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Door and Window

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In the Hebrew Alphabet, the letters Daleth and Heh mean Door and Window. In the Qabalistic tradition, Heb corresponds with the Taroc cards, the Empress and the Emperor. These are sometimes referred to as Eve and Adam or the Mother and Father. The Door and Window are polar representatives.

Through the Door, one actively enters; through the Window, one passively watches. Door and Window can be seen as referring to two types of meditation. Window meditation is the process of allowing images to rise and settle in the mind. Door meditation involves active imagining of content. Two images which I have interesting to meditate on are: The Emperor sitting at the window and the Empress standing at the Door. On one occasion, the Emperor appeared for me as a watchman, the Empress as a gatekeeper.

Surprisingly, it is the Door, which involves active entering, which is attributed to the feminine Empress; and the Window, which involves passive watching, which is referred to the masculine Emperor. This apparent anomaly is explained when one considers the Tree of Life. The Tree consists of three pillars. As one might expect, the left-hand pillar is feminine and the right-hand pillar is masculine; the middle pilh

e sefiroth at the centres of th e two side pillars are representative of underlying principles contained within the side pillars rather than their overall functions.

Because we are multi-faceted, like the pillars of the Tree, our polarity is not the same on every level of our being. The Tree can be seen as a bridge between at least two such levels, the qabalistic World of Assiyah (the physical level) and the qabalistic World of Yetsirah (the astral level). By using the Tree, one automatically is wired into more than one dimension.

Daleth, 4, and Heh, 5, as numbers together make 9, a number of completeness. Together, Emperor and Empress, Adam and Eve, are complete.

Coincidentally, the 9th number of the Hebrew alphabet is Teyth which means Serpent. We know that Adam and Eve shared Paradise with a Serpent. That they also shared it with an Angel is another story.