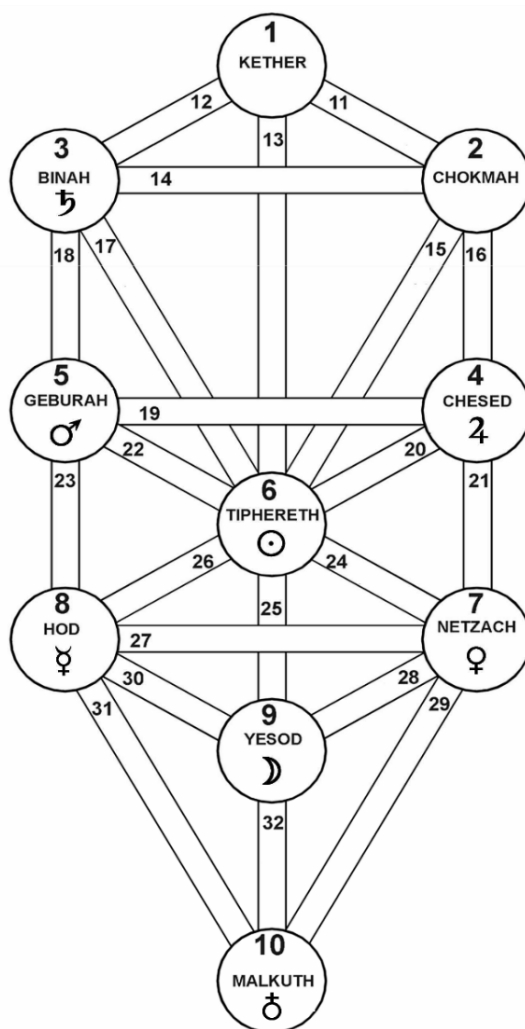


Initiation and Balance

The initiatory path that seems dangerous to some people is not if you respect some principles outlined below. Also, these qualities are necessary to begin: the heart, intelligence, and patience. If we are not careful, it is possible that the initiatory Path will aggravate imbalances and worsen flaws we had when we started, as insignificant as they may be. This is because nobody on this earth has full psychic and physical equilibrium.

The purpose of the esoteric path is Initiation, essentially to restore or awaken in man what yogis call chakras and what Qabalists and Alchemists call Sephirotic centers. These 10 centers represent 10 levels of consciousness in man, his 10 energy levels. There are 7 centers involved in initiation, those of 9 to 3 inclusive and, for the record, two important thresholds to cross: the Veil of birth and death (9 to 10) and the Veil of the second death (just under 6).



The ten levels of consciousness in man according to Qabala

Certain initiatory processes can awaken a center too much while ignoring others. The process can also ignore the necessary balance of the double law of each center. These initiatory processes can then cause imbalance. We believe that the slow and progressive method is certainly more conservative but it requires patience. We first awaken level 9 and level 8 and level 7, then 6, 5, 4 and finally level 3. After that, we will start a second cycle a bit more in depth than the first. It causes a deeper awakening in level 9, then in level 8, etc.

Even with this method, you should know that some centers are opening faster than the others. Most importantly, this will result in imbalances of excess or lack of energy, the symptoms and remedies for we will examine here.

Center 9 – Moon

This center is the most important, at least at the beginning of the initiatory path. Being in the middle path, it does not create imbalance. If this level is correct, it reduces the arrival of negative influences on the physical plane. If it is too low, it reduces the intellectual possibilities because it acts on the brain. It is also the key to creative energies that can be used for material or spiritual creation. Additionally, it is this center which creates a kind of heart-brain connection causing sublimation of physical knowledge from internal revelation.

There is little objection to center 9 being very developed, but nevertheless it must keep, from an energy point of view, the second position when center 6 is awake.

Silver tincture, elixirs of speedwell or mouse-ear, and lunar rituals are used to balance center 9.

Center 8 – Mercury

If too awake, this center leads to occultism, and the over emphasis of the mineral aspect in nature. If under energized, this center blocks the path of initiation. It is reinforced by the absorption of essential oils of lavender or caraway, or by appropriate rituals. But it is best to rebalance this center in conjunction with level 7, in other words you reinforce the weakest center.

Center 7 – Venus

When center 7 has too much energy, it leads to a significant interest in the plant aspect of nature and a lack of interest in its mineral aspect. From the psychological point of view, this excess energy in humans leads to a kind of exaggerated cult of women.

A significant attraction to water (shower, swimming) can also be a side effect of this center.

We reiterate that levels 7 and 8 must be in equilibrium. When center 7 is weaker, we use the ritual of Venus or the elixir of lady's mantle.

Center 6 – Sun

It is unlikely to be too awake. This is the center of the heart, harmony, and the center that joins all levels. It is this center which must always lead in the path of initiation. Placed in the center it cannot create imbalance. If this center weakly awakened, the person becomes dry and has tendencies towards black magic.

This center can be reinforced by a Qabalistic ritual balanced on the four elements, or by an elixir of Roman chamomile.

Center 5 – Mars

If too strong, it leads to pride, and a tendency to exhaust one's physical strength. If too low, it perpetuates lethargy, laziness, and cowardice.

To strengthen this center, use the elixir of madder or ritual Fire and Air. To reduce its energy, balance it by strengthening center 4.

Center 4 – Jupiter

If too active, it will lead to an exaggerated passion for the esoteric and the occult, especially to a dangerous acceleration in this area given that patient progression is the key to success.

If sub-awake, it can lead to an unconditional adherence to sects or exoteric religions with a clear tendency to sectarianism and avarice.

To strengthen this center, we can use the tin tincture if we know how to make it (little or nontoxic). Again, a plant elixir may help, for example an elixir of lemon balm. It is preferable that all elements are balanced in dyeing or in ritual. But the best balancing method is to remember that, like 7 and 8 centers, centers 4 and 5 are counterbalanced. We must therefore strengthen whichever is weakest, and momentarily not work on the other one.

Center 3 – Saturn

Its awakening has the effect of reducing the influence of space-time on the psyche. If this awakening is exaggerated relative to the other centers, it can trigger asocial tendencies. One can feel relieved of the obligations of this world, and it can cause a certain selfishness. In particular, if this center is stronger than center 6. Reinforcing center 6 corrects this imbalance if we steer it towards a commitment of service through universal love. An underdeveloped center 3 leads to heavy materialism.

To balance the exaggerated activation of the Saturn center, always in relation to the other six, it is necessary to use an elixir reinforced with Water and Earth elements or a Qabalistic ritual of Saturn and then, through the ritual of the Hexagram, increase Water and Earth elements.

In the case of a sub-awake center, you must use the same remedy but this time with the Fire and Air energies strengthened. From the alchemical point of view, do not use a lead tincture (very dangerous) but a plant rich in silica, like horsetail.

In the use of rituals, Fire and Air elements reinforce the spiritual and psychological aspects, and the elements Water and Earth act on the physical body and the material aspect. The consciousness of initiation is reinforced by Air and Water rituals but their use is delicate.

Through noticing the positive or negative effects on level 10, we can usually be aware of what is needed in the other levels. This awareness is enhanced by meditation.

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