

Esoteric Christianity

Part 4:
Spiritual Marriage

John 2

¹ And the **third** [ג gimel] day [יום yom] there was a **marriage** in Cana of Galilee [גליל]; and the **mother** of Jesus [Ἰησοῦ, יהושוע] was there:

² And both Jesus was called, and his **disciples**, to the marriage.

³ And when they wanted **wine**, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

⁴ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.



Kana
kana
κάλαμος
קנה
qaneh

Cana (Κανα, קנה): is the name of a stream between the territories of Ephraim and Manasseh (Joshua 16:8) (sons of Joseph) and of a town of Asher near Sidon (Joshua 19:28).

kalamos (κάλαμος) : reed, reed pen.

Qaneh (קנה): a reed; a rod, shaft, tube, stem

קנה (Kuf-Nun-Hei):

ק Kuf = ר Resh (head) + ז Zain ('Servant' force)

נ Nun = fish, seed

ה Hei = womb

ΓΑΛΙΛΑΙΑΣ
Gialilaias
Galilaia
Galilee
Galiyl
גליל
גלגל
גלגלתא

גליל galiyl: circuit, district; rolling, turning (as a door); a ring (as on a finger); a cycle

גלגל gilgal or galgal: rolling, wheel, whirl, whirlwind, whirling; in Kabbalah, the returning souls

הגליל Galilee: the northern region of Palestine, also the name of a sea; the circle (or area) of the heathens.

בית הגלגל Beth-Gilgal: House of the Rolling / Turning / Circling; a place in Palestine; place where the Israelites camped after crossing the Jordan (ירדן 'descender') River when Joshua made it flow upwards (Joshua 4:19 - 5:12). Place where Elijah and Elisha were brought to heaven in a hurricane (2 Kings 2:1).

Golgotha (Gulgoltha, Γολγοθᾶ , גלגלתא): "Mount of Skulls," Location of the Crucifixion of Jesus.

ג Gimel

Third Letter

גמול (gemul): recompense, retribution. Giving reward, or, giving punishment for actions performed.

גמל (gemal): camel; to deal fully or adequately with, deal out to, wean, ripen.

ג Gimel is the 'camel' that walks the desert, to reconnect with God. Gimel is formed with ו vav and י iod at the bottom. The י iod is the 'foot' to walk with. The Zohar states that Eve was tempted by Samael flying on a Serpent-Camel. Those who overcome temptation become 'gibor', strong.

ל Lamed

Twelfth Letter

- ל Lamed is formed with ו vav and כ kaph. It is like a great tower reaching into the sky, but is grounded in earth.
- ל Lamed is the connection between body, soul, and spirit. As the 12th letter, it is a letter of completion, seen in the 12 Apostles, 12 Labors, 12 Tribes, etc.
- ל Lamed is at the center letter of the alphabet, and the source of our connection to God is in the center, the לב leb (heart). Through the heart we lamed למד (learn) the highest wisdom.

י Iod

Tenth Letter

- Iod is the smallest of the twenty-two Hebrew letters, and looks like a small dot or a little dash.
- Iod is related with the initial emanation of creation, before it is fully unfolded or developed.
- Iod is related to the “foundation” (יְסוֹד *yesod*) and the crossing of the threshold of the door (ד) of secrets (סוד). Initiation of the mystery of the covenant of God.
- Iod is the first letter of the Four Lettered Name (Tetragrammaton), יְהוָה Iod-Hei-Vav-Hei (Jehovah).

ו Vav

Sixth Letter

ו Vav is formed by a י iod that is been elongated vertically.

ו Vav is the word 'and.' ו Vav is the connector or bridge between ideas.

ו Vav is the conduit between man and God, between Heaven and Earth.

ו Vav is the vertical staff of the wise, the spinal column, the reed, the measure of wisdom.

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ

Genesis 1:1

John 2

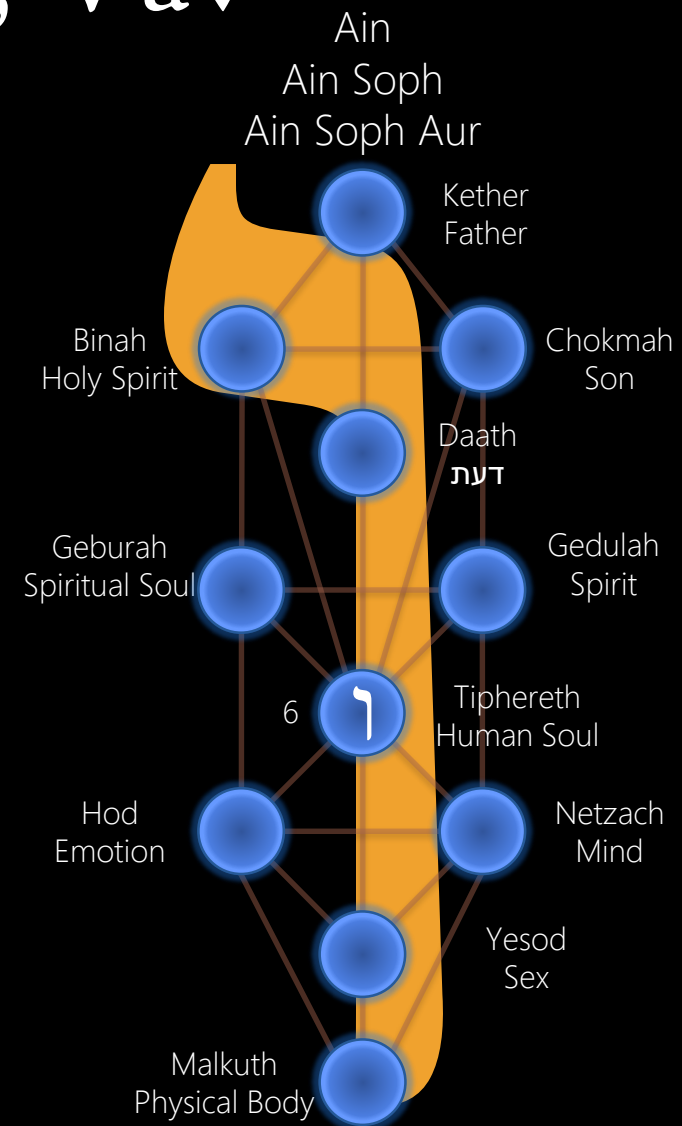
⁵ His mother saith unto the servants [*diakonos*, עֲבָד *obd*], Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

⁶ And there were set there *six* [וַיְהִי *vay*] waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

⁷ Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the master of the feast. And they bare it.

Six, Tiphereth, Vav



John 2

⁹ When the master [*architriklinos*: host or ruler of the three seats] of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants [*diakonos*, עֲבָד *obd*] which drew the water knew;) the master [*architriklinos*] of the feast called the bridegroom,

¹⁰ And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good [*kalon*, טוֹב *tob*] wine [*οἶνος*, *oinos*, וַיִּין *vayin*]; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse [*elasson*, less]: but thou hast kept the good [*kalon*, טוֹב *tob*] wine until now.

¹¹ This beginning [*arche*] of miracles [*σημεῖον*, *sémeion*, sign, נֹס *nes*] did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth [*ephanerosen*: to bring into light] his glory [*doxan*; כְּבוֹד *kabowd*]; and his disciples believed on him.



Two Gimel-Lameds

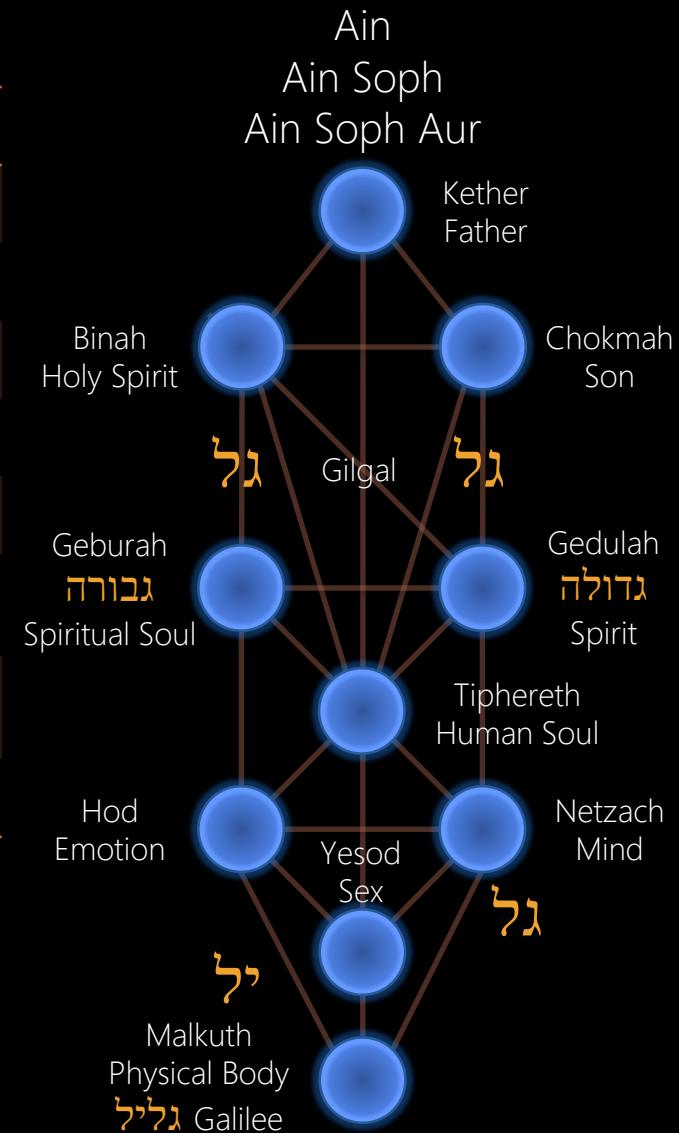
| | Left Side | Right Side |
|---|---|--|
| ג Gimel | Geburah גבורה | Gedulah גדולה |
| | Heroic, Strength | Greatness, God |
| ל Lamed | | |
| | Fallen י Iod | (Never Falls) |
| | Risen יז Iod-Zayin | וי Iod-Vav |
| Kabbalistic reduction | 10 + 7 = 17 = 8 ח chet, life, covenant | 10 + 6 = 16 = 7 ז zayin, sword, Sabbath |
| Olive Tree שכלי זית [shibbol zayith] | Obd עבד (Servant) | Od עד (Witness) |
| Nadi | Pingala, Lunar | Ida, Solar |

Right ג gimel is Gedulah [גדולה greatness]

Right ג gimel, formed with וי vav-iod, is always present as our innate connection with God.

Left ג gimel is Geburah [גבורה heroic action, strength].

Left ג gimel, as זי zayin-iod, is only in potential within 'heathens', represented as י iod in Yesod, sexual power.



ז Zayin

Seventh Letter

- ז Zayin is similar to the letter ו Vav. The only difference in shape between the letters ז Zayin and ו Vav is where the vertical line protrudes from the Iod.
- ז Zayin means sword. It is also associated with the tongue. The tongue is a two-edged sword. The sword is carried by the hero.
- ז Zayin is the left the Left Witness (or Servant) (עבד Obd), ו Vav is the Right Witness (עד Od).
- ז Zayin is the awakened 'breathing' of life, as in Zechariah 4:1-9, "*And the angel who spoke with me returned, and he awakened me as a man who wakes up from his sleep. And he said to me, 'what do you see?'*" The Hebrew name Zechariah starts with ז Zayin. It comes from זכור zehair, "to remember," and יה Jah, the name of God at the end of the phrase הללו יה Hallelu Jah (Praise Jah).

Right and Left Columns of the Temple of Life (ח Chet)

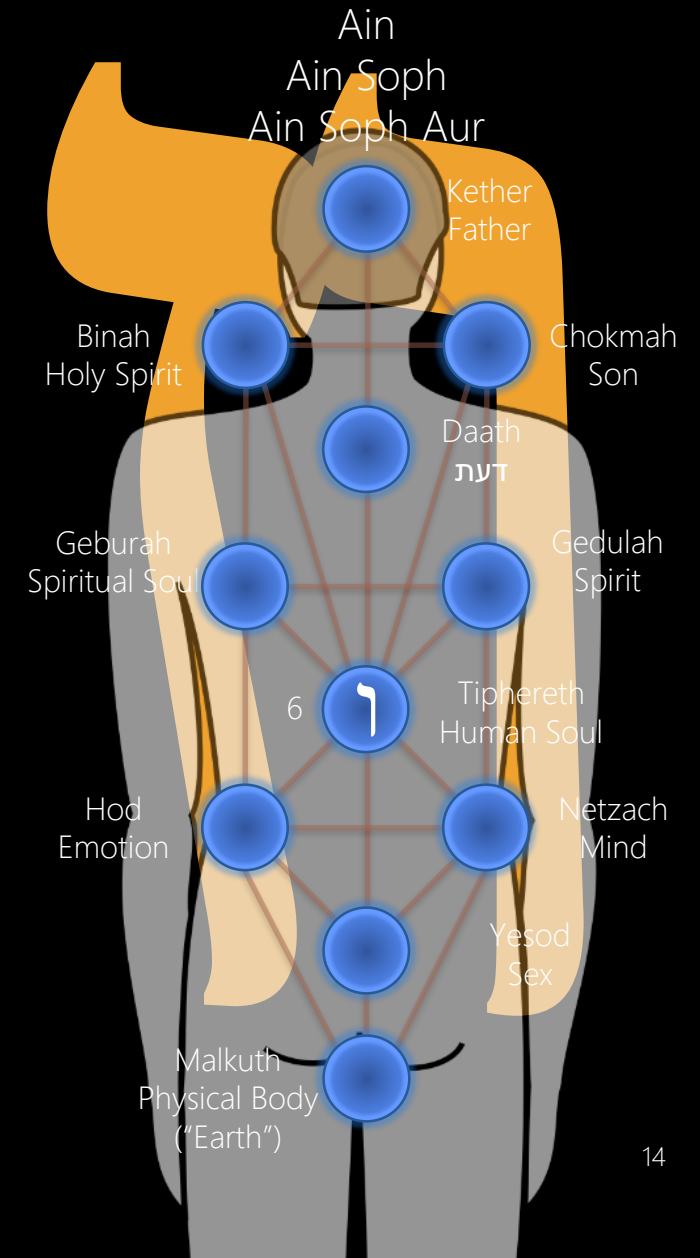
What are the two olive branches [שבלי זית *shibbol zayith*] beside the two golden vats that empty out the gold [זהב *zahab*] from themselves? And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.

And he said, These are the two anointed [היצהר *yitshar*] ones who stand before the Lord [אדון *Adown (Adoni)*] of all the earth [הארץ *erets*].

Zechariah 4: 11 – 14

These are the two olive trees [*duo elaia: two olives*], and the two candlesticks [*duo luchnia*] standing before the God of the earth [*ghay: soil*].

Revelation 11:1 – 4



Jesus: Eunuchs

¹¹ But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, only they to whom it is given.

¹² For there are some eunuchs, who were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, who were made eunuchs of men: and there are eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. – Matthew 19

Paul: Marriage and Virginity

But this I say, brethren, the
time is short, so that from now
on even those who have wives
should be as though they had
none...

1 Corinthians 7:29



The Christian Spiritual Marriage

Syneisaktism ('sin-*ay*-sak-tism', from Greek συνεισάκ "to add or bring together"): the practice of a chaste man and woman living together in a spiritual marriage. The term is most closely associated with early and medieval Christianity. Several related terms are used to label such communities, for example, the *virgins subintroductae*, the *agapetae*, and the *gynaikes syneisaktoi*.

The practice was widely adopted in early Christianity:

"Nor was syneisaktism a phenomenon peculiar to one locality; it can be found in Ireland, Syria, North Africa, and many other centers of Christianity."

Clark, Elizabeth A., *John Chrysostom and the Subintroductae*, Church History, 46(1977), p. 173

"Of one thing we can be sure: there was hardly a church province in ancient Christianity in which spiritual marriages were unknown."

Seboldt, Roland H. A. *Spiritual Marriage In the Early Church: A Suggested Interpretation of 1 Cor. 7:36-38, part 2*, Concordia Theological Monthly Volume: 30 Number: 3 in 1959, p. 176-189



Virgine Subintroductis, Karezza

During the Middle Ages, many Gnostics practiced the Maithuna with Vestal Virgins, calling this marvelous practice *Virgine Subintroductis*...

The *Virgine Subintroductis* with Vestal Virgins was formidable. It was practiced in the form of Karezza, so that the vestals retained their virginity. In this excellent practice, the man and the priestess lay on their sides, making sexual contact. The man introduced his phallus gradually, with extreme caution, between the vaginal labia and the hymen. With time the hymen became elastic, thus enabling deeper penetrations each time. Thus, this is how vestals never lost their virginity; they remained virgins for their entire life.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Light from Darkness*



Questions

What about “be fruitful and multiply”? Are we not supposed to have children? What if everyone practiced this?

- Elohim created Adam in their own image, in the image of Elohim [they] created Adam; male and female [in other words, androgynous] Elohim created [Adam]. And Elohim blessed them [the nephesh chaiah], and Elohim said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply [רבה] - Genesis 1:28
- רב rab: master, רבי Rabbi, רבה Rabbah