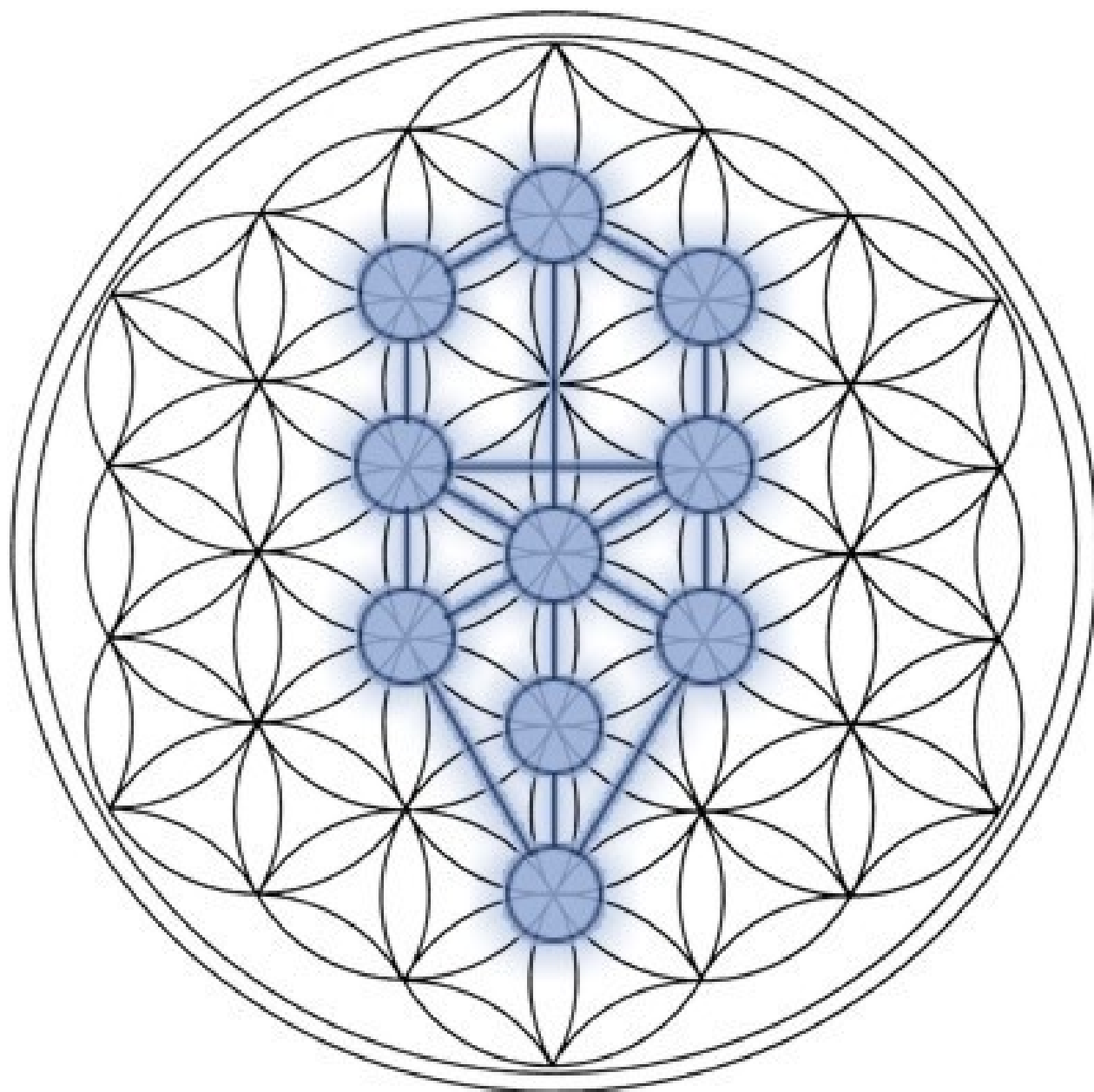


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Part I. Qabalah and The Tree of Life

The Fundamentals of Esoteric Wisdom

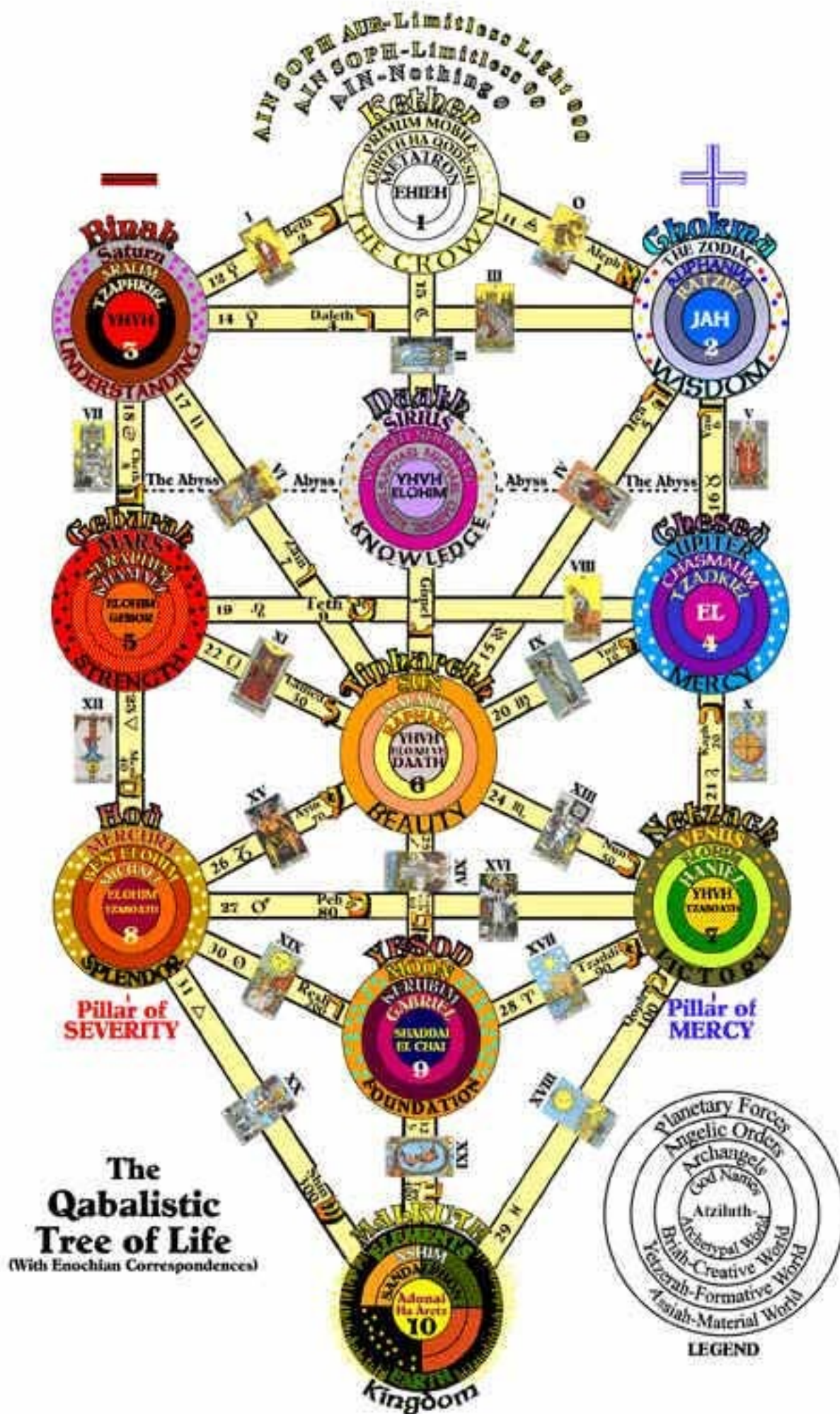
קבלה, Qabalah, means literally, “The Reception.” By tradition it refers to the ageless wisdom gained from an inner vision founded on a sure vision from Tetragrammaton (the unmentionable name of God) and inspired by the Spirit of God.

“Qabalah reveals the mystical aspects of Judaism and Christianity. . . . It does not offer fixed ideas but rather is a training in new ways to think.” . . . the teachings are received by the ready pupil from one who is already more awakened. As the light received is extended, one receives more. The Qabalistic method is to give the pupil a series of related symbols for him to cogitate upon. As the inner relationship between the symbols becomes clear to him, he receives greater energy and experiences profound awakening. Through this process, his identity, his awareness shifts from seeming to be a personal being searching for greater truth to that of the One Being, currently enjoying being a human in time.” *JW*

In the BOTA system the symbols taught are the basic numbers, zero through nine, the 22 Hebrew letters and the Tarot. The twenty-two Keys, the Major Arcana of the Tarot each are assigned to one of the letters. They form a sort of pictorial illustration which adds to the basic interpretation of the letter form itself. Then one can use the Tarot to spell out words and phrases being studied and help draw out intuitively received information about them. The Tarot itself was designed at the dawn of the Dark Ages by adepts who wished to continue study and discussion of subjects increasingly becoming forbidden by the Church. Its use is tied into Rosicrucian, Golden Dawn and Masonic writing. This is not the traditional Qabalah of Judaism. It has a distinctly Christian flavor. Eliphas Levi was probably the first to tie the Hebrew letters to the respective Tarot Keys and Paul Foster Case tweaked that system, removing the veils within its teachings.

The Tree of Life is the chief teaching diagram of Qabalah. It consists of ten Sephiroth connected by 22 visible paths. They represent the evolution and involution of the universe. There are also 16 invisible paths. This makes a total of 38 paths. The number 38 refers to the dodecahedron, being its perimeter. The dodecahedron is the “symbol of manifested Nature, or Prakriti. This is because in its relationships to the other regular polyhedra, it demonstrates the most concise manner in which the truths about the manifested universe can be presented.” *MCM, p.12*. “The Tree of Life is the “Rosetta Stone of the mysteries”. It is a sorting system that reveals meaningful relationships between all phenomena. It is a “compendium of religion, science and philosophy”. It is a road map of the path of return. Paracelsus went as far as to say that no one could expect to become wise without studying the Qabalah.” *JW.com* ספירות, Sephiroth, means emanations. The singular is ספירה, sephirah, divine emanation; counting, numbering; writing, recording. It comes from the root ספר, to count, to tell. Some relate it to ספיר, sappiyr, a gem (perhaps as used for scratching other substances); this notes the idea of counting and numbering, essential to the creative process.

“In thirty-two wonderfully distinguished paths of wisdom did Jah, Jehovah Tzabaoth, the Creative Powers of Life, King of Eternity, God Almighty, Compassionate and Merciful, Supreme and Exalted, Who is Eternal, Sublime, and Holy is His Name, decree and create His universe by means of three kinds of characters; Numbers, Letters and Words; ten circumscribed Sephiroth, and twenty-two fundamental signs; three Mother, seven Double and twelve Simple Letters.” *SY*



While creating the universe out of numbers and letters might seem quite different from a universe built from three fires, as suggested by the Tibetan Master, Djwhal Khul, there is correspondence to the idea of its formation by fire, as the Hebrew alphabet is constructed from one letter, ך, Yod. Yod signifies the essential spark of creation. It is the spark which ignites into the spirit of life in the other letters. The other letters are each a development of the Yod. The “Holy letter Shin, ש, has three Yods rising from it. These are the three fires.

Letters are essentially ideas which are assembled in different ways to create words and words define and shape creation. Each of the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet possesses three distinct creative powers, energy, כח, koakh; life, חיות, chioth; and light, אור, aur. So these elements of the letters are analogous to the three fires from TCF. Electric Fire is described as positive energy, life and relates to koakh. Solar Fire as soul relates to chioth, life. Fire by friction then would relate to light, the substance of thought and, eventually, physical existence or at least the etheric framework of material things. I think I can say that numbers, as they increase, refer to degrees of separation from wholeness and to place within the universal or planetary scheme. Numbers also refer to time which is another dimension and which I don’t understand, but probably time is also a form of “place”. Letters and words define qualities, essentially of divinity, but in our state of separation from The One they define our understanding of things.

In the medieval mystical text called *Sefer Yitzirah: The Book of Creation*, the letters of the Alphabet are described as the stones used to build a house. They are called the “twenty two letters of foundation.” This doctrine highlights the belief in the essential relationship between letters, words and the creative process. “**Gematria** is a type of numerological study that may be defined as one or more systems for calculating the numerical equivalence of letters, words, and phrases in a particular Hebrew text. It is a system that teaches the art of associating words and phrases through number relationships, in a manner that enhances the capacity to receive inner instruction on spiritual subjects.” *H4C*. The house mentioned above, built with the “twenty two letters of foundation” is the House of God, the human personality.

In his book “The Keys of Enoch”, J.J. Hurtak explains the importance of the “Hebrew Flame Letters” as revealed to him in a revelation by Enoch/Metatron. The ancient expressions of the Egyptian-Hebrew-Tibetan-Sanskrit-Chinese tongues are to be used, because they faithfully connect with the Masters who are still administrating Wisdom to this program of intelligence. . . . they are used by the Masters of Light to shape creation between the poles of Light and the octaves of sound.” He goes on to say they link us through color and sound to the regenerative power of the Word. I would add that they have the power to link into multi-dimensional images which are inherent in the letters themselves, as these alphabets are regarded as brought to Earth by “angels”.

Hebrew is one of the Magical Languages. The Old Testament was written by sages who understood the use of this language and veiled many mysteries within it. “The Magical Language is a mode of cryptic writing used to preserve and transmit the practical secrets of the Hebrew and, now, Western Tradition of the Ageless Wisdom. It is an artificial language, combining Hebrew, Greek and Latin elements. In it, the letters of the three alphabets each have specific number values, so every word or phrase is a number, the sum of the values of the letters in it. Hermetic Freemasonry and modern Masonry are seeded with these cryptic forms of expression, ready to be revealed to the few who want to discover them. I mention all this because I have found Gematria particularly fascinating and use it to expand my understanding of the Tarot keys and their relationship to key ideas, not that I am by any means an expert or authority. I will use it to explain some concepts here and hopefully offer a suggestion of its possibilities. Real Qabalists might very well dispute some of my conclusions.

The Absolute of Qabalah and The One Absolute Reality of D.K.

Master D.K. speaks of “an ensouling life, which—as far as we are concerned, emanates from the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID, Who ensouls the seven solar systems, down through the Lord of a solar system, through the cosmic Entities we call the Heavenly Men, and the solar Entity's ensouling groups and through that peculiar central manifestation we call a human being, to the little cell within the body of that human being, and the atom which is the basic material whereof all forms in all the kingdoms of nature are made. (CF 409) Streaming into our solar system from all sides are force currents, emanating from what *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* calls the OAWNMBS. These currents embody His will and desire, express His love or attractive capacity, and manifest as that great thought-form we call our system. (WM 274)

Fundamental I. There is one Boundless Immutable Principle; one Absolute Reality which, antecedes all manifested conditioned Being. It is beyond the range and reach of any human thought or expression. The manifested Universe is contained within this Absolute Reality and is a conditioned symbol of it. TCF 3. “Qabalah likewise teaches that there is only one great being, one self who is the whole universe. This One Being is all that was, is or will be. Qabalists are not content with an eternal dichotomy between divine and devil. They believe in one without a second. Who you are, is that same one. There is no 'other'." JW

The Absolute is indescribable, but is discussed in the Qabalah in terms of its three veils. אֵין, Ain, אֵין סוֹפ, Ain Soph and אֵין סוֹפ אֵוֶר, Ain Soph Aur; Naught, The Unlimited and Limitless Light. These three veils are sort of precursors to the beginning of Creation. And they correspond to the three aspects which comprise the totality of this manifested Universe.

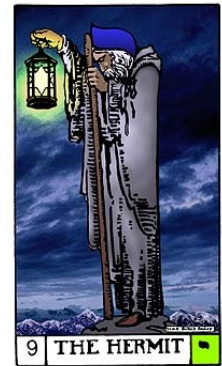
1. **The First Cosmic Logos**, impersonal and unmanifested, the precursor of the Manifested.
2. **The Second Cosmic Logos**, Spirit-Matter, Life, the Spirit of the Universe.
3. **The Third Cosmic Logos**, Cosmic Ideation, the Universal World-Soul. CF.4

The name of the first veil, Ain, means where from?, where to?, not, without, nothing, naught. It is referred to as No-Thing but to try and give it a name is to limit it, so even that name is for convenience only. Ain is all things in potential. Its value by Gematria is 61, the same as בֵּטֵן, beten, the womb, meaning the fruitfulness and power of growth which are inseparable from any true notions of the nature of the ONE REALITY. It is the Mulaprakriti, or root-matter, of Hinduism, the inmost part of man. Also with the same value is אִמְמָה, ammeka, “thy mother”, representing the protecting, nourishing and perfecting power of Ain. And it is the value of הוֹן, hone meaning wealth, riches of every sort. Ain is the real substance and basis of material things. It is same value as נָגַח, nagakh, meaning to thrust or push as with the horns of an animal. The Ain is the inexhaustible source of dynamic energy which forcibly thrusts itself into manifestation and so is the adversary of inertia. And it is the value of אֲדוֹן, Adon, meaning to rule, lord, master, owner. It is the Master Power which contains all else within itself. So it is the potential for substance, power and perfecting guidance.

The first letter of Ain is א, Aleph, which means breath, Fiery and Scintillating. Aleph is the ox the beast of burden which carries creation forward. It is a beast because it has no self-consciousness, yet can be controlled by intelligent beings. A bull is the sire of a herd, implying the creative potency of Ain. Aleph can also be pronounced “illafe” and then means to teach, train or to learn. This implies that The Absolute is also living Mind containing the essence of all wisdom, understanding and knowledge

and is capable of imparting these to those who are capable of receiving instruction. Aleph is the symbol of Spirit and the Aleph in Ain is called “Dark Aleph”. It represents Spirit as it exists before the beginning of a cycle of manifestation.

The second letter in Ain is ך, Yod, meaning hand. This implies some formative potential in the Ain. In Tarot, Yod is represented by The Hermit, The Ancient of Days, standing alone on the mountain top like a shepherd who waits until the last sheep has returned home. He holds a hexagonal shaped lantern with a six-pointed star in it. The hexagon is the basis of the Tree of Life, seen in salt and lead, in snowflakes and lilies. As the flower of life symbol it appears at the beginning of this paper. Yod is the first letter of יהי, yehi, “Let there be” and of יום, yom, day. The first thing created out of The Absolute is light and it is the substance of creation.

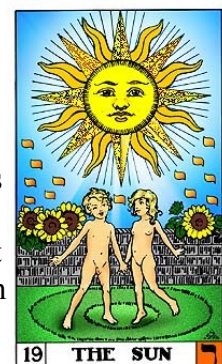


The last letter in Ain is ך, Nun, meaning fish, and is derived from a word meaning to sprout or to grow. It is, therefore, associated with Scorpio and ideas of generation and reproduction. So we see that the Qabalistic Absolute is the essence of intelligent creation and propagation of the wisdom and understanding held in potential within the Absolute. It is the same thing as the first Cosmic Logos of Theosophy, impersonal and unmanifested, the precursor of the Manifested.

The second veil of The Absolute is אין סוף, the Ain Suph. סוף, Suph means end, close or to perish. So Ain Suph means, literally, never perishing. The first letter ס, Samek means a support and the word is derived from a verb meaning to come near. It intimates that The Absolute in the foundation of existence and is very near even though we may think of it as very far away. It is the source of wisdom within ourselves, depending on nothing outside. We can add that to the meanings of Ain, creative power and intelligence that is within us.

The second letter is ך, Vav, meaning nail, implying that The Absolute holds all things together and is the connecting link which co-ordinates all manifested things into a great Whole. Vav, as the sixth letter refers to the sixth Sephiroth, Tiphareth, the Christ consciousness. The last letter in סוף, Suph is פ (ף is the form of the letter used when it is the final letter in a word) which means “the mouth of man as an organ of speech”. Peh represents creative activity and is associated with Mars. Since Mars is the ruler of Scorpio which was associated with Nun, it refers again to the generative and reproductive potency of the Word formed by the Mouth. So Ain Suph says that The Absolute has the potentials of creation, formation, reproduction, support, co-ordination and expression. It corresponds to the theosophists’ Second Cosmic Logos, Spirit-Matter, Life, the Spirit of the Universe.

The third veil of The Absolute is אין סוף אור, Ain Suph Aur, Limitless Light. The Bible says that God first created light. Everything in the universe is composed of light which is vibration. This light is universal mind. We have one new letter in Ain Suph Aur, ר, Resh, meaning face or head, referring to consciousness. The Sun Key in Tarot, #19, shows the Sun with a face to imply this. Head also means “the principle authority. Further, Resh represents the head of Man, showing the center of human conscious activity. The whole of the universe is created by a thought process from ideas inherent in the Universal Mind. These ideas are then impressed on the mind of men. Ain Suph Aur is the Third Cosmic Logos, Cosmic Ideation, the Universal World-Soul.



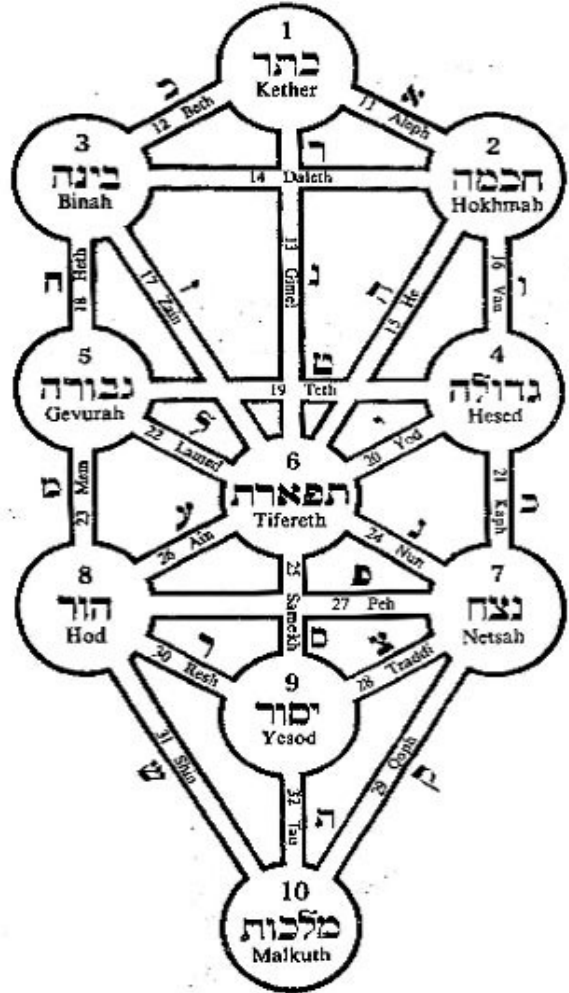
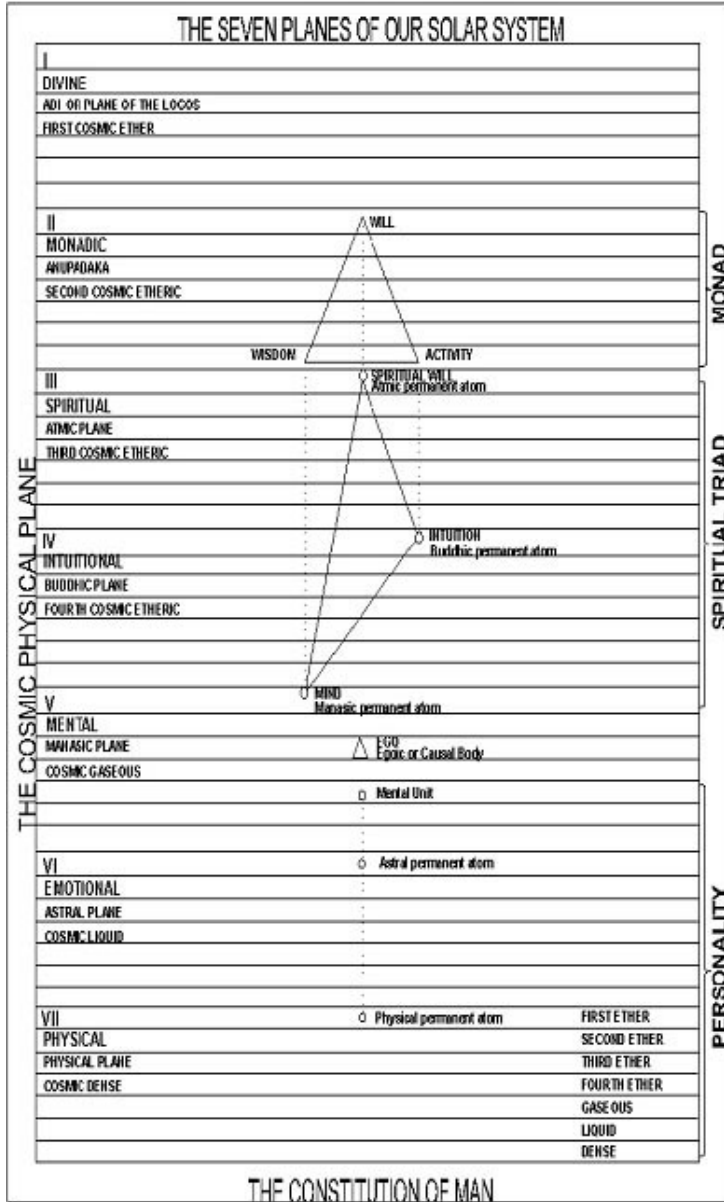
The Qabalah says the Absolute is pure Spirit and by “Spirit” means “conscious life”. *The Zohar (Splendor)* says, “Observe that Thought is the beginning of all. This Thought is hidden and inscrutable. Spirit abides, and is then called Binah, Understanding, which is not so recondite as the preceding. This Spirit expands and produces a Voice... This Voice embraces in itself all forces, and speaks to Utterance, and this shapes the Word properly Thought, Understanding, Voice, Utterance are all one and the same thing, and there is no separation between them. True thought is bound to the No-Thing (Ain) and is never parted from it. This is the meaning of the works; ‘Jehovah is One and His Name is One.’”

There is a technical term in Qabalah, צורה, tzurah. The word itself means appearance, creature or picture. It is used to designate the prototypical spiritual SELF. “In a sense, what is meant by צורה is higher even than Yekhidah, the SELF seated in Kether. It is the Self-hood of אִין, the No-Thing, persisting throughout all successive cycles of manifestation and withdrawal.” (PFC) Tzurah begins with צ, Tzaddi, which refers to meditation and ends with ה, Heh, the power to define or particularize. The second letter is ו, Vav, “the Nail” which holds all things within the Oneness. The third letter is ראש, Resh, meaning first, head, or excellent. So using Tzurah to designate the Self-hood of אִין suggests that The Ain has the ability, through meditation, to create a particular image, a prototype, perhaps, which might be used as the focus of Creativity arising within it. This image called Tzurah then becomes the Seed. One Mind meditates the universe into existence and holds that image throughout its whole evolution, perfection and return to ItSelf.

So the Ain Suph Aur, The Limitless Light, is like a Great Sea of Living Light, which is consciousness and exists in the minds of men. As light it is electro-magnetic and the basis of physical manifestation. It is the Living consciousness which pervades all of space and is therefore in every thing. And it is the source of the patterns on which creation develops. We can see now that the one Boundless Immutable Principle of Theosophy must be the same as the Qabalistic Absolute from which are derived the Three Veils of the Absolute.

As far as our Solar system is concerned the Three Veils correspond to the three aspects of the one Boundless Immutable Principle expressing as the three Logoi which comprise the Logos of our Solar system. This is shown in the chart below, our chart of the Logos of a Solar System. The three veils of The Absolute relate to the three logoi above the Cosmic Physical Plane in which we exist or to the Adi or Divine plane of the logos. We will discuss the correspondences on the Adi plane, and then explain the Tree of Life in order to compare it to the theosophical charts.

CHART III



The First Cosmic Logos, impersonal and unmanifested, is the precursor of the Manifested, “The Father, Brahma, Sat.” It is Will, “the will to live or to be”, existence. *CF 96*. It compares well with the First Veil of The Absolute, the dynamic creative potential which is Lord and Master of the Universe.

The Second Cosmic Logos, Spirit-Matter, Life, the Spirit of the Universe, is called Son, Vishnu or Chit and is “duality, or love between two.” *Ibid*. It is spirit-matter, a link between the two, bliss. It is the same idea as the Second Veil which we saw contains the idea of the Son, The Christ Consciousness. The life force going out from the 1st Logos in the diagram, comes back eventually as a fully evolved Son of the 1st. This will be discussed more when we get to the paths on the Tree of Life.

Ain Suph **The Third Cosmic Logos**, Cosmic Ideation, the Universal World-Soul correlates to the Aur, the Limitless Light which is the essence of Spirit-Matter, Life, the Spirit of the Universe. The 3rd Logos is called the Holy Spirit, Siva, Ananda, and is Creative Wisdom and Intelligence. The third veil, the Limitless Light is the same activity and intelligence which is the root of all expression. It is the substance of the Thought and its consequent pattern arising in The Absolute as the Will that goes forth as the creation of the universe and all things in it.

There are seven Cosmic planes, of which we can now experience only the lowest one. Each of these planes is divided into seven planes. In the same way, each Sephira of the Tree of Life contains the whole Tree within itself. We can be said to exist within the Tree that is within Malkuth the lowest Sephiroth, although it is by no means the least. These paradigms allow for inconceivable opportunities for our growth in understanding of ourselves, our universe, our creator.

Fundamental II. “There is a basic law called the Law of Periodicity. This law governs all manifestation, whether it is the manifestation of a solar Logos through the medium of a solar system, or the manifestation of a human being through the medium of a form. This law controls likewise all the kingdoms of nature.” *ibid* It works through the Cosmic Laws of

Economy, which governs matter, the third aspect.

Attraction, which governs soul, the second aspect.

Synthesis, which governs spirit, or the first aspect.

Our solar Logos manifests through seven systemic laws of

The Law of Vibration.

The Law of Cohesion.

The Law of Disintegration.

The Law of Magnetic Control.

The Law of Fixation.

The Law of Love.

The Law of Sacrifice and Death.

These laws manifest as cycles on specific planes of the solar system. Each law sweeps periodically into power and each plane has its period of manifestation and its period of obscurity. In the same way every manifested life has its three great cycles;

Birth	Life	Death
Appearance	growth	disappearance
Involution	evolution	obscurity
Inert motion	activity	rhythmic motion
tamasic life	rajasic life	sattvic life

Knowledge of the cycles involves knowledge of number, sound and colour. Full knowledge of the mystery of the cycles is the possession only of the perfected adept. *CF 5-7*

Qabalah teaches cycle of out-going from the top of the Tree of Life, down through the Sephiroth and up again along the its paths. The emphasis is on the paths upward, returning to Unity. This is the purpose of studying the Tree and its paths, to show the progression of understanding of one's self and one's relationship to the Whole. I think these laws and cycles from *Cosmic Fire* can be correlated with the Tree but there is not time or space to consider that now.

Fundamental III. All souls are identical with the Oversoul. "We must remember that the fundamental principle of the Vedanta-philosophy was not 'Thou art He,' but 'Thou art That!' and it was not 'Thou wilt be', but 'Thou art.' This 'Thou art' expresses something that is, that has been, and always will be, not something that has still to be achieved, or is to follow, for instance, after death....By true knowledge the individual soul does not become Brahman, but is Brahman, as soon as it knows what it really is, and always has been." *ITI Page 204-205.*

The Logos of the solar system is the Macrocosm. Man is the Microcosm. Soul is an aspect of every form of life from a Logos to an atom. This relationship between all souls and the Oversoul constitutes the basis for the scientific belief in Brotherhood. Brotherhood is a fact in nature, not an ideal. *Ibid.* The teaching of the Qabalah says the same thing as shown in the first words in the Bible.

Genesis begins, "In the beginning, God created. . ." In Hebrew this reads, בראשית ברא אלהים, "BeRASHiTh BeRAw ELohIM . . ." *Gen 1:21* (The Hebrew letters are read right to left. In the English transliteration the capitol letters represent the Hebrew, the small case are the vowels added to show pronunciation). The first three letters, BRA, is repeated in the second word. BeRAw means to create, to cut apart. Creation here is a process of cutting apart wholeness. Nothing new is created by Elohim except by setting apart a piece of What already exists, which is The Absolute, The Ain. Therefore all things are created of the same Divine substance. God divided Light from Darkness, He did not create Light. In the creation of the World "God created whales . . . man in his image". What he created is MAN, the ideal, embodied in THE HEAVENLY MAN of Theosophy or the SON which is our Sun or our divine soul. In the case of all other things, "He said, 'Let there be...'" He declared all other things into existence. The word translated as "declare" or "said" is אמר, AMaR.

The first letter of BeRAw is Beth which means house, the second is Resh meaning head and referring to consciousness, the last is Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and represents what I call the Divine Ideal. He is the Fool of Tarot, "the Eternal Pilgrim on the way of Life. *EP II, 163.* Elohim, the creative powers of Life, created a house for this piece of Him Self which he had set apart within the Whole. In it, consciousness would evolve into the Ideal Image of Him Self."

Going back to AMaR, Aleph, in the Tarot, refers to super consciousness. "Mem is alchemical water, the agency whereby the rule or administration of the Life Power is established over all form and conditions of manifested being." (*PFC*) It is related to all things having to do with creation and construction, the building of form. It is the alchemical First Matter from which all things are derived. Resh represents the radiant Life Force of the Sun. So when Elohim says, "Let there be. ." it is not referring so much to setting apart of Him Self as it is using the unlimited continuum of Universal substance, by means of the Life Force, to conceive the large variety of things found on Earth, rocks, plants and animals. So Man was intended to be a creator, a son of God, inheriting his creative powers. In this scheme, the other kingdoms do not. They have not the spark of consciousness placed in the Man. In AMaR, super conscious powers using Solar Life Force create the things in the physical world out of universal substance already set aside in the use of BeRAw. The number value of AMaR is



241, the same as the Hebrew words meaning “and in mercy shall the throne be established.” (Isaiah 16:5) This explains that Man was given rule over creation, a creation which shall be ruled with mercy, beneficence. All of creation, in fact, is an expression of His Beneficence. Chesed, the name of the 4th Sephira means beneficence.

We will now look, briefly at the ten Sephiroth on the Tree of Life, using the diagrams on page 7.

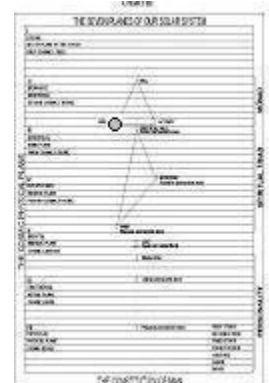
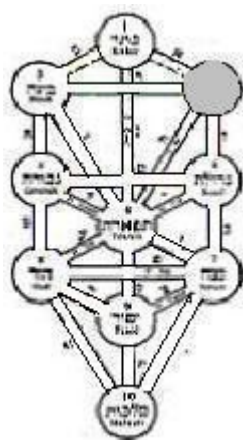
The Ten Sephiroth on the Tree of Life

1. “The first path, Kether, is call the Admirable or Wonderful Intelligence, the Supreme Crown. It is the light of the Primordial Intelligence, and this is the Primary Glory. Among all created beings, none may attain to its essential reality.” *SY*. Kether stands at the top of the Tree of Life. The ten numerals are the basis of the Tree of Life and the idea of Kether uses all ideas about “one”. It is the source and substance of all things. It is indivisible. In Kether is Yekhidah, the One Self, meaning united (all things), lonely, solitary. It is the “Central Point wherein all things, the whole of the Limitless Light, the Ain Suph Aur, is concentrated. In this “Simple Point” are all numbers, all manifestation which includes all intelligible conceptions. “The human mind is itself an image and likeness of the Divine Mind which thinks of itself in these ten ways.” “In its self-manifestation, this ONE, remaining eternally Itself, produces within itself the manifestations (called Sephiroth, a Hebrew word meaning 'numberings' or emanations') which are numbered 2 and 3. That is, the One recognizes within itself the aspects of its own nature corresponding to the numbers 2 and 3. This does not mean there was ever a time when 1 existed alone without 2 and 3. The sequence of ideas is logical, not temporal.” *PFC*. Kether on the Tree of Life corresponds to the Will aspect on the Monadic plane. It is the first expression on the cosmic physical plane or the Will-to-be.



2. “The second path, Chokmah, is called the Illuminating Intelligence. It is the Crown of

Creation and the Splendor of Unity, to which it is the most nearly approximate. In the mouths of the Masters of the Qabalah it is called the Second Glory.” *SY*. Chokmah is the Sphere of the Zodiac or the Fixed Stars. The One knows itself as light and these are that light. Chokmah is the seat of Chiah, the universal life force, the radiant energy of the stars which is in all things. Chokmah means “Wisdom” and as the reflection of Kether is the perfect self-knowledge which must be possessed by “a Limitless Life which is essentially a principle of pure consciousness. The one Life-power knows itself perfectly, knows all its qualities, knows all its possibilities. This knowing is forceful, energetic, dynamic. It is the root of all special expressions of life and consciousness.” *PFC*. It is the Father principle, the



source of the seed of all images of the Son. Chokmah corresponds to Wisdom aspect of the three-fold monadic spirit on the monadic plane.

3. “The third path, Binah, is called the Sanctifying Intelligence. It is the Foundation of

Primordial Wisdom, termed Firmness of Faith, and Root of thy Mother. It is the Mother of Faith for the power of Faith emanates from it.” *SY*. Binah is “Mother” the matrix of all possible specialized forms of expression.” It is the Sphere of Saturn because “every appearance of special, particularized manifestation necessitates limits of quantity, quality, mass, form etc.” *PFC*. This contracting, limiting power is symbolized by Saturn. Binah holds the Divine Breath, the Neshamah, the highest aspect of Soul, the source of man's intuitive knowledge of the spiritual truth of his own being. Binah means “understanding”, the intuitive perception by One Self of the consequences of what it finds in itself. Elohim, the creative powers, emanate from Binah. They are the seven

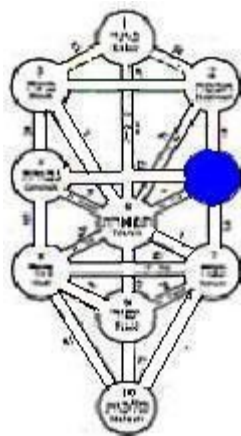
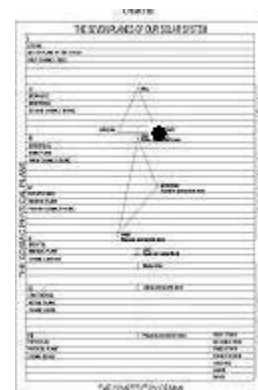
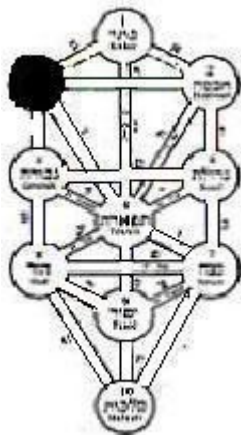
powers called the Seven Rays. Binah corresponds to the Active Intelligence aspect of the three-fold monadic spirit on the monadic plane.

These first three Sephiroth comprise the Supernal Triad. They constitute human individuality, as distinguished from personality, and are the core of eternal reality within every manifestation of Divine Life. This Reality is the same in all direct expressions of the One, Living Light. *PFC*.

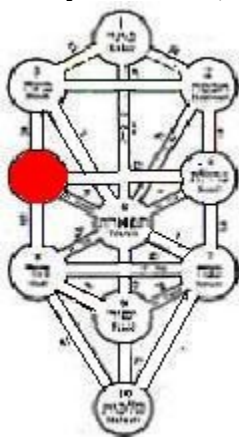
4. “The fourth path Chesed or Gedullah is called the Measuring, Arresting or

Receptacular Intelligence. It is so called because from thence is the origin of all beneficent power of the subtle emanations of the most abstract essences which emanate one from another by the power of the Primordial Emanation.” *SY*. Chesed means Mercy or Beneficence. Gedullah means Majesty or Magnificence. This fourth Sephira is the source of all adjustment, measurement, order and adaptation, and memory is the basis of these. All Creation is based on the One Life's perfect memory of itself as it always recreates itself. Chesed is the Sphere of Jupiter, known astrologically as the “Greater Benefic.” The quality of Chesed is “loving-kindness”. It is the home of those who hear and obey the Inner Voice, the congregation of the merciful, the true Church, the Masters of Compassion. It is

the highest point of consciousness man can reach within a physical body, therefore it is the perfected personality. It “is prepared for none but those who are really and truly merciful, genuinely benevolent.” It relates to the Buddhic Permanent Atom.



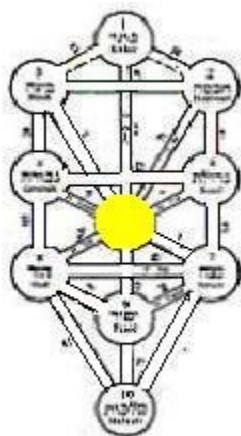
5. “The fifth path Pachad, Geburah or Deen is called the Radical Intelligence. It is so called because it is the very substance of Unity, and is within the substance of that Binah which itself emanates from within the depths (literally, “from within the enclosure”) of the Primordial Wisdom.” *SY.* Its activity is volition, the activity of the will of the One Life. These activities inspire awe and Pachad, fear,



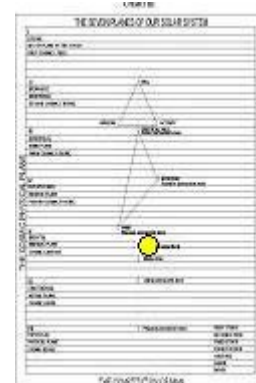
to those who do not understand its source. Once man begins to understand the will within, he can experience it as Geburah, strength. Those who understand enough to act fully in accordance with divine will, see it as Deen, Justice. The will force in Geburah creates man's physical body, drives him to accomplish what he desires and eventually transforms him into a new kind of being with fifth dimensional consciousness. Geburah is opposite Chesed. The will which creates activity opposes the memory of past activities. They also represent the two sides of the Tree of Life, the Pillars of Mercy and Severity. Geburah relates to the Atmic Permanent atom on the Spiritual plane.



6. “The sixth path Tiphareth is called the Intelligence of Separative or Mediating Influence. It is so called because it gathers together the emanations of the archetypal influence and communicates them to all those blessed ones who are united to its essence.” *SY.* Tiphareth means



Beauty. It is the human Ego, a direct reflection of the One Self in Kether. It is joined to Kether by the path of Gimel, the waters, the reflective medium which is the subconscious intelligence uniting the whole created system. The function of Tiphareth is to form images. It does this by means of Ruach, meaning Spirit or *pneuma*. This Ego, at one with the Father, is eternal. It is the Son, Christ, Krishna, Apollo, Oris, etc. This Ego seated in Tiphareth is the Ego of all humanity. “As the Bhagavad-Gita says, this Ego dwells in the hearts of men, but no single human temple is its exclusive habitation.”

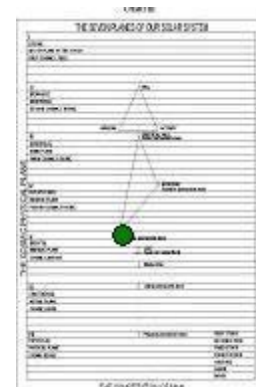
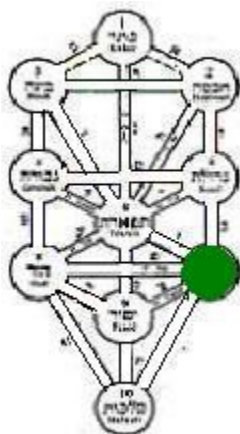


Kether is the Crown of the Kingdom, and Tiphareth is the King. Tiphareth is the mediator of the Supernal Powers into the rest of the Tree. It is the Sphere of the Sun, also named Beauty, Adam, Ish (man, a particular man), husband (of the bride, Malkuth), Son and King. From Tiphareth, the Ego center in the heart, flows the cosmic radiance which is the source of all personal activity. When we realize the truth of all this we possess our sacred inheritance of strength and knowledge which make us Sons of God, administrators of the perfect laws which govern all aspects of the Life-power's self-manifestation. Tiphareth corresponds to the Egoic Lotus on the Manasic, or mental, Plane.

7. **“The seventh path Netzach is called the Occult or Hidden Intelligence.** It is so called because it is the brilliant splendor of all the intellectual powers which are beheld by the eye of understanding and by the thought of faith.” *SY.* Netzach means to shine, sparkle,

to be victorious. It is the Sphere of Venus and of desire. Netzach is a reflection of Chesed above, showing that desire is based on memory of past experience. Behind every desire is the memory of the True Self, no matter how dim. And, every desire is a promise that we can have whatever we want. As we learn to recognize the Truth within, our desires become more spiritual, they become the aspiration to attain that Truth. Our desires always reflect the the growing realization of what we can be. The usual meaning of Netzach in Qabalah is “Victory” because the Life-power, being perfectly wise and all-powerful, will never fail to manifest its vision. Netzach is the Hidden Intelligence because the life-power is inherent in all things and works out its perfect vision through all its activities,

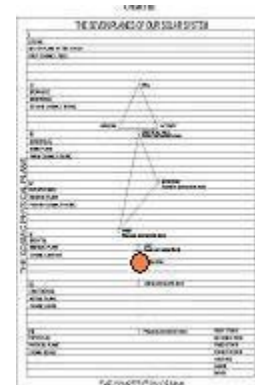
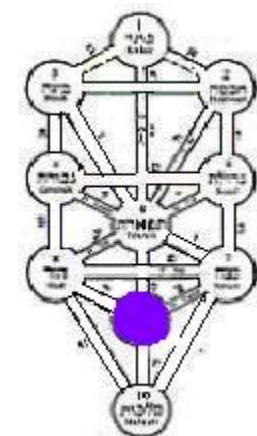
through all beings. Netzach corresponds to the Manasic permanent atom at the top of the mental plane.



8. **“The eight path Hod is called the Perfect Intelligence.** It is so called because it is the

dwelling place of the Primordial. It has no root in which it may abide other than the recesses of Gedulah whence its essence emanates.” *SY.* “Hod” means “Splendor”. It is the Sphere of Mercury and of human intellect. Its special activity is the discriminating power of intellect which selects the ways of satisfying desires and finding the means to support them and manifest them. This is the concrete mind which receives the input of divine will from Geburah above, the images conceived in Tiphareth and the desires arising in Netzach. These form in the mind the realizations which dominate our thoughts about ourselves, our lives and our environment. When we realize that the One Self is the only Thinker and Actor in our lives, the image in our minds becomes the “dwelling place of the Primordial”,

the Splendor. Hod correlates to the mental unit on the lower levels of the Mental Plane.



9. **“The ninth path Yesod is call the Pure Intelligence.** It is so called because it purifies the essence of the Sephiroth, proves and preserves their images and prevents them from loss by their union with itself.” *SY.* “Yesod” means “Foundation” It is the seat of the “animal soul”, “vital soul”, psyche, or “Breath of Life”. It is subconscious mental activity which is directed by the Ego in Tiphareth. The activity in this sphere is the basis of all externalized, physical manifestation. It receives and reflects the influences from all the Sephiroth above so is called the

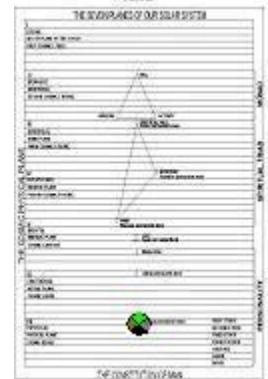
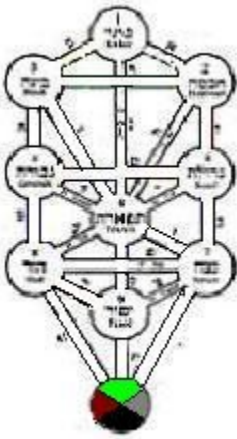


Sphere of the Moon. It receives the images from Tiphareth, the realizations from Hod and the desires from Netzach and holds them as the subconscious patterns which manifest as physical existence. These subconscious patterns are continually reformed as realizations are made, as desires fade away to be replaced by new ones and by the increasing influence of Ego in the life. When the mind is full of many misperceptions about the nature of one's circumstances, misplaced desires, fears and selfish actions, Yesod can truly be Hell. When it is transformed by purified desire, thoughts of Truth, and spiritual purpose, it becomes the sure foundation of Eternal Being on which the Kingdom of God is built. Yesod corresponds to the Astral permanent atom.

10. “The tenth path Malkuth is called the Resplendent Intelligence. It is so called because it is exalted above every head and sits on the throne of Binah. It illuminates the splendor of all the lights and causes the flowing forth of influence from the Prince of Countenances.” *SY.* “Malkuth” means

“Kingdom”. It is the fruit, the completion of the Tree of Life. It is the physical body, in Hebrew, גוף, guph. The first letter of guph is Gimel, to which is attributed Mem, water, the sea of universal consciousness and also related to all things having to do with creation and construction in the building of form. Mem is the Cosmic Fire flowing through nerves and blood stream. It is spiritual substance. Spiritual progress is the purification of this water. The second letter of guph is Vav, the Nail, the connection between all things to the One Life. Nothing is ever separated from that Oneness. The last letter is Peh, the mouth of God or man, as a creative tool. Peh joins Hod and Netzach, balancing intellect and desire. Peh is the Creative Power of the water flowing through our bodies. The manifestation of

The Kingdom depends on the realization of the truth of what our bodies are and on their spiritual perfection and use. They are intended to allow the One Life to experience physical existence, intimately, through each of us, in his or her own way. The Sephiroth, from one to ten, describe the process of involution. Taken from ten to one, they are the path of the return. It is said, “Malkuth in is Kether and Kether is in Malkuth.” While Malkuth is the fruit of the Tree, those fruits contain the seeds of new manifestations. In this process, each small created aspect of the One Self gains knowledge and understanding of itself and what was infinite is now greater. Malkuth corresponds to the physical permanent atom on the chart.



Part II. Tarot and the Seven Rays

“The word Tarot is an artificial word, made up of the letters of the Latin noun, *Rota*, written round a circle, as, indeed, you may see by inspecting Key 10.” One way, it spells *Rota*, meaning wheel, the other way it spells *Tarot*. There are 22 Keys which correspond to 22 Hebrew letters. Three of the letters are called Mother letters. They form the prime trinity that came from the Divine. According to traditional Jewish mysticism “they represent the three dimensions of space, space, time and living soul. These are also referred to as the elements, fire, water and air. Correlated with the three major principles of Theosophical, they are:



ש	Shin (tooth)	Fire	Father	Will Spirit	Electric Fire	
מ	Mem (water)	Water	Mother	Activity	Form	Solar Fire
א	Aleph (ox)	Air	Son	Love	Soul	Fire by Friction

They act as a prism which transforms the divine light into seven more letters which are the double letters. They are defined as double letters because they have two sounds, hard and soft. To these letters are attributed the planets and the pairs of opposites. The double letters are:

ב	Beth (house)	Mercury	Attention	Life & Death
ג	Gimel (camel)	Moon	Memory	Peace & Strife
ד	Daleth (door)	Venus	Imagination	Wisdom & Folly
ה	Kaph (hand, grasping)	Jupiter	Rotation	Wealth & Poverty
ו	Peh (mouth)	Mars	Awakening	Grace & Sin
ז	Resh (face)	Sun	Regeneration	Fertility & Sterility
ח	Tav (mark or cross)	Saturn	Cosmic Consciousness	Dominion & Slavery

These correlations to the rays are tentative, based on the meaning of the path to which the letters are attributed, not so much on the planets.

ב	Beth	1 st Ray	Transparent Intelligence	clear initiation of Will.
ג	Gimel	2 nd Ray	Uniting Intelligence	essence of Truth of Unity
ד	Daleth	3 rd Ray	Luminous Intelligence	essence of instruction in achieving wholeness
ה	Kaph	4 th Ray	Conciliating Intelligence	distributes Divine Influence, equally to all
ו	Peh	6 th Ray	Exciting Intelligence	creates the spirit of all and assembles them
ז	Resh	5 th Ray	Collective Intelligence	studies the stars to derive knowledge of cycles and their principles
ח	Tav	7 th Ray	Administrative Intelligence	directs all the planets/rays

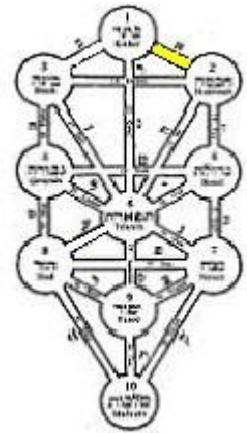
The Fool, numbered “0” is in a sense the whole Tarot. It is the symbol of the Divine Spirit. It comes between all the other keys, “What is between 1 and 2?” “Nothing, of course.” Therefore it stands alone. The rest of the twenty-two Keys can be arranged in seven columns of three as shown below. I will compare each column of three to one of the seven rays. The top row, going across, refers to powers or potencies and seems to correlate to soul expression. Those in the middle row are symbols of laws or agencies; those in the bottom row represent conditions or effects. *The Tarot, PFC*



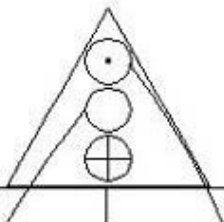
0. “The 11th path, Aleph, is called the Scintillating or Fiery Intelligence. It is the essence of the veil placed before the dispositions and order of the superior and inferior causes. He who possesses this path is in the enjoyment of great dignity for he stands face to face with the Cause of Causes.” SY



“The ‘superior causes’ are the first three Sephiroth, Kether, Chokmah and Binah, . . . the Three Supernals. The seven Siphiroth following, from Chesed to Malkuth, are what are meant by ‘inferior causes.’ Their dispositions and order are what we find diagrammed in the Tree of Life.” PFC 32 PW. The powers and privileges for the adept in Aleph are, “to behold God face to face and to converse familiarly with the seven genii who command the entire celestial army.” TM These seven genii and seven inferior causes must be the Lords of the Seven Rays, while the Three Supernals, the superior causes must be the Three Logoi from the chart shown here. The Genii who correspond to the Lords of the seven Rays are the archangels found in Binah through Yesod. PFC 32PW.



LOGOS OF A SOLAR SYSTEM

Chistianity	Hinduism	Vedanta		Secret Doctrine		Aspects
Father	Brahma	Sat		1st Logos	The Unmanifest	Existence
Son	Viehnu	Chit		2nd Logos	Spirit-Matter	Bliss
Holy Ghost	Siva	Ananda		3rd Logos	Creative Wisdom	Intelligence

“To behold God face to face” is to see into Kether, the Light of the Logos. “After the highest initiation possible on this planet, the adept is, for the first time, responsive to energy emanating from the outer cosmic *Centre*. This last stage of expansion is rare indeed, and only one hundred and eleven human beings during our planetary history have passed on to this state of awareness.” EPI. 156 This is a very interesting statement, indeed, as the value of אֵלֶף, Aleph, is 111. Having the same value is אֶבֶן חֵן, ehben-khane, precious stone, “The Stone of the Wise” referring to the higher knowing which leads to recognition that the Ego in Tiphareth is the Life Force in Kether. And it is the value of הוּא אֱלֹהִים, Echad Hu Elohim, “One is He, God”, The Supernal Triad, The Creative Power. So D.K. is saying that to attain to this high state of consciousness, one must know that he is the Life Force of the One, his will has become that of the One.

The path of Aleph begins in Kether where there is nothing formed, no things to be conscious of, so The Fool is conscious of Nothing, a person who presumably knows nothing and is therefore “zero”. This Nothing is the goal to which we aspire to reach, a higher order of knowing. The Fool is “The Eternal Pilgrim, (who) of his own free will and accord, chose ‘occultly’ to die and took a body or series of bodies in order to raise or elevate the lives of the form nature which he embodied.” EP II 172

On his dress are 10 wheels, each surrounded by seven trefoils, representing seven basic modes of activity associated in Qabala with the seven alchemical metals or the seven interior stars known as the seven chakras in the Human body. The wheels of eight spokes, in Hermetic wisdom, represent pure

spirit, quintessence, or Akasha. The letter Shin on one of the wheels is a symbol of the fiery Life-breath which is the spiritual energy that brings all things into manifestation. Aleph is the Breath that powers the WORD. “This is the AUM. First the breath, then the word and all that is, appeared.” *LS 271*. First, therefore, the breath (pneuma or spirit) impinging upon primordial substance and setting up a pulsation, a vibration, a rhythm. Then the word or sound, causing the pulsating vibrating substance to take form or shape, and thus bringing about the incarnation of the second Person of the cosmic Trinity, the Son of God, the Macrocosm.” *Ibid 334*. . Breath is רוח, Ruach and is the “equivalent of English *Spirit*, Latin *Spiritus*, Greek *Pneuma*, and Sanskrit *Prana*. . . . They all designate the all-pervading cosmic energy which animates every living creature.” *PFC, The Tarot*. Aleph flows into Chokmah, the prototype of the Ideal, the Son and from which Power descends to the rest of the Tree.

The Fool is accompanied by his dog which represents human intellect. Dogs are the descendants of wolves and jackals which have been tamed and modified by man to be a companion and helper. *PFC, The Tarot, 36*. This would seem to indicate that this is not the first time these two have been together. And he comes with a purpose shown by the white rose he carries, all implying a previously designed purpose and experience. As HPB explained, this is another of many rounds of experience. אֶלֶף, Aleph, means ox. This ox is the Divine Breath that turns the wheels of life. It is the ox which hauls the logs, which make the fence, which marks out the field of existence. It is the ox which pulls the plow, digging the furrows in the earth, in which are seeded the Sons of God and all things which support them, dwell with them and depend on them. It is the ox which turns the water wheel, the constantly changing expressions of consciousness. Aleph א, is the image, ל, Lamed, the teacher, and פ, Peh, creative power.

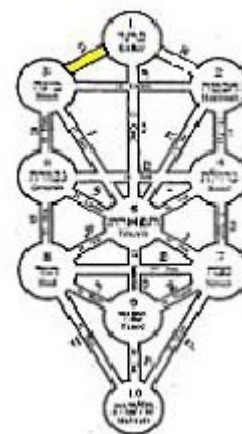
Step 1, 1st Ray, 1st Root-Race

We will now look at the seven columns in the Tarot as seven steps in unfolding consciousness, as steps in developing individual self-conscious identity, as awareness of identity as one with the Whole, and as a race. Each of these seven steps can be compared to one of the seven rays.

Key 1. “The 12th path Beth is called the Intelligence of Transparency, because it is the image of the wheeling of Gedulah (Chesed) which is the source of vision in those who behold apparitions.” *SY*



This image was particularized and empowered in the Chesed from the Tree in Kether (remember, we said that there is a Tree of Life within every Sephiroth) an order of consciousness that is above our Tree. It is flowing from Kether into Binah. בית, beth, means house and this is the house which is personality. It is the same value as וְאַתָּה, ve-attah, “and thou”, indicating that spirit is the central point of personality, the dweller in the House. The Magician is looking down because the Will of Spirit is flowing through his wand, through him, into the house of personality, filling it with life and the desire to master the power of the light there. The adept in this path “is above all afflictions and all fears” because he knows he is the the



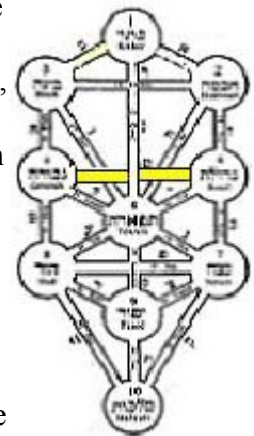
instrument of the Divine Will flowing through him, creating below what is above. This Key represents the first aspect of self-consciousness planted there by Spirit. The garden is the subconscious mind and the roses and lilies represent the wisdom and understanding which will take form as self-consciousness grows.

The symbol for the first ray is the circle with a dot in the center. This does not appear in the Tarot until Key 14, in the 7th step. I think that it is not until that level of consciousness development that Man is able to really use the 1st ray as Divine Will intends. At this point, in this first step, the space has been marked out but within is chaos, waiting to be formed into the Ideal Image. An older form of this key pictured The Juggler. He wasn't actually juggling, but I am assuming three balls are implied which represent the three modes of consciousness, super-conscious, self-conscious and subconscious; or life, substance, activity; sattva, rajas, tamas; the alchemical principles Mercury, Sulphur, Salt. There are three circles on the banner of Master Morya, the Lord of the 1st Ray. step

Key 8. The nineteenth path, Teth, is called the Intelligence of the Secret of all Spiritual Activities because of the influence spread by it from the supreme blessing and the supernal glory. The



“secret” is in the definition itself. Power flows down from the Magician above into all created things, all things held within the womb of Binah. Teth flows between Chesed and Geburah, unlimited, unconditional power allowing balance between Mercy and Severity, between Will and Compassion. ת"ט, Teth means “serpent”, here coiled in on itself, and this is the “sleeping” kundalini or fohat. *PFC* Fohat is the “energy of matter” It “brings latency into activity and potentiality into demonstrated power” *PCF*, so this seems an appropriate place for it on the Tree as the three higher sephiroth are not form. This is the first means by which power flows into form. It is undifferentiated and unqualified except by the image from the Divine Will coming through Beth.

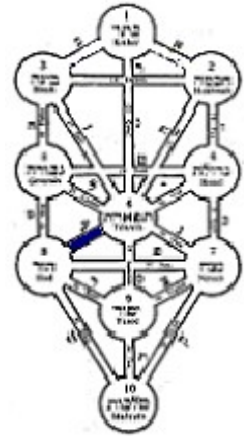


The woman is Binah, the 2nd Sephiroth working through subconscious mind, the garden of Key 1 and receiving the direction from self-consciousness. The image sent into the garden is the spiritual energy of Divine Will and transmits the image as conceived by it. When a man is not able to conceive the image clearly what is transmitted through Teth is a distortion of the true image. The chain or roses connecting the lady and the lion is desire, just as the roses in the arbour above the Magician seem to low down to join the ones growing below. The lion in the animal self, the animal urges which are modified, controlled and mastered to become creative power. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is “to enjoy the universal medicine” because this power is available to all. The sign associated with Teth and Key 8 is Leo, “the will of the self-conscious Entity to manifest.” *EA 439*.

Key 15 - "The 26th path Ayin is called the Renewing Intelligence because, thereby God blessed be he-- renews all things which are begun afresh in the creation of the world." SY. אֵיִן, Ayin, means "eye" or "fountain." It is what we see which shapes our thoughts and



reactions to all our experiences. When we do not understand something we do not see it as it really is we fear it and see it as a monster, a devil, ready to harm us and thwart our plans. We see ourselves chained to it, unable to control our own lives. Once men began to see how nature works and to gain some control over their environment they begin to learn to turn around, look within and find that they can lift off chains which held them in bondage. They begin to see that what seemed like a devil is really the angel in Key 14.



This path joins Tiphareth, place of the Son and Hod, imagination and intellect. This Key is attributed to Capricorn, the sign in which the Savior is born. It is the

dawning of the Christ Consciousness and the coming of the Solar Angels which allowed Humanity to begin to use its mind to perceive that angel within. When we begin to form clearer images of ourselves and our circumstances the old images are immediately destroyed and the new ones are given life by this Renewing Intelligence. Ayin is the fountain shaping our image of our lives and our selves. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is "to force nature to make him free at his pleasure."

These three Keys show why the 1st Ray destroys. Whatever is not part of the image held in the mind of the self-conscious being who is the creator of anything must go. The new image is formed out of the substance of the old. But if this correlation of 1st Ray and these three Tarot Keys is correct, nothing is destroyed unless there is something new to take its place. It points out that the purpose of the 1st Ray is the seeding of new ideas into self-conscious mind so it can begin the process of developing, adapting and manifesting them in to the present circumstances. This would seem to indicate why the Master Morya is involved with schools as that is where the important ideas are seeded into the race and developed. To build a better world we must create and hold better images in our minds.

Esoteric Psychology II gives some description of the forces encountered under the various rays. From the description for the 1st Ray, "The garden stands revealed. In ordered beauty live its flowers and trees. The murmur of the bees and insects on their winged flight is heard on every side. The air is rich with perfume. The colours riot to the blue of heaven....

"The wind of God, His breath divine, sweeps through the garden....Low lie the flowers. Bending, the trees are devastated by the wind. Destruction of all beauty is followed by the rain. The sky is black. Ruin is seen. Then death....

"Later, another garden! but the time seems far away. Call for a gardener. The gardener, the soul, responds. Call for the rain, the wind, the scorching sun. Call for the gardener. Then let the work go on. Ever destruction goes before the rule of beauty. Ruin precedes the real. The garden and the gardener must awake! The work proceeds." *EP II 166-7.*

While this description does not completely match these three keys, it certainly speaks of the Magician's garden in which the seed is planted. And it expresses the devastation felt by the soul, fallen from the clear, sunny mountain top where the journey looked so promising. But the Fool was looking up into the sky, not watching where he was going and found himself trapped in a deep dark cave. The

light is gone and he has forgotten who he was. His companion now is a lady, his subconscious mind, rather than the dog who was his intellect, but he does not seem to know she is there or how they can work together. He must rediscover who he is, find the light within and create the garden where he is, on Earth. The destruction was done by himself, as he precipitously began his journey in typical 1st ray fashion. Perhaps, that is the only way to do it.

The function of the first ray is to begin a new cycle by formulating the essence of the ideas which will initiate change. We can see from Tarot that it does this by focusing the seed of a concept into the subconscious mind of Humanity. This seed is distributed universally by the One Power with the understanding that, however it is received and used, it can be renewed until it is perfect.

The first root-race of men are described in the *Secret Doctrine* as “mindless and sexless.” They had huge translucent or transparent bodies, ovoid though somewhat fluid in form, with no bones or organs, and no hair or skin. They slowly grew more solid, but remained ethereal until the end. The race propagated by fission: a large portion of the body separated itself and grew into a duplicate of its parent, much as happens with living cells today. The first root-race and much of the second knew no death as we understand it, but they knew a time of limits; each generation melted into the next. The first root-race evolved the sense of hearing.”

So we might say that this rudimentary ovoid body is the space which was set out as the house, Beth, in which consciousness dwelt in a state of bliss, like in a Garden of Eden, listening but unable to interact with their environment. The process of fission resembles the figure eight over the heads of both the Magician and the Lady in Strength. That figure is a symbol of the Esoteric aphorism, “as above, so below,” saying that what is created out of the original remains the same thing. It applies not only vertically to the creation of Man by God, but horizontally to what Man creates. It says that the power flowing from the Magician's finger is the same power flowing through subconscious mind into all created things. The figure eight, also in the garland of roses around the lady and the lion, in Key 8 is a space above divided from a space below. HPB says the first race was absorbed into the second. Perhaps it was also that the second race moved into the space created by the first.

This first race did not really ever become physical so in a sense they remained at the level of Key 8 which represents the means by which things are accomplished. It was a first step in creating Man in which the space was measured out, the House was cut out of the Whole. The idea was established, the 1st ray task. It does relate to Key 15 in that they were an inadequate expression of what Man was intended to be, far from a final product. Man is said to be created in the image of God and God is the creator. These first race beings could mindlessly replicate themselves but could not rule over anything as the Bible suggests later because they could not yet interact with each other or their environment. They had to be remade by the Renewing Intelligence once their existence had reached its allotted time for being. The process seems to have been fairly painless because they were without sin, being unable to sin, most likely. They were simply melted into the second root race.

“The First became the Second Root-race, without either begetting it, procreating it, or dying. “*They passed by together,*” as it is written: “And he died and another reigned in his stead” (*Genesis* xxvi. 31 *et seq.* *Zohar* iii., 292a). Why? Because “the *Holy City* had not been prepared.” And what is the “*Holy City*”? The *Maquom* (the *Secret Place* or the *Shrine*) on Earth: in other words, the human womb, the microcosmic copy and reflection of the *Heavenly Matrix*, the female space or primeval Chaos, in which the male Spirit fecundates the germ of the Son, or the visible Universe. . . The Commentary explains this by saying that, as the First Race was simply composed of the astral shadows of the creative progenitors, having of course neither astral nor physical bodies of their own — this Race never died.” *SD II, 84* We will come to the place in which the *Holy City* is prepared in the next step, the

next series of three Keys.

HPB says that the story of creation in the Bible in seven days relates to the creation of the seven races, Sunday being a day of perfection rather than a day of rest. On the first day, Elohim, the Creative Powers, created Day and Night. יום, yom, means day, daylight, time, season, age. לַיִל, layil, night, is 70, the same value as סוד, sod, secret. So what this says is that God set out specific times to discover certain things which are not understood, which have been set aside as secrets. 70 is also the value of the letter Ayin. Night, darkness are everything we do not understand. In the darkness are the seeds of the wisdom needed to discover our true identity. The first race had no mind so did not create monsters out of what they did not understand as later races have done. These mindless ones simply lived in the Light. Or, perhaps, they lived in the darkness, Key 15, and the light flowed freely from Key 8, from above to below. They were able to experience Heaven even though they were in the darkness on Earth.

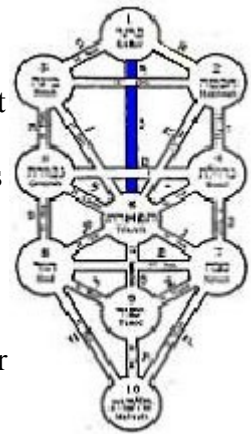
The Fools bag which he carries on a staff over his shoulder has an eye and an eagle on it, the eye which uncovers secrets and the eagle representing the kundalini power is the serpent which is Teth, Key 8. He comes down to Earth with all the secrets he needs to discover. They are planted on Earth by the Magician to be taken out and developed through the seven steps. Once all the secrets of this round have been uncovered and all the riddles solved, perhaps, the 7th race will dwell again in that state of blissful awareness of being All, One Life, but this time as a co-creator with Elohim.

Step 2, 2nd Ray, 2nd Root-Race

Key 2. The High Priestess. “The 13th path, Gimel is called the Uniting Intelligence or the Conducting Intelligence of Unity because it is the essence of glory and the perfection of the truths of spiritual unities.” *sy* The High Priestess represents



subconscious mind, the universal unconscious and universal memory which underlies all of creation. גמל, Gimel, means camel, because they once were the mode of transportation that brought distant places together and established communication between them. In the same way, subconscious mind unites humanity and all other forms of consciousness, higher and lower. Camels are trained to be responsive to the commands of men and to serve them just as subconscious responds to suggestions made by self consciousness. “The title, *High Priestess*, means literally, “chief feminine elder,” or primary receptive aspect of the Life-power. In Hindu philosophy this is *Prakriti*, the precosmic root substance which is the substratum beneath all the objective planes of existence. This the

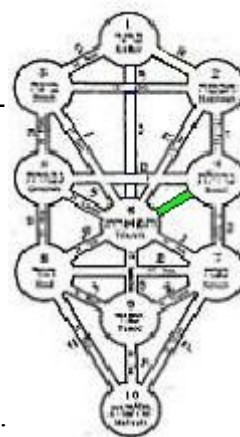


woman in Key 2 is in one sense identical with the First Mother, or First Matter, of the alchemists, who often call this *Prima Materia* their Virgin Diana.” Diana is the goddess of the Moon which this Key is associated with. *PFC, The Tarot*. As water, she is the reflecting pool into which Kether casts its image, Tiphareth. You can see the relationship in the diagram.

The value of גמל, Gimel, is 73, the same as חכמה, Chokmah, Wisdom, the second Sephirah, which also means a wise woman, skillful woman; midwife. This designation as Wisdom is one link to the 2nd ray. Another is as the Intelligence of Unity. The value of אחד, achad, meaning one, alone, unity, is 13, the same as אהבה, aheba, love. Therefore the High Priestess is Love-Wisdom, the essential substance of the universe. The symbol of the 2nd ray is the equal-armed cross on her breast. Since she is on the top row, this love-wisdom is the cause of what happens below. She is sitting on a cube, the symbol of salt and of material manifestation. What flows through her from Kether into Tiphareth is the image of the Christ child, as we shall see in the key below this one. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is “to reign with all heaven and be served by all hell.”

Key 9. The Hermit. “The 20th path Yod is called the Intelligence of Will, because it forms all patterns and to know this intelligence is to know all the reality of the Primordial Wisdom.” *SY*. This key corresponds to the sign, Virgo, the womb of the Christ

principle. Virgo is ruled by Mercury, the Magician, Key 1, and is dominated, therefore, by self-conscious initiative, and represents the state in which the highest manifestation of self-consciousness is experienced.” *ibid, PFC*. Virgo rules the intestines, occultly understood as the place where solar energy is assimilated into the body. Through pure living and unconditional service to the Plan, the *First Matter*, from above is transformed into the body for the Christ consciousness.



The Hebrew word for will is רצון, rawtzone and also means to be acceptable, delight, desire, favour, pleasure, will. Its value, 346 is the same as מקור, maqor, fountain, because

to be in accordance with this will is to partake of all the delights created for the enjoyment of The One. The value of הרצון, Ha-Rawtzone, The Will, is the same as the words for Moses (rescued), The Name (Ha Shem), sephira (book) and Shiloh (a name for the Messiah). On the Hermit's head is a blue Yod. Qabalists say the upper point of the Yod is in Kether and the body is in Chokmah. So the Yod is the reflection of Kether into the Sphere of Lights and the Sun. The Hermit is identical with Yekhidah, the One Self, in Kether. In his lantern is a hexagram, the Star of the Macrocosm, the Shield of David or the Shield of Love. It is the light of the Divine Ideal he holds out to guide the weary travelers to the mountain top. He will remain until the last sheep has returned to the fold so he is Sanat Kumara.

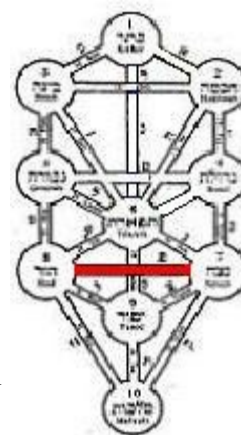
The one who has mastered this path is said to be “acquainted with the laws of perpetual motion and to be in a position to demonstrate the quadrature of the circle.” I think this means such a one understands how to work with the universal cycles and use the three aspects of consciousness, subconscious, self conscious and super conscious to blend the four elements according to the Measuring Intelligence from Chesed. The path of Yod begins in Chesed and ends in Tiphareth with the creation of the Divine Ideal, the Son.

Key 16. The Tower. The 27th path Peh is called the **Exciting or Active Intelligence**, because thence is created the spirit of all things under the supreme orb and and assemblage of them all.” SY. The value of the letter ת, final Peh, is 800. This is also the value of πιστις (Greek) pistis.



This faith is not mere hope for things. It is “*expectant confidence*, founded on repeated, experimental verifications of the basic principles of knowledge and wisdom. It means “having confidence in one's self”. PFC. It is the faith which gathers together those of the Kingdom of God, those who have verified their true identity as Sons of God and been resurrected into the higher dimensions of awareness.

However, as we are only at the 2nd step here we have a ways to go before we express the exalted levels of Peh as 800. Regular Peh has a value of 80 and “8” is a number of renewal and of Christ. So we have the new image from Key 15, The Devil, here receiving the Light of Spirit as the “Lightning Struck Tower.” What appears from a materialistic level to be upheaval and



destruction of all previous ideas is really the unending flow of Divine Will as the Holy Influence flowing into all levels of consciousness, bringing always new opportunities to see ourselves and our world more clearly. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is “to see all future events which do not depend on a superior free will, or an all indiscernible cause.”

Peh is associated with Mars and this seems at first glance out of character with the 2nd Ray, but the Love of The One will never leave us stuck in our own ignorance and inertia. It continually moves us forward into greater understanding. In reality, Love is the most powerful force there is, the only force there is, essentially, and it will move mountains. Unconditional love is not for the weak and fearful, but does come through the perfection of The High Priestess, and the tender, patient caring of The Hermit, before the exact spot which the lightning strikes is chosen. The Christ child is not born out of an initial concept and concentration or of Love-Wisdom alone. He does not manifest at the top of a tower of elaborate ideas about one's place on Earth or in the Universe. He is born after sincere and earnest effort to apply what one has learned through experience and a willingness to allow the Higher Self to judge the results and whether or not they are useful to the Whole. After each effort one tries out what he has created to see if it successfully holds the Light. If it does not one must pick out any worthwhile pieces and begin again.

The veil behind the High Priestess hints that she is *virgo intacta*. The Christ child is not born here, but remains subconscious. The veil is rent by the action of Mars and in the next step, The Empress is pregnant with the Child. The influence of Mars in this step does demonstrate the closeness with which the first two rays must work. Trying to separate them is like trying to separate the activities of Venus and Mars. They are a polarity and to discuss one end of it always takes one back to the other side of the balancing point. Love draws out the idea and the idea generates love.

The function of the second ray is to create unity. It develops the potential wisdom inherent in the ideas seeded by the first ray as Humanity works with those ideas and applies them to life on Earth. As shown in Tarot it holds the memories that man is created by God out of His own substance and in His image. It creates the patterns of behavior and thinking which will allow each person to discover his/her own truth. It inspires man to seek the truth within all things, the Truth of Unity. It inspires the

faith that keeps man searching for greater understanding of that Truth within himself. It breaks down the walls of separation and personal ego and creates group consciousness.

The description of the path of Gimel from the *Sepher Yetzirah* above referred to it as the “essence of Glory.” The word for Divine Glory is כְּבוֹד, kabode, which means, with different pronunciations, weight or heavy. This means the Glory has a quality of weight and corresponds to gravity. I cannot find a place where D.K. discusses gravity but it seems to me that gravity holds things together just as the 2nd Ray is a unifying principle. “The law of gravitation (or attraction and repulsion) that governs all the functions of the second aspect logoic.” *LOM* 263. This second aspect would seem to correlate with the 2nd ray as containing the soul or “Son” principle and tie Gimel and the 2nd Ray. And just as the second logoic aspect nurtures the Christ principle, so does the Hermit and its associated sign, Virgo. The inclusion of Mars and the Exciting Intelligence into this correspondence is validated by this quote, “That which is attracted in time is automatically and eventually repulsed by that which attracted it in the first instance.” *EP II* 148. As we evolve our understanding we draw to us what seems to be useful for a time, and The Creator, in His beneficence gives us all we want. But once we progress to a greater level of understanding we must break that concept of self and begin to build another.

“... Sudden a spade descends, for the thinker tends the garden of this thought, and thus destroys the passages of mind. Ruin arrives, destroying fast the storehouse of the mind, the safe security, the darkness and the warmth of a satisfied enquiry. All is removed. ...” *EP II* 167 And speaking of the Law of Repulse, we find “As this law is an aspect of the fundamental Law of Love, it concerns the psyche or soul, and therefore its function is to further the spiritual interests of the true man, and to demonstrate the power of the second aspect, the Christ consciousness, and the power of divinity. It rejects the undesirable in order to find that which the heart craves, and thus leads the weary pilgrim from one rejection to another, until with unerring choice he makes the Great Decision.” *EP II* 148-9

There does not seem to be much said about the 2nd root race. The first attempts by Nature to build human bodies resulted in “the most heterogeneous gigantic semi-human monsters. The ever-blooming lands of the Second Continent (Greenland, among others) were transformed, in order, from Edens with their eternal spring, into hyperborean Hades.” *S.D.ii*, 146 They reproduced by budding, extruding their progeny from pores and were therefore called “sweat born.” They developed some physical structure becoming, as the race evolved, “Manu with bones”. They possessed “the first primitive and weak spark (the germ of intelligence).” *ibid* 173. They were sexless so this fits with the ideas of the virgin High Priestess and the Hermit. Maybe the major difference between the first two races was that the 2nd had a shell, a wall around itself. In that case it is interesting that the 2nd ray dissolves walls and restores unity.

On the second day Elohim divided waters below from waters above by creating the firmament. And He called the firmament “Heaven.” רַקִּיעַ, rawqiya, means “an expanse”, the apparent or visible vault of the sky, “firmament.” Its value is 380, the same as words meaning “the garment”, tongue, substance, number, Jehovah and darkness. Heaven is שָׁמַיִם, shamaim, also meaning, sky, the abode of stars, the abode of God, the visible universe. So this sky above in which we see the stars of the universe and God's place is a garment He places over Himself. It is the power to speak and form words, it is the energy of light which forms substance and the numbers which measure and distribute the energy. It is not something we understand. It is God Him Self. The word for “waters” is MayIM, 90 which is the number of Yesod, the Foundation, the Astral Plane. The waters of Yesod are the reflecting pool into which is cast the shadow of Tiphareth from the light of Kether. It is this reflection into Yesod that must be purified and worked with until it can clearly reproduce the Divine Image, the Plan.

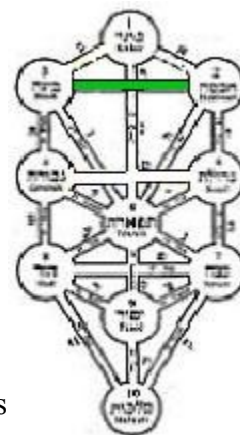
I hope this isn't too involved because here the numbers get really interesting. In speaking of the waters under the firmament, “under” is תַּחַת, tachath, 808, the same value as ABRaHaM, which name represents “the self-imparting aspect of the Life Power, Chesed.” *PFC*. Where the 1st race simply split itself in two, the 2nd race extruded specific aspects of themselves, seeds, so to speak which developed into full grown beings. We spoke before of the creative process as a division into aspects of the creator through defining them by numbers, letters and words. These waters, the subconscious mind, (man did not yet have much of self consciousness) under the firmament had the power to create forms and give them life. But they are no longer the same as the forms above. I think the “waters above” refers to Nature and to the, as yet, unconscious vision of the Ideal. So this 2nd race could produce offspring, but having only the faintest glimmering of mind, they could not consciously perfect themselves by the use of the Ideal Image of the Christ consciousness. I think the specific development in the 2nd race was having walls around themselves and extruding their progeny through that wall. They were however, now separated from that part of themselves that knew they were still part of One Self. Since the Tower key is about breaking down the walls of false images of self and God, this does show the beginning of sin. To Peh and Key 16 are attributed the polarities of “Grace and Sin”, and the only way to move from Sin into Grace is through gradually building and rebuilding an image of one's self as “one with the Father in Heaven.”

Step 3, 3rd Ray, 3rd Root-Race

Key 3. The Empress. The fourteenth path Daleth is called the Luminous Intelligence, “because it is the essence of that which is the instructor in the secret foundations of Holiness and Perfection.” The word “luminous” refers to the effect of Chokmah, the



Illuminating Intelligence, on the subconscious matter in Binah. The light of the Sun from Chokmah makes the substance give out its innate light. The word for luminous is מַאִיר, MAIR. The first letter, Mem, is First Matter utilized by the ox, Aleph, in loving service, Virgo-Yod, to become the radiance of the Sun/Son, Resh. So Daleth, which means door, builds the House from within. MAIR is the same value, 351, as אִמְרַי, imrae, words.



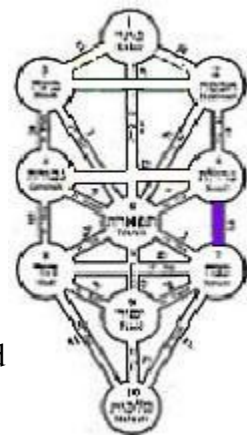
The Empress is Venus and she is the goddess of mind, of ideas made up of words. She is pregnant with the Son, and the stream of consciousness next to her in her garden is the essence of what that Son represents. The ideas that come from her are the lessons humanity must find within the darkness of its primitive mind and shape into the image of itself which will free it from the ignorance and slavery of its own misconceptions about being physical and about being on Earth. 351 is also the value of מוֹרֶה, moreh, teacher, master, instructor; archer. These images or ideas come more frequently when we ask for guidance from higher self and are the answers we seek when we put them into action and learn from them. The attribution of “Wisdom and Folly” to this letter indicates that all possibilities are within it and our desires, our goal, determine what we receive from her. She is subconscious just as is the High Priestess, but the Empress has been impregnated by the Emperor, but with the idea implanted by the Magician. Most importantly, she is imagination, that faculty of mind which draws out and assembles the ideas from her womb.

The symbol of the 3rd ray is the fire triangle and it is here on her breast. She holds a shield of copper, metal of Venus, on which is a dove, symbol of Venus but also of the Holy Spirit which is associated with the 3rd ray. It is the expansion of thought which is the means by which materialization is accomplished, and these thoughts come from subconscious when stimulated by Spirit. Thoughts, when acted upon, grow and become alive by the spirit which created them, be it by God or by God acting through Man. The adept who has mastered this path “disposes of his own health and life, and can equally influence that of others.

Key 10. The Wheel of Fortune. The twenty-first path Kaph is called the Rewarding Intelligence of Desirous Quest or the Conciliating Intelligence, because it receives the divine influence, which it distributes as a blessing to all modes of being.” *SY.* קַף, kaph means hollow hand, palm, or bowl of a dish. It is the hand that can grasp, because when we say we grasp something, we understand it. When we understand a thing we can more clearly form the desire which will bring it to us. The path of Kaph joins Chesed, the Sphere of Jupiter, beneficence, with Netzach, the Sphere of Venus, desire. In Chesed the Life Force is measured into each specific aspect of the desired image from the unlimited supply of Cosmic Power.



“The wheel (in Key 10) is the symbol of the whole cycle of cosmic expression, and is also an emblem of any particular series of events. Its center, or pivot, is the archetypal world; the inner circle is the creative, the middle circle the formative, and the outer circle the material world.” The eight spokes represent the universal radiant energy. *PFC, The Tarot.* The alchemical symbols on the spokes are mercury (above), sulphur (right) and salt (left) which correspond to the three *gunas* of yoga philosophy; sattva, rajas and tamas. The symbol at the bottom is identical to that of Aquarius and represents dissolution, the fundamental process of the Great Work. *Ibid* The yellow snake is the serpent power from Key



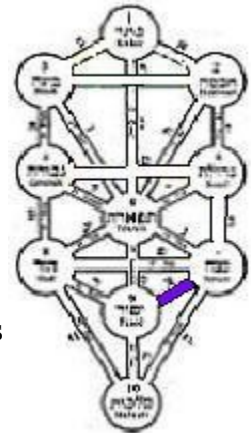
8. The dog-headed man represents the evolution of consciousness from lower to higher forms. The sphinx is the real Self of man, behind the veil of personality. It does not turn with the wheel. It is the blue of cosmic memory in Chesed because the highest self-knowledge is really self-recollection.” *Ibid.*

The 3rd ray is all about creating forms from the patterns designed by the 2nd ray and arranging them in useful ways. Key 10 shows Nature as the mechanism by which thoughts are turned into material things. Forms are created by the use of thoughts composed of ideas made up of words, by using numbers and symbols to draw out and arrange the appropriate elements which are then given life by the universal radiant energy. The 3rd ray processes keep recreating and evolving these forms, impelled by the energy of the 1st ray, inspired by the patterns devised by the 2nd. The power of the adept in this path is “to change into gold not only all metals, but also the earth itself, and even the refuse of the earth.”

Key 17. The Star. “The twenty-eighth path Tzaddi is call the Natural Intelligence because by it is perfected the nature of all things under the orb of the sun.” *SY.* צַדִּי, Tzaddi means fish hook, the gate or the right hand and is about meditation. The fish is Nun, Key 13 which we will get to in Step 6. It is



creative power. Meditation raises the fish, creative power, out of the waters of subconscious into the light of self consciousness where it is directed by the purposes formulated there to perfect them. Meditation is the gateway through which new forms are created, just as the door, Daleth, is the source of the wisdom, the accumulated knowledge, which draws out the ideas for the blueprints to make them. “Right hand” refers to a creative implement, so Tzaddi, as meditation, is the implement which makes things work as does the 3rd ray. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is “to give at once and to all the most efficacious consolations and the most wholesome counsels.”



The word for “natural” is מוֹטֵבָה, motebah the root of which is טָבַע, tawbah meaning to press in, impress or sink in(as a signet ring on wax). The first letter Teth is the creative power from Key 8, concentrated by the focused attention of the Magician, Key 1, to create images based on the perception of what is needed, using Key 15, Ayin, the eye. It is the mind or the aspect of active intelligence which must register impressions from higher levels of mind, so this capacity for impression would seem to be a 3rd ray function. In meditation we can reverse our errors and correct our actions, and carry out the Divine Plan. “Natural Intelligence, or awareness of the hidden qualities of nature, is arrived at by meditation. This is the great secret of the occult power wielded by Oriental adepts. See Patanjali's *Yoga Aphorisms*, for the enumeration of the many 'powers' which may be developed by intense concentration and prolonged meditation.” *ibid.* Tzaddi begins in Netzach, the Sphere of Venus, Desire, and ends in Yesod, the foundation, the Astral Plane from which material things precipitate. So Tzaddi is one very important part of forming the Ideal Image which is the foundation or purpose of the Tree of Life.

The task of the third ray is to take the initial concept from the 1st ray and the patterns created by the 2nd and organize and develop them in many ways, adjusting them as we go along to make them most useful at the physical level. It requires harvesting the growing seeds of wisdom, using them, expanding them and replanting many of them so the cycle may keep evolving the creation of the initial concept. There is wheat growing in the Empress' garden which she planted but the actual work of growing the wheat is carried out by the subconscious processes of Nature shown in the Wheel of Fortune. She directs Nature through meditation.

“The Direction of Ray III. "Surrounded by a multitude of threads, buried in folds and folds of woven goods, the Weaver sits. No Light can enter where he sits. By the light of a tiny candle, carried upon the summit of his head, he dimly sees. He gathers handful after handful of the threads and seeks to weave the carpet of his thoughts and dreams, his desires and his aims. His feet move steadily; his hands work swiftly; his voice, without cessation, chants the words: 'I weave the pattern which I seek and like. The warp and woof is planned by my desire. I gather here a thread and here a colour. I gather there another. I blend the colours and I mix and blend the threads. As yet I cannot see the pattern, but it will surely measure up to my desire.'

“Look from out thy window, Weaver, and see the pattern in the skies, the model of the plan the colour and the beauty of the whole. Destroy the carpet which you have for ages wrought. It does not

meet your need... Then weave again, Weaver. Weave in the light of day. Weave, as you see the plan.” EP II 168 The weaver is the imagination, Daleth, weaving the pattern of life out of the images chosen from the infinite possibilities within Cosmic Mind. The Empress is Venus, desire, seeking a life of beauty, comfort and security. She weaves and reweaves, aided by the Laws of Nature and guided by the Divine Mother, seeking to create the ideal life.

We are told “In the third root race, the Lemurian, the physical aspect of man was carried to a high stage of perfection.” (CA Page 134-135). They lived on the continent of Lemuria which is now principally at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. They developed sight and the beginnings of mind. Their bodies became solid and apelike, very large, comparable to the size of the dinosaurs present at that time. Their reproduction evolved from “budding” of a single cell, to egg laying and finally to bisexual reproduction and live births.

They established a definite sense of “Self” and “not Self.” This was the first juncture of spirit-matter and mind. This emergence of Soul, an aspect of One Life, through individualization allowed soul to begin to work, though at a subconscious level, toward the evolution of the personality structure. We see this shown in Key 10, the Wheel, with the blue sphinx at the top operating through sub conscious processes. It created minds capable of knowing right from wrong, of working together in groups and of searching for a higher purpose in life. Once the minds were strong enough to hold the energy of higher consciousness, the Solar Angels began to work to control the consciousness. Let's say they flew to Earth and landed on the Wheel of Fortune where they remain, directing human evolution and perfecting the individual vehicles which will one day participate in the realized Kingdom of God. The ainubis, the dog-headed human represents the developing mind. Since mind was essentially all subconscious at this time, evolving out of the buddhic or intuitional plane into the mental plane, this is the beginning of the work done by Tzaddi. This association indicates that meditation has been a necessary function of mind since its beginning. At that time the Solar Angels had to do what self conscious intellect is now learning to do in preparing humanity for initiation.

On the third day, Genesis says, Elohim created dry land and the sea. He also created grasses and herbs which could produce seeds. “Dry ground” is interesting, the word is יבשה, yabbawshaw. Its value is 312, the same as כדש, kodesh, meaning mating time (of animals) or khawdash, new, fresh and the same as שח, gift. So the creation of dry ground after the land under the last race had tumbled into the sea is a new beginning, starting over again. כדש has one more possible pronunciation as khiddeysh meaning to renew, restore, do afresh; to promulgate a new law; establish a new interpretation; to produce something new. God was separating this new beginning out of the sea of sub consciousness. Sea is ים, yawm, and its value is 50, the value of Nun, the fourteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet, meaning fish and having a lot to do with reproduction as it is related to Scorpio. God was giving man a new opportunity to create the Divine Image and the gift seems to be sex. Separating imagination from creative power gives man the opportunity to exercise the use of mind in the processes of creation and the ability to control sexual power. So lets look at the details of what was created on this day.

On this day God made grass, אשד, dashe, most interesting if we look at its letters. The first letter, ד, Daleth represents imagination, something man could now begin to develop with the new spark of mind. The second letter is ש, shin, fire power, three fires in fact. The last letter, א, Aleph, the Plan, the Divine Ideal. So grass represents a new ability in man to create in himself the Divine Ideal by the means of imagination, now using the universal creative power for the first time in a new way. The value of dashe is 305, the same as קרה, qorah, a rafter, a roof. This seems to imply that with this

creative power comes something from above which is both protective and completes the House. Putting a roof on the house would mean bringing soul into its proper place in the personality.

And God created עשב, esayb, green herbs, 372, the same as עקרב, aqrab, scorpion. Scorpio governs the reproductive organs. The ability to reproduce bisexually is the first opportunity for man to learn to consciously use the creative power of the universe, fohat, the kundalini force. With it God created פרי-עץ, perie etz, fruit of the tree, the ripening of the powers of the Tree of Life. This has a value of 450, as does מדרה, midoth, virtues. I don't recall any specific mention of rules of conduct during Lemurian times, but Hatha Yoga was taught in regard to mastering the use of a physical body so teaching of virtues could very likely have been a part of that ripening process, and would have certainly been necessary with all this new power growing in Humanity.

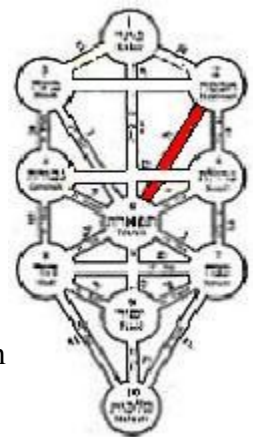
Finally the word “third” itself is interesting. It is שלישי, Sheliyshi. Its letters are ש, Shin, sometimes referred to as the most holy letter. “According to the *Zohar*, the letter ש, is called 'the letter of truth.' The three branches represent the three aspects of the truth about man: (1) he possesses a spiritual soul (*Neshamah*), (2) a spirit (*Ruach*) and (3) bodily soul (*Nefesh*).” *Letters of Fire, Rabbi Blazerson*. The next letter ל, Lamed, is attributed to Key 11, Justice and represents balance. This letter depicts the serpent with its head lifted up. Then we have י, Yod, attributed to Key 9 and coition. Then another Shin, more fire molded by the hand of God, and a final Yod, the whole word signifying the hand of man as the creative tool of God.

Step 4, Ray 4, 4th Root Race

Key 4. The Emperor. “The first path, Heh, is called the **Constituting Intelligence** because it constitutes creative force (or, the essence of creation) in pure darkness. According to masters of



contemplation, this is that darkness mentioned in Scripture: 'Thick darkness a swaddling-band for it.'” sy. As a word, ה, Heh, means window and is related to sight. This is the window of the House through which the Inner Self looks out on the world of experience. A window frames the picture seen through it. Mind creates by visualizing images and the Mind within this house is creating what is experienced outside. Like the window, the Constituting Intelligence “wraps” itself around the “thick darkness” which is the Ain, the Absolute, marking out the field needed to bring the image to life. The image is formed by the impelling force of the thought which causes a spiraling out of the Life Force or Light enfolding the image within it. The word “Heh” is spelled הה. The



second Heh is the window used to view the inner world of self from outside the house. The source of Heh on the Tree is Chokmah, called אב, Father. It ends in Tiphareth represented by the six-sided cube on which the Emperor sits, the light of the Sphere of the Zodiac pouring into the image of the Son of God. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is that “He can neither be surprised by misfortune, nor overwhelmed by disasters, nor conquered by his enemies.”

The Emperor represents reason, a faculty of self-conscious mind. He is the father of the children born of the Empress. He guides their growth and cares for them as any father does. He is looking into

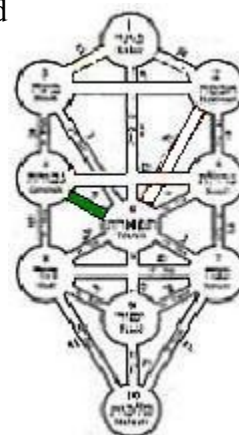
the staff in his right hand as if it were a mirror in which he envisions the Divine Ideal, the Son, the Christ Consciousness. To Heh is attributed the sign of Aries, the Ram, in which the Sun is exalted. The Emperor is the Ego, the Lamb of God, the pure innocent sacrificed to The One. The cube on which he sits was hinted at in Keys 1-3, is quite distinct now and represents the perfected personality. He holds in his hand a globe signifying His goal, all personal will sacrificed in world service to The Emperor as “the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Ancient of Days. He is the supreme NOUS, or Reason, the constituting power, alike of the great world and of the little, of the universe and of man.” *The Tarot, PFC.*

Symbols of the 4th Ray are the square and the compass. The cube correlates with this idea as do the right angles seen on the Emperor's staff and sphere. Further, the word for a young lamb, symbol of Aries is טלח, tawleh, having the same value as גר, med, measure. The twelve triangles circling his hat are also suggestive of a series of compasses, measuring the circle of life.

Key 11. Justice. “The 22nd path Lamed is called the Faithful Intelligence, because by it spiritual powers are increased. All dwellers on earth are under its shadow.” *SY.* Lamed means “ox-goad”, used to drive the ox around the wheel to draw water or around the field to plow and plant. Aleph, the



Divine Breath is the ox, shaped by circling 'round and 'round the path of existence. Lamed also means “to study, learn or work,” for this is how consciousness evolves, by endlessly repeating the same patterns of action/response until it can “do it right” and serve as a clear vehicle through which the One Life can view experience. The “breath” that is being shaped is volition, fiery and Martian in quality. It is the creative power that increases as it is controlled and focused into a specific goal. It is the “magical will” which is the directed will of those who know there is only One Will and the one who submits to it acts in accordance with the absolute justice of that One Will which is all powerful.

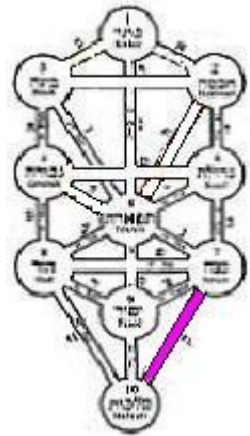


This Key represents Karma because those who use will for personal aims are bound to repeat their mistakes and receive the consequences until they learn to surrender to The Will. Lamed connects Tiphareth, Sphere of the Sun and seat of the image making faculty, to Geburah, Sphere of Mars and seat of the Will. It is in forming the correct images that will is perfected and Karma is resolved, leading to balance. Libra is assigned to this Key and its ruler Venus, as mind, is the means of focusing will into the goal. The adept who has mastered this path is said “to subdue the most ferocious animals and be able to pronounce the words which paralyze and charm serpents.” In other words, he has mastered the use of his own desires and creative power and done it so well he can quell the unbalanced passions of others. Ghandi is said to have been able to calm a mob by his calm presence. This surely symbolizes a goal for this 4th sub race of the 5th root race, to master the astral impulses.

Key 18. The Moon. “The 29th path Qoph is called the Corporeal Intelligence, because it marks out the forms of all bodies which are incorporated under every revolution of the zodiac, and is what constitutes the arrangement and the disposition thereof.” *sy*. This key represents sleep and it is in sleep



that the images inspired by The Emperor and shaped by Justice take form. Qoph, \aleph , means “back of the head”. The head represents consciousness, so the back of the head is subconscious. It is the reflection of the light of consciousness and is represented by the pool which is Yesod. The path of Qoph sits on Malkuth, physical existence and rises to Netzach, desire. Physical awareness gives rise to desires which, in turn, are formed into the images given form by subconscious mind. The power of the adept who has mastered this path is “to triumph over adversities” because he can always adapt what he has into what is needed.



The wolf represents evolution through Nature, while the dog represents forms which are evolved with the help of the imagination of man. Dogs have been adapted from Nature by man to be helpers and companions. Their evolution has proceeded, with the help of Nature, by the selective manipulation of men. In the same way man evolves beyond his corporeal nature into a being who can exist outside of physical limitation. He does this through evolving the use of his mind to control not only his environment but also his own nature and consciousness. By setting new visions of what he wants to be, as the Emperor, and by discrimination and balancing, he traverses the winding path from the pool of Yesod, Sphere of the Moon, beyond the limitations of the physical into a new “land” of freedom from those limitations set at material levels of consciousness. He becomes, not a mere reflection of the ideal into material existence, but a living, breathing replication of the God who created him, filled with the Life he recognizes as his own.

This is the task of the 4th ray, to balance all the forces within the body and consciousness so that one need no longer fight the opposing parts of self and can be a whole expression of self, at peace within and able to channel whatever forces he chooses to align with. Those who align with the One Will of the Logos will find themselves in possession of unlimited powers.

This quote depicts the darkness and desolation of Key 18. “I take and mix and blend. I bring together that which I desire. I harmonize the whole.’ Thus spoke the Mixer, as he stood within his darkened chamber. ‘I realize the unseen beauty of the world. Colour I know and sound I know. I hear the music of the spheres, and note on note and chord on chord, they speak their thought to me. The voices which I hear intrigue and draw me, and with the sources of these sounds I seek to work. I seek to paint and blend the pigments needed. I must create the music which will draw to me those who like the pictures which I make, the colours which I blend, the music which I can evoke. Me, they will therefore like, and me, they will adore....’

“But crashing came a note of music, a chord of sound which drove the Mixer of sweet sounds to quiet. His sounds died out within the Sound and only the great chord of God was heard. A flood of light poured in. His colours faded out. Around him naught but darkness could be seen, yet in the distance loomed the light of God. He stood between his nether darkness and the blinding light. His world in ruins lay around. His friends were gone. Instead of harmony, there was dissonance. Instead of beauty, there was found the darkness of the grave....

“The voice then chanted forth these words: 'Create again, my child, and build and paint and blend the tones of beauty, but this time for the world and not thyself.' The Mixer started then his work anew and worked again." *EPII 168*. Man builds his world, his image of what he is. The sword of Justice falls and cuts out what is not true and beautiful, beauty seems to be gone, his path descends into deep valleys, yet there is the memory of what has been with which to begin anew. With this, he builds ever more beautiful images to manifest on Earth. Man has not only his imagination with which to continually rebuild, but also the ever flowing rain of “Yod's,” the Divine Influence, urging him on and answering his every request.

The fourth root race is called the Atlantean. These were the first of what we could call men, since it was the Fourth race which was the first completely human species, however much larger in size than we are now. They consisted of many races, brown, yellow, red, white and black, giants and dwarfs. Their consciousness was primarily astral and evolving it was done not so much by emphasis on mind, but on intuition. During this time man discovered his god-given creative power and some began to develop and use it for their own purposes. This began the division of darkness, black magic and light, white magic. This caused the “curse of Karma” to fall on mankind which exists to this day resulting in man being “the most consciously and intelligently bestial of all animals!” This is also the cause of much sexual and hereditary diseases today. Atlantis was destroyed by a series of wars “between the Initiates of the “Sacred Island” and the Sorcerers of Atlantis. This war of gods with the powers of the Deep, refers also, in its last and terrestrial application, to the struggle between the Aryan adepts of the nascent Fifth Race and the Sorcerers of Atlantis, the Demons of the Deep, the Islanders surrounded with water who disappeared in the Deluge. Tradition maintains that the “Sons of God,” or the great Initiates of the Sacred Island, took advantage of the Deluge, to rid the Earth of all the Sorcerers among the Atlanteans. *THEOSOPHY, Vol. 45, No. 7*

On the fourth day Elohim created the two lights in the heavens to separate day from night, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser one to rule the night. He also made the stars. He “declared” the lights in the heavens with הַיָּה, hayah, “Let there be...”, the same value, 20, as חוֹזָה, khawzaw, vision of the prophet, to have a vision. This was a vision of His Truth as he then made the “two lights”, and the word used there is עָשָׂה, asah, 375, to do, to make. This is the same value as שְׁכִינָה, Shekinah, the Divine Presence, the Holy Spirit and as שְׁמִלָּה, shimlah, cover (which assumes the shape of the form underneath). So these two lights are a veil to cover the darkness just as the Holy Spirit, the Divine Soul of all things is a veil over One Thing.

בְּדֹלֵךְ בֵּין אֹרֶךְ בֵּין חוֹשֶׁךְ “and to divide the light from the darkness.” (Gen 1:18) = 710 = שְׁכֵל הָרָצוֹן, Saykel ha-rawtzone, Intelligence of Will. The last word חוֹשֶׁךְ, choshek, meaning darkness can be spelled differently to give the phrase a value of 695, the value of “the moral world”. So it seems that Elohim here gave man the gift of will in the 2nd root race as Key 9, the Hermit is in that step, and now was giving man a Divine Soul and the ability to discern light from darkness so he could use will appropriately. Man seems to have begun enthusiastically to explore both light and darkness, good and evil. The purpose of the greater light, גְּדֹל מְאֹר, gadul maor was to allow man to פָּרַד, parad, to separate (oneself) or divide since both are 284. This power of will is the Constituting Power of the Emperor, to create out of his own substance or mind just as Elohim does. Man was to create the Crown, עֲטָרָה, atarah, also 284, the symbol of Kether, i.e. man creates his own path to perfection. The lesser light, מְאֹר קָטָן, kawtawn maor, value 1056, same as הָדָם הַנֶּפֶשׁ, Ha-Adam hu ha-nefesh, “The blood is the life.” (נֶפֶשׁ is the animal soul seated in Yesod.) Yesod is the seat of Creative power and this

is the Life Force flowing through the veins of men. This lesser light is then the creative power which brings to life the visions created by mind. We can see that man began to abuse this gift of the power to create as soon as he received it. Before this, the mind of man was not developed enough to use these gifts, but this 4th root-race, having developed some use of mind could begin to act as vehicles of Divine Will, if they chose to do so. We see the importance of reason, Key 4, the ability to choose right from wrong, the need to learn the balance of Key 11 and the processes of nature which manifest what is in the mind of men out of darkness, Key 18.

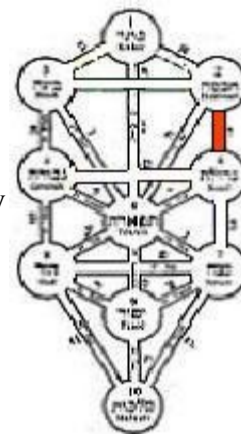
The word for star, which Elohim also created on this day, is כוכב, Kokab, 48. This word usually refers to Mercury, the symbol of intellect or self-conscious mind. חם, khem, meaning warmth or heat is the root of alchemy and chemistry. It is also 48. Perhaps this refers to the secret sciences brought down and taught in the Halls of Initiation in Atlantis as that is where the right use of mind was taught.

Step 5, Ray 5, 5th Root Race

Key 5. The Hierophant. The 16th path Vav is called the Triumphant and Eternal Intelligence because it is the delight of glory, the glory of Ain, the No-Thing, veiling the name of Him, the Fortunate One, and it is called also the Garden of Eden, prepared for the compassionate. Vav, as a



word, ו, means nail and is the nail which holds the House, Beth, together. It holds the created universe together, for the value of ו, is 6, the number of Tiphareth and Tiphareth is the mediator between the higher and lower aspects of the Life Power. The value of וו, is twelve, the number of הוה, Hu or Hoa, referring to “He” as a Divine Name. So Vav is the Unity in all things and the Christ Consciousness is at one with the Father who is that Unity. The Pope is represented in Key 5 as the intermediary between man and God, just as Soul is the intermediary between Earth and Heaven.



The central figure here is the Higher Self as in all the Keys. The priests kneeling before him are desire and knowledge, both of which come from H.S. They also represent the self-conscious and sub-conscious aspects of mind as being instructed by H.S. The faculty represented here is intuition or hearing, the means by which inner knowledge is attained. “Intuition is subconscious response to reason, whereby, through laws of association at work below the conscious level, thought-relations which go beyond the results attained by reason are attained. Usually these are perceived by interior hearing.” *The Tarot, PFC*. We know that the 5th ray qualities include analysis and deduction. We also know that many scientific discoveries have been made because meditation took what reason had discovered and presented some concept which unlocked whole new areas of knowledge. Perhaps no new avenues of scientific exploration are possible without input from inner self, which brings ideas together in new ways. The fourth ray organizes what is known into interesting and beautiful patterns. The fifth ray studies all angles of these patterns and opens them to intuition which brings in new dimensions of possibilities. These new possibilities can be applied at the physical level just as the creative potential of Aries and the Emperor are brought into earthy Taurus to be distributed by the

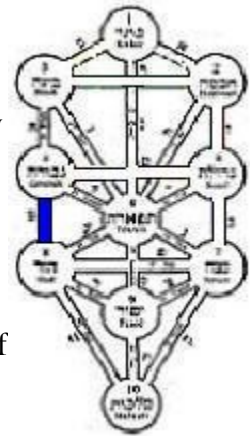
Hierophant as new insights into physical existence, expanding consciousness.

The Pope's crown is a golden, triple tiara symbolizing radiant energy and wisdom. The staff represents the dominion of the Life Power through the planes of Nature. The keys represent the power of sub and self consciousness which lead to higher awareness. Taurus is attributed to this Key showing that the vision of the Fool, to which is attributed Aleph, the bull, takes physical form by means of the Voice of the Hierophant. *The Tarot, PFC*. Vav is the Triumphant and Eternal Intelligence because the Life-Power removes all obstacles on the path and brings the positive assurance of the immortal soul. The power of the adept in Vav is to “know the reason of the past, present and future.”

Key 12. The Hanged Man. “The 23rd path Mem is called the Stable Intelligence because it is the power of permanence in all the Sephiroth.” *SY*. מ, Mem, “is alchemical water, the agency or power whereby One Reality projects its creative energy into specific forms.” *PFC*. This path joins Geburah and



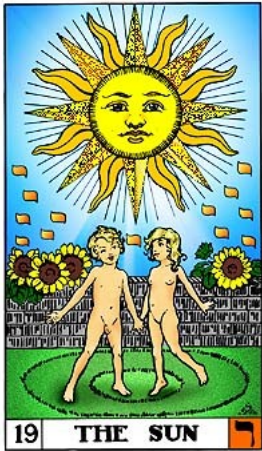
Hod, Will and Intellect. The word for “stable” is קַיָּם, qayam, meaning permanent, steadfast, sure. Its value, 150, is the same as עֵינֶךָ, Ayinekha, “Thine Eye”, referring to Divine Beneficence. When the mind is balance and can be held steady within the personality it can become a channel for the flow of the Divine Beneficence into Earth. When the personality has surrendered to the Will above and the mind is directed inward, listening for the Inner Voice of the Hierophant, the intellect becomes the tool for mediation between Heaven and Earth. Thus the Hanged Man is upside down, showing this reversal of mind, supported within the sign of Tav, ט, the completion, at peace. The radiance of Higher Consciousness shines around his head. He is the window of One Self into physical existence.



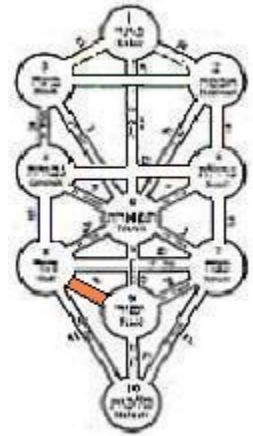
This stability of mind or perfect concentration becomes the vehicle of One Will.

The adept of this path “possess the *Ars Notaria* which gives the universal science.” This all infers that the scientific bent of the 5th ray is involved with unlocking the secrets of the universe with the help of inner guidance. The red stockings symbolize desire focused upward and supported by the blue of subconscious which is liberated from the misperceptions of outward vision. The upside-down pentagram on the Devil's head, Key 15, is now righted as the proper symbol of the 5th ray. Neptune, the planet of surrender and inner vision is attributed to this Key. Now that man has establish the use of mind and built a foundation for its use, he can turn away from the descent into physical existence and begin to transform it into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Key 19. The Sun. The 30th path Resh is called the Collective Intelligence, because thence astrologers, by the judgement of the stars and the zodiac, derive the perfection of their knowledge of the revolution of ruling principles. Resh, ךּ״, means face or countenance. It is the vision formed in the



back of the head, Qoph, shining out into the world, as the Eternal Flame of One Self, ךּ, Shin, works through Man as the hand of God, ךּ, Yod, to bring forth the Radiant Light. The light of the inner world now illuminates the outer and its secrets are revealed to those who have sought within. Now there can be understanding of the cycles of life and the principles which rule them. Sub conscious mind and self conscious mind work happily together under the guidance and protection of the Higher Self in the Garden of Eden which Earth was meant to be. The children dance around the fairy circle which is that vision shaped in the back of the head, now manifesting as concrete thought in Yesod. Resh stands on



Yesod, the Foundation or the thoughts in subconscious mind from which our lives and body are manifested and rises up to Hod, the Sphere of Intellect.

This path, then, is the completion of the Great Work with the creation of a new man out of the man created by Nature. It is done by the Life Power working through the mental, emotional and physical activities of a human personality. *PFC*. The power of the adept of this path is to “conquer love and hate.” The Sun is attributed to it and the opposites of Fertility and Sterility. The master of this path knows that love and hate are expressions of the same force. That force, used in accordance with Divine Will, causes all things so undertaken to flourish.

“Deep in a pyramid, on all sides built around by stone....a mind and brain (embodied in a man) were working. Outside the pyramid, the world of God established itself. The sky was blue, the winds blew free, the trees and flowers opened themselves unto the sun. ... In the pyramid.... He worked and toiled. He struggled onwards toward his dream, the vision of an ultimate discovery...In deep despair, he cried aloud unto the God he had forgot: ‘Give me the key. I alone can do no more good. Give me the key.’ Then silence reigned...

“Through the opening on the summit of the pyramid, dropped from the blue of heaven, a key came down. ..It was of pure gold; the shaft of light; upon the key a label and writ in blue, these words; ‘Destroy that which thou has built and build anew....’” *EP II, 169*.

Once man remembers to look within for that which he seeks he will receive the key, or the image of the Divine Ideal on which to pattern his rebuilding. He can come out of the darkness of isolation and work with his own Self in the light of universal knowledge. This is the promise of the 5th ray which works to take what is known of man and his world and create something more expressive of the yearnings of beauty within himself. This is when he begins to climb out of the darkness of materialism and use the creative power of his mind under the direction of his Inner Voice to express the beauty which spirit gives so abundantly. Man can now differentiate between Heaven and Hell, what is of spirit and will survive to aid men and what is harmful and useless.

Now we come to the Aryan root-race in which the mind must rule the body and the emotions, and all three must become dominated by the intuitional or higher mind. Through perfecting the use of concrete mind, man can investigate every aspect of life through science, philosophy and psychology. He can thus study his relationship to and use of the physical world, his relationship with himself and

others and with the “higher powers” or those aspects of consciousness which seem to be above him. The Atlanteans began to bridge the separation between inner and outer self with bridges between emotional and intuitional experience. The Aryan race is building between these, the concrete mind, which bridges the lower aspects of mind and the higher, with balanced emotional expression as a foundation. Concrete mind observes and categorizes, then extrapolates hypotheses about the nature of things while seeking ways to utilize and control his environment and work with others through the discoveries made. Into this process, if the opening is created, comes inspiration and guidance from previously unused aspects of mind. Intuition has now a greater foundation on which to work and provides more specific, useful and accurate information.

Genesis 1:20-23 “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.”

On the fifth day, Elohim thought, the waters (of consciousness) should be full of many “creatures”. “Abundantly” and “moving creatures” are the same in Hebrew, with different pronunciations. The number is 590, same as צלעה, tselath, ribs. Rib stands for an arched covering and this is related to Vav and the Hierophant as גג, gawg, meaning a roof, or the upper part of an altar (Yesod is the altar, Tiphareth is the upper part.) This might refer the space in which the bridge, the antakharana is to be built. “That hath life” is נפש חַי, nephesh chai, the “breath of life” or the field of subconscious mental activity, the place to be explored by intuition.

“Fowl” and “that may fly” are both עוף, ofe and oof, 156, the number of עֵדֶן כְּבוֹד, “Eden of Glory” which refers to the path of Vav (see above) and of צִיּוֹן, Zion, “The Holy of Holies, the mountain top in Jerusalem (abode of peace) where contact with God is made. This refers to the awakening of the brain center around the Pineal Gland to experience a higher mode of consciousness.” s.s. “Firmament” is רָקִיעַ, rakiya, means also “the vault of the sky” and שָׁמַיִם, shamiam, sky or heaven. פָּנִים, panim, translated here as “open” (vault of the heavens), but also means face. A face connotes personality, i.e. getting to know this Holy of Holies intimately. So the “creatures” created on this day seem to be ways to know the true Self or thoughts about man's relation to higher forces.

תַּנִּינִי, tanniyn is the word for whales. It also means serpent and its value, 512, is the same as Resh, ר, the letter attributed to Key 19, the Sun. It is a symbol of the cosmic vibratory radiance, the Serpent Power. שִׁיר, shiyr, meaning song is also 512. Genesis says Elohim created גְּדוֹלִי תַּנִּינִי, “great whales” and this is 553, same as שִׁיר גְּדוֹלִי, great song. “The straight, or true sense of sacred texts in their allegorical meaning, and the secret of that meaning is the secret of mentally controlled vibration.” Shiyr means song, enchantment, mantra yoga. 533 is also the number of גְּדוֹלִי תַּנִּינִי, great dragon which “has to do with the serpent-power, symbolized by the letter Teth.” ss. “Great whales” can also be spelled גְּדֹל תַּנִּינִי, 547, the same number as חֲכָמַת הַהִגִּיוֹן, “the wisdoms of meditation”, logic.

From *Light on the Path, II:8*, “You can stand upright now, firm as a rock amid the turmoil obeying the warrior who is thyself and thy king. Unconcerned in the battle save to do his bidding,

having no longer any care as to the result of the battle; for one thing only is important, that the warrior shall win, and you know he is incapable of defeat; standing thus, cool and awakened, use the hearing you have acquired by pain and by the destruction of pain. Only fragments of the great song come to your ears while yet you are but man., but if you listen to it, remember it faithfully so that none which has reached you is lost, and endeavor to learn from it the meaning of the mystery which surrounds you, in time you will need not teacher. For as the individual has voice, so has that in which the individual exists. Life itself has speech and is never silent. And its utterance is not, as you that are deaf may suppose, a cry: it is a song. Learn from it that you are part of the harmony; learn from it to obey the laws of the harmony.”

We have reference here to hearing, attributed to Key 5, standing firm, cool and awakened as in Key 12, and sounding within the Great Song of Key 19. Elohim seems to be giving Man a new way of using his creative powers. חַי נֶפֶךְ רִמָּשׁ, “living creature that moveth” (Gen 1:21) is 988, the same as חַי עֵץ, etz chai, (final ך is 900) meaning “tree of life”. Then we have created “winged fowl”. Winged is כִנּוּף, 150, same as טִקְלָא, tiqla, a made-up word from the Zohar, a water clock, a device described in ancient and medieval scientific literature, which in the Zohar functions as an alarm clock, calibrated to wake kabbalists precisely at midnight for the ritual study of Torah. PFC. Fowl is עוֹרֵף, 156, the number of נְעוּלָה, nawal, enclosed or shut up, as a garden, describing Eden Kabode and עֵדֶן כַבּוֹד, Edan Kabode, itself, Eden of Glory, a name for the 16th path of Vav. “Winged fowl” is 306, the number of the feminine fire, אֵשׁ, eshah, fire here being the womb of manifestation from which all things are brought forth, and referring to regular study of the secret wisdom with the purpose of enjoying the gifts of physical existence on Earth, i.e. studying the Tree of Life and Torah (Laws) or their equivalent. This feminine fire is a symbol of the emotion-nature of the soul, which is to be transmuted from the astral/emotional to the buddhic/intuitive state. The use of the astral body developed in the 4th race serves as a foundation for development of the buddhic nature through systematic study of the Wisdom. The figure on the right of Key 16 formed from flaming Yods suggests that the Tree of Life was present much earlier, in the second root race, although not available to men. I am sure eastern traditions have similar allegories, but it is notable that the Hebrews were among the earliest of the 5th rootrace.

“And Elohim blessed, (בָּרַךְ, barak) them...” Barak comes from a root meaning to kneel. By implication, in blessing God, in gratitude, we are blessed, as are the priests in Key 5. Its value, 222, is shared by three significant words, חַגְוֹרָה, chagowrah, a belt, girdle, referring to creative power, רִיבִי, ribiyi, “express your desire”, the root of power, and רֶכֶב, rekeb, vehicle, or chariot, referring to Key 7, the Chariot, the perfected vehicle through which One Self manifests its Will. Establishment of the use of the astral body as the foundation has now allowed the building of the mind and extending it to soul by means of the antakharana.

I will add that five, חַמִישִׁי, chamiyshi, is 358, the same number as נָחָשׁ, Nachash, the Tempter, the serpent of temptation in the allegory of the Fall. With the growing use of mind, man has the responsibility to make choices and discriminate. However, this is also the number of יָבָא שִׁילוֹה, yaba Shiloh, “Shiloh (The Redeemer) shall come” (Gen. 49:10) and of מְשִׁיחַ, Messiah, Christ.

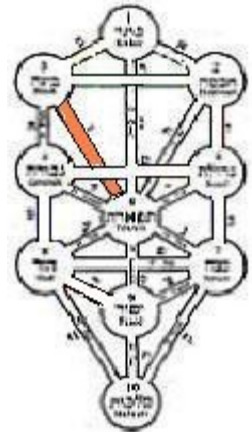
Step 6. Ray 6. 6th Root Race

Key 6. The Lovers. “The 17th path Zain is call the Intelligence of Sensation or the Disposing Intelligence. It establishes the faith of the compassionate, clothes them with the Holy Life-Breath, and is called the Foundation of Tiphareth in the plane of the Supernals.” *sy.* זין, Zain, means



sword and this is the sword of discrimination. Understanding is the ripened fruit of discrimination and it is the same number, 67, as בינה, Binah, the 2nd Sephiroth which is named, Understanding. The fruits on the tree behind the woman are the senses with which we experience life through the twelve signs of the zodiac shown as triple flames on the tree behind the man. Experience in using the senses teaches us to distinguish right from wrong, soul from personality and the real from the unreal. It teaches us what is most important.

This Key depicts the ideal relationship between the three aspects of mind. Gemini is attributed to it and it is about mind and the right use of mind. Woman, subconscious mind, is looking toward the angel, Higher Self and is receptive to it.



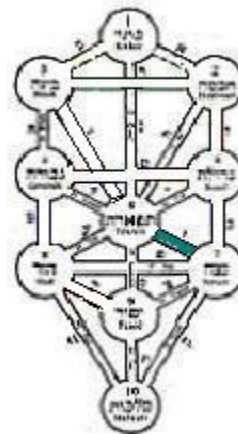
The man, self consciousness, looks toward the woman as the link to H. S. and super consciousness, the angel is overshadowing both, looking toward the man who is the object of its guidance. This version of the Key has a too many clouds. In the original PFC version, the clouds do not extend above the woman's eye level, because, at this stage of development subconscious mind is clear enough to be a dependable channel for super consciousness. The mountain which also appears in Key 8, the Lady and the Lion, is larger and perhaps nearer than in Key 8, for instance. It is Yesod, the place where the ideal image of the true self is built with the wisdom and understanding gleaned from experience. The serpent behind the lady is the symbol of the creative power which builds the ideal image when consistently and rightly directed toward that end. This Key extends from Tiphareth, seat of the image building faculty, to Binah, Nature, the cause of all things. The adept of this path “possesses the secret of the resurrection of the dead and the key of immortality” and is “Master of the Temple.”

הרגש, ha-regash is the word for sensation or feeling (as in Intelligence of Sensation). It also means “to rage, to be violently agitated.” This is, unfortunately, often the response to 6th ray energy at this point in humanity's evolution. Its value is 508, the same as ברוש, browsh meaning a cypress tree; a lance or a musical instrument made of that wood. The 6th ray objective is not that man should attempt, through his zeal for Truth, to impose personal beliefs on others. It is to make music on the perfected chakra system, the human instrument on which the Divine Breath can play. It is that every person should at least be like a cypress tree, whispering of the Truth to those who choose to hear, in every breeze. I expect the 6th ray will be back in force when Humanity is so able to respond to the words of the Logos. For now, the developing mind and its powers cannot be trusted with its power to express what it thinks is truth.

Key 13. Death. The 24th path Nun is called the Intelligence of Resemblance (or, the Imaginative Intelligence) because it constitutes the similarity in the likenesses of all created beings.” *sy.* נון, Nun, means fish or to grow or propagate. The fish is the symbol of the immortal Christ



principle in each of us. Scorpio is associated with this Key as it represents the creative, reproductive force which transforms man into an immortal being when he realizes the Truth of his own being. In the Old Testament, Nun was the father of Joshua, a form of the name Jesus or יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, Yehoshua. It speaks of the use of the Mars force through the balanced and purified personality which allows the Christ Light to be present on Earth.



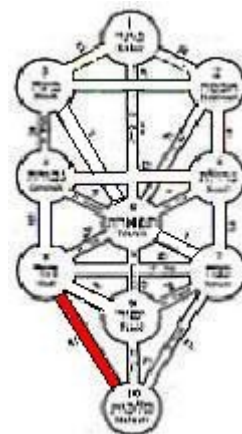
The skeleton represents the essential Self, freed of the burden of flesh and materiality. He is shown as the grim reaper because it is our deeds which separate those in His service from those who are not. The hands and feet represent the good works which serve the Plan. The heads are Binah and Chokmah,

Understanding and Wisdom, earned from a life dedicated to finding and expressing Truth. So the river flows into the rising Sun. The oval in the upper left corner contains a small oval, the seed, and five lines radiating from it. “This expresses a fundamental doctrine of Ageless Wisdom: ‘The Inner Power (the small oval) projects itself, or a seeming extension of itself, as a space (the large oval), and fills that space with forms of energy whose combination constitutes the body of the universe.’” *PFC, Tarot Fundamentals.* This path joins Netzach, desire, to Tiphareth, from which that Inner Power is dispensed to the Sephiroth below it. The adept of this path is able “to speak learnedly on all subjects, without preparation and without study.” The function attributed to Nun is motion. Extended as walking, travel, exploration, etc. it shows that change is the basis of manifestation and transformation.

Key 20. Judgement. The 32st path, Shin, is call the Perpetual Intelligence, because it rules the movements of the sun and moon according to their constitution and perfects all the powers of all the revolutions of the zodiac, and the arrangement (or, form) of their judgments.” *sy.* שׁין, Shin, means



“tooth”. It also means “change” or “a year.” Its value is 360 and relates to the idea of traveling around the full cycle of existence. It is the serpent's tooth, the serpent of wisdom. The three branches of the letter ש represent, among other things, the three aspects of man, spirit, soul and body. It is three flames. It is the Sun and Moon, super conscious and subconscious mind, and the planets, self conscious mind circling the sun in its journey to perfection. Judgment Day is the awakening to a new vision of self into a new dimension of conscious immortality. The element of fire is attributed to Shin, as are Pluto and Vulcan.



The three figures are gray to show that they have balanced all opposites and are no longer of the world. They stand upright in the coffins of physical limitation, now opened. The child is the new born personality, able to respond fully to the cosmic fire, the Divine Breath. The seven rays

emanating from the trumpet show the ability, through its balanced chakra system to receive their influence. The red cross on the flag (of Mars) is a symbol of the 6th ray. The adept in this ray knows that his personality has no separate existence and that “his personal existence is nothing but the manifestation of the relationship between self-consciousness and subconsciousness.” *PFC, The Tarot*. He receives confirmation of this in a fourth-dimensional experience which finally blots out the delusion of separateness forever. He knows how “to have the secret of wealth, to be always its master and never its slave, to enjoy even poverty and never become abject or miserable.”

“The trumpet call goes forth: 'The warfare is no more. The battle ends. The glamour and the clouds have disappeared. The light and glory of the Way is here. That light reveals the Plan. The Whole is with us now. The purpose is revealed. With all I have, I serve that Plan.’” *EP II, p47*. This stanza depicting the 6th ray response to initiation describes the Judgement, when the man has reached the highest point which his own effort can take him. He has achieved balance within himself and mastered the resulting downpour of fiery zeal that pushes him to share his vision in Key 6. He has worked long and hard to serve that vision from the One Self in Key 13. Now he knows what it is to be created in the image of God.

The coming sixth root race will probably be smaller but more spiritual and less materialistic. They will gradually become androgynous and will eventually reproduce by budding as did the second root race and, eventually, through will and imagination. Bodies will become less fleshly and more ethereal. This new race will far excel the present one, spiritually, intellectually, psychically and physically. It will be much easier to attain adeptship. They will develop a new sense awareness which will be full intuitional understanding, a synthesis of intuition and understanding. The intellect will be used more unconsciously, as the fifth kingdom appears on Earth and the Kingdom of God will exist here. We can conceive of this because its seeds are present now in Humanity and have been since the first race. Each root race and sub race climbs a new step on the ladder to its attainment.

On the fifth day, Elohim “declared” אָמַר, the living creatures into existence by his thought and said, let them multiply in the seas and let the birds increase on land. The sea refers to emotional levels of being, desire and the urge to create. Land, then refers to mental levels, since מִימְרָא, memrah, meaning Word (Logos) or thought equals, 291, as does אֶרֶץ, eretz, Earth. God had given new power to the sub and self conscious aspects of mind. Now, on the sixth day, Elohim says “Let the earth bring forth living creatures, according to their kind. . . And He made, (עָשָׂה, ashah, 375) the beasts of the earth. . .” Then “Elohim created (עָשָׂה, asah, to do, to make) man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. He is not recreating them, that word was BeRAw. He is transforming them in some way. 375 is the value of שְׁכִינָה, Shekinah, the Divine Presence, the Holy Spirit and of שְׁלֹמֹה, Shalomah, Solomon, peaceful, the Perfected one. Solomon represents a type of complete enlightenment. “His father is David, “love” and his mother is Bath-Sheba “Daughter of the Seven” whom David saw bathing in a garden like the central figure in Key 17. This enlightenment is the state of mind that is established in consciousness when the soul is unified with wisdom and love.” *MBD, Filmore*. “The name Solomon is a Qabalistic construct of words for the Sun – (Latin) Sol, (Sanskrit) Om, (Egyptian) On. *PFC*. 375 is also the value of שְׁמִלָּה, shimlah, a cover (which assumes the shape of the form underneath). Man is becoming a more adequate covering for the Divine Self within.

So it appears that God is making man in his image, filled with the Divine Presence or, perhaps, as that image to cover the Divine Presence. God is reaffirming his vision of man as the vehicle of the Christ consciousness. Now man is given dominion over the creatures of earth, air and sea. He is now

responsible for his own desires, thoughts and spiritual aspirations. He is able to balance, or mediate, between Heaven and Earth. The symbol of the number six is the six-pointed star, the merged up-pointing fire triangle and the down-pointing water triangle. This symbolizes the balance achieved between heaven and earth.

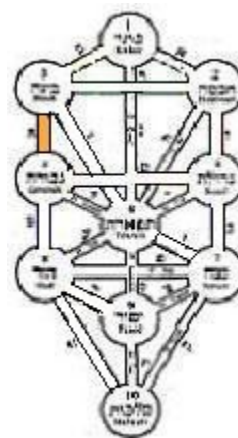
The word for the number six is $\Psi\Psi$, shesh. It is the same value, 600, as the Greek letter Chi, the symbol for Christ. It is also the value of final Mem. Mem is the alchemical water, the agency or power whereby One Reality projects its creative energy into specific forms. As the final form of the letter Mem, \square , it is expressing its highest potential, acting through Man as the vehicle of Divine Expression, mediating between Heaven and Earth.

Step 7, Ray 7, 7th Root Race

Key 7. The Chariot. “The 18th path Cheth is called the Intelligence of the House of Influence, and from the inner walls of its perfections the arcana flow down with the hidden meanings



concealed in their shadow, and therefrom is union with the innermost reality of the Most High.” *SY.* $\aleph\aleph$, Cheth, means field and represents the field of experience. It is really the personality which becomes, eventually, the House of the One Soul. It appears to be only dark space at first, then a ray of light enters, then many images which must be sorted out and the most useful ones selected. In time there is developed a construct which can receive and utilize the input from Soul and Soul begins to train and use it for its purposes. Perfected, it is the chariot in which Soul functions freely in physical levels of existence. Cheth joins Geburah, the Sphere of Will and Binah, the Sphere of Understanding. One does not enter Binah without complete surrender of all self will.

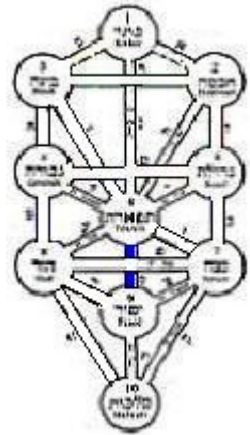


The sphinxes represent balance of mind and emotions or of stilling personal desire and will. The wheels are the wheel in Key 10, the cosmic laws of nature which support evolution and are the processes by which man creates what he desires. The chariot itself is a cube which represents perfection of the personality and balance of the chakras. His skirt is decorated with the symbols of talismans used to dominate terrestrial forces. On his belt are the astrological symbols representing his mastery of working with cycles. His staff bears the symbol of Sun and Moon showing the blending of the powers of sub and self consciousness. His crown of three pentagrams shows mental dominion over three worlds, the Creative World, the Formative World and the Material World. He has just entered the Archetypal World. The function assigned to this Key is receptivity-will, the ability to respond freely to the impulse of Divine Will. The astrological sign Cancer is assigned to it.

Key 14. Temperance. “The 25th path Samekh is called the Intelligence of Probation, because it is the first test whereby The Creator tries the compassionate.” *SY.* סַמֶּךְ, Samekh, means tent peg. The early Hebrews were nomads so their Holy of Holies was a tent. Thus the idea of a tent peg as the



foundation of the Tabernacle, the House of God. The Key shows Archangel Michael (identified by the Sun symbol on his forehead), representing the Higher Self, the Ego or I AM of the entire human race. *PFC* He is pouring water on the lion, fire, and fire on the eagle, water. The H.S. is tempering the personality to make it strong enough to hold its power, testing will and desire for purity. Wrath is the quality associated with Samekh, but the word for wrath, רֹגַז, rogaz, also means quivering or vibration. It is about response to the flow of Divine Will. The angel is standing on a pool which is Yesod because Samekh joins Tiphareth, the Son, with Yesod, the Foundation. Yesod is the place where the image of personal self is evolved under the direction and guidance of Higher Self.

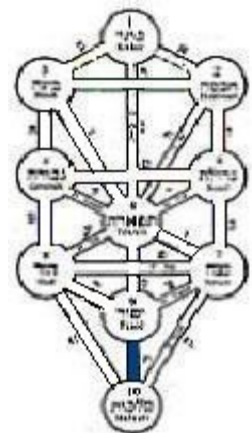


Sagittarius is assigned to Key 14 and its name, קֶשֶׁת, qesheth, the Bow refers to that and to the bow of promise, the rainbow and the Greek goddess Iris. As such, it can be seen as the perfected antakharanah, joining personality and Soul. On the angel's breast is the seven-pointed star, symbol of mastery and of the 7th ray. The path leads from the pool to the mountains which are Cholmah and Binah the 2nd and 3rd Sephiroth.. Over it is a crown representing completion, perfect union with the Primal Will, Kether.

Key 21. The World. “The 32nd path, Tav, is called the Serving or Administrative Intelligence, because it directs all the operations of the seven planets, associates their activities and guides them in all their proper courses.” *SY.* תָּו, Tav, means



“cross” or “mark”, like the impression left by a signet ring. Since it is the last letter in the alphabet it is the sign of completion. Tav has a value of 406, as does אַתָּה, Atah, “Thou”, so we can express it here as “Thou art the cross”. אַתָּה can also mean “to come” as those who have come to the end of the path. The word for administrative or serving is נֶעֱבַד, neobed, 126, same as פְּלִיָּאָה, pelihay, meaning wonderful, mysterious, miraculous; wonderful deed. Pelihay comes from the root, פֶּלֶא, peleh, wonderful, which letters spell אֵלֶּף, Aleph, the first letter of the alphabet. We have come full circle and the promise seen in the Fool is now a reality. Man was created to serve as the administrator of the world with The One Self.



The path of Tav joins Malkuth and Yesod. The Kingdom is manifested by the building of the Perfected Foundation, the Ideal Image of self. To Tav is assigned the pair of opposites, “Freedom and Slavery.” Those who set their goal to serve The One gain freedom. Those whose goals are personal remain enslaved to their Karma. Saturn is attributed to this Key. The figure shown is androgenous,

representing the merging of self-consciousness and sub-consciousness. Her scarf is the letter Kaph from Key 10 showing that she is engaged with the processes of Nature. In her hands are spirals, the involutonal and evolutonal aspects of the Life-Power. There are 22 leaves in the wreath, representing the full circle which is now complete. "This Key signifies Cosmic Consciousness or Nirvana. . . "The universe is the Dance of Life. The immortal, central Self of you-- That is the Eternal Dancer." *PFC, The Tarot.*

Going back to Tav as "the mark", D.K. speaks often of developing the receptivity to the impression on the mind, by higher consciousness, the Soul or the Hierarchy. Congealation is a part of the alchemical process whereby one works out new patterns for the expression of the Life-Power. "Do not congeal into a stone as hard as glass or crystal, which melts only by fusion, but so that the substance will melt again like wax, without blast." *Ripley.* In Tav, the flow of the mental substance of subconsciousness is raised to its highest manifestation so that it is perfectly impressionable to Divine Will.

"Under an arch between two rooms, the seventh Magician stood. One room was full of light and life and power, of stillness which was purpose and a beauty which was space. The other room was full of movement, a sound of great activity, a chaos without form, of work which had no true objective. The eyes of the Magician were fixed on chaos. He liked it not. His back was towards the room of vital stillness. He knew it not. The arch was tottering overhead.... He murmured in despair: 'For ages I have stood and sought to solve the problem of this room; to rearrange the chaos so that beauty might shine forth, and the goal of my desire. I sought to weave these colors into a dream of beauty, and to harmonize the many sounds. Achievement lacks. Naught but my failure can be seen. And yet I know there is a difference between that which I can see before my eyes and that which I begin to sense behind my back.

"What shall I do? "Above the head of the Magician, and just behind his back, and yet within the room of ordered beauty, a magnet vast began to oscillate....It caused the revolution of the man, within the arch, which tottered to a future fall. The magnet turned him round until he faced the scene and room, unseen before.... "Then through the center of his heart the magnet poured its force attractive. The magnet poured its force repulsive. It reduced the chaos until its forms no longer could be seen. Some aspects of a beauty, unrevealed before, emerged. And from the room a light shone forth and, by its powers and life, forced the Magician to move forward into light, and leave the arch of peril." *EP II.*

As the Magician in Key 1, the Fool's vision of light and beauty had become one of darkness and chaos. The 1st ray had apparently destroyed the vision. In the second step, under the second ray, the image of the cross, on the breast of the High Priestess, had infused his heart with the "essence of glory and perfection of the truths of spiritual unities." He accepted the cross and the realization the difference between the chaos and his inner vision. His question "What shall I do?" was the beginning of meditation, Key 17, and the opening of the door, Key 3, with new possibilities. Reason and real sight, Key 4 allowed him to see his inner vision and built with purpose, Key 18. a more useful vehicle. Guidance from within, Key 5, showed him beauty and joy. Holding his image firmly now, Key 12 and 19, he moved into the new place, a dimension of Truth, Key 20. Now he is able to build his image under the clear guidance of Inner Self in company with all those who are building The Kingdom. There are two cities behind the Chariot, an old one and a new one, suggesting the presence of an army. I always see The Chariot as only one in rank upon rank of chariots, ready to move out and build The Kingdom.

Key 14, on the breast and brow of the angel, bears the symbols of both the 1st and 7th rays because now he can utilize the destructive powers of One Self to build the image which was from One Self. The old, false forms are destroyed and their substance used in new forms. The forces which seemed to block his every move and destroy everything he created are now his creative tools. The love in his heart which seemed to bring sorrow to himself and others when he tried to share it is the love of One Self pouring through him. The ideas and plans which had always seemed to go wrong are now guided by inner vision. He has achieved balance and rightness in all he undertakes.

There is not much information given about the physical characteristics of the 7th root race. I expect their bodies will be smaller and more refined, more ethereal and responsive to vibration than the 6th. Their crown chakras will be fully opened. Intuition will become automatic and the mind will function on the spiritual or atmic plane, making them directly responsive to the will of the logos. Some might be able to know some of its purpose. They will be purely spiritual beings, even more so than most of the hierarchy are now. They will have resolved their Karma from Earth and will be entirely free to create as they are inspired to do so. They will truly be co-creators with the Logos and will administrate Earth with Him.

Gen 2:2,3 “And on the seventh day Elohim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested. . .” The Hebrew word for “finished” is כָּלָה, kalah. Kallah is also “the Bride” of “crowned one,” a name for Malkuth, the 10th Sephiroth. Malkuth represents the sum-total of all the influences of the Tree of Life, concentrated into the field of manifestation we call the “world”. The “work (that he had made)” is מַעֲלָכָה, melakah, from the same root as Malkuth, so Malkuth is the whole of what was created in the seven days. שַׁבָּת, shabath, rest, is the same value, 702, as בֶּן (with final Nun), Ben, The Son, a special designation for Tiphareth. The Ego in Tiphareth is the bridegroom. “God rested” is the coming into His powers of The Son on Earth.

The word for “seven” is שִׁבְעַ, saba, meaning to be full, satisfied, plenty, abundance, fill, satiety; to swear, to bind with an oath. The Queen of Sheba is read as the Queen of Seven. The “Seven” are the occult “planets,” interior stars or alchemical metals. The power of the adept in Aleph was to “converse familiarly with the seven genii who command the entire celestial army. This is command of the seven Rays.

Part III

The Path of Initiation, Western, Rosicrucian System compared to Eastern.

“There is a Path which leads to that which is known as Initiation, and through Initiation to the Perfecting of Man; a Path which is recognised in all the great religions, and the chief features of which are described in similar terms in every one of the great faiths of the world. You may read of it in the Roman Catholic teachings as divided into three parts: (1) The Path of Purification or Purgation; (2) the Path of Illumination; and (3) the Path of Union with Divinity. You find it among the Mussalmans in the Sufi - the mystic - teachings of Islam, where it is known under the names of the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You find it further eastward still in the great faith of Buddhism, divided into subdivisions, though these can be classified under the broader outline. It is similarly divided in Hinduism; for in both those great religions, in which the study of psychology, of the human mind and the human constitution, has played so great a part, you find a more definite subdivision.”

There are ten Rosicrucian Grades, each relating to a Sephiroth on the Tree of Life. They ascend from Malkuth, the tenth Sephira, at the bottom, to Kether at the top. It is an ascent of consciousness, an increase in understanding of one's True Self. It begins in a state of separation where the personality is isolated from the One at the Center of Being and feels helpless against the mysterious and powerful forces of Nature. As that personality progresses in stages to more and more realizations of the One that is within, it learns to surrender to the Will of that One and in so doing slowly gains understanding and control over those forces.

Paul Case explained that Rosicrucianism is based not upon earthly organizations, but on personal unfolding. It is a study of Christian Hermeticism allied with Qabalah. The “Rosicrucian order” is not an organization but the medieval tradition itself. The discussion of the classical Rosicrucian grades lays out ascending principles, truths expressed differently according to individual readiness.

Master D.K. says “But the principle of Love—the fundamental principle of the universe—had not been revealed before Christ came.” *BTC Page 90*. By allowing the Diving Ego, The Christ to come fully into his body and life, Jesus allowed The Christ to reveal the Love principle and offer it to all on Earth. This happened in Malkuth, at the bottom of the Tree of Life, the place known as The Kingdom, because it is there that the rule of his “Father in Heaven” must be established. He prayed, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on Earth, as it is in Heaven.” When His Will, the will of The Father, can manifest through all on Earth, in physical existence, the Kingdom will arrive. So how do we all, each of us learn to be pure channels for the One Will so that can happen?

This fourth race, in this fourth round, is the bottom of the Tree of Life. The cycle of existence has evolved down from Kether, through Chokmah, Chesed and Netzach on the right side of the tree into Malkuth. The first root race relates to Chokmah. This second Sephira is the Sphere of Lights, undifferentiated substance, just as the first race were etheric spheres of protoplasm with little consciousness. The second root race relates to Chesed, the Measuring or Receptacular Intelligence. It is where the radiant Life Force is measured for specific purposes in the creative process. In a similar way, the second root race began to develop a harder exterior and reproduce by extruding buds. The third root race received the spark of mind and corresponds to Netzach, “the brilliant splendor of all the intellectual powers which are beheld by the eye of understanding and the thought of faith.” This was the coming of the Solar angels who would guide humanity in learning to use mind to connect with all those powers.

Now Humanity has reached Malkuth, the densest point on the tree. Bodies are consequently smaller and mankind is very much entrenched in physicality and materialism. Just as it was reaching this point, The Christ came to provide the Love which is the Life Force of the Sun to draw mankind out of the darkness and inspire men to search for the way back up the other side of the tree. It is love for others which will create the bonds within groups and begin to undo the separation from Unity which began with the creation of Humanity. And it is the Love of those who have taken the upward path before us which is now providing the stimulus of initiations to ensure that upward progress for all Humanity.

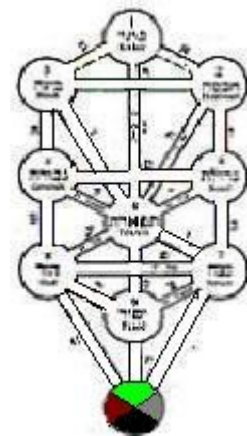
“It has been emphasized many times in the occult teachings that the process of initiation, as it is usually understood, is an abnormal and not a normal one. All progression in the realm of consciousness is naturally by a graded series of awakenings, but this would proceed much more gradually and cover a longer period of time than is the case under our present planetary conditions. This particular mode of developing the consciousness of the human family was initiated by the Hierarchy during the Atlantean root-race at the latter end of the fourth sub-race, and will persist until the middle of the next round. At that time the needed stimulus will have been imparted, and as three-fifths of the human family will then have esoterically "set their feet upon the path," and a large percentage of them will then be in process of becoming the Path itself, the more normal routine will again be resumed.” *IHS p94.*

The Grade of Zelator

10. *“The kingdom of spirit is embodied in my flesh.” POT.*

The initiation process begins in Malkuth, meaning Kingdom, with the grade of Zelator. This initiation was taken long ago and virtually all Humanity has passed it, so it is no longer counted as a meaningful initiation. It is intended to arouse the zeal and aspiration of the initiate. Zealous aspiration keeps the fire burning in the athanor, the physical body. It is concerned with learning that all sensory experience is part of a realm of order and a result of cause and effect. Once a man has recognized that all conditions are created by thought, not by Deities or demons, he begins to direct his thoughts to specific purpose.

On the Tree, Malkuth, the Sphere of the Elements is shown divided into four colors. The blue-violet or black, a mixture of the three primary colors, represents the element of earth. It demonstrates that man must realize he has much to learn about the true nature of his sensory experiences. The slate is a mix of green and violet, and represents water. It symbolizes the purification experience when a person learns to see accurately. People must learn to recognize that what they think they see, what they think they know and what they suppose they want are subject to change. The russet, a mix of orange and violet, represents fire. It represents consecration to the discovery of the truth of all things. The citrine, a mix of orange and green, represents air. It is the illumination to be received after the admission of ignorance, purification of sensations and devotion to the discovery of truth which leads to realization of the One Reality.



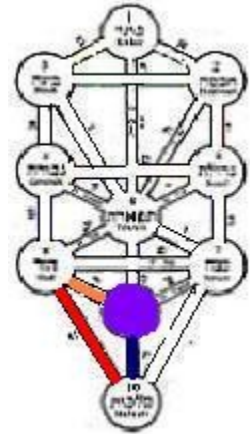
The Grade of Theoricus

9. "I rest my life from day to day on the sure foundation of eternal being." POT.

The second grade, Theoricus, corresponds to Yesod, meaning Foundation, the 2nd Sephira from the bottom. It teaches "the underlying theory that will be applied in subsequent practice. Nearly every detail of the work of the Grade of Theoricus has to do with the occult theory of the operation of the

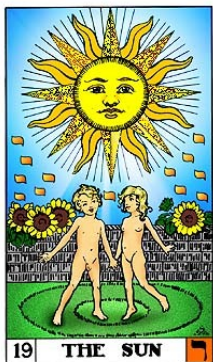


forces of subconsciousness. Yesod is said to represent the generative organs of the archetypal man," because the Life Power works through what we call subconscious mind to reproduce itself in a series of living forms." TIRO p175. Yesod is the sphere of the automatic processes of mind which we call Nature, where the forms which manifest as physical existence are generated. So in Yesod one must learn to control the animal instincts which are the creative processess here. Animal instinct functions unconsciously and it is the most basic function of mind that self-consciousness, as the evolving part of mind, must learn to recognize and control.



The path leading up from Malkuth to Yesod is Key 21, The World, to which is attributed the opposites of Dominion and Slavery. Its color is blue-violet. This 32nd path is called the Admisistrative Intelligence. "It directs all the operations of the seven planets, with their divisions, and concurs therein." In learning to observe carefully, with an open mind, all he experiences, man takes the first step into cosmic partnership with his Creator. He takes the first steps out of slavery and begins the process of achieving dominion over the conditions and circumstances of his life.

In this Grade one must learn to use the path of Shin, Key 20, the Perpetual Intelligence which joins Malkuth and Hod. Its color is red. This path rules the movement of the sun and the moon according to their constitution, and causes each to gravitate on its respective orb. "Shin is called the 'holy letter' because its number value, 300, is that of the words רוח אלהים, Ruach Elohim, the Life-breath of the Creative Powers. This Life-breath is what the Hindus call *Prana*." *ibid*. It is fiery and electric, the conscious energy which is the source of all activities at all levels of consciousness. It is the energy that eventually takes one into the Eternal Now, but is right now part of every human being. By recognizing that this life-breath is in every thought, one can begin to transform himself into an eternal being through the use of the ideal image. Jesus Christ, an example of the child shown in Key 20, is one way of seeing the ideal image. It is the goal of occult work. Using and holding this image builds the cells in the brain which can replicate it in oneself. Daily use of this Key, and all the others, will impress upon one's subconscious mind the patterns needed to rebuild the body. In other words, learn to hold the idea that we are all eternal beings and share in creating our lives. The practice of symbolic mental imagery is part of the daily practice of even the highest adepts.



The other path studied in this grade is that of Resh, Key 19, the Collective Intelligence joining Yesod and Hod. Its color is orange. From it, "by the judgment of the stars and the heavenly signs, astrologers derive their speculations and the perfection of their science according to the motions of the stars." SY. Through learning to recognize patterns, such as those studied in astrology or the patterns in

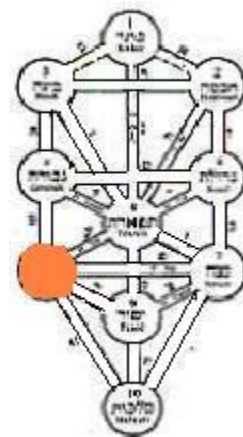
Nature, one learns to work with the universal patterns that make up life and eventually will learn to wield great power by understanding them. Refinement of the physical sensations is part of the work of this grade which allows one to work with the universal patterns appearing in his life. This path is based in Yesod where the ideas of working with subconscious were studied and observed.

Yesod would probably correlate to the beginning of the path of probation, where the person becomes dissatisfied with the purely material life and begins to long for and search for something higher. This is the level of the astral plane where any mystical tendencies must be subjected to much discrimination and balance before the thinking can begin to incorporate a systematic discovery of the next higher world. Glamour, as it is astral in character must be confronted and the aspirant must learn to know himself as well as the world around him. The aspirant must learn to distinguish between truth and untruth as he begins to experience contact with the subconscious mind. Pride and satisfaction are the root of most problems of glamor and much discipline in examination of self is required to overcome it. Help comes from Higher Self as the trial and testing process of Key 14, Temperance which joins Yesod and Tiphareth. Contemplation is the tool to develop in recognizing and overcoming glamor.

The Grade of Practicus

8. *"I look forward to with confidence to the perfect realization of the eternal splendor of the limitless light."* POT.

In Hod, Splendor, the Grade of Practicus, one passes "from the study of theory to the experimental work that establishes the correctness of that theory. This work consists largely in mental parctices carried on at the level of self-consciousness. It is practice in the art of inductive reasoning, in the drawing of logical inferences from experience, in the development by induction of the general truths to be ascertained from examining a controlled series of events." *ibid.* In other words, Hod is the sphere of concrete mind or intellect and here one is learning to use the self-conscious mind. At the top of the pillar on which Hod is found on the Tree, we find Key 1, the Magician, self-consciousness working with those four tools discussed in connection with Malkuth. The work of Practicus involves learning to use those tools as a receptive channel for the actions of the Life-Power coming from above as shown by the Magician. "Nobody ever truly realizes that his personality is a vehicle for universal life unless he affirms and reaffirms the idea and exercises all the ingenuity he can muster to find new ways of reminding himself that this is true." *ibid.*



"We were never born and we will never die." *ibid.* The universe must be and is always in a state of balance, maintained by the laws of action and reaction. Man will learn that the center of his consciousness is not located in personality. To realize this requires new habits of thought and continual watchfulness that one maintains the desire to succeed and the purest of intentions. It requires care for the physical body so that it is able to make the physiological changes required in the transformational process. Every part of life is part of this process and needs to be watched so that it contributes to the image being manifested. The essence of this grade is the idea that "human understanding, human examination and research, human knowledge and calculation and writing" . . . are the creative, controlling power of the universe working as a real presence within the heart of man. *ibid.* The path of Peh leads from Hod to Netzach, but before he can use it the aspirant must travel the 29th and 28th paths.

More progress is made here on the probationary path as the lower, thinking mind, intellect is developed and strengthened. Illusion is the problem to be conquered. The aspirant must learn to see behind the veil of maya, materiality, and see spirit at work in all things. He is guided by the Renewing Intelligence of Key 15, The Devil, which brings the realization that all is not at it seems. One must learn to see clearly before his thoughts can create the life he longs for. Meditation is a great key to success at this stage in conquering illusion.

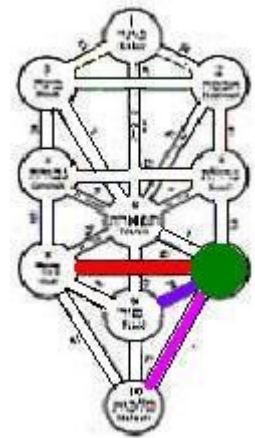
The Grade of Philosophus

7. *“Living from that Will, supported by its unfailing wisdom and understanding,
mine is the victorious life.” POT.*

In Netzach, meaning Victory, one studies in the grade of Philosophus. The first path to be studied is Qoph, Key 18, the 29th path, from Malkuth at the bottom to Netzach, the Corporeal Intelligence, “which informs every body which is incorporated under all orbs, and it is the growth



thereof.” *SY.* Its color is red-violet. “This is the path of body consciousness, the path of the coordinated working together of the thirty trillion cells of the physical organism.” “It is by the vibrations of physical cells in a physical body that any magician, white or black, is able to 'step down' the subtle currents of energy operating on higher levels so as to make them available for the modification of physical forms.” *TIRO.* The Corporeal Intelligence is associated with the “back of the head”, the medulla oblongata. This is that part of subconscious mind that responds to our endeavors to take control of our bodies so they can create a brain capable of grasping the occult wisdom and



using it constructively to build the ideal. The body is Malkuth, the Kingdom, the holder of the power from Kether. When we learn to see our bodies as expressions of light, they become tools for using light. When we offer all that we are in service to One Self our body and our lives are the tool of One Self.



The 28th path, Tzaddi, Key 17, joining Yesod to Netzach, is the Natural Intelligence, “whereby the nature of everything found in the orb of the sun is completed and perfected.” Its color is violet. It is the path of meditation. All events and phenomena are manifested through Nature by fixed laws. In meditation, the personality of the aspirant becomes a channel through which these laws of Nature become understood. By fixing his attention on a particular object or objective, universal consciousness flows through him, revealing the application of these Natural laws, and taking forms it could not assume without such a vehicle of expression as self consciousness. In this way, everything in the Solar System is perfected. These natural laws directed by One Self through the aspirant in meditation are the hidden creative powers of man. In this way, new truths are discovered and eventually all

good is accomplished.

The 27th path, Peh, Key 16, joining Hod and Netzach, The Tower, is the Active Intelligence by which is created the spirit of every creature under the supreme orb. Its color is red. Peh means “the mouth of man as the organ of speech.” Man, in his thoughts and words, is the channel for the lightning flash by



which the Life Force creates all things. This flash is the whirling force of the cosmic breath descending into manifestation and returning to be judged for conformation to the cosmic laws. The next breath will rearrange things or build on them if they are true. The lesson of this path is that every cosmic undertaking is a success. When we see failure, it is a result of mistaken interpretations and partial knowledge. In our short-sightedness, we do not allow for the perfect working out of the divine plan. Every apparent mis-step is an opportunity to discard old thought patterns and make new discoveries. All things are changing continually. Nothing is fixed. In meditation one can take part in this continuous creative process with The One Life. Relying on its infinite wisdom we know that it is always successful. Recognizing the special and particular guidance of the One Self over all activities will give us perfect freedom, so

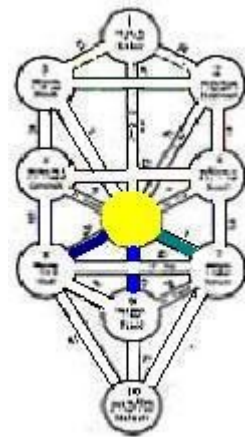
one learns here to be receptive so he can be the creative tool of One Life. This perpetual creative process is not complete without man, so he must learn to work with the natural laws and processes so that this creative day can become complete. The final lesson of this grade is to let go of personal desire so that the desire of One Self can lead one to perfect expression of His creative powers.

This is a later stage of the probationary path, where maya as the subjective influence of mental illusion or astral glamour or of both must be conquered. It is the great battle between the material and the spiritual. Now the aspirant becomes occultly aware of himself, of the conditions induced within him as a result of his interior illusion, his astral glamour and the maya surrounding his entire life. He must develop his powers of concentration. Once he can create a thought form, embodying a balance of mental force, astral force and vital energy he comes to the path of discipleship. Here he begins to develop his use of higher mind. Under the direction of Higher Self in the form of Key 13, Death, he begins to seek real spiritual service under the direction of that Higher Self. He learns to dissect very carefully his own motives in all his actions.

The Grade of Lesser Adept

6. *“In all things, great and small, I see the Beauty of the Divine Expression.” POT.*

These next three grades comprise the second order of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. The grade of Lesser Adept corresponds to the 6th Sephira at the center of the Tree of Life, Tiphareth, Beauty. Imagination is attributed to Tiphareth and the work here is learning to control mental imagery. Here is the place of the Ego, the Christ consciousness, which mediates between Heaven and Earth, Kether and Malkuth. Tiphareth is called the husband to the wife, Malkuth. This spiritual marriage of personality and the Central self is the realization of the I AM presence. It is imagination which allows one to conceive of his essential divinity, his Sonship, and realize, eventually, that reality in himself by holding all images of beauty as the Divine Expression.



Key 15, The Devil, is the first path, leading from Hod to Tiphareth. Its color is blue-violet. It is the Renewing Intelligence, Sakel Makhodash. Makhodash, מַחֲדָּשׁ, is the same value, 358, as Nachash, נָחָשׁ, “the serpent of temptation, as Messiah, מָשִׁיחַ, and as gashenah, גִּשְׁנָה, shame. It seems that until we have ventured as far as possible from knowledge of our true state and felt the deepest shame we are not ready to begin the path back to “goodness”. It is said, “The Devil is God as the wicked see him.” When we are ready to allow God to renew our image of ourselves The Devil becomes the Angel of Key 14. This renewing happens in the mind of man. The Angel of Key 14 is Archangel Michael, the angel of the Sun who will teach us the images with which we may renew ourselves until we can know that we are divine expressions of The One Self, the Microprosopus, the reflection of the Macroprosopus, a creative center of the universe.



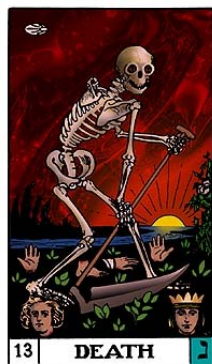
In this grade of Lesser Adept one learns that life and Nature are not to be feared, but that he can learn to work with them, when he learns its laws and obeys them. He learns that the only antagonist is his own response and perception of what happens around him. Once that he learns to trust that everything happens according to divine plan, he can accept it and reform his image of what he wants to create. He learns to create the mental patterns that will bring freedom from the slavery of ignorance and materialism.

The next path leading to Tiphareth from Yesod, is Key 14, Temperance, the Intelligence of Probation or Trial or the “Tentative Intelligence.” Its color is blue. Tentative is נִסְיוֹנִי, nisawyuni, 186, the same value as מַחְקוֹם, mahkom, a place on which something stands or is located. What one creates in



his consciousness in Tiphareth is the House of God, the Center of personality where he knows The One always is present. This One is present in the form of the Angel, the Higher Self, who is the guide and master teacher. Overcoming the fears and delusions represented in Key 15, one is now ready to work with the Angel in Key 14 and accept it as the I AM, the real Actor and Knower in his personal life. Creating the conditions that allow oneself to realize that is the first test. One must take what he has learned of the wisdom and apply it in his life. Even though one fails many times, eventually he will be successful. Once he learns to allow the Inner Master to be the actor and planner, he will always be successful. He can offer himself as a vehicle for giving, to society and to the divine plan, trusting that the divine source is inexhaustible.

The last path, leading to Tiphareth from Netzach, is shown by Key 13, Death, attributed to Scorpio. Its color is blue-green. Scorpio has to do with creative power which in animal man and in plants is used for reproduction. It is the force which causes cells in the body to reproduce for healing



and regeneration. Used by one who can control and direct its currents it can reduce the world to chaos or transform its face as an instrument of life. Speaking of this Great Magical Agent, Eliphas Levi said, “God creates it eternally, and man, in the image of the Deity, modifies and apparently multiplies it in the reproduction of his species.” Symbols of this power are numerous as those which refer to reproduction, as Shiva, Osiri and the fish of early Christians. Fish, serpent, scorpion are all symbols of the Life Force used to create new bodies, to heal, to build cities or write books, or to transform oneself into a Super Man. Once men lose the ability to reproduce bi-sexually, no doubt, the phallic connotations for the Life Force will be lost. In using it well in this race, one must first transcend his personal desire and will

and develop his use of imagination. Then the ability to work for One Self, not personality, enables the Lesser Adept to use this power for the divine Plan. Once he has created the pattern of thought that he is the deathless “solar body” which is the vehicle of One Will, he no longer fears death and emerges as a New Man, a specialized expression of the powers of the whole universe.

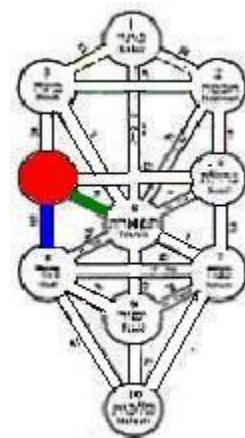
This is the first initiation in the system described by Master D.K in the Alice Bailey books. "At the first initiation, the control of the Ego over the physical body must have reached a high degree of attainment. "The sins of the flesh," as the Christian phraseology has it, must be dominated; gluttony, drink, and licentiousness must no longer hold sway. The physical elemental will no longer find its demand obeyed; the control must be complete and the lure departed. A general attitude of obedience to the Ego must have been achieved, and the willingness to obey must be very strong. The channel between the higher and the lower is widened, and the obedience of the flesh practically automatic." *IHS* 82,83. Having accomplished this level of purification and development of desire and will powers, the aspirant will not be in danger of misusing any new powers gained by this initiation, although some progress in this may still be required. It is most important that he has learned enough self-control so as to not injure the group in any way as constructive group work now becomes possible and important.

In this initiation, that of the birth of the Christ, the heart center is energized so that there may be greater control over the astral vehicle and so one may be of greater service to humanity. He will learn now to work on the astral plane with astral devas and to control the astral elementals. He passes out of the Hall of Learning into the Hall of Wisdom. He works more closely with the Soul or Higher Self as he has here passed into its sphere of influence, Tiphareth.

The Grade of Greater Adept

5. *"I recognize the manifestation of the undeviating justice in all the circumstances of my life."*

The grade of Greater Adept is related to the fifth Sephiroth on the Tree, פחד, Pachad, Fear, גבורה, Geburah, Strength or דין, Deen, Justice, and the Radical Intelligence. נשרש, Nasharash, means radical, rooted as plant or as stock, race or genus. Geburah is the out flowing primary force of “the archetypal Binah which itself is enclosed within the strength of the Primordial Wisdom,” the power of Faith and Truth. The value of nasharash is 850, in which number zero represents Absolute Unity. The five stands for mediation, adaptation or means, “dynamic Law proceeding from abstract order.” “The One Law represented by the number five is the root of all operations of the Life Power and is therefore called the Radical Intelligence.” *ibid*. It expresses through the human personality as the means of mediation and adaptation of One Thing into anything. These operations are not understood by the ignorant and create fear. Those who see them as impersonal forces, utterly disregarding man see them as Strength or Severity. Those with the expanded consciousness of an initiate see them as universal Justice. This is the recognition that every action is met with the appropriate force to maintain universal balance. These ideas of Oneness adapted below from above and of balance are shown in the figure eight and Key eight begins in Geburah. The Greater Adept is fully awakened from the delusion of separateness and injustice into the full recognition stated in the Pattern on the Trestle Board as, “I recognize the manifestation of the undeviating Justice in all the circumstances of my life.” He arrives at this recognition by the paths of Mem and Lamed.





The path of Mem, shown in Key 12, The Hanged Man, is called the Stable Intelligence. Its color is blue. It joins Hod and Geburah. Mem means waters or sea, the waters of consciousness which must be clear and smooth before they can reflect perfectly the image of the Son in Tiphareth. The figure in Key 12 is motionless, calm and serene. His clarity of consciousness allows the expression of the Will of the One Life on Earth. He has surrendered his personality to achieve harmony with the cosmic rhythms and is therefore the recipient of the perfect Wisdom written there. "This path of Mem is the path of what Hindus call *Samadhi*, the path of perfect concentration long continued, which brings one into conscious union with the essence of the Law of Life and makes one see everywhere the exquisite adjustments of that Law." *TIRO*.



The path of Lamed is shown in Key 11, Justice, and joins Yesod and Geburah. Its color is green. לָמֶד, Lamed, means "to teach, to instruct." "Greater Adepts learn to direct the Life-breath so as to cause its powers to multiply." They perfect their own knowledge and skill by becoming channels for the One Teacher, reaching the minds of selected pupils through their inner hearing. This path is called the Faithful Intelligence "because, by it, spiritual powers are increased." Those who are devoid of personal will and desire have access to the unlimited powers of One Will as they follow its direction. Faith in the absolute justice of One Will is the power by which forms manifest in our lives. "Faith is the *substance* of things hoped for. . ." And it is faith which gives the courage to act. The Greater Adept recognizes his own Karma and can work with it to free himself from it while using it to accomplish his

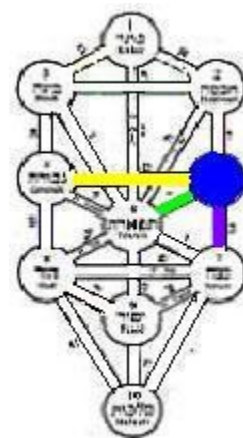
purposes.

This is the second initiation of D.K./A.B. It marks the control of the astral vehicle and the sacrifice and death of personal desire. Desire now is dominated by the Ego and the disciple seeks only that which is good for the whole, is desired by the Ego and the Master. The Ego has control over the lower nature. At this initiation, the throat center is energized, enabling the disciple to create a useful vision of what the world needs and how to work with that in the Divine Plan. This is shown by the figure of Key 11, Justice, which is Venus. She has much to do with the development of mind and imagination which is so important to the work at this level. Much work is done to submerge the personal point of view in the need of the whole. Key 12 with its "sword of discrimination" symbolizes the sacrifice of the personality into the greater Work. The Ego gains complete control over the concrete or lower mind which can pour its light into Earth.

The Grade of Exempt Adept

4. "From the exhaustless riches of its unlimited substance I draw all things needful, both spiritual and material."

The Grade of Exempt Adept corresponds to the 4th Sephiroth, Chesed, meaning Mercy, Loving-kindness or Beneficence. It means exemption from all delusions about any action being *personal*. "He who has reached this Grade is more than an open channel of the the Law that cannot be broken, more than a teacher of that Law. He is a distributor of the inexhaustible Mercy of the Life Power." *ibid*. "The fourth path is called the Arresting or Receptacular Intelligence, because it arises like a boundary to receive the emanations of the higher



intelligences which are sent down to it. Herefrom all apiritual virtues emanate by way of subtlety, which itself emanates from the Supreme Crown.” *A.E. Waite, The Holy Kaballah*. The adept of this grade is so perfectly receptive to the energies from the Higher Triad that he can serve as a broadcasting station for the subtle powers from the One Self which are absolute law and beneficence.

Kaph, Key 10, The Wheel of Fortune, is the first path leading to Chesed, joining it to Netzach. Its color is violet. It is called “The Rewarding Intelligence of Those who Seek” and the “Intelligence of Conciliation.” It is long, sustained desire for knowledge that brings one to these heights of realization, led by an intuitive conviction that a man need not be the slave of material circumstances, but can raise himself to freedom. To achieve this, he loses all desire for material things, for personal power. He has found and surrendered to the One Will. All who seek will attain to what they desire. So assures this path. The search for Truth leads to the *real* world, one of beauty and joy and the dance of Life which is available on Earth to all who seek it. Reason and intuition have been perfected so that he can trust his sense of his true purpose, connect with all no who are working with him matter how distant, and serve with them as the channel for manifesting the Divine Plan.



The next path, leading from Tiphareth to Chesed, is Yod, symbolized by Key 9, The Hermit. Its color is yellow green. This is the Intelligence of Will, so called because “It forms the patterns of all creatures; and by this intelligence, when it is perceived, the pre-existent Wisdom is discovered. *sy*. The Hebrew word for will is רצון, Rawtsone. These four letters represent the four fixed signs of the zodiac, Resh, the Sun is fire and corresponds to Leo, Tzaddi represents Aquarius, Vav represents Taurus and Nun represents Scorpio. The purposes of The One Life are worked out through use of the four elements. The power given to the adept in Yod is to be able to “demonstrate the quadrature of the circle,” in other words, to make all things from the One Thing or to be able to demonstrate the One Thing in all things. The imaginative faculty of Tiphareth can work thus by the power flowing through Chesed and apportioned there. It is said that magic is accomplished by use of the will, but that does not refer to personal will. There is only one Cosmic Will, the will of The One, and it is His will that the adept must surrender to before It can accomplish, through him, the magical manipulation of the One Thing in manifesting the Divine Purpose.



The final path in this grade leads from Geburah to Chesed. Its color is yellow. It is that of Teth, Key 8, The Intelligence of the Secret of all Spiritual Activities. The secret is the combination of fire and water, the Fire of Geburah, Sphere of Mars, and the Water of Chesed, Sphere of Jupiter, the rain god.



Occult water is also called “astral fluid” and “first matter”. Its characteristic is its flowing down as the abundance which produces the rich growth shown in Keys 1, 3 and 8. It is the Love-Wisdom of the 2nd Ray. Fire has the property of disintegration and consummation of physical form, but is also the radiant, life-giving warmth of the Sun. In Key 8 we see the fire as the lion working with the woman, subconscious, who is the descending flow of Divine Purpose given form in Binah. Note that if you overlaid the Tree of Life on the Key, the lemniscant over her head falls in the 2nd Sephiroth, Binah, where forms are defined. The power available to the Exempt Adept comes from his acceptance of whatever is and his ability to see to the root of the condition and to counteract any negative appearance with a more positive image. He proceeds to create this in his mind and infuse it with concentrated will. His strength is

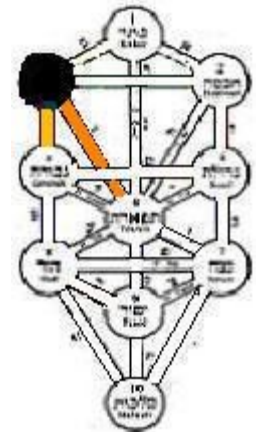
in his ability to see how the One Thing is working in any circumstance.

The establishment of a clear channel to the monad, Kether, would seem to correspond well to the third initiation, the Transfiguration. “The entire personality is flooded with light from above. It is only after this initiation that the Monad is definitely guiding the Ego, pouring divine life ever more into the prepared and cleansed channel, ...” *IHS*, 86. The head centers are stimulated causing stimulation of the psychic faculties. This corresponds to Chesed as the seat of memory where past lives are accessed. The clear thought forms he now creates are the functioning of the Arresting or Receptacular Intelligence which transmits the Will from Chokmah from the Higher Triad to the lower Sephiroth. “The great Hierophant, the Lord of the World Himself officiates” at this initiation. *Ibid.* 88. Note that Key 6, the Hierophant descends to Chesed from Chokmah. The initiate of this degree can contact and be of some assistance to the Chohans, the Bodhisattva, and the Manu. He has mastered physical, astral and mental planes and most of the intuitional. This initiation is called the crucifixion and this, as a symbol relating to four, would seem to correspond to Chesed as the fourth Sephira.

The Grade of Magister Templi

3. “Filled with understanding of its perfect law, I am guided, moment by moment, along the path of liberation.”

The Grade of the Master of the Temple is the first of the three grades of the innermost Order of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. It corresponds to Binah, Understanding, the Sphere of Saturn, the 3rd Sephira and to the number three. In *The Book of Purifying Fire*, it is associated with the principle Salt and the alchemical “metal” Tin. This appears to conflict with other systems of correspondence, but the Hebrew word for “tin” is בְּדִיל, bediyl, meaning tin, an alloy (removed by smelting). So tin represents something which is revealed by the purification of the alchemical process. Its value is 46, the same number as אֵמֶת, the initials of Adonai Melek HaEretz, the Divine Name in Malkuth, as *I.N.R.I.* “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews,” the initials of inscription Pilate wrote for the cross, and as (Latin) *omnia*, meaning everything or all. So tin represents the perfection of the Christ consciousness, the knowledge of Unity and is a fitting symbol for this degree. The word אֶבֶן, ehben, stone is important in Rosicrucian symbolism



because it contains two words, אב, Ab, Father and בן, Ben, Son. Jesus said frequently, “The Father and I are One.” It symbolizes the Unity of Father and Son. This is the goal of the aspirant, the realization of this true state of one's being, the confection of the Stone. Since Christ as Jesus spoke of this Unity many times, it is likely he reached this grade.



The 18th path, arising in Geburah, is the first of the two paths leading to Binah. It is represented by Cheth, Key 7, The Chariot. Its color is yellow-orange. This is “the Intelligence of the House of Influence and from the inner walls of its perfections the arcana flow down with the hidden meanings concealed in their shadow and therefrom is union with the innermost reality of the Most High.” *SY*. The innermost reality of the Most High is the Central Self in the heart of each one. It dwells within its House which is perfected at this level of consciousness, as the personality knows fully that it is the vehicle of One Self. On the inner walls of the house, the light of the Inner Self creates the shadows which we experience as our lives. As we

study the lessons they portray and deduce their meanings and we learn the secret arcanum of Unity, within our House of God, our inner Temple. Key 7 shows the essence of the realization that the Self of all selves is the actual rider in the chariot of personality. The chariot is standing still because the seeming activity of the personality results from the outward and downward flow of the Holy Influence of the One Self, creating liberation. Speech is attributed to Key 7 and “a Master of the Temple has learned the secrets of magical speech. He builds by ideas. Furthermore, he knows the vibratory values of certain combinations of sound and the ideas corresponding to them. By his use of the subtle forces of sound combined with thought, he builds himself a body that resists every hostile external force.” He understands the meaning of Divine Law which leads always to freedom to BE, unbound by the chains of self will and selfish desires.

The 17th path, Zain, joins Tiphareth and Binah. It is represented by Key 6, The Lovers. Its color is orange. It is called the Disposing or Discriminating Intelligence or the Intelligence of Sensation. “It disposes the righteous to faithfulness, and clothes them with the Holy Life-Breath; and it is called the Foundation of Beauty (Tiphareth) in the place of the Supernals.” *SY*.



Tiphareth sits at the center point of the Tree of Life. As the seat of the divine EGO, it works from here at the center of the ring of Sephiroth relating to the planets as the human functions of will/Mars, desire/Venus, intellect/Mercury and memory/Moon, all working in a system/ Jupiter, first seen as an individual life, but growing into a realization that it is the universe. But the Son in Tiphareth is not separate from the One Self in Kether. Once the previous path is mastered the Exempt Adept can join the lower seven Sephiroth on the Tree to the Higher Triad as he reaches Binah. Beauty, Tiphareth, with the perfected self image in Yesod as a Foundation thus reaches the “place of the Supernals.” “Saturn is the focal point for the transmission of cosmic manas.” *TCF*, 378. And Binah is its seat. Once he knows he is a vehicle for

One Self, he becomes a direct agent of that Self. “In traversing the path of Zain we depart from the illusion of separate selfhood. . . and arrive at the realization that the semblance of separate individuality is but the effect produced by the one self's power of *concentrating its limitless energy at any particular point in time and space.*” *TIRO*, 276. The result in Zain is to combine the powers of the subconsciousness and the self-consciousness in perfect equilibrium.

This is the perfection of the work of all previous paths. The man in Key 6, self conscious, is looking to the woman, subconscious, who is perfectly receptive to the angel, as the man is looking to the woman to bring the contact with super conscious. They all work in balanced harmony. This is what “disposes the righteous to faithfulness,” “for the righteous are those who have brought their thought, feeling and action into harmony with the universal order. The faithfulness to which they are disposed is represented by Key 11 in Tarot. It is serene confidence that *even now, despite all appearances to the contrary*, perfect Justice is manifested in all the complex operations of the Great Work of the Life Power's self-manifestation.” *ibid.* On this path the adept must prove the lessons of Zain, int its letters, ךן. The lessons of Nun is that he has overcome death. In Yod he must demonstrate mastery of the powers which allow him to identify himself with the One Will. And in Zain he must show that he know how to wield the “sword of discrimination.” He is now identified with all aspects of the self, controls the form of all things and knows that all forces and laws work through him. He directs the forces known as the seven Elohim or the seven Rays to do the work of the One Self.

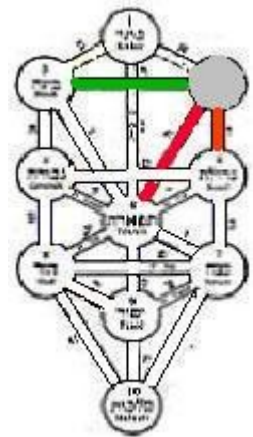
This is the fifth initiation in the AB/DK system. His use of the Buddhic plane is completely coordinated. He enters into closer fellowship with others of the Lodge and works with the devas more closely. He understands more completely the Divine Plan, can use sound and color adeptly, can use the

law and is close to his Monad. He has many pupils and is deeply involved in helping all humanity.

The Grade of Magus

2. *“Through me its unfailing wisdom takes form in thought and word.”*

The grade of Magus corresponds to the 2nd Sephira, Chokmah, Wisdom and to the meanings of the number two. Chokmah is the Life-force, the radiant energy of the sun which brings us the living light and consciousness. The Magus is perfectly balanced between Netzach and Geburah, desire and will, between Chesed and Hod, memory and intellect and between Tiphareth and Yesod, imagination and reproduction. He is concerned with the power of form yet he is perfectly identified with the Life-force itself. He is “without fears and without desires, dominated by no falsehood, sharing no error, loving without illusion, suffering without impatience, reposing in the quietude of eternal thought.” He has access to all wisdom. He serves with pleasure, of his own will, cooperating freely in the cause of Justice, free of any hatred or thought of vengeance, these having been left behind. This state is already present in each of us and is our true being. Since the highest grade is reserved for the universal logos, this might be the place of Sanat Kumara, the ruler of Shambala.



The first path to Chokmah leads from Chesed. It is Vav, red-orange, Key 5, the Hierophant, the Triumphant and Eternal Intelligence, “the delight of glory, the glory of Ain, the No-Thing, veiling the name of Him, the Fortunate One, and it is called also the Garden of Eden, prepared for the compassionate.” *SY*. To be triumphant is to have mastered one's instrument, in this case, the personality. One must have learned true compassion in Chesed. Now he stands in the light of Kether, The One Self, ready to serve and experiencing the greatest joys in whatever that service requires. The noise of personal will, desire and even identity are stilled. He kneels before his One Teacher free to hear and serve Him. He has perfected his vehicles of consciousness so that nothing obstructs his clear vision and the Truth. That Truth, realized and remembered, sets him free.

The next path leads from Tiphareth to Chokmah. It is Heh, Key 4, the Emperor, the Constituting Intelligence, “because it constitutes creation in the darkness of the world.” Its color is red.



In John 1:4,5 we read, “That which hath been made was life in Him (the Logos), and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness overcame it not.” This light is symbolized as the Lamb in the Bible. It is the Hindu god of fire, Agni, the mystery of the cosmic sacrifice. This refers to creation as a self-sacrifice of the Life Power. Earlier in this paper we looked at how the creative process involved the destruction or breaking up of Unity. Yet the Whole is retained in each part. Heh is the intelligence which gives life to each part of Unity, watches over it and guides it back to ItSelf. At this stage, one returns to Tiphareth and identified with the Son, the Solar Logos and becomes the sacrifice which is not really a loss of anything, but is a gain of Everything. “He who has reached the height of the fifteenth path sees himself alone at the center of the Great Sea of Eternal Subsistence. For him there is naught but the true Self, the Self which

is All.” *TIRO*.

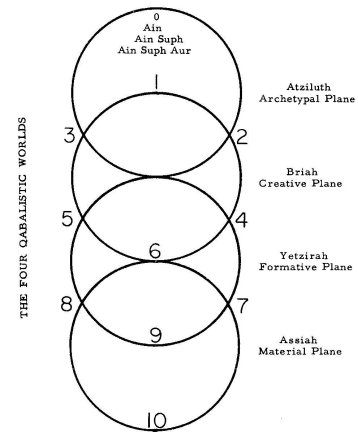
The last path leading to Chokmah is Daleth, green, Key 3, the Empress, the Luminous Intelligence. It is “the essence of that which is the instructor in the foundations of holiness and perfection.” *SY*. Venus, imagination, is attributed to Daleth. Imagination is the eye of the soul which



allows us to see what is not apparent in our lives but which is possible. It is the “mirror of visions and the apparatus of magical life. Thereby we cure diseases, modify the seasons, ward off death from the living, and resuscitate those who are dead, because this faculty exalts the will and gives it power over the universal agent. Imagination is the instrument of the adaptation of the Logos.” It is imagination which gives us power over the circumstances and conditions in our lives and which can change us into immortal, divine beings. It is the quality of luminosity which gives imagination its power. It shines as a response to the light of the One Self which it mirrors. By identifying with the source of the reflected image, the reflection is given life, the life of the One. “There is no self-importance in a Magus. He has become the 'Little Child.' Free from care, free from the burden of false

responsibilities, free from the limitations of human conventions and opinions, he extracts the nectar of wisdom from the experience of the Eternal Not. This, it is written that he 'has access to the fruition of all desires whatever, at one sweep, being one with the All-seeing Self.’” *ibid.*

The adept who rises to the sixth initiation is called a chohan. “He wields the law not only in the three worlds but in the chain on all levels.” *IHS, 90*. I think the three worlds referred to correlate to the Qabalistic worlds, Assiah, the world of physical things and encompassing the Sephiroth Malkuth through Tiphareth; Yetzirah, the world of action, the formative world of mind and emotions encompassing the Sephiroth Yesod up through Chesed; Briah, the creative world of mind and imagination, including Tiphareth up to Kether; and Atziluth, the archetypal world of the spiritual will and enterprise, including the Higher Triad of Binah, Chokmah and Kether. So the chohan of this degree would rule the forces of Assiah, Yetzirah and Briah, having mastered an intensive course in planetary occultism.



The Grade of Ipsissimus

1. “I am a center of expression for the primal will to good which eternally creates and sustains the universe.”

The highest grade in the Rosicrucian order is that of Ipsissimus, corresponding to Kether at the top of the Tree, the Primal Will and the number one. Ipsissimus means “He who is most himself.” It is the seat of יְחִיָּהּ, Yekhihad, meaning “indivisible”, the cosmic Self, the One I AM that manifests through countless personalities on Earth and elsewhere. It is the Head of the Invisible Order. It would correspond, I think, to the solar logos, our Sun. “For the supreme Head of the Order is none other than the Christos, the universal Logos. Below Him are the Logoi, or spirits of the separate planets. Among incarnate beings on any planet, the post of “Head” is occupied by that one among the Magi who has attained to the most perfect unification with the Primal Will. No man is appointed to this post, nor elected to it. The degree of attainment is the only deciding factor in his selection. And this degree is judged by no man. It simply *is*.” *ibid.*

The only path leading to Kether is the 13th, Gimel, Key 2, the High Priestess, called the Uniting

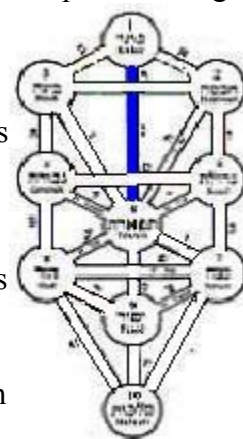
intelligence “because it is the essence of glory and the perfection of the truths of Spiritual Unities.” *sy.* The 11th and 12th paths move only downward from Kether. The value of the word גמל, Gimel, is 73, the same as חכמה, Chokmah, wisdom. This wisdom shows an identity between these 2nd (Chokmah) and 13th paths. This is the feminine aspect of Chokmah which is usually called “Father”, אב, Ab. The ideas of Unity and Love attributed to the number 13 are feminine in nature.

This path begins in Tiphareth as the Magus unrolls the scroll in the hands of the High Priestess. As he proceeds he approaches the Self as he remembers his true identity, that “the Lord is in his holy temple. The journey is the establishment of centering on this middle pillar. Control of speech through



meditation leads to the perfect marriage of self consciousness and subconsciousness, that results is the experience of super consciousness. This experience is not anything done by the adept, it is bestowed by God as the Life Power that he reaches its final attainment of the Crown. This is the fulfillment of the Divine Intention for the all the paths of the Great Work. It is identification with the One Thing and “whence all proceed by adaptation, for the performance of the miracles of the One.” It is the serpent power of Key 8 and the manipulation of Fohat.

Achiduth, אַחֲדוּת, Unity, is the same value, 419 as טֵיֶת, Teth the letter attributed to Key 8. מַנְהִיג הָאֲחָדוּת, Manahig Ha-achadoth



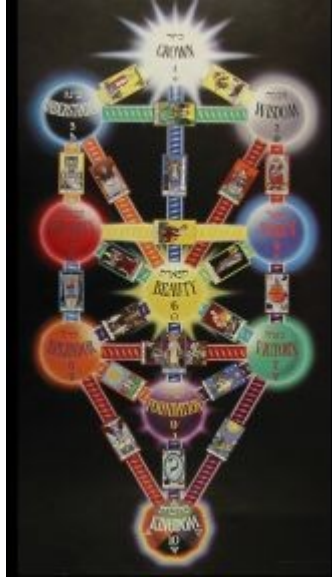
, “Leading to Unities” is the same value, 532 as the Hebrew words for “Stone of the Wise”, “Stone of Knowledge”, “Sun of Wisdom” and “Sun of Knowledge.” חַמָּה, kammaw, a poetical name for the sun and אֶבֶן, eben, stone are both valued 53. So the making of the Stone is the final attainment of the Son who is the Sun. The purified substance of the Stone of Alchemy does not rise to the top, nor is anything removed. “In simply truth . . . the Magus performs the Great Work by divesting the serpent power of all appearances of 'Many-ness.' Because of this, the thirteenth path is said to be the Conductive Intelligence of Unity. When the work of this path is completed, the One Energy, which presents itself to our senses in the innumerable forms we call 'objects,' is directly experienced as One, One and Alone.” *ibid.*

A chohan of the seventh initiation wields the law in the solar system. This would probably include at least some power in the world of Atziluth. There is not much information given on this level of attainment because there are few able to report on the experience and there is little we could understand of its magnificent glories anyway. However, it is already present in each of us, waiting for the day when we can comprehend and express it.

A complete tree exists within each Sephira. We have been discussing the Tree within Malkuth, that is, beginning with Malkuth in Malkuth and ending with Kether in Malkuth. This is the same idea as the different levels of the cosmic planes given by A.B. We study and progress through the various levels of the cosmic physical plane. Once one has mastered all these planes he moves on to the physical plane of the cosmic astral plane. Humanity, in this planetary round, is just passing from the descending arc to the ascending arc within the physical level of the cosmic physical plane. We have a loooooooooong way to go back up.



Beginning and End are One.



The Pattern on the Trestleboard

This Is Truth About The Self

0. All the Power that ever was or will be is here now.
1. I am a center of expression for the Primal Will-to-Good which eternally creates and sustains the Universe.
2. Through me its unfailing Wisdom takes form in thought and word.
3. Filled with Understanding of its perfect law, I am guided, moment by moment, along the path of liberation.
4. From the exhaustless riches of its Limitless Substance, I draw all things needful, both spiritual and material.
5. I recognize the manifestation of the Undeviating Justice in all the circumstances of my life.
6. In all things, great and small, I see the Beauty of the Divine Expression.
7. Living from that Will, supported by its unfailing Wisdom and Understanding, mine is the Victorious Life.
8. I look forward with confidence to the perfect realization of the Eternal Splendor of the Limitless Light.
9. In thought and word and deed, I rest my life, from day to day, upon the sure Foundation of Eternal Being.
10. The Kingdom of Spirit is embodied in my flesh.

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