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Elementary Correspondences

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At no time in this work do we wish to impose on your credulity. In fact the trend is away from belief towards Knowing. This word has a special significance here, in that we may believe there is a lace called Vladivostock, but we know our family, where we work etc.

The astrological signs have for thousands of years been projected by man upon random star groups bearing little likeness to the symbolic meanings ascribed to them. Thus the symbols and ideas came from man. Magicians and priests projected them and now we must assimilate them.

The 22 letters are divided into a 3 and a 7 and a 12 grouping. These are referred to as the 3 Mothers, the 7 daughters (the double letters) and the 12 simple letters. The 12 simple letters are allotted to the 12 signs of the zodiac, the 7 double letters to the seven traditional planets, and the three Mother letters to the elements Air, Water and Fire. You may notice that Earth is missing - good point. Ponder upon this.

We therefore learn the qualities as assigned to each sign, planet and element. This further illuminating the abstract meaning of each letter - into our awareness. To those who can bring themselves to do it, the setting up and reading of a horoscope is a very useful exercise. We do not go into astrology very deeply here, but some may like to study it further. At this stage it is enough to be able to recognise the symbols. Later you will be required to look at their attributes and their relationship to the 22 letters. There will be other items associated with the 22 letters and other groupings of 10.

Later you be required to fill out a composite glyph known as the 'Tree of Life' in which all items are set out in a single glyph. We here give you the bare bones the Tree of Life. Much concerning the letters can be find in an ancient manual known as the Sepher Yetzirah or in English the 'Book of Formation' which deal with the "Thirty two Mysterious Paths of Wisdom". The Letters plus the ten Sephiroth; the word Sepher means Book and Sephiroth 'Mode of expression'. The proportions of this Tree differ somewhat, but this one fits in best with later symbolism to be added, and rewards your speculation.

The Sepher Yetzirah refers to the 32 Paths, including the circles or Sephiroth; but we usually refer to Paths for the lines and the Sefhira (singular) for the circles. The proportions here are 7 units high by 2 units wide and measuring to the centres. It is useful to visualise yourself as standing in the Tree of with feet just touching 'The Kingdom' and 'The Crown' floating just above the head. There are certain points in the body which can be felt as highly active. Some books go in for highly speculative details of 'Chakras' but it is better not to dwell on such things; as their functions may be artificially simulated (and not by the soul), this leading to illusionary gratification of

Natures wish to complete the evolutionary path - rather than truly assisting in its work.
The last step in the total activity of all life on this planet!

The Tree of Life glyph takes some time to draw, and as it is frequently used, I recommend that the student draw a large poster size diagram of it. For everything can be related back to this glyph.

At this point it would be worth reading the first two chapters of *Genesis*; having particular attention to verses 9 and 17 of the second chapter. Draw your own conclusions. You may well some problems with these two chapters!

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