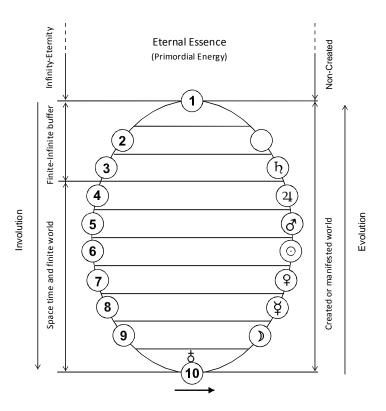
Does "Grandfather" not care?

Among those who perceive the universe as emanating from a creative source of both Intelligence and Love, more than one is taken aback when faced with the great suffering of our world. And each one questions "But what is He doing?", "No God or what?" and so on.

The answer to this question is complex, and solving the problems it raises is certainly not for the near future.

In fact, neither religions nor conventional philosophies have, in any way, responded. At most, they first spoke of a vengeful god. However if we turn to Qabala - which is neither a religion, nor a philosophy, but an attempt to explain relationships between man and the universe - then there is an understanding of workings in which each of us is involved. Therefore an explanation is obtained to the problem above, we could even call it a justification.

According to the Qabala, man has within him ten energy levels, or ten levels of consciousness, asleep or awake. Meanwhile, there are ten energy levels in both the visible and invisible Nature. The First Energy, or Primordial Energy, enters in 1 and differentiates on levels 3-4, where duality space-time begins to manifest. This duality will strengthen down to level 10, the physical level where we live and where energy has become the densest possible. The Great Journey to be made by all beings of creation goes through an involution phase from level 1 to level 10, and an evolution phase, from level 10 to level 1.



The 10 levels of consciousness or levels of energy in Man

We are all actors in this great cosmic epic.

A point to grasp is that the conscious Being who enters duality in its early incarnations, is a being unconscious of the phenomena that this duality represents. Indeed, the state of consciousness at this stage of involution (Levels 3-4) is still unitary because awareness of duality will happen gradually as man descends levels. In this state, the being neither loves nor hates, and knows neither good nor evil. He is mentally neutral and indifferent to surrounding problems. In order to change this state, and also to build his structures of consciousness, he will begin his involutions into the worlds created by duality. Indeed, only obstacles makes us aware of the world where we are (light and dark, empty and full, hatred and love, suffering and joy, etc.); and duality, by creating space-time, prevents fixity, petrification and will push us to "act".

This long path of involution and evolution takes a few billion years. Each being is forced to follow it. It is the same in all kingdoms of nature: mineral, plant, and animal. At different stages of the Path, beings are treading:

- Beings forge their structures in the descent
- Beings cross level 10
- Beings who consolidate the material aspect within them climb levels (beyond the 10th) by giving more attention to the structure of their inner being.

As a result, awareness in each of us is different, hence the differences in human behavior and the difficulty of living together.

Man's path is a series of initiations, or changes, in the links between his various levels of consciousness. During involution, initiations sever ties with the higher planes, one after another, and in their order of density. In fact, it's as if fences, walls, or borders gradually rose after each level down to separate the being from his Origin.

Conversely, in the evolution, initiations restore those links starting from lower planes to higher ones and this still happens level by level. Here, barriers dissolve and initiation is nothing but access to each of the higher planes by the abolition of the previous barriers. This return makes man a Knower. Knowledge and Love are inseparable.

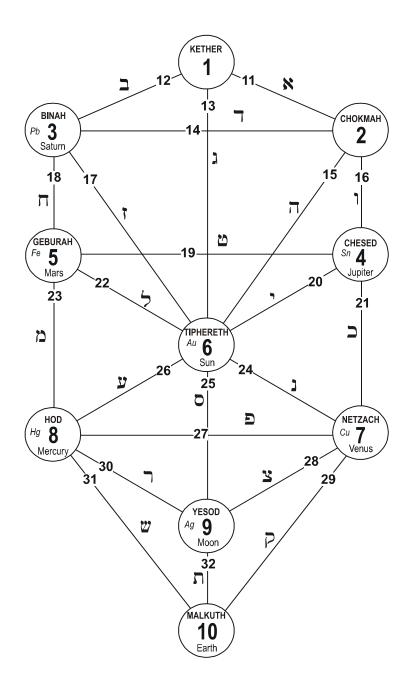
Upon reaching level 1, the being who has gone up the levels has not made a simple return to Square One. He has built himself, through his own work over thousands of incarnations. (At any time, each is only the Son of his Deeds). So it is as a Free and Conscious Knower, a state he did not have in the beginning, that the being arrives in 1.

Linked to this inevitable growth of humanity through all these stages is the Force that constrained each one through involution and evolution. This Force, impersonal, was named Shatan in the descent and Lucifer (light bearer) in the ascent. We must realize that there is no good or evil but necessity of Nature. The route is inherent in all Creation and no one can escape it without trouble. Also, this Force or "Cosmic Wind" pushes everyone towards their Becoming: on one hand, down from 1 to 10 for building by ourselves our passive structures; on the other, to return from 10 to 1 to build ourselves our active, or spiritual structures. This order is immutable.

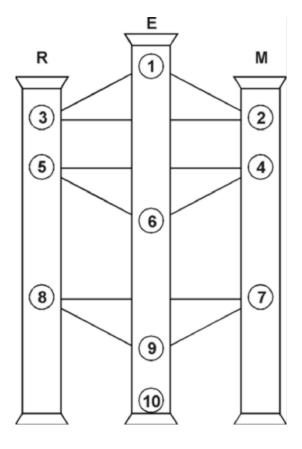
He who does not respect it, he who does not walk in the direction of the Wind, quickly loses balance. He goes against the flow, wastes a lot of energy in this misguided fight and life quickly becomes uncomfortable and even unbearable. Then trouble start then end up pouring: material, health, or psychological problems; sometimes all three at once. One orders nature only by submitting to its laws (Bacon). And each of us carries within himself at any time a sufficient dose of free will to act in correspondence with the Laws of Nature.

Just like with individuals, the same phenomena occur in groups, regardless of their importance (political party, family, religion, country, civilization). Each constitutes an egregore, or an entity conducting its own existence with varying degrees of success. There again, what dominates during involution is a constraint to organize under the material aspect whereas during evolution we are constrained to spiritualize the densified energies. Also, like all of us, groups that work against the grain trigger their own disturbances; and the whole group becomes the victim. There are no punishments here from a Grandfather but the effects of causes involved. In fact, each of us has the duty to work towards Universal Balance. The Universal Force that pushes all beings in their Journey is an offshoot of Universal Love, not based on a single life but according to the eternal Becoming of the being.

Qabala describes the world created under the symbol of a tree called "Tree of Life". It has, in involution and evolution, the ten levels of energy density which we spoke of. These ten levels, called Sephiroth, are in correspondence with the planets, with the Tarot cards, with colors, and perfumes, etc. These symbols are interesting to know as we can locate where we are along the Route. Indeed, the tree must be regarded as a map whose reading tells us about our progress or what remains ahead, both on an individual level and on the collective level. We receive all the influences symbolized on the Tree but particularly those of the stage where we are.



The tree can still be seen through the symbols of the three Pillars. These Pillars represent states of equilibrium and imbalance. The left one is out of balance, it is oriented towards Rigor (R). The right one is out of balance, it is oriented towards Mercy (M). The middle pillar represents the harmonious phase of equilibrium (E) which will be acquired definitively at the end of Time. The balance is difficult to maintain, each of us constantly swinging between Pillars. But with each pass over the middle one, the individual experiences a break that allows him to rest among the difficulties of the Path.



Now consider the symbolism of the three pillars of the Tree of Qabala and its involvement in the temporal worlds. The left Pillar, or Pillar of rigor, includes Mars (5) and Mercury (8). The red planet, at the top of this pillar, transmits rigor to everything it is connected with, triggering martial events (wars and military interests). This rigor is also to be understood as poverty-rigor translating the lack of inner or outer freedom for some of us. Of course, more than one is surprised that the "Grandfather" or the spiritual forces of the Universe, allows for important areas on earth where the influence of Mars is a priority. We believe that many of the people involved bring together beings who attempted a premature return. In other words they have not passed the initiation of the Nadir (level 10), crucial step since it reverses the direction of their Path. Also, an incarnation in a materialist context will force these beings to descend to the bottom of the abyss of matter. We cannot skip steps in building our structures. It should also be noted that the base of Rigor Pillar is Mercury. Mercury is causing an occult bubbling (Mercury is the occult magician) that undoubtedly prepares an important initiation of the Nadir. Some subtle signs begin to manifest in this direction. When this change occurs, we will witness a phenomenon that has already occurred in history, namely access to an inner freedom. Still unconscious at the beginning, this causes a kind of sweet madness of which we had a demonstration in France after the Revolution through the Merveilleuses and Incroyables.

The Pillar of Mercy has Jupiter (4) on top. Its symbolism is power, wealth, religion, philosophy, and esotericism. It is significant that the wealth of a great nation symbolized by its currency has on its bill all the symbols of a famous esoteric philosophical brotherhood. The bottom of this Pillar, Venus (7), is symbolic because it here that is generate all the generosity, all the mercy from the top of the Pillar. It is probably done, but only in part, through currents of sexual liberation, precursors to true Love.

As for the middle pillar, that of Equilibrium, it is difficult to stay in it. We get closer during in the Grand Journey via the Paths (11 to 22) that interconnect the 10 Sephiroth.

These explanations are intended to make you feel that certain experiences - sometimes breathtaking - can be explained through Qabala. Indeed, the world is led by beings who are in agreement with the Universal Consciousness, which Qabala is part of. Also, the study of the world through qabalistic symbols allows us to understand many current phenomena. We also have to know that the occult world leaders (who are rarely political leaders) lead our world according to the Absolute Laws of the Universe reflected in Qabala. Its symbolism is therefore always applicable to explain the apparent inconsistencies of the world, or inconsistencies attributed to the "Grandfather". As for the apparent leaders, whether political or religious, they are knowingly or unknowingly subject to the rules transcribed in Qabala.

To date, Earth is as a whole in the bottom of the abyss (level 10). Some still have to go down, others begin to return. So we have those at the end of involution, with little inner freedom and living in structures such as to prevent selfishness from becoming too explosive. Indeed, during the stages of involution, while conscious structures are still weak, freedom restrictions prevent selfishness from taking gigantic proportions. On the other hand, we have those who start on the evolution side and with it experience freedom. But this nascent freedom allows troublesome excess in beings who have not yet sufficiently reduced the thrust of selfishness.

We must not forget that the main and almost sole reason for human misfortunes is selfishness. Selfishness and materialism make men want to "have" more whereas their Becoming requires them to "be" more. Society becomes ideal if we adopt the principle "serve" and not "self-serve". If one considers that the initiation of the Nadir is inevitable for every being, and that the number of those who had tried to return too soon runs out, it is logical to think that the number of free beings on Earth will progress and that we are headed, despite the difficulties of the present world, towards a Renewal.

So? The "Grandfather" doesn't care? No way! In fact, in the common and restrictive sense that we were dealt as children, there is no Grandfather nor God, sometimes Santa Claus, sometimes Bogeyman, who decide for us. There is in every being a divine dimension which is Light, Knowledge, Love, etc. This is the Inner Self in each of us. Also called the Higher Self, this Self is Omniscient. Therefore, he tries to guide us to the best, the sanest possible approach for us at the level we are. He knows what suits us. Us, we will know when we will have succeeded in unlocking our clairvoyance and clairaudience.

The Higher Self of each of us therefore permits events necessary for our fate and prevents those that are contrary to it. This is an extremely difficult key to grasp, all the more that some human experiences are, obviously, very bad. In addition, our tendency to limit our experience to the span of a single life adds to the difficulty. In reality, lives are multiple and each being is eternal. Consequently, the "Grandfather" does not intervene according to the sole present life but according to our Global Becoming. In fact, the duration of a human life is only a small part of the Journey.

An important work on oneself is required if one wants to achieve the best possible communication, a better listening and understanding of what we live between the two selves - the physical self and the Inner Self. No doubt good will makes things easier but it does not solve everything, because we are in constant search for balance, constantly self-manufacturing. This is again why we are vulnerable and willing to talk nonsense, that is to say, to work against the grain. This is only an observation, however, not a justification of our errors. Indeed, whatever the extent of our awareness of Creation, our blunders are to our own measure. Whatever it may seem, it is we who decide our conduct. The "Grandfather" never violates the free will of his children; at most He tries to make them listen to reason if necessary, if He is ever heard.

We are therefore actors, or pilots of our own behavior both individually and in terms of the groups we belong to. We are responsible for ourselves. We are the workers of a permanent and common project for which we need to understand the architecture so that the building expresses the laws of Harmony. In fact, we are the student-apprentices of a gigantic cosmic - or divine - computer of which we must, through the brain and heart, seize the enormous data. The entire system of Creation is a huge machine for making Gods of which we are the seeds. Once the initiation of the Nadir is passed, within us is an awareness whereby we know that the "descent into hell" is over. So, from that moment, and gradually, Universal Love will comfort and help us.

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