

The Gifts from the Grandfather

At conferences or meetings, we have repeatedly explained the nature of the steps of the true Initiation, the ones resulting from contact with the Invisible. At this point, the physical self is in direct communication with the Higher Self - or Inner Self - which by its very structure has access to the "Great Whole". It therefore receives a more or less strong "light", which, anyway, will allow him to readjust or to better fit into the Structure of the Universe. This "light" makes him aware of the elements he has "forgotten" during involution. Each contact with a higher level restores powers and these are what we call here "the gifts from the Grandfather."

It is rare that gifts show up without progress on our path. Indeed, during the progress towards our Becoming our inner life will manifest to us as three different aspects corresponding to three stages of enlightenment.

For a long time we are unaware of the first aspect because we do not perceive its manifestation. Yet if we were aware we would notice that a powerful action takes place in our material life, action caused by the help of invisible Spheres to support us on the Path. This is reflected most often by protecting the physical vehicle. This intervention takes place as long as our level of consciousness is not sufficient for us to be able to self-guide.

The second remarkable aspect is the "School of the Night", which gradually brings us a personal teaching beyond all the books in the world. There is a transfer of knowledge from Higher Self to be physical Earth, usually during sleep.

The third form of revelation, the most impressive, is that which occurs during initiation into the Invisible. It is at this point that the gifts will be distributed.

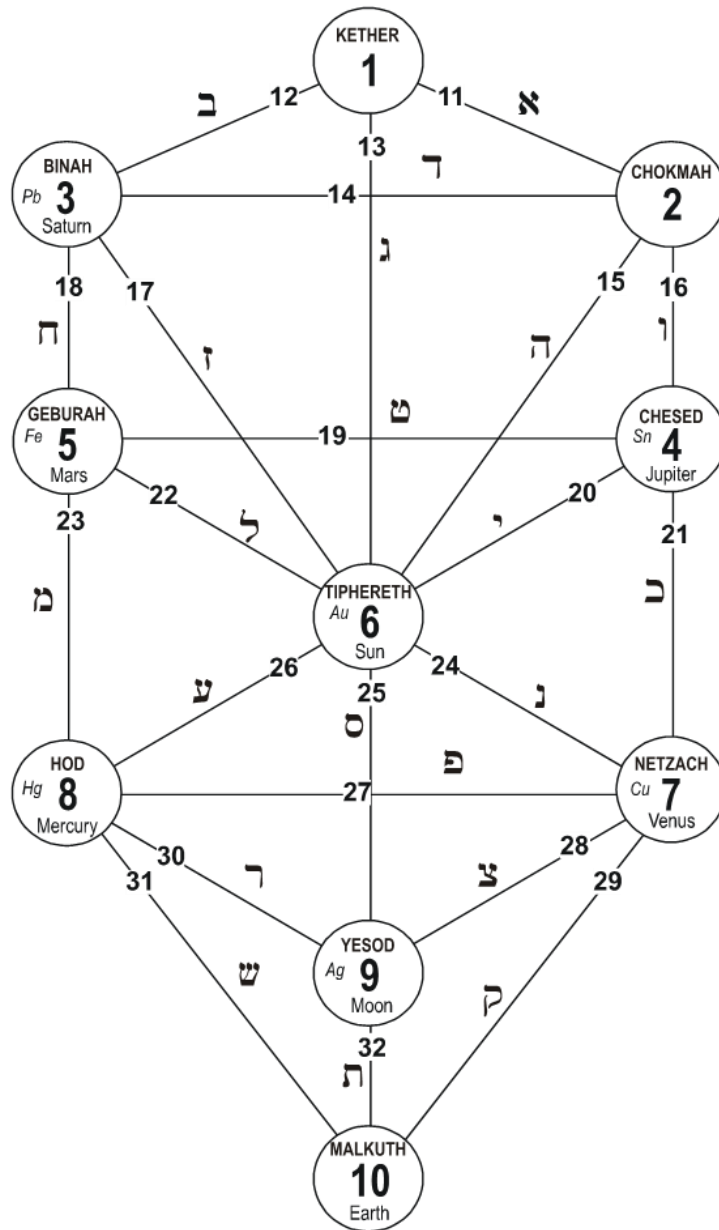
Remember that there are ten levels of consciousness or energy levels in man, numbered 1 to 10 in the diagram of the Tree of Life (the 10 Sephiroth of the Qabalah, or Spheres as mentioned above). But there are only 9 levels of initiation located above our physical world.

We have already given in the past sufficient explanations concerning the nature and the general characteristics of these initiations according to their level. For instance an initiation into Netzach-Venus (level 7) gives a close contact with the plant world, an initiation into Chesed-Jupiter (level 4) brings a lot of light on the nature of the initiatory path, etc.

For each level, there are four initiations for the four Worlds of the Qabalah, each of which is under the sign of an element. Ascending in order of power we find:

- The first corresponds to the Earth element
- The second corresponds to the Water element
- The third corresponds to the Air element
- The fourth corresponds to the Fire element.

Note that each gift restores in us access to the double law of the level considered. We can use the gifts in an active-positive or negative-passive way. There are seven Doubles Laws, from level 3 to level 9 inclusive. For the last two and higher initiations, duality having disappeared, the double aspect of the Gift of use disappears because the law is unitary there.



The 10 Sephiroth of the Tree of Life

The level of consciousness achieved during an initiation is often indicated by its symbolism. Indeed, the symbols often have an astrological aspect related to the target level planet. Thus, the symbol of the Moon will cover the 9th level, that of the Sun, level 6, etc.

A Hod-Mercury initiation (level 8) will give a contact with the mineral nature and awaken the faculties of Magician or Alchemist. Their power will be related to the degree of initiation corresponding to one of the four elements.

The initiation of Hod-Mercury as well as that of Tiphereth-Sun (level 6) also bring healing gifts. It was this double origin which confused attributing healing powers between the archangels Raphael and Michael. (Remember that gifts resulting from such initiations **should never be monetized**).

An initiation on Chesed-Jupiter (level 4), the Sephira (singular of Sephiroth) of esotericism, reveals, in terms of Knowledge, secrets of occult philosophical currents and hidden religious dogmas. If in Chesed-Jupiter the initiation is that of Fire, then the symbolism of Jupiter's hand holding the Fire from Heaven becomes an accessible reality. Indeed, the Initiate on this level achieves readily the priestly alchemical way which in reality is more qabalistic than alchemical.

If we observe Creation, we realize that many phenomena are reversible, and it is the same with our subject. Initiation awakens the function but, conversely, work towards awakening the function leads to the corresponding Initiation and this is the mechanism and purpose of exercises explained in the lessons.

In fact, here as in our physical world, the gift is reward for work well done. The adept polishes the stone that polishes in turn and gives him access to powers that are naturally dedicated to him:

"What I did you can do, and many other things!"

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