

Et Custosi Tutelae™



Instructions on Drawing A Tree of Life

Appendum from the old Qabalah of the Guardians course

Note you will need to use this for your Theoricus exam

How to draw a well drawn Tree of Life

A - Draw a line vertically down the centre of a page, using a very light pencil.

B - With a compass and pencil, draw a circle of 5 cm (2 inches) radius, with its centre on the line, and about 2 inches or a little more from the top of the page.

C - Draw another four circles, all very lightly, each with its centre at the point where the vertical line intersects the circle above.

D - Kether is the centre of the top circle, so draw a small circle, about 1/4 inch radius there.

E - Chokmah and Binah are at the intersection points of the first two circles, so draw two more 1/4 inch circles. One at each point.

F - *4 Chesed and *5 Din are at the points where the 2nd and 3rd circles

intersect.

G - *6. Tiphareth is at the centre of the middle circle, 3rd from the top or base circle.

H - *7 Netzach; and *8 Hodh are at the side intersections of the 3rd and 4th circles.

I - *9 Yesodh is at the center of the 4th circle.

J - *10 Malkuth is at the centre of the bottom, 5th circle. You now have the positions of the Ten Sefirot and have shown each by a circle. It is probably a good idea to rub out the underlying circles now, so that you can draw into the connecting paths between the sefirot.

K - Draw a line joining the sefirot of the circles on each pillar, not going inside them.

L - Draw the three transverse paths, linking 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 7 & 8. Be careful not to cut the Middle Pillar. For only when you wish to emphasize the transverse, horizontal paths of a Tree should you show them going over the Middle Path.

M - Now draw the slopes - linking 1 & 2, 1 & 3, 7 & 9, 8 & 9.

This now completes the basic form of the Qabalistic Tree of Life; with its ten sefirot and its 14 permanent paths. You can now add in four more pairs of paths. The following instructions are for the Well Known Tree of Life.

N - 1st pair: Link 2 & 3. 3 & 6

O - 2nd pair. Link 4 & 6, 5 & 6

P - 3rd pair : Link 7 & 6, 8 & 6

Q - 4th pair. Link 7 & 10; 8 & 10

R - Allocating the letters. The following is the rule of thumb, regardless of

what paths are formed. Starting with Kether: A to the right, B to the left, G down the middle.

If there were more paths out of Kether, you would go to the Right D (1-4) then to the left H (1-5) From 2 Chokmah to the right H then W. Now move to the left from 3 Binah, Z (3-6) and C (3-5). Go to the right to 4 Chesed - T, Y, K swinging to the right; go across to the left to 5 Din and swing down to the left, L (5-6), M. Out of Tifareth repeat the movement out of Kether, right, left, centre Ay (6-9). Now swing to the right from Netzach on the right. Ts, Q, then to the left out of Hodh, R, Sh and finally Th from Yesodh to Malkuth. Can you see the patterning? Check your naming of paths from a diagram in our earlier lesson.

If you find it hard to understand this section of the instructions, use one of the Tree of Life diagrams provided and follow it.