

Third Knowledge Lecture of the New Hermetics

The Symbol Of Mercury and The Tree Of Life



On the Tree it embraces all the Sephiroth but Kether. The horns spring from Daath (knowledge), which is not, properly speaking, a Sephirah, but rather a conjunction of Chokmah and Binah.

The Soul According to the Qabalists

NESCHAMAH - The highest part, answering to the Three Supernals, and to the higher aspirations of the Soul.

RUACH - The middle part, answering to six Sephiroth from Chesed to Yesod, inclusive, and to the mind and reasoning powers.

NEPHESCH - The lowest, answering to Malkuth, and to the animal instincts.

Neschamah itself is further divided into three parts:

YECHIDAH - is referred to Kether.

CHIAH - is referred to Chokinah.

NESCHAMAH - is referred to Binah.

The Three Classes of Hebrew Letters

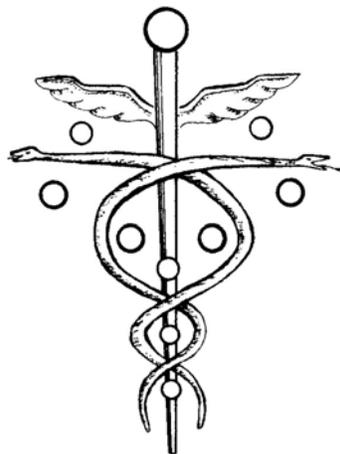
Sepher Yetzirah divides the Hebrew Alphabet into three classes of letters

Three Mothers	א מ ש
Seven Doubles	ב ג ד כ פ ר ת
Twelve Singles	ה ו ז ח ט י ל נ ס ע צ ק

The Caduceus



This form of the Caduceus of Hermes is that of the Three Mother letters, Shin, Aleph, and Mem. It represents Air, as the mediator between Fire above and Water below.



This symbol has another meaning on the Tree of Life. The upper part and wings touch Chokmah and Binah. The knob touches Kether. These are the Three Supernals.

The seven lower Sephiroth are embraced by the twin Serpents whose heads rest upon Chesed and Geburah.

The Three Veils of Negative Existence

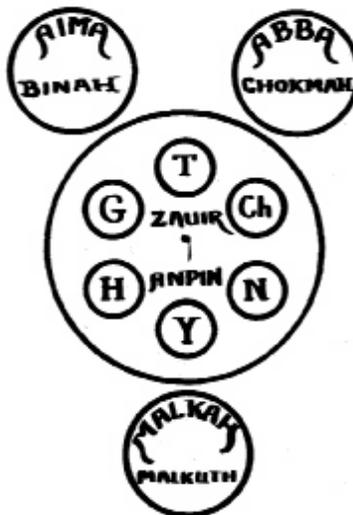


Ain	Nothing - Not
Ain Soph	Without End (Limitless)
Ain Soph Aur	Infinite Light (Limitless Light)

These three are the Veils of negative existence behind Kether.

Qabalistic Names and Meanings

Arik Anpin - MACROPROSOPUS or the vast countenance is one of the titles of Kether, yet another of its titles is the Ancient of Days, Aatik Yomin. Kether or the vast countenance emanates first as Abba the supernal Father, and Aima, the supernal Mother. Abba is referred to Yod of YHVH, and Aima is referred to Heh of YHVH. Elohim is a name given to these two Hypostases united.



As Elohim they are considered the parents of the Son, Zauir Anpin, also called MICROPROSOPUS, or the lesser countenance.

Abba is referred to Yod and Chokmah. Aima is referred to Heh and Binah. Zauir Anpin is referred to the 6 Sephiroth Chesed, Geburah, Tiphareth, Netzach, Hod, Yesod and of these especially to Tiphareth.

Malkah the queen and Kalah the bride are titles of Malkuth when considered as the spouse of Zauir Anpin, the Microprosopus.

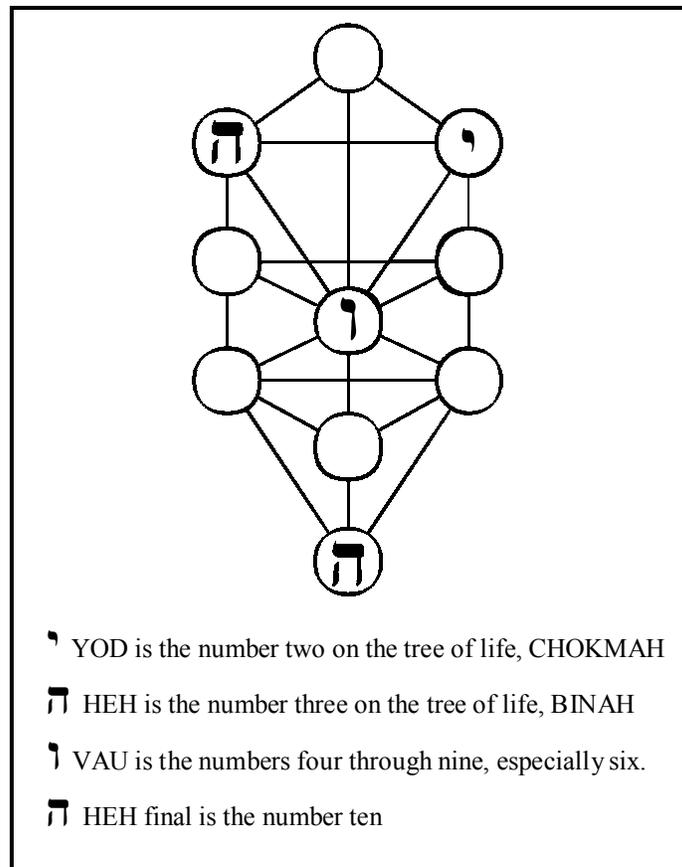
The letters of the name YHVH contain these meanings:

Yod is referred to Abba.

Heh to Aima.

Vau to Zauir Anpin.

Heh to Malkah.



These letters are also referred to the four worlds and the four suits of the Tarot thus:

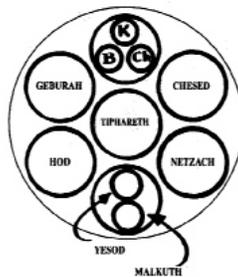
Yod	Atziluth	Wands
Heh	Briah	Cups
Vau	Yetzirah	Swords
Heh	Assiah	Pentacles

There are ten Sephiroth in each of the four worlds. Each Sephirah has its own ten Sephiroth making 400 Sephiroth in all - the number of the letter Tau, the Cross, the Universe, the completion of all things.

In the Tarot, the numbered cards of the Minor Arcana represent the ten sephiroth or divine emanations. The four suits represent the four Qabalistic worlds. The twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet or paths are represented by the twenty-two Major Arcana or Trump cards. The Court Cards, King, Queen, Prince and Page or Princess represent the power of the divine Tetragrammaton in the four worlds. They also symbolize Father, Mother, Son, Daughter; Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection.

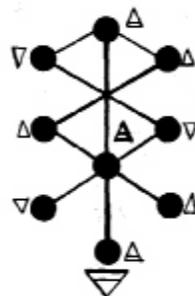
Another Arrangement of the Tree

There are various formats of the Sephiroth. The most frequent has already been given, but there is another in common usage. It is often referred to as The Seven Palaces of Assiah attributed to the ten Sephiroth.



The Reflection of the Elements Down the Tree

This drawing represents the triad of elements operating through the Sephiroth and reflected downwards into the Tree. Air is reflected straight down the Middle Pillar, from Kether through Tiphareth to Yesod and the upper quadrant of Malkuth. Water is reflected cross-wise from Binah through Chesed to Hod. Fire is reflected cross-wise from Chokmah through Geburah to Netzach. Malkuth therefore becomes the receptacle of the other three elements.



Archetypes of the Tarot

The Fool ⚡ △	divine folly, jester, joker, babe in the egg, The Green Man, spirit, chaos, mad genius, Dionysus
The Magician ♀	Prometheus, trickster, wizard, inventor, artist, creative will, magic power, Hermes
The High Priestess ☾	priestess, wise woman, yoni, gnosis, Isis, the hidden sanctuary, beauty
The Empress ♀	mother nature, mother, manifestor, love, wife, Demeter, queen, goddess, alchemical salt
The Emperor ♂	all-father, conqueror, father, creator gods, husband, alchemical sulphur, warrior
The Hierophant ☸	master, teacher, high priest, spiritual rules or laws, interpreter of the mysteries
The Lovers ♀ ♂	twins, lovers, attraction of opposites, polarity, two halves of the brain
The Chariot ♀	grail bearer, receptivity, reconciliation, transport, the ark, containment
Strength ♀	lover, power, vitality, lust, domination, strength of love, sorceress, fascination
The Hermit ♀	loner, sage, path of initiation, pilgrim, inner knowledge, secret seed, secret light
The Wheel of Fortune ♀	luck, karma, fate, gambler, cycles, wealth and lack, chance, expansion, success
Justice ♀	balance, karma's action, balance of opposites, judge, adjustment, equilibrium, mediator, truth
The Hanged Man ♀	sacrifice, illumination, crucifixion, masochist, victim, martyr, beneficence, dissolution
Death ♀	sex, angel of death, transformation, snake, scorpion, eagle, reincarnation, reproduction, completion
Temperance ♀	alchemy, teacher, guide, art, guardian angel, Great Work, transformer, philosopher
The Devil ♀	Pan, matter, material force, world father, Baphomet, demiurge, Satan, oppressor, redeemer
The Tower ♂	nature's power, tower of Babel, dark night of soul, phallic energy, catastrophe, eye of Shiva
The Star ♀	meditation, revelation, nature's beauty, imagination, scientist, freedom, unfolding of creation
The Moon ♀	illusions, dreams, night, subconscious, unconscious, fantasy, mystic, trance, right-brain
The Sun ♂	self, ego, day, animus, extrovert, youth, child, aesthete, performer, left-brain, solar powers, energy
The Last Judgement ♀	resurrection, eternal life, apocalypse, Hades, ecstasy, release
The World ♀	anima mundi, dancer, aethyr, astral light, four elements, material world, universe

KHABS AM PEKHT
 KONX OM PAX
 LIGHT IN EXTENSION!