

II - Second Knowledge Lecture

(Zelator)

The Names and Alchemical Symbols of the Three Principles of Nature are:

Sulphur ♁

Mercury ☿

Salt ⊖

The metals attributed to the Planets in Alchemy are:

♄ Lead

♁ Gold

♃ Tin

♀ Copper or Brass

♂ Iron

☿ Quicksilver (Mercury)

☾ Silver

The following terms are used in books about Alchemy. They have the meanings given below.

Sol Philosophorum The Pure Living Alchemical Spirit of *Gold* - the refined essence of heat and fire

Luna Philosophorum The Pure Living Alchemical Spirit of *Silver* - the refined essence of heat and moisture

The Green Lion The Stem and Root of the Radical Essence of Metals

The Black Dragon Death – Putrefaction – Decay

The King – Red - The Qabalistic *Microprosopus – Tiphareth* – analogous to *Gold* and the *Sun*

The Queen – White - The Qabalistic *Bride of Microprosopus – Malkah* – analogous to *Silver* and the *Moon*

The Four Orders of the Elements are:

1. The Spirits of the Earth: *Gnomes*
2. The Spirits of the Air: *Sylphs*
3. The Spirits of the Water: *Undines*
4. The Spirits of the Fire: *Salamanders*

These are the Essential Spiritual Beings called upon to praise *God* in the '*Benedicite Omnia Opera*'.

The *Kerubim* are the Living Powers of Tetragrammaton on the Material Plane and the *Presidents of the Four Elements*. They operate through the *Fixed* or *Kerubic Signs* of the *Zodiac* and are thus symbolized and attributed:

Kerub of Air	<i>Man</i>	Aquarius
Kerub of Fire	<i>Lion</i>	Leo
Kerub of Earth	<i>Bull</i>	Taurus
Kerub of Water	<i>Eagle</i>	Scorpio

Tetragrammaton means 'Four-Lettered Name' and refers to the Unpronounceable Name of God symbolized by 'Jehovah'.

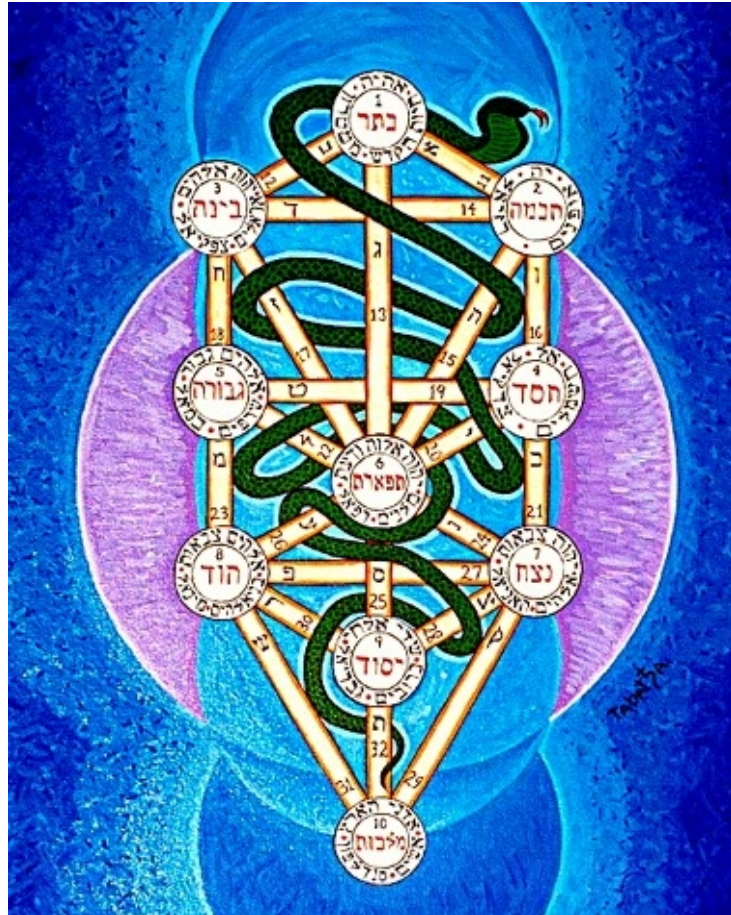
The Laver of Water of Purification refers to the waters of *Binah*, the Female Power reflected in the Waters of Creation.

The Altar of Burnt Offering for the sacrifice of animals symbolizes the *Qlippoth*, or Evil Demons of the plane contiguous to and below the Material Universe. It points out that our passions should be sacrificed.

The Qlippoth are the Evil Demons of Matter and the Shells of the Dead.

The Altar of Incense in the Tabernacle was overlaid with gold. Ours is Black to symbolize our work which is to separate the philosophic Gold from the Black Dragon of Matter.

This altar diagram shows the Ten Sephiroth with all the connecting Paths numbered and lettered, and the Serpent winding over each Path. Around each Sephira are written the names of the Deity, Archangel and Angelic Host attributed to it. The Twenty-Two Paths are bound together by the Serpent of Wisdom. It unites the Paths but does not touch any of the Sephiroth, which are linked by the Flaming Sword.



The Flaming Sword is formed by the Natural Order of the Tree of Life. It resembles a Flash of Lightning.

Together the Sephiroth and the Twenty-Two Paths form the 32 Paths of the Sefer Yetzirah, or Book of Formation.

The Two Pillars on either side of the Altar represent:

Active: The White Pillar on the South Side. Male. Adam. Pillar of Light and Fire. Right Kerub. Metatron.

Passive: The Black Pillar on the North Side. Female. Eve. Pillar of Cloud. Left Kerub. Sandalphon.

THE SECOND MEDITATION

LET THE ZELATOR meditate on a straight line. Let him take a ruler or pencil and by moving it a distance equal to its length, outline a square.

Having done this, let him, after quieting his mind with the rhythmic breathing taught in the first meditation, mentally formulate a cube, and endeavour to discover the significance of this figure and its correspondences.

Let him meditate upon minerals and crystals, choosing especially a crystal of SALT, and entering into it, actually feel himself of crystalline formation.

Looking out on the Universe from this standpoint, let him identify himself with the EARTH SPIRITS in love and sympathy, recalling as far as he can their prayer as said in the closing of the Zelator Grade.

Let him meditate upon the EARTH TRIPLICITY, visualizing the symbols of a BULL--a VIRGIN--a GOAT which stand for KERUBIC EARTH--MUTABLE EARTH--CARDINAL EARTH.

For the above ideas consult a simple astrology manual. Make notes of the ideas and pictures which arise in your mind.

The Four Worlds of the Qabalah are:

ATZILUTH, Archetypal	Pure Diety אצילות
BRIAH, Creative	Archangelic בריאה
YETZIRAH, Formative	Angelic יצירה
ASSIAH, Action	Matter, Man, Shells, Demons עשיה

The Ten Houses, or Heavens, of Assiah, the Material World, are:

1. Primum Mobile,	Rashith ha Gilgalim ראשית הגלגלים
2. Sphere of the Zodiac,	Mazloth מזלות
3. Sphere of Saturn,	Shabbathai שבתאי
4. Sphere of Jupiter,	Tzedek צדק
5. Sphere of Mars,	Madim מדים
6. Sphere of the Sun,	Shemesh שמש
7. Sphere of Venus,	Nogah נוגה
8. Sphere of Mercury,	Kokab כוכב
9. Sphere of the Moon,	Levannah לבנה
10. Spehere of the Elements,	Olam Yesodoth עולם יסודות

THE DIVINE NAMES ATTRIBUTED TO THE SEPHIROTH

Kether's divine name is Eheieh (אהיה), its archangel is Metatron (מטטרון), its Choir of Angels is the Chayoth ha-Qedesh (חיות הקדש) or 'Holy Living Creatures'.

Chokmah's divine name is Yah (יה), its archangel is Raziel (רזיאל), its Choir of Angels is the Auphanim (אופנים), or 'Wheels'.

Binah's divine name is YHVH Elohim (יהוה אלהים), its archangel is Tzaphkiel (צפקיאל), its Choir of Angels is the Aralim (אראלים), or 'Thrones'.

Chesed's divine name is El (אל), its Archangel is Tzadkiel (צדקיאל), its Choir of Angels is the Chashmalim (חשמלים), or 'Lucid ones'.

Geburah's divine name is Elohim Gibor (אלהים גבור), its archangel is Kamael (כמאל), its choir of Angels is the Seraphim (שרפים), or 'Firey Ones'.

Tiphareth's divine name is YHVH Eloah VeDaath (יהוה אלוה ודעת), its Archangel is Raphael (רפאל), and its Choir of Angels is the Melekim (מלכים), or 'Kings'.

Netzach's divine name is YHVH Tzabaoth (יהוה צבאות), its Archangel is Haniel (האניאל), its Choir of Angels is the Elohim (אלהים), or 'God/desses'.

Hod's divine name is Elohim Tzabaoth (אלהים צבאות), its Archangel is Michael (מיכאל), its Choir of Angels is the Beni Elohim (בני אלהים), or 'Sons of God/desses'.

Yesod's divine name is Shaddai El Chai (שדי אלחי), its Archangel is Gabriel (גבריאל), and its Choir of Angels is the Kerubim (כרובים), or 'Strong Ones'.

Malkuth's divine name is Adonai ha-Aretz (אדני הארץ), its Archangel is Sandalphon (סנדלפון) and its Choir of Angels is the Ashim (אשים), or 'Virile Ones'.

PLANETARY NAMES, ANGELS, AND INTELLIGENCES

In Hebrew, Saturn is called 'Shabbathai'. Its Angel is Cassiel, its Intelligence, or beneficial spirit, is Agiel (אגיאֵל), and its spirit (darker aspect) is Zazel (זאזֵל).

Jupiter is called Tzedek. Its angel is Sachiel, its Intelligence is Iophiel (יהפִּיאֵל), and its spirit is Hismael (הסמאֵל).

Mars is called Madim. Its angel is Zamael, its Intelligence is Graphiel (גראפִּיאֵל), and its spirit is Bartzabel (ברצבאֵל).

The **Sun** is called Shemesh. Its Angel is Michael, its Intelligence Nakhiel (נכִּיאֵל), and its spirit Sorath (סורת).

Venus is called Noagh. Its Angel is Hanael, its Intelligence is Hagiel (הגִּיאֵל), its spirit is called Kedemel (קדמאֵל).

Mercury is called Kokab. Its Angel is Raphael, its Intelligence is Tiriell (טִּירִיאֵל), and its spirit is called Taphthartharath (תפתרתרת).

Finally, the **Moon** is called Levannah. Its Angel is Gabriel, its intelligence is called Malkah be Tarshisim ve-ad Ruachoth Schechalim (מלכא בתרשימים ועד רוחות שחלים), and its spirit is called Schad Barschemoth ha-Shartathan (שד ברשמעת השרתתנו).

The traditional Tarot consists of a pack of 78 cards made up of Four Suits of 14 cards each, together with 22 Trumps, or Major Arcana, which tell the story of the Soul.

Each suit consists of ten numbered cards, as in the modern playing cards, but there are four instead of three honours: King or Knight, Queen, Prince or Emperor, Princess or Knave.

the Four Suits are:

Wands, or Sceptres, comparable to Diamonds.

Cups or Chalices, comparable to Hearts.

Swords, comparable to Spades

Pentacles or Coins, comparable to Clubs. *

*I take some slight issue with these attributions; I think rather that Diamonds should be attributed to Pentacles and Wands to Clubs. The very names 'wands' and 'clubs' are indicative of similar ideas, as are the diamonds (valuable gem) comparable to 'coins'. -Amphion