

Healing of the Paralytic at Bethesda

Esoteric Christianity





John 5

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem [ירושלים, “foundation of peace”].

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda [Βηθζαθά, Bēthzatha, “House of Mercy”], having five porches.

³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the **moving of the water**.

⁴ For an angel [ἄγγελος, aggelos, “messenger”] went down at a certain time into the pool and **stirred** [ταράσσω, tarassó, “troubled” or “disturbed”] up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

John 5



⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity [**ἀσθένεια**, *astheneia*, ‘without strength’] thirty-eight years.

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man [**ἄνθρωπος**, *anthropos*] to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up [**ταράσσω**, *tarassó*, “troubled” or “disturbed”]; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

⁸ Jesus said to him, “**Rise, take up your bed and walk.**” ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

And that day was the Sabbath [**day of rest**, ἰ zayin, 7].

¹⁰ The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

מ Mem

Thirteenth Letter

מ Mem related to values 40 and 4. Symbolizes 'water.'

מ Mem is the creative waters from which all creative things emerge. The letter of the Holy Spirit (Binah).

מ Mem has a final or *sophit* form:
מ. It represents the closed, the esoteric, the hidden wisdom in the Ain Soph.

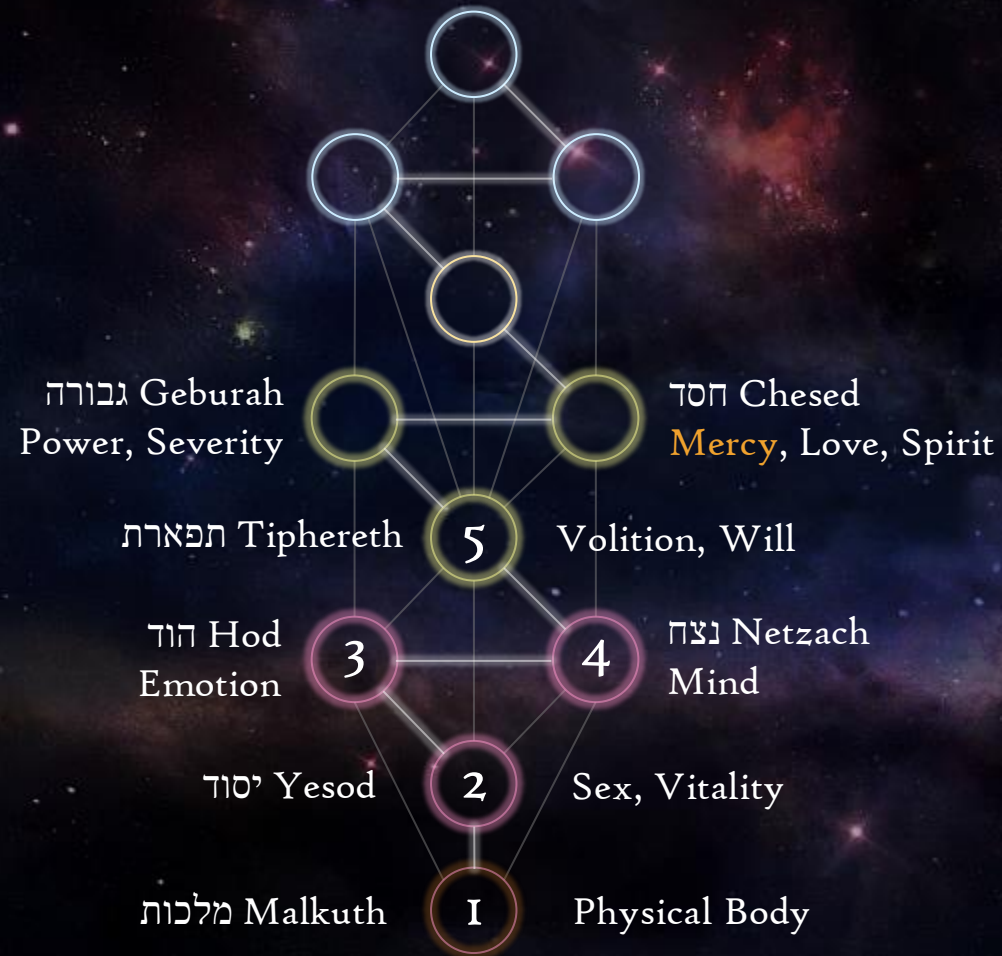
עץ החיים

Kabbalistic Tree of Life



Beth Chesda

House of Mercy



מים **Mayim** (Mem Iod Mem): Waters

שמים **Schamayim** (Shin Mem Iod Mem): Fiery Waters

מ **Mem** is the lower water.

Final **Mem** is the upper water.

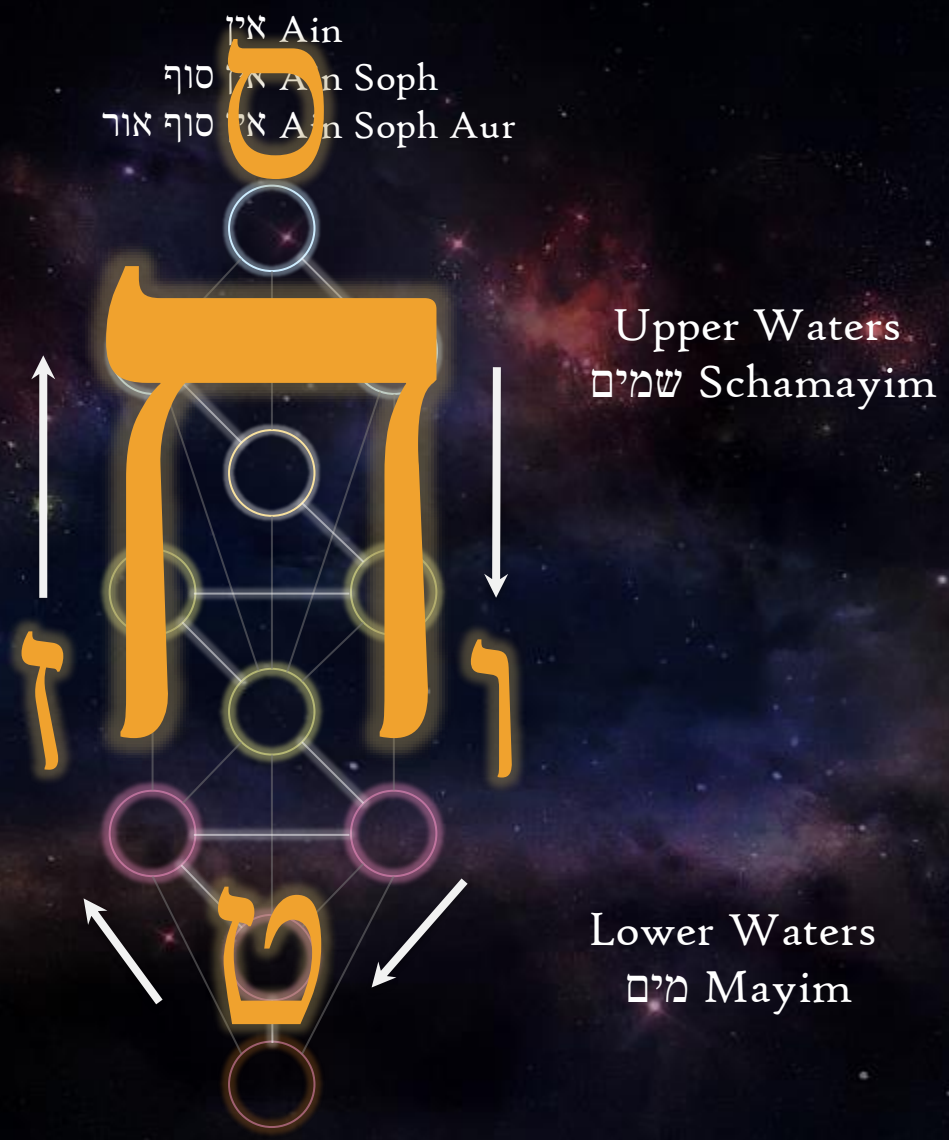
י **Iod** is the potential of the human, the covenant.

ש **Shin** is fire, the hiss of the serpent.

ס **Samech** is the closed circle, infinity, the unmanifested God.

ט **Teth** is the tempting, fiery serpent which must return as Samech, with the proper use of Iod in Yes-Iod

ח **Chet** is Spiritual Life.



ו Vav

Sixth Letter

ו Vav is formed by a ך 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

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 Witness (or Servant) (עבד Obd), ו Vav is the Right Witness (עד Od).

ז Zayin is our feminine sexual power that must be rectified. It is currently fallen.

כ Chet

Eighth Letter

כ Chet is formed by ו Vav on the right, and ז Zayin on the left, connected at the top.

כ Chet is the first letter of the Hebrew word for life: 'כ chai.

כ Chet symbolizes the motion of Universal Life, the Light of the Ain Soph Aur.

כ Chet symbolizes the life that emerges from any marriage. More important than physical life is spiritual life!

ט Teth

Ninth Letter

ט Teth is formed by ו Vav on the right, and ז Zayin on the left, connected at the bottom.

ט Teth is the symbol of the serpent. ו Vav is the masculine Adam, ז Zayin is the feminine Eve.

ט Teth is the Ninth Letter, related to the Ninth Sephiroth, Yesod. Yesod represents sexuality.

ט Teth is the tempting serpent of paradise, the crucible of spiritual knowledge (gnosis).



Shin

Twenty First Letter

⚡ **Shin** represents the three flames of the Trinity.

⚡ **Shin** is Fire in all levels. Fire is our burning activity.

⚡ **Shin** can be polarized negatively or positively. The Devil's pitchfork is an inverted ⚡ **Shin**.

Temptation is fire. Triumph over temptation is light.
- Samael Aun Weor

𐤌 Samech

Fifteenth Letter

- 𐤌 **Samech** is the closed circle, the Ouroboros, the serpent biting its own tail.
- 𐤌 **Samech** is the womb, the where the unmanifested is gestated into manifestation.
- 𐤌 **Samech** is the Absolute, the “Uncreated Light”.
- 𐤌 **Samech** is similar to 𐤍 Mem final, representing the Infinite Waters (𐤍) of Manifestation.

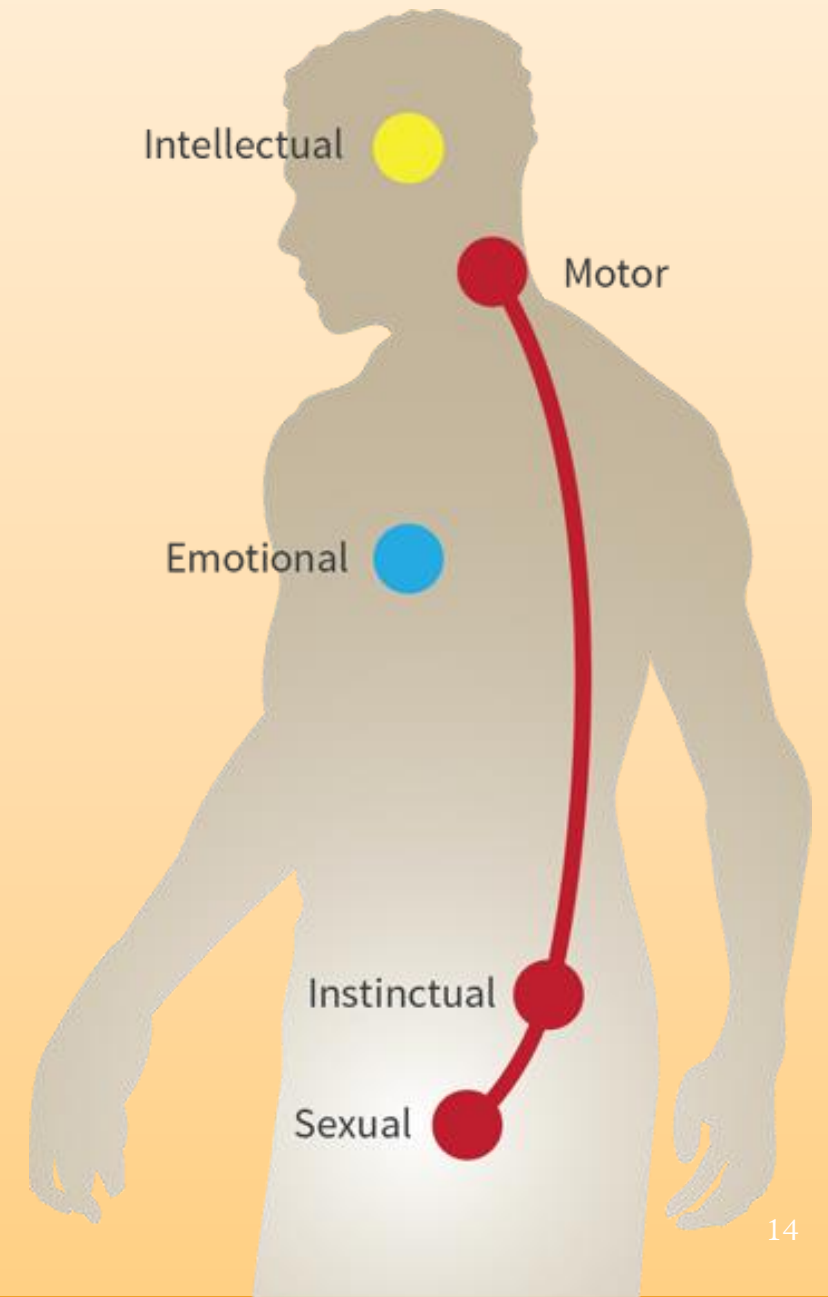
Five Porches or Pools

This matter about the erroneous work of the centers is a topic that demands a lifetime of study by way of the observation of oneself in action and of the rigorous examination of dreams.

It is not possible to achieve the comprehension of the centers and their correct or incorrect function in an instant. We need infinite patience.

All of life unfolds as a function of the centers and is controlled by them.

Samael Aun Weor, *Secret Doctrine of Anahuac*



Intellectual “Pool”

Do not allow intellectual concepts to pass through our mind in a mechanical manner; in other words, we become cognizant of all the intellectual data that come to the mind. How do we become cognizant of that data? It is done by means of meditation. So, if we read a book, we should meditate on it, try to comprehend it.

Emotional “Pool”

We must become cognizant of all the activities of our Emotional Center. It is unfortunate to see how people move under the impulse of emotions, in a completely mechanical manner, without any control whatsoever. So, we must become self-cognizant of all emotions.

Motor “Pool”

We must become self-cognizant of all our activities, of all our movements, of all our habits, and not do anything in a mechanical manner.

Instinctual “Pool”

We must become lords of our instincts and subdue them. We must comprehend them in-depth, integrally.

Sexual “Pool”

We must transmute the sexual energy. We transmute our creative energies by means of certain alchemical procedures.