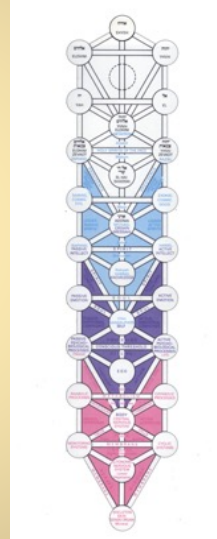


Kabbalah, Genesis & Exodus Part One

This is the story of the nation who first perceived of one God – a God with many aspects – and who discerned the Divine tapestry of creation



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The Pargod

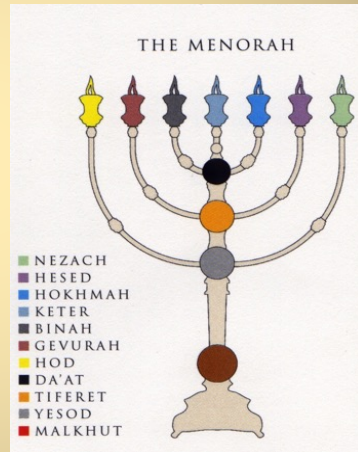
The patterns of the Universe
Depicted as a great tapestry
encompassing all
time



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What is Kabbalah?

Kabbalah means 'receive.' This is the oral tradition known as 'The Soul Of The Torah'



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All Traditions must update for each generation

"Cultural patterns change; Universal Law does not" — Z'ev ben Shimon Halevi

We must try to understand the meaning of the age in which we are called to bear witness. We must accept the fact this is an age in which the cloth is being unwoven. It is therefore no good trying to patch. We must, rather, set up the loom on which coming generations may weave new cloth according to the pattern God provides

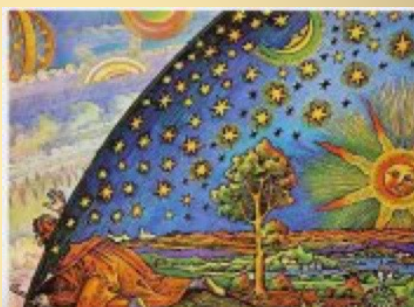


Mother Mary Clare, of The Sisters of the Love of God

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Four Levels of Interpretation

- Literal
- Allegorical
- Metaphysical
- Mystical



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In the beginning...

The Elohim created the heavens and the earth
Why?



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To Create a Womb for the Divine Baby — The Blueprint



Also known as
Adam Kadmon,
The Word
or
The Cosmic
Christ

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Joseph Campbell

“Half the people in the world think that the metaphors of their religious traditions, for example, are facts...”

“Myth offers a greater Truth than anything in the realm of mere logic. Myth is much more important and true than history. History is just journalism and you know how reliable that is.”



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Who or What is 'Elohim'?



The second of the four myths of creation

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Ain

Ain Sof

Ain Sof Aur



Endless No Thing

Endless All

Endless Light

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Trinity

The Law of Threes: three working in harmony together creates a fourth

Expansion and Contraction emanating from the Source give birth to the Light of Creation

Source becomes *Ayin and Ayin Sof* – three in one - giving birth to *Ayin Sof Aur*



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The Universe was

Called forth

Created

Formed and

Made

(Isaiah 43:7)



Azilut
(Adam Kadmon)
Fire

Beriah
Air

Yezirah
Water

Assiyah
Earth

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The Seven Days of Creation

Meditation

Azilut

Beriah

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Genesis

1:26 And Elohim (God) said, Let us make (**asah**) adam in our image, after our likeness.

1:27 So Elohim created (**bara**) adam in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them (**Lilith**).

2:7 And Yahweh Elohim (LORD God) formed (**yatsar**) adam of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and adam became a living soul.

2:18 And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an **help meet** for him (Eve).

3:21 Yahweh Elohim made garments of skin for Adam and his wife [the man and woman] and clothed them.

Azilut

Adam

Kadmon

Beriah

Yezirah

Assiyah

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The Fall

The start of the Bible's consistent theme: betrayal, karma and redemption

Mystically, the Eden story is a set-up



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A Word About Original Sin

- St. Augustine's *Redactions* (354-430)
- St. Anselm (1033/4–1109)
Penal Substitutionary Atonement
- Unknown in Judaism



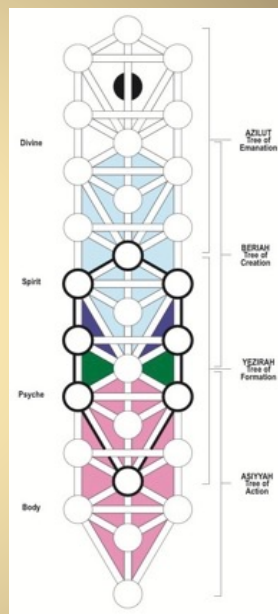
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Literal

When they lived in Eden,
Adam and Eve were spiritual
beings living in the world of
forms – souls not yet
manifest; eternal

Once they were given 'coats of
skin' they became physical
beings so they encountered
death



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Allegorical

Children disobey. It is
how we learn
boundaries and how
to live in our tribe

It teaches us our
'foundation'

No boundaries means no
'safe container' for the
ego to learn the laws
of cause and effect



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Metaphysical



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Mystical

What does this story mean for humanity and the whole of creation?

Humanity is still eating from that tree...



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Why This Matters

“If you can only own the light in you and not the dark then the dark will come to rule you. If you won’t acknowledge your own shadow you will project it onto others and call them bad, evil, the enemy. The world is not in a dilemma because of ‘the bad guys’. It is in this mess because of all the ‘good guys’ running around projecting their unknown darkness onto others and then feeling justified in ‘fixing’ them. Or if that doesn’t work, killing them in the name of God, progress or peace.”

Danaan Parry, pioneer in conflict resolution.

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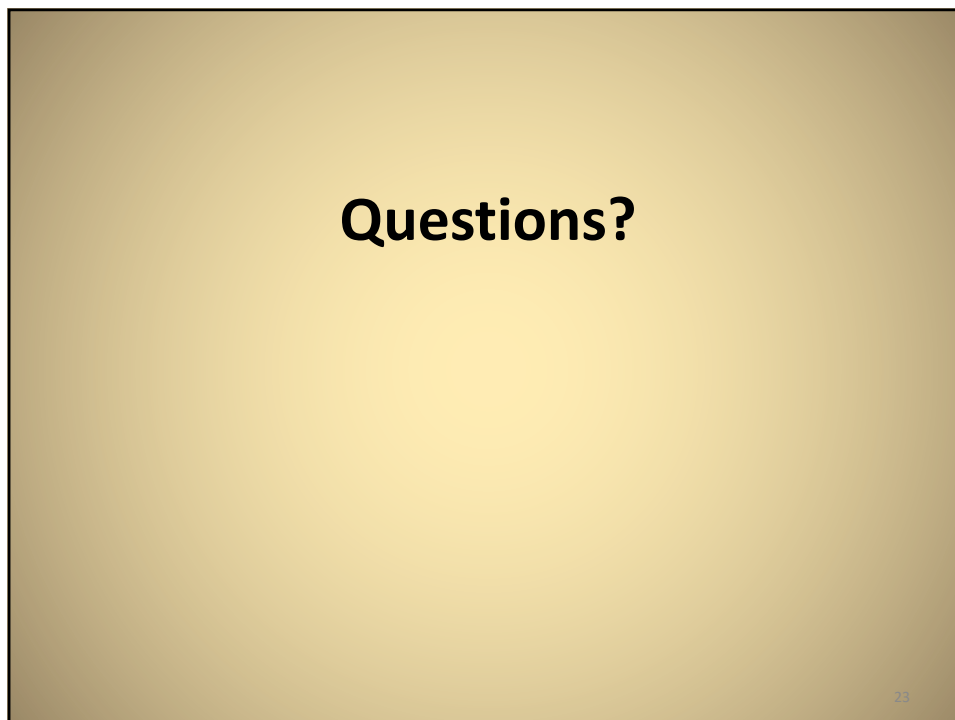
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Eve by Harmonia Rosales

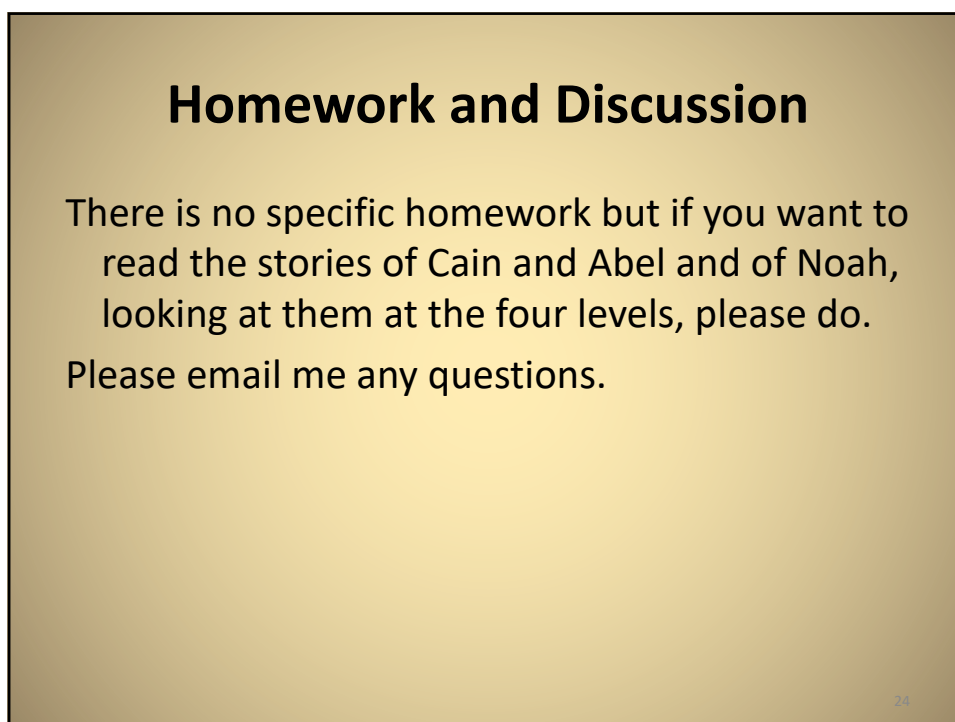


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P.S. Don't believe a word I say. This is my truth; your job is to find your own. 😊

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