at least the first obstacles, not yet all. Proof is being laid on the table of the wise, the council of wise men congregates. The pros and contras are evaluated. The actions of transient Beings are laid bare, the traitors and slanderers are known for what they are. In the life of Yogis, the uprising Kundalini-power, Shakti, winds itself around itself: it is a critical moment, for only few ascend to the higher 6th Chakra. This is a moment of great decision. In the mystery schools, the initiates undergo a harsh questioning, the basic impulses for the advancing adept are put into doubt. Trustworthiness is the major question. As also in physical life, anyone

chosen to become judge should undergo a profound, public exploration of his or her inner qualities. The trials and tribulations reported from ancient Egypt at the entrance of the mystery temple have their reflection in Trump 11.

So Trump 11 shows a very human aspect. Though guided by the higher spheres, it is on physical earth that the individual is called upon. Man is not perfect, were he so, then justice and judgment need not be meted out. It is a sign of the materialist Age of Iron, Kali Yuga, that such emphasis is laid upon justice. Justice and Equality, equanimity and honesty, should be a general feature of humanity. Then a weighing of the true and false, of the good and evil, is not necessary. So it is laid in the hands of each searching individual to be sufficiently "luminous" and pure. Then he or she need not take the terrestrial aspects into account, then Trump 11 is the centre of the wheel, the nave or hub, around which the visible universe revolves. Thus Trump 11 leads to Trump 12 in its whole meaning: not The Hanged Man, but the center of the Zodiac, all twelve constellations revolving in the cosmic spiral.

The current zodiacal age, of Aquarius and Leo, is not a high time of achievement (for this distinction, see Appendix 9: [Yuga, High Time, Venus, Myth](#)). It is imbalanced, potential catastrophe looms, as at the end of the previous age of Leo - Aquarius, 10.500 B.C. It is Libra that once stood at the pinnacle of a Sakhya Yuga, the Golden Age of perfection. And so, today, it is Libra that offers hope and encouragement, for we are moving back towards its light. Justice is perfectly adapted to represent the hope for the "righting of all wrongs".

As compared to many card decks of the Tarot, where a confusion reigns as to the symbolism of Trumps 8 to 12, we truly need no phantastic elements of human history to symbolise any action of Trump 11, Justice. It would be nice, were all doers of any association with Trump 7 is superfluous, except for the inner meanings associated with The High Priestess. We cannot detect any aspect of an apocalyptic beast lurking behind the significance of Justice. Should the present world falter and fall, should the Wheel of Dharma change its axis and the heavens turn, then it is by the action of Trump 20, Judgment, not by the action of Trump 11, Justice. It were nice, were all doers of evil brought to justice. But within Trump 11 this will touch only a few individuals, not all. To thoroughly cleanse the planet of all negativity and evil, the cosmic powers of Trump 20, within the orb of the 7th Chakra, at the height of Ain Soph Aur, of the total Kether and absolute Trinity, must be put in motion. This is not within Man's grasp, for it involves all physical, psychic-astral and mental-noetic Beings within the solar system. Such an impulse must come from the center of the galaxy, for the galaxy itself will be affected. The giant Hunter Orion, within whose spiral arm we turn around the center of the galaxy, will have to fit his arrow and allow a revolution of cosmic scale to

unfold. Not even the immortal Masters of Karma, symbolised by Saturn, can decide upon this.

So human justice is laid within human hands. Here, the Lords of Karma can intervene, as they surely do. It is each individuals' Karma that rules his or her fate. Should a terrestrial judgment be pronounced, then it is governed by Karma, the fruit of past and present actions, both physical as also astral and mental.

The numeric value of number 11 reminds of the physical and psychic-astral attributes of Trump 11, in a way reflective of the whole 2nd Heptade, Trumps 8 to 14. It is the Earth-Moon-Belt-Zone, within and around which the life of Man takes place. For the 11 reflects the 9 and 18, i.e. the psychic-astral component of the binary Earth-Moon-Sphere: 1: 11 = 0,090909090., 2: 11 = 0,1818181., etc. by multiples of 9.

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55	105	34	95	24	85	14	75	4	65	155
104	44	94	23	84	13	74	3	64	114	54
43	93	33	83	12	73	2	63	113	53	103
92	32	82	22	72	1	62	112	52	102	42
31	81	21	71	11	61	111	51	101	41	91
80	20	70	10	60	121	50	100	40	90	30
19	69	9	59	120	49	110	39	89	29	79
68	8	58	119	48	109	38	99	28	78	18
7	57	118	47	108	37	98	27	88	17	67
56	117	46	107	36	97	26	87	16	77	6

Core number 61. This is a prime number beyond normal calculation, as stated within Appendix : Shadow and Light. Horizontals, verticals and diagonals each add up to 671, i.e. quabb.: 14 or 5. 671 = 61 x 11, as obscurely also 7 = 2. See Appendix 1: [Shadow and Light](#).

This relationship between Trumps 11 and 9 is also reflected in the chapters 11 and 9 of the Buddhist Dhammapada, called "Beyond Life" and "Good and Evil" respectively. Both indicate strong dynamic forces in action, and are in large measure interchangeable. Both


stress conscious effort to strive ever forward towards liberation from the recurrent Wheel of Dharma, of Samsara, the cycle of life to death to life.

Interestingly, chapter 11 of the Bhagavad Gita, the Song of the Lord, is called: "The Vision of the Universal Form." This is certainly apt, as the mental vision, the imaginary intuition, must set its eyes towards the further creation, which is necessarily the Body of Light, the pure and highest body of Man. It may here slowly be perceived to form. It is yet an abstract idea, but it will take form and shape.

As to a zodiacal double to Libra, we suggest Pisces, for it was the age of Pisces which gave rise to the development of law and human justice. Also, Water means flexibility, not rash but deeply reflected.

As planetary associates, we propose, after all, Mercury and Saturn, for by Mercury we can call upon the Masters of Karma, in the hope that Justice will be done. For their invocation, the rituals have been described with Trumps 3 and 7.

The Tattwas take their main inspiration from the elements associated with above spheres.

As to Hebrew letters, Thet (value 9), possibly meaning "snake", is not a bad choice. It is the temptation of "the snake" which gave rise to justice and judgment. The already discussed letter Lamed (value 30), possibly meaning an oxen-rod in the form of sign Libra , is another possibility. So are also Aleph and Kaph, for Aleph is here repeated on a higher level and carries numeric values 1 and 11. Kaph, whose numeric values are 20, 500 and 21, symbolises Polarity. But so does Beth, values 2 and 12. Aleph-Beth, reflective of Trumps 1 and 2, is the perfect combination, were this permissible, Beth-Kaph is symbolic of "double-polarity". Again, we leave this open to the appreciation of the reader.

Within the I Ching, we have placed Trump 11 at the center of a Yang-Yang-Yang Trigram. At the "center of the I Ching" it is certainly appropriate and apt to state that "the world revolves within Heaven". This, in a possibly practical sense, may be reflected by the central Hexagram of the 64 signs: number 32. It is composed of Sun, the Gentle, Wind, below, and of Jen, the Arousing, Thunder, above. This certainly reflects our logic in attributing a "Heaven Trigram" to Trumps 10, 11 and 12. Its name is Constancy. "Constancy gets through, without blame. It is beneficial when correct". "Justice", in other words. In another version of the I Ching, sign 32 is called Duration. "To begin anew at every ending, to

cultivate long lasting virtues, will bring long lasting success." The Tarot, as laid down here, say the same as concerns inner virtue, purity, and so allowing the individual to escape the laws of Karma: by innocence, honesty and constancy. The delicate perfection of character is always stressed, thus will terrestrial justice have nothing to object.

Honesty in all actions, applied to oneself and to the world at large, is then the central meaning when Trump 11 appears in a spread of the Tarot. The fruits of past actions will be reaped. Were these as they should have been, then success and bounty are promised. It all depends on the maturity of character. A wise and mature person does not make superficial mistakes, nor does he or she engage in vicious, negative actions. If so, then the "sword of justice" begins to loom, for such a turn in events cannot last long. Terrestrial justice knows how to meet out punishment, by law or by reaction.

