

MIDDLE COLUMN IS THE WAY OF DIRECT KNOWLEDGE. THIS APPROACH TAKES THE MIDDLE PILLAR OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND HOLINESS AS ITS METHOD.

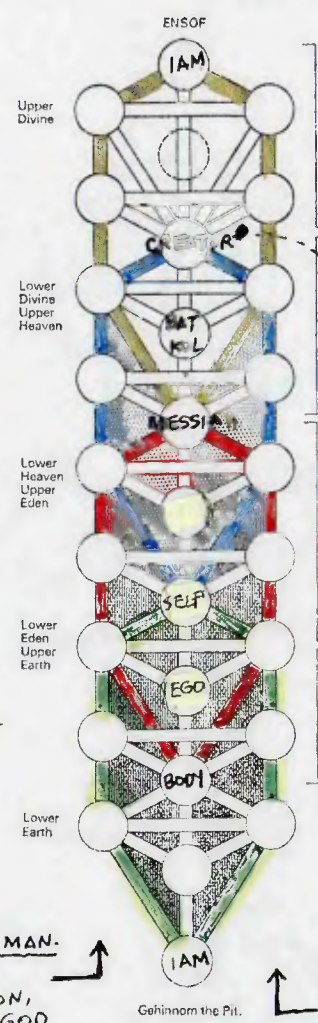
THE WAY OF DIRECT KNOWLEDGE/CONSCIOUSNESS/HOLINESS IS THE WAY OF KNOWING BODY, EGO, + SELF. THIS LEADS TO DIRECT INSTRUCTION FROM THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED ENTRANCE TO HUMANITY'S INNER LEVEL OF BEING. THIS CELESTIAL ACADEMY, AS IT IS SOMETIMES CALLED, IS IN TURN INSTRUCTED BY THOSE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCARNATE, SUCH AS JESUS CHRIST, BUDDHA, METATRON (ALTHO METATRON, THE HIGHEST ARCHANGELIC TEACHER, WAS ONCE A MAN).
- MIDDLE WAY IS THE PATH OF WISDOM + UNDERSTANDING

* MESSIAH'S TASK IS TO TEACH ALL THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THE ESOTERIC OR INNER-MOST LEVEL OF INCARNATING HUMANITY. IT IS IN THIS TRIAD (KETER-CHOKMAH-BINAH OF YEZIRAH) THAT THE MASTERS OF ISRAEL ARE TO BE FOUND. ISRAEL IS THE KABBALISTIC TERM FOR EVERYONE OF ANY MYSTICAL WAY WHO HAS ENTERED THE 7 HEAVENS.

- * MESSIAH =
- MALKULT (FEET) OF AZILUT
 - TIFERET (♥) OF BERIAH
 - KETER (CROWN) OF YEZIRAH
 - SHEKINAH LORD OF THE ANOINTED ONE

* THE ESOTERIC LEVEL OF KETER-CHOKMAH-BINAH OF YEZIRAH IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL MOST PEOPLE CAN RELATE TO WHILE STILL IN FLESH. THIS IS WHY THE MESSIAH IN KETER OF YEZIRAH HAS SUCH AN APPEAL TO MAN.

LEFT PILLAR = WAY OF SEVERITY, DISCRIMINATION, JUDGEMENT + FEAR OF GOD



- LEGEND:
- WORLD OF AZILUT
 - EMANATION LEVEL
 - ROOT OF TREE OF LIFE
 - THE HOLY OF HOLIES
 - WORLD OF BERIAH
 - CREATION LEVEL
 - TRUNK OF TREE OF LIFE
 - 7 HEAVENS
 - CREATOR = OFFICE OCCUPIED BY METATRON
 - WORLD OF YEZIRAH
 - FORMATION LEVEL
 - BRANCH OF TREE OF LIFE
 - INCARNATE SUPERNATURAL MANKIND
 - WORLD OF ASIYYAH
 - MAKING LEVEL
 - FRUIT OF TREE OF LIFE
 - INCARNATE NATURAL MANKIND

Gehinnom the Pit. RIGHT PILLAR = WAY OF MERCY/LOVE OF GOD

14. The Fall

Adam, the Yeziratic man, was placed in the Garden of Eden to work and watch over it. Now YAHVEH-ELOHIM instructed the living soul of Adam that he could sustain himself on all of the trees in the World of Formation except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Kabbalistically this meant that not only was the Yeziratic Adam confined to his own world (he was not yet in the natural world below), but that he could not partake of the World of Beriah above. Now the trunk of the Tree of Knowledge is centred on the Daat of Yezirah, which allows access into the World of Creation where good and evil began in the separation of Beriatric existence from the Divine. The Tree of Life, which is the World of Azilut, is not mentioned at this point in the text (Genesis 2:17) because it was considered by the ELOHIM to be out of reach of the Yeziratic Adam.

'Then YAHVEH-ELOHIM said it is not good that Adam should be alone. I will make for him a helpmate [Ezer Kenegdoh] as his counterpart', reads one translation. The making of a companion occurs after YAHVEH-ELOHIM has formed out of the ground every beast of the field and fowl of the air, that is after the Nefesh Hayah-[ot] or living creatures had been brought before Adam by YAHVEH-ELOHIM to see what he would call them. This is to allow Adam to exercise the free will granted to man alone as the image of God. After this significant act of demonstration that man was indeed the husbandman of the World of Formation, YAHVEH-ELOHIM caused Adam to sleep, quite a new and lower state than that to which the man had been accustomed. This in Kabbalah is called the condition of Katnut, or the lesser state of consciousness,

Figure 18. The Fall. Here, the various levels spoken of in Genesis are set out on Jacob's Ladder. At the top, the Eternal ELOHIM may descend, via the Azilutic Malkhut, into the Eden of Yezirah, while the Serpent can reach up from Asiyyah into the Edenic Tiferet. Adam and Eve, the separated pillars of the World of Formation, on falling from Grace, that is direct contact with Azilut, took on physical bodies as they were driven downwards from Paradise by the Angels into the natural World of Asiyyah. Below Asiyyah resides the lowest realm of Hell.