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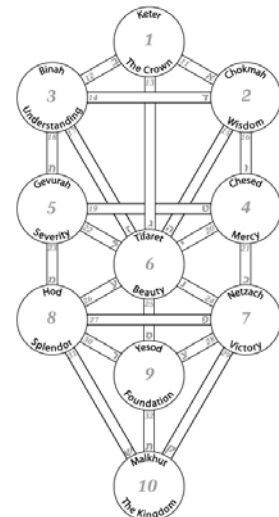
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Sample of First Knowledge Lecture

This is the first of a series of knowledge lectures containing the fundamentals of which you will build the foundation of your researches. It should be explained that we have no 'Doctrine' to teach, Doctrine is an abuse of credulity and we want you to discover that you know rather than impose an ever increasing burden of 'Facts' on you. We are merely giving you the tools with which to work. Having become thoroughly familiar with this elementary language of symbols we trust, you may learn to penetrate symbolism generally.

Firstly our basic glyph is the Tree of Life, not the Tree of Knowledge Good and Evil of the Garden of Evil. (See Right) This figure consists of a series of ten circles each being referred to as a 'Sephira', the plural of which is Sephiroth and a series of 22 'Paths' which link the Sephiroth together, and as you progress almost all the Information we give will be in some way an aspect of the Tree of Life. You will note that the tree has three vertical Pillars. The Pillar to your left is known as the Pillar of Severity, the Pillar on your right is known as the Pillar of Mercy. While the central column is the Pillar of Equilibrium also known as the Noble Middle Way.



The Sephiroth are ten 'States' of consciousness, while the 22 paths are seen as 'Modes of activity in consciousness.' Our aim is to vivify and activate these 32 'Mysterious Paths of Wisdom Safely and Quietly'

Note the proportions here used. The central Pillar consists of seven points equidistant along its height. At each point is either a Sephira or a transverse Path, and the length of each Path is the same on each aide of the central line. There are many diagrams of different proportions, but we find this one to combine the virtues of all arid adhere to it. Each side—pillar consists of three Sephiroth, while the Pillar of equilibrium in the centre consists of four Sephiroth, with three Paths linking them.

By first marking out your Middle Pillar at seven equidistant points you- establish the trunk of the Tree. Now measure the distance between points and draw two parallel lines across the first points so that the ends are as far from the Pillar as the points on the trunk. Just check the proportions of the sample provided and you will see that the centres of each circle are as far from the Middle Pillar as the distances of the original seven points. Practice drawing this glyph until you can do it from memory. Later on, when you have all the associated information you will need to draw a large Tree and include on it all the information in the appropriate part of the tree. At first you have only the English Names and the English equivalent of the Hebrew Name. Your final Tree will consist of Hebrew only, with some four Hebrew names allotted to each Sephira and the 22 Paths numbered in the correct sequence.

The virtue of this Glyph is that when all the symbolism is included your sub-conscious mind will register it perfectly as one comprehensive entity particularly when you have drawn it for yourself. It is not a prefabricated replica of someone else's handiwork. Your conscious mind has directed your subconscious mind to produce it. It is yours.

