

What is the Tree of Life?

- Gen 2:9: And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Proverbs 3:18 She [Wisdom] is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: And happy is every one that retaineth her
- Acts 10.39: "And we are witnesses of all things which he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree."
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- •Rev 2:7: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.
- •Rev 22:2: On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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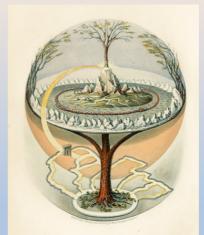
Also in many other faiths



- Isis and Osiris came from the acacia tree known as Lusaaset which the Egyptians considered the tree of life, referring to it as the "tree in which life and death are enclosed."
- The tree of life appears in the writings of the Baha'i Faith where it can refer to the manifestation of God, a great teacher who appears to humanity from age to age. The concept can be broken down still further, with the Manifestation as the roots and trunk of the tree and his followers as the branches and leaves. The fruit produced by the tree nourishes an ever-advancing civilization.

Yggdrasil

In Norse mythology,
Yggdrasil ("The Terrible
One's Horse"), also called
the World Tree, is the
giant ash tree that links
and shelters all the nine
Norse worlds



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The Book of Mormon

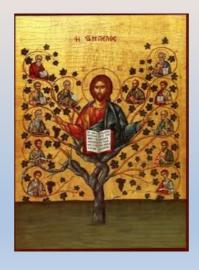
In Nephi's vision, (1 Nephi 11), Nephi is shown an exceedingly beautiful and white tree

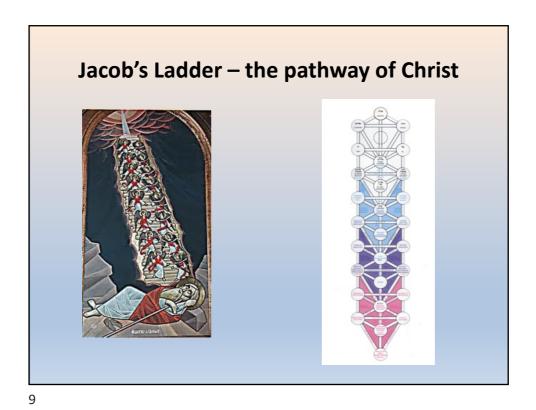






So is the Tree of Life the mother of Christ?





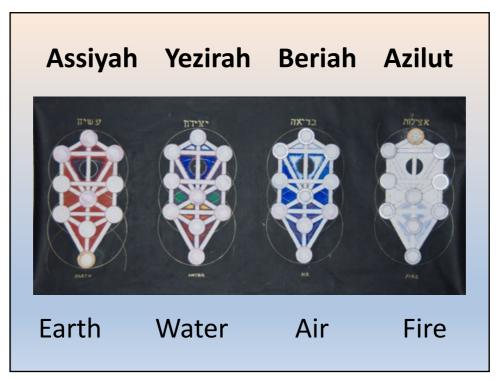
Same image four times – Four Worlds
"Make straight the way of the Lord"

John 1:23





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Four Levels

Divinity (God)

Christ (Jesus/Buddh a/Your Higher Self)

Repentance (Metanoia – 'think again')

Unrepentance (unthinking)





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Four Levels Jesus and You

Your God-Self. Unity. Ultimate Destiny, Peace, Enlightenment. No separation. Divinity.

Who you hope to be/are meant to be (Jesus as example of enlightenment), dissolving suffering, forgiveness, clarity, joy. Spirit.

Who you really are. (development of Jesus' soul as a healer and leader) Thinking for yourself, ambition, individuation, leadership, making commitments and decisions, free will. Self and Soul.

Who the world says you are and who you *think* you are. Physical reality of you – your genetics, family, tribe, environment, religion, beliefs. Ego.



The
Kingdom
of Heaven
and the
Kingdom
of God