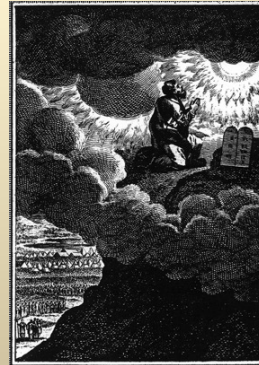


Kabbalah, Genesis & Exodus, Part Eight.

Grace and Command - the Inner Journey.

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Exodus is 90% Symbolism...

... And 10% history.

Moses and Pharaoh: two sides of the same soul.

Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness: the growth of the soul and the opposition of the lower psyche.

Making the decision to step up is only the beginning... This is our own inner journey



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Leaving...

God [Elohim] did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt

So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle"

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place" {Ex 13:17 – ref Gen 50:25}

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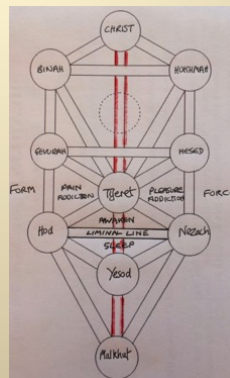
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We Will Be Guided in Darkness and Light



And the LORD [Yahweh] went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night

He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night (Ex 13.21)



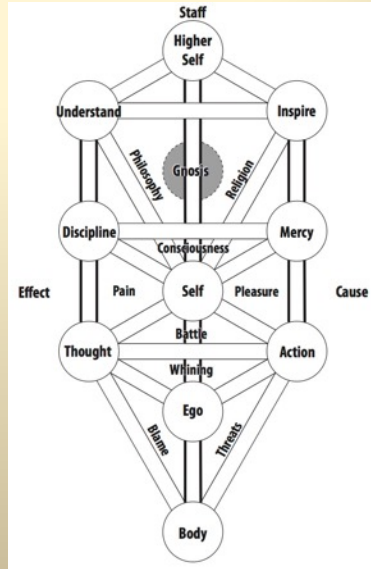
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Freedom is Tough

Armed forces of Egypt pursue
“Were there no graves in Egypt that you brought us here to die in the wilderness?”

“Why are you crying out to me? Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward: lift thou up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it”



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Red Sea or Reed Sea?

‘If there is anything that sophisticated students of the Bible know, it is that *yam sūp*, although traditionally translated Red Sea, really means Reed Sea, and that it was in fact the Reed Sea that the Israelites crossed on their way out of Egypt.

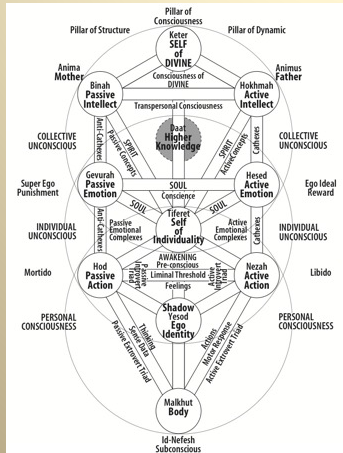
Well, it doesn’t...’ — **Bernard F. Batto** Professor of Religious Studies at DePauw University (*Biblical Archaeological Review*)



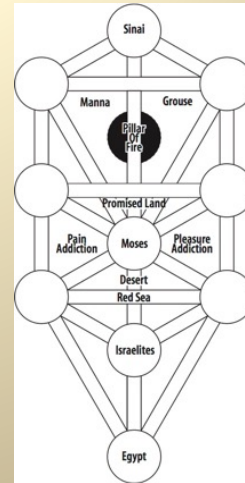
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The Crossing of the Red Sea.



- Commitment
- Shutting the door on the past
- Trusting guidance
- Goethe



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To Celebrate or Not?

- And Miriam the prophetess [*Nebiyah*], the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.
- And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. (Ex 15:20-21)
- **Midrash (Megilla 10)** "The Egyptians were drowning in the sea. At the same time, the angels wanted to sing before God, and the Lord, God, said to them: 'My creations are drowning and you are singing before me?'"



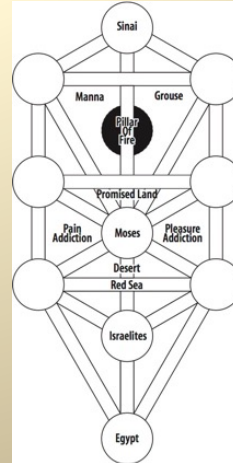
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Manna from Heaven.

And they took their journey from Elim ... Into the wilderness between Elim and Sinai

“Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us into this wilderness, to kill us with hunger”

Then said the LORD to Moses, “I will rain bread [*lechim* - food] from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove [test] them, whether they will walk in my law, or not”



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Miriam and Water

The entire congregation of the children of Israel arrived at the desert of Zin in the first month, and the people settled in Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there. The congregation had no water; so they assembled against Moses and Aaron (Num 20:21)



The Well of Miriam by Yoram Raanan

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The Ego Always Knows Better...

Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till the morning"

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"Six days shall you gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, there will be none"

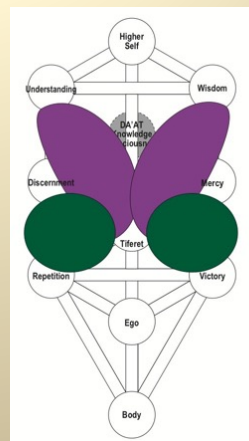
They did not listen to Moses and some of them left some of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was furious with them (Ex 16:20)

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The Need for 'Petty' Rules.

Psyche, like tribe, is a loosely bound complex of levels and units. If undisciplined it is easily swayed by external events and trained beliefs.



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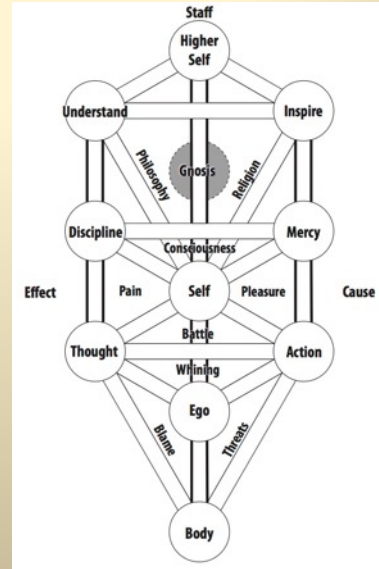
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And Again...

The children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Zin ... And pitched in Rephidim and there was no water for people to drink.

The people blamed Moses...

(The Lord sorted it...)



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Sinai.

And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, 'This shall you say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. '[Beriah)

Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice

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First Internal Ascension.

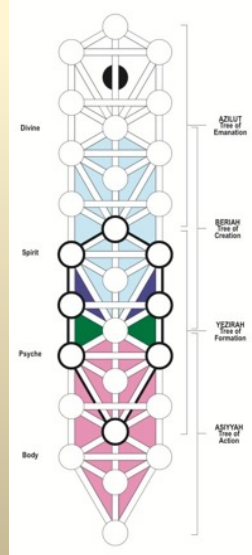
Sight

Sound

Scent

Taste

Touch



Lightning.

Trumpet,
Thunder &
Voice.

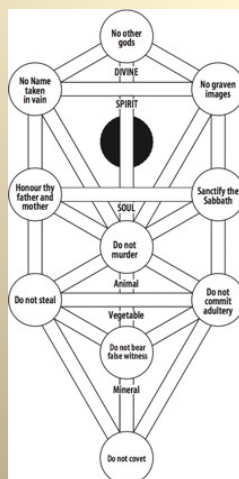
Smoke.

Quake.

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Ten Commandments (Sound).



Three about our relationship
With the Divine.

Three about our relationship with the our
soul.

Four about our relationship with the world.

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The Covenant [edited later]

- The Book of the Covenant, in contrast, is mostly casuistic law, of the type "if x, then y"
- Directives of justice and mercy

"Simplicity, directness and spirituality of worship; a high and equitable standard of right; highest consideration for the weak and the poor; humane treatment of dumb animals; purity in the relations of life; the spirit of brotherhood; and the simple and joyful life. Whatever development in details came with later legislation did not nullify the simple but lofty standards of the earlier laws," Z'ev ben Shimon Halevi

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Generally Just but Fair

- Do not vex a stranger or oppress him.
- Money lent to the poor should not be used to place a hold over them.
- Do not follow the multitude that do evil (the ebb and flow of fashion, politics, war etc).
- Do not corrupt justice for someone who is poor but wrong.
- If [a man] marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights.
- Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot (surely).
- When you give testimony in a lawsuit, you must speak the truth.
- If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; he shall make retribution with the of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard.
- Help a stranger who has a fallen animal.
- * Women were treated according to their value at the time.

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A Solemn Promise.

And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgements: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which the LORD hath said will we do"
 " (Ex 25:1).

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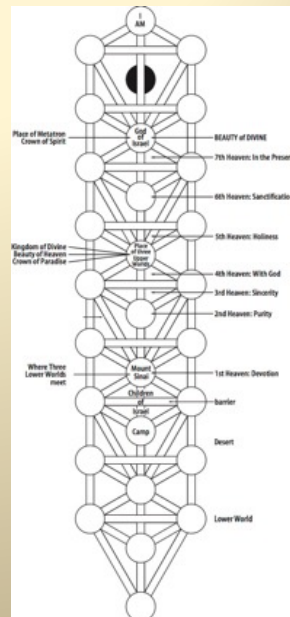
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Second Ascent

Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they **saw** the God of Israel: [fourth heaven] and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire, and as it were the body of heaven [abode of the stars] in his clearness

And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and I will give you tablets of [precious] stone, and a law [instruction], and commandments which I have written; and you may teach

And the Glory of the LORD lived upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it **six days: and the seventh day** he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud ... and Moses was in the mount **forty days and forty nights**



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Merkabah

- Paradox of God seen *and* unseen is a dominant feature of Merkabah.
- God needs a chariot in which to ride because he has no substance. We see the *'image* (Yezirah) of *likeness* (Beriah) of the *Glory* (Malkhut of Azilut) of the Lord and when I saw, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke (Eze 1:12)
- Unmanifest – but still present
- Transcendent invisible face of Divinity and manifest garment of light
- The visionary ascending to heaven is transformed in the process

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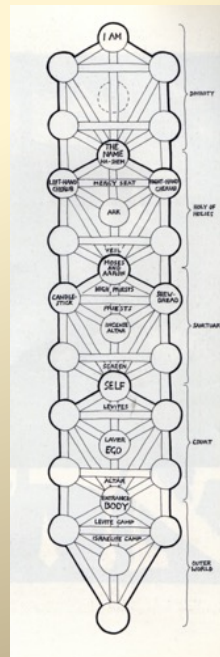
Design of the Temple

In this ascent, Moses is given instructions for the building of the Temple.

Both inner and outer...

Blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen [white]...

Ex 25:1



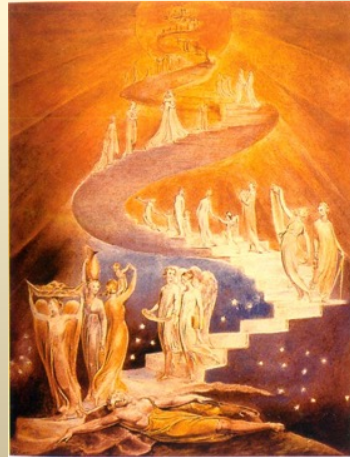
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Inner Temple Meditation

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Next Time:
Rebellion and the Golden Calf



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