

Trump XIV or 14:

Temperance / Alchemy Blending Astral and Mental-noëtic Temperance within Flux Man: The Twice-Born



Great is the secret number of God as expressed by 77. It cannot be turned to ill use. The divine agents associated with the holy numbers 7 and 14, the ancient Gods and Goddesses, are all of resplendent purity. Alchemy is closed to the inquisitive onlooker, but wide open to the "performer of the task". Only one so chosen can accede to this mystery. Chapter 7 of the Buddhist Dhammapada is called: "Infinite Freedom". The Shemhamphorasch, the 72 Genii of Mercury, otherwise also called "names of God", put into dynamic motion by the divine, "central" emanation of Akasha and its effluent 4 elements, thus "turn the Wheel of Time", on its 77-fold axis. The seven rays of evolution are doubled, the physical-astral is joined to the mental-noëtic. It is rare indeed that Man can observe this, even in the high times of the Golden Age, Sakhya Yuga. To participate, Man has to be a conscious "message-carrier", a chosen disciple of the high ethereal realms.

Alchemy, as expressed by number 14, is even closed to quabbalist inspection: in this case 1 and 4 do not add up to 5. It is The Emperor (Trump 4) and the charioteer of Trump 7 who unite their forces, thus blending Jupiter and Saturn. Trump 5 is an indirect mirror-image, reflective of the 5th Chakra, yet beyond the 5th Chakra this is revealed to be limited to the psychic-astral perception. This point can aptly be described by the antiquated symbolism

of: "beyond the Abyss". This was the dynamic changing barrier implied by Trump 13: beyond Death, reawakened, having shaken off the shackles of the Earth-Moon-Sphere.

Trump 14, or rather the sphere it represents, may be called the "second veil of Creation". The first veil was reached within the sphere of Saturn, Trump 7. There, Man is confronted with the subtle realities of Akasha and its condensation into the four Ethers. As a sphere inaccessible to Man, the first circle of Kether or Tao encompasses the solar system and Man as a Microcosm. It is called the circle of Ain, meaning Nothing or the Void. With intuitive penetration going further, towards an understanding of the Sun and of its twin-star Sirius, the Reflective Ether reaches another boundary within Polarity. Polarity itself is encompassed by the triple-veil of Ain Soph Aur. Here we are half-way to overcoming the limitations of Polarity, and the second veil encompasses all previous manifestation: Ain Soph, "That which has no Limit", the "Limitless Void". A second "Ray of Seven" has been completed.

It is with equanimity that one looks back upon the past, not with regret. "Temperance" was meant to mean that there is no exultation, no triumph at having overcome the obstacles that necessarily lay in the way. Nor can it be sad that personal liberation has turned into service. Man must see very clearly here. This is the "outside world" perceived through inner eyes, the surroundings have lost their terrestrial meaning. In their place other realities have opened. It is a moment of deep quiet reflection. In a way, "no step forwards can be taken", for all is new. The ultimate purpose is still obscure, yet a strong light shines towards the future. Future? Maybe, but in more than one way "time is moving backwards". The return journey to the central sun, the Black Sun or Soleil Absolu at the center of the galaxy has begun, the past is dark and the future bright. The interacting energies and forces swirl and whirl, the emanations from the ethereal spheres begin to intertwine, no single ray stands alone. What have the ancient creators of the Book of Wisdom prepared for this stage? In actual time, now, this is completely hidden. Looking towards their achievements, we begin to grasp the high and ultimate purpose for which they undertook their labors.

Planet Earth was arranged, aligned, realigned, rendered harmonious, livable. Entire landscapes were worked upon to allow for a harmonious evolution. Of whom? Of Man.

Alchemy, in this sense, is Geodesy, not as a measuring and observing science, but as an active participation on a planetary level. Global effort, opening mountain ridges for the free flow of wind and clouds, closing gaps to create micro-climates, bending rivers into new courses, laying out ideal spaces for human settlement. Maintaining an equilibrium between

wild, "chaotic", untouched areas, where the geodesic Earth-energies may increase their dynamism, and "pacified" valleys and open plains, where Man may plant and harvest in peace. All in the name of a harmonious evolution of the human species.



Mighty markers were set to influence the planets' forces, and also to maintain the cosmic equilibrium, between the Earth-Moon-Sphere, the planets and the Sun. This was a civilisation allowing Man to voyage within the solar system, perhaps even beyond. All this was lost in various cataclysms, renewed again, and again lost. But the vestiges of those times have remained, and it is from the hieroglyphic records of these vestiges that "modern Man" was more or less able to reconstruct the Tarot, the Book of Wisdom. The artificial landscaping of China, the erection of "immortal" stone-markers and huge structures, the artificial deviation of the river Nile from its original flow into the Sahara basin to irrigate the valley of Egypt, these are the last great visible vestiges of Man's global efforts. Therefore the most ancient accounts relate that "Man was like unto the Gods", and a cohabitation of Man with what are now called Devas, Dakinis and Elves, a mutual giving and taking within the ethereal spheres, is suggested in myths from all over the world (see Appendixes 3: [Creation Myths: J.R.R.](#) and 9: [Yuga, High Time, Venus, Myth](#)).

The text of the Emerald Tablet of Hermes Trismegistos refers to this stage in Man's life with the words: *"If then you do not make yourself equal to God, you cannot apprehend God; for like is only known by like."* And: *"It (Akasha, God, Tao) is the father of every miraculous work in the whole world."*

Trump 14 is symbolic, if not analogous, of the so-called Akashik Record, wherein all that ever occurred on planet Earth within the last 340.000 years is memorised. A highly developed 5th Ajna Chakra, the mental eye, may read this chronicle of the ages. It has been done, is still done and will ever increasingly be done. It needs a very pure, very mature, highly evolved individual to accede to this, but it is definitely possible. Thus intuition turns into certainty, "intuitive", instinctive action is confirmed as correct. Other considerations within the physical and psychic world take back-stage. All is real, even more real than what is normally called reality, and yet it is no more the "reality" as observed by the great mass of people. This may remain hidden to the view of others, sometimes it is better so, but it does not necessarily call for seclusion.

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28	16	171	25	173	23	176	175	20	178	18	180	27	169
155	41	31	158	38	160	161	36	163	33	165	40	156	42
56	142	54	46	145	51	148	147	48	150	53	143	55	141
127	69	129	67	61	132	133	64	135	66	130	68	128	70
84	114	82	116	80	76	119	120	79	117	81	115	83	113
98	111	96	109	94	93	106	105	104	89	102	87	100	85
99	97	101	95	103	107	92	91	90	108	88	110	86	112
126	72	124	74	122	118	78	77	121	75	123	73	125	71
57	139	59	137	131	65	63	134	162	136	60	138	58	140
154	44	152	144	52	146	50	49	149	47	151	45	153	43
29	167	157	39	159	37	35	162	34	164	32	166	30	168
182	170	26	172	24	174	22	21	177	19	179	17	181	15
183	13	185	11	187	9	7	190	6	192	4	194	2	196

Horizontals, verticals and diagonals each add up to 1379. The four core numbers give 394, quabb.: 16 and 7. Half of 394 equals 197, and $197 \times 7 = 1379$. 197 is quabb.: 17 and/or 8, 1379 adds up to 20. This intricacy is certainly apt as concerns Trump 14.

Trumps 1 to 7 "created" or formed a first whole human being. This individual already, ideally, possessed all qualities of the physical and psychic-astral realm. He or she had come into touch with the mental-noetic (Trumps 6 and 7), at least potentially. The higher Chakras were perceived, the lower 4 Chakras developed. Magic, invocation and evokation, the Occult and Alchemy were described in theory, yet already many details for practical work were also given. It is to these that a practical student must return, seeing the analogies between the Trumps 10 to 19 and Trumps 1 to 9. The adept of Quabbala and Alchemy in fact only deals with 9 numbers, any following numbers are seen as theoretic, abstract expansions of the original 9 ideas. So the symbolism of the first nine Trumps should actually be repeated. Still, as this is superfluous, seeing as most symbolism has already been given, the student should simply always remember that the first 10 Trumps include all in theory, whereas practice is kept for the following Trumps.

Therefore Temperance also means "turning back", correcting ones' steps, purifying where purity has not been perfected, observing from a heightened station was has occurred. This is the double-significance of this card. First we said that possibly all past life and action has been left behind and the view should now point directly towards the upper spheres.

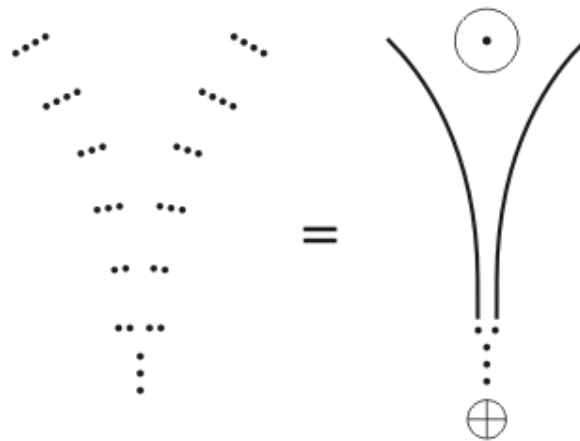
Second, it is also time to take all past action under close scrutiny and detect any possible faults. These, if not addressed, will prove stumbling-blocks on the further way. This is the "bad" meaning of Trumps 15, 16 and 18. They signify that the spheres of Mars (impulses and emotions), of Venus and the Sun (inner equilibrium and purity), and of the Moon (the astral development) have not been mastered, that the individual is not as pure and innocent as he or she should be. Thus the strain put on meditation, reflection, restraining and purification. Why should angelic, divine entities and forces concur with base motives, with underdeveloped individuals? Help and advice must be sought from a firm standpoint of inner equilibrium and purity, otherwise it is not forthcoming.

If the "lower Man" has been perfected and the right decisions made as to Trumps 11, 12 and 13, then here indeed a "new, higher Man" develops. The inner Boddhisattva unfolds, astral vision becomes clear and unobstructed. Thus, approaching the higher mental-noëtic sphere (and body), the individual moves into the higher astral field. This, as still positioned within the Earth-Moon-Belt-Zone, is not pure and bright in its lower planes. In fact, there we find the possible abominations haunting the binary Earth-Moon sphere. Therefore it was stressed to remain calmly dissociative of the terrestrial surroundings and not lend ear to impure impulses. Faith and intuition were pointed out as the best guides. Even a deep consideration of the lower astral planes was shown as fraught with danger. Man has no reason to enter these spheres, for it is only a heavy "karmic load" and a satisfaction with vice which bind individuals to these planes. Anyone with a correct intuition and behaviour can, should and must remain outside these "dark" places. There is no reason to hide or negate them, for it is clear from the state of the world that they exist. Yet there is no reason to exaggerate their importance, nor even to consider them in depth: personal purity and faith in the guiding and protecting agencies should steer the individual clear of their pitfalls.

As all this was stressed right from the outset of this study, we hope that the individual having reached Trump 14 will no longer need any advice and be able to steer a clear course.

14, in its pure meaning, carries the Tetragrammaton as symbolised by Trump 4 to a higher level. Within the "lower Man" of Trumps 1 to 7, the Tetragrammaton was placed with Trump 3 as Yod, Trump 4 as Hé and the whole formula, Trump 5 as Vau and Trump 7 as second Hé. Thus, for Trump 13 carries the high symbolism of holy dynamic change and is not in itself directly reflective of Trump 3, within Trump 14 we find the Yod – Hé of Trumps 3 and 4 especially stressed, and also a reflection of the whole formula. Fire and Air (Yod and Hé) are especially significant within the higher mental-noëtic sphere that has been entered upon. The "baser" or "lower" elements, though equally holy and integral parts of Creation, are

of lesser value now. Intellectual intuitive inspiration is the key word. Thus the alchemy inspired by the transmutation of the elements through the forces of the Sun leads to the pure elixir. Trump 13 has already filtered out the baser residues, now the higher vibrations (mental-noëtic) of Mercury (Trump 3) and Jupiter (Trump 4) may enter into practical use. This may graphically be shown in the following manner:



It is mainly through the influence of the Sun that true Alchemy is worked. This needs to be "bundled" and focussed by the pure mind of the practitioner – nothing works all by itself, it is Man who has the capacity to change the density of the elements. Thus also their molecular and atomic structure is changed. This is not achieved by the psychic-astral body of Man, though it may take its vitality from there. By using his or her vital-emotional energies, the practitioner may set his mental-noëtic "inspirational forces" to work. The planetary spheres and mainly the Sun must come to aid, for it is rare that nature bends to the will of Man alone (if ever). (See Appendix: "Alchemy")

In this way is shown the difference between the "holy Man" (inactive and receptive only), the higher developed Fakir (limited to the physical and psychic-astral world only), the so-called Black Magician (in the same position as the Fakir, basically), and the true practitioner of the holy science. This is where the Bakthi Yogi also comes in, for only enormous faith can inspire changes of this type. If it lies without the individuals' possibilities, aim or scope, then he or she is referred to "maintaining and refining purity", in full faith, thereby acceding to the higher levels of Bakthi Yoga, the Yoga of devotion.

It is an illusion that Fakirs and Black Magicians can transmute the elements. They can only achieve a semblance of this work by evocation of high demonic entities (which usually fool them and any others present). The lead does not turn to gold. It is always the inner

transformation, the inner elixir, the inner gold, that is sought to begin with. The outer manifestation of Alchemy, in this material age, is still a total secret (yet possible). The Fakirs and Black Magicians seek what they perceive as "evil" spirits of the Mars-Sphere, thus turning number 14 to 5. In our view of the whole Tetragrammaton, this is not only limitative but also highly restrictive as to what may be the outcome. 14 in this sense is not 5, as has already been pointed out above!



Of course, the Vau letter which we attached to Trump 5 is essential to the process (Water), but we have seen that the activities of putrefaction, decomposition and filtering already lay behind (Trump 13), and therefore the higher ethereal sphere of Yod – Hé (Fire – Air) is the main reference. In this way the practitioner is kept from folly and error. As a last mention towards the "black arts", we point out that the mental-noëtic followers of the "left-handed path", mainly residing in Tibet and Central Asia, that is those Left-Hand Shamans and Black Magicians capable of influence via the mental-noëtic body, all have a pact for life and death with a demoniac entity. In this way they may achieve a semblance of true Alchemy, but they lose their vital, astral, psychic and emotional body on the way. That is the price they pay. These then are the "zombies" of legend, mere shadows of what they were when they still had all the choices open, as any human individual has at birth.

Why did we mention this at all? Because by acceding to the possibilities offered within the sphere of Trump 14, it is remotely possible that the interest of such an individual is aroused. Therefore Temperance and Alchemy are purely inward paths, their outer manifestation should not be foolishly shown to the outside world. In any case, a pure and accomplished magician cannot be comprehended by normal human beings anymore. It would be well to maintain a shrouding curtain and high secrecy, to create a dissociative veil, towards ones' normal surroundings. No magician, occultist, quabbalist or alchemist – not

even any accomplished Bakthi Yogi – shows his inner attainment towards the outside world. This may be done in a clearer, brighter, innocent world, not in these times.

Alchemy is a very special science, beyond the grasp of all today's scientists. Barely do they perceive some of its possibilities. Still, with the proofs for "mind over matter" ever mounting, within each branch of science, the road slowly reveals itself. If the Hindu Yugas proceed in orderly fashion, from Kali Yuga to Dwapara Yuga, acceding to at least half of intellectual and mental "virtues", then science will once more revert to its natural form (versus its artificial form of today), namely what is called Alchemy.

We strongly suggest to review the relevant parts of above-mentioned "lower" Trumps, for all Trumps from 0 to 21 are called Major Arcana, signifying Major Secrets. In the higher astral and mental-noëtic spheres the grosser elements are refined, theory turns into practice, the normal becomes sublime.

The 6th Chakra is now basically included in all reflection, thus sight is given into the subtle planes. 5th and 6th Chakras intermingle, in the end they unite, as all other Chakras eventually form one whole intermingling dynamic whole. The high light of the 7th Chakra, Sahasrara or Sahasrara-Padma Chakra, seat of the thousand-petalled lotus, begins to shine through the remaining obscurations of polarity. Polarity itself is the task Man has to address and overcome, it is the last hurdle placed between the two highest Chakras. In the Tarot this is symbolised with Trump 20, "Polarity x 10". The possible aspirants to this high stage become ever more rare, we may say that over 99% of the planets' present inhabitants have already been "weeded out" at the stage of confronting the higher mental-noëtic wheel – Rota – emanating from Trump 17 and touching the psychic-astral or vital-emotional wheel at Trump 13.

The practical instructions for high Magic and Alchemy are beyond the scope of this study, which still remains practically oriented and so must take into account the vast majority of readers (whose attention-span may have been overtaxed right from the start, unfortunately). Still, an appendix concerning Alchemy is added (see Appendix 7: [Alchemy](#)). Concerning Trump 14, if the words of the Buddha, as recorded in the Dhammapada, are considered in the 14th chapter, we find them under the heading: "The Buddha". So high is this station. The Dhammapada is classed in 26 chapters, thus reflecting one third of the Tarot (78 cards) or the number of Jehova: 26. All ancient wisdom correlates. What is the seeker for truth advised by the Buddha to do? To purify him or herself, attain perfection, and offer a devotional prayer:

From delusion lead me to Truth. From darkness lead me to Light. From death lead me to Immortality.

This is the same prayer as proposed by the Hindu Upanishads: all is one. The other relevant chapter of the Dhammapada, as already mentioned above, for 7 plus 7 equals 14, is Chapter 7, called "Infinite Freedom". The individual should maintain a steady gaze forwards towards this goal.

"Men of higher Rank have principled deportment. This deportment or carriage is not the product of outer training, but they are "held" by the dignity of their Being. The elemental powers of Life move within them, but they are bound by the essential carriage of their Core. Nature forms and enjoins to create a harmoniously ordered Whole, thus empowering its products with formative Clarity."

Germanic saying

The main aspects invoked above are, of Man: Rank, Being, Life, Core, Nature, Whole, Clarity.

By above saying we are reminded of the double-seven constituting number 14. Trump 7 is The Carriage, the "whole Man". Here now he or she is really whole, the theory has given place to actuality. The physical and psychic-astral Man is not whole without his higher elemental Self. The individual Soul resides within this triple body. The mind may travel and see, and this is the function of the mental-noëtic body. Yet without the lower bodies Man cannot longer remain alive on Earth. A total integration of the three bodies, the perfection of Man's own Trinity, is the last task set for physical, material life on the terrestrial plane. This takes time and patience, maybe more than one or even a few lives. To perceive the possibility clearly though, is already a preparatory step towards fulfilment.

Working within the Rota of the mental-noëtic sphere, the main task is the conscious enjoinder in harmonious balance of all three spheres. The absolutely ideal state would be to be born with these possibilities, yet Man in this age must slowly strive to develop his or her faculties, they are not granted as a divine gift at birth. Every individual should strive as best he or she can to attain the goal of spiritual clarity, inner balance, total inner harmony. Trump 14 stands for this. Temperance is the double-figure symbolising the triple-body of Man, the inner joining of Yin and Yang to obtain release from Polarity.

Thus chapter 7 of the Buddhist Dhammapada reads: "Infinite Freedom." And (with a definitive association towards Trump 7, The Chariot): "The man who wisely controls his senses as a good driver controls his horses, and who is free of lower passions and pride [Trumps 11 and 13], is admired even by the gods."

The "ruler" of the five Sino-Tibetan Skandhas is named Skandha. He is also the ruler of the armies of heaven, their commander in chief. Thus Man, if free from delusion and having all senses, sense-objects and emotions, plus his or her mind and mind-projections firmly under control, may forcefully step forwards, certain of "divine" inspiration and protection.

The central "event" on the path from Trump 1 to Trump 7 was the Alchemic Wedding, the shortcut to God. If that was theory there and then, now it is practically possible. It should be, for the best way is the shortest. Why tarry on the road, if a shortcut to perfection is possible?

Were the individual consulting the Tarot in such a position, all should be done to allow an alchemic joining of Yin and Yang to take place. Indeed, we hope that enough totally innocent and pure individuals of both sexes are alive today that this need not be superfluous speculation. As to which way to go in the case of not being able to achieve this station, Trump 6 offers the whole range of possibilities. Here we may simply add that a deeply loving, highly intimate relationship is still a good substitute for the incapacity to achieve a total blending of body, soul and mind. Harmonious constellations must be sought above all others. Any association proving to be a hindrance should be discarded, it bears no luck and hampers an individuals' progress.

In the interpretation when this card appears within a spread of the Tarot, we shall remain with the basic significance of Temperance. Reflective weighing of all sides and angles, following honesty and truth, perhaps act, perhaps refrain from action. It is the individuals' well-pondered decision. Confronted with strife and hostility, the main intuitive impulse should be to harmonise, to balance, to intervene towards a restoration of peace. Then this card signifies an impulse to rectify imbalances. Were this impossible: restraint, non-action, concentration on ones' own inner balance and harmony. To become a whole and complete human being, all facets, all single details and tendencies have to be weighed and harmoniously aligned.

Angelic and protective forces, tangible Guardian Angels, they are apt to be accessible, indeed should be so directly. This will be further explained within Trump 15. The choice of planetary spheres (Mercury, Jupiter apart) is open to the individual, the correspondences may be found from Trumps 1 to 12.

As to symbolic Hebrew letters, the usually ascribed Lamed or Samekh, values 30, 22 and 60, 25 respectively: why not, if it fits the individuals' consideration. Daleth (once again) carries both values of 4 and 14, and as a "door" it is fine: the opening towards the higher spheres. The secondary value of Lamed, 22, is nevertheless very apt, for within Trump 14 we touch upon "divine intervention" as the prime agent for Alchemy. The above-mentioned Hé, as second letter of the Tetragrammaton, values 5 and 15, signifying a "window" is also good: also an opening towards the higher spheres, yet more "theoretic" than practical.

The five Skandhas of Sino-Tibetan philosophy may be taken into account, also from a "higher view", as constituents of the whole body of Man. Yod – Hé then are grouped into the first Skandha, Vidya in Sanskrit. This means intelligence, precision, sharpness. Here, Man is made aware of "himself in space", undefined space. As this notion is refused by intellectual speculation, the outcome is called the creation of Ignorance-Form. "Ignorance", in occult terms, is wholly acceptable, if it does not lead to further speculation. Ignorance leads to the primary appraisal of duality. Thus the Ignorance-Form turns into Self-Observing Ignorance. In this way the totality of the first Skandha leads to the individuals "creating the world of forms". Within these definitions we may see that all "upwards movement", from the void to form, is also a "downwards movement", from form to the void, or vice versa, thus illustrating the permanent intermingling flow of Shakti or the Life-Force, the dynamic interplay of all Chakras and Sephirot.

The Tattwas take their inspiration from the first Yod – Hé, Fire and Air, associated to allow the most wide open spaces possible, for Alchemy is also the double rainbow.

If we sympathise with Leo, or the green and red lions of Alchemy, then that is correct, for the Sun is the principal agent of Alchemy, Sun and Akasha. The old association of Sagittarius may be kept, if this zodiacal sign can fit into the whole symbolism. The practitioner decides, we can only give useful hints. Of course the Grail Chalice, resplendent, golden, receptacle of Divine Emanation, is the perfect symbol.



Rectified traditional card