

Kabbalah, You and the Cosmic Christ - Part Two

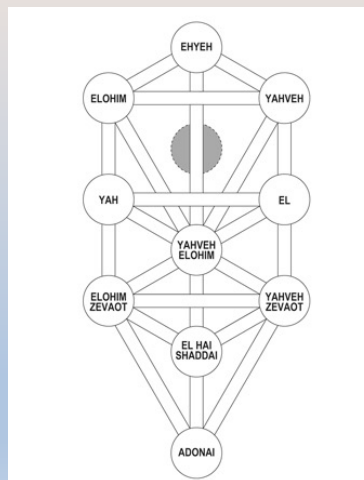
Tonight we're going to look at the names of God and what "Jesus Christ is Lord" means in Kabbalistic context and at some differences in systems of Kabbalistic teaching.



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Let's start with the names of God

- Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh (I Am that I Am)
- Elohim (God)
- Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
- Yahweh Elohim (Lord God)
- Yah (Lord)
- El (God)
- Adonai (Lord, Master)
- El Hai Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- Yahweh Zevaot (Lord of Hosts)
- Elohim Zevaot (God of Hosts)



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Twenty two names in all

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| 1. Eheyeh Asher Eheyeh | 13. Yahweh Jirah (The Lord Will Provide) |
| 2. Elohim (God) | 14. Yahweh Rapha (The Lord Heals You) |
| 3. Yahweh (Lord) | 15. Yahweh Nissi (The Lord Is My Banner) |
| 4. Yahweh Elohim (Lord God) | 16. El Qanna (Jealous God) |
| 5. El (God) | 17. Yahweh Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You) |
| 6. Yah (Lord) | 18. Yahweh Shalom (The Lord Is Peace) |
| 7. Eloah (God) | 19. Yahweh Zevaot (The Lord of Hosts) |
| 8. El Eloah | 20. Elohim Zevaot (God of Hosts) |
| 9. Adonai (Lord/Master) | 21. Yahweh Tsidkenu (The Lord Of Righteousness) |
| 10. El Hai Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) | 22. Yahweh Sammah (The Lord Is There) |
| 11. El Olam (The Everlasting God) | |
| 12. El Elyon (The Most High God) | |

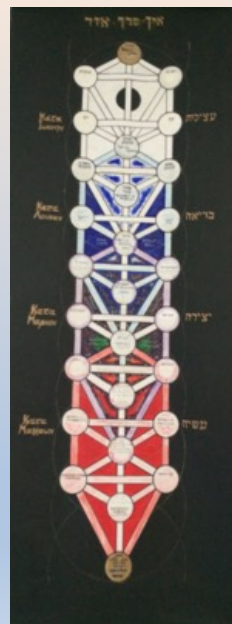
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The Ultimate Name of God

Eheyeh Asher Eheyeh

I Am That I Am
 or
I Will Be What I Will Be



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Moses, Exodus 3:4-15

And when the LORD [Yahweh] saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I

Moreover he said, I am the God [Elohim] of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

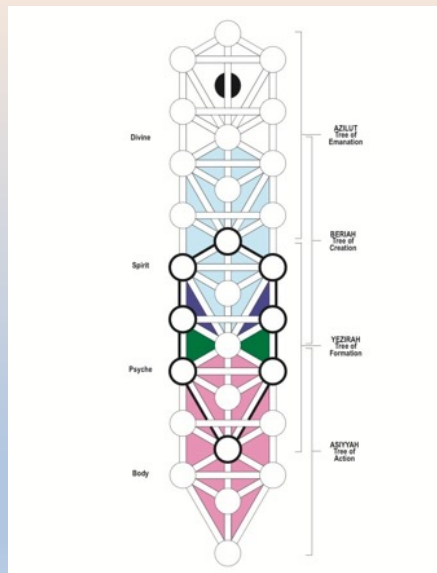
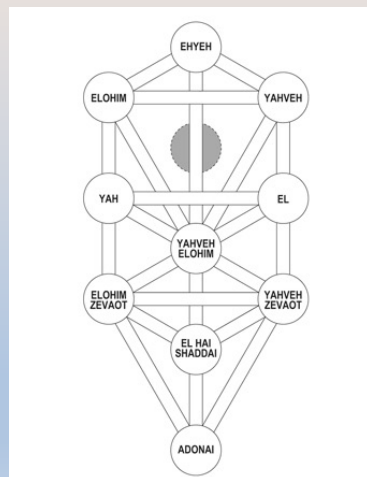
And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

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Where is Jesus Christ in this equation?

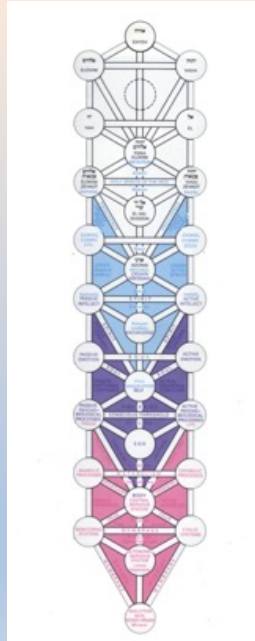


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So “Jesus Christ is Lord” means...

One human operating at three levels.



Not Jesus Christ is God

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It could equally be [insert your name here] Christ is Lord. That *could* just be the whole point.

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582):

- “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

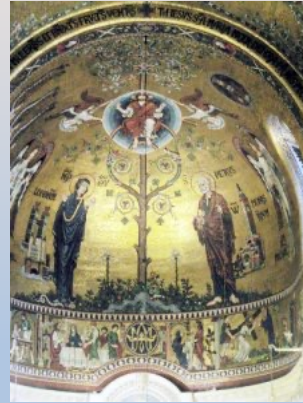
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Viewing the Tree from the *front* is a Christian Kabbalistic form

This golden ceiling mosaic in The Lady Chapel of Westminster Abbey, London, shows Mary standing in front of the Tower of London, and the John standing by Westminster Cathedral.

There are four levels in the picture.



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Judaic tradition views Tree of Life from the back



To 'see the face of God' means you are separate from God – that there is only God the Transcendent, no God the Immanent.

"But He [God] said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" (Ex 33:20).

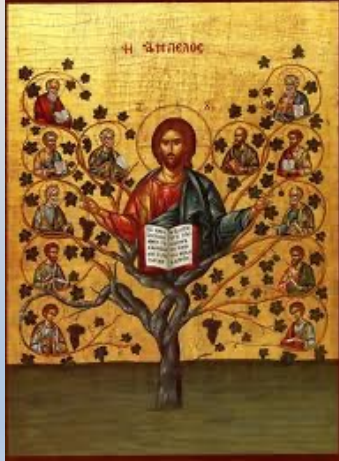
"No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten son who is in the bosom of the Father, he/she has declared Him/drawn Him out." (John 1:18).

"Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father" (John 6:46).

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Christian Tradition says Jesus *is* God so so we *can* see his face.



Bible says "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil 2:1).

Lord being *Kurios*.

God being *Theos*.

Only one instance where Thomas says "My Lord and my God" after the resurrection (John 20:28).

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Jesus as 'the face of God'

...can be very helpful – a human aspect; someone who has suffered and can understand our suffering. An intermediary.

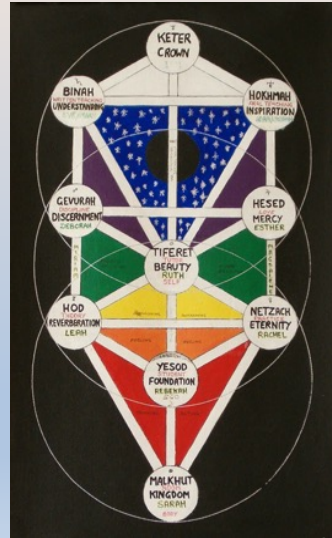
...can be very unhelpful – if he is viewed as the *only* path – as if we are not capable of experiencing Divinity ourselves. This is not so for the mystic.

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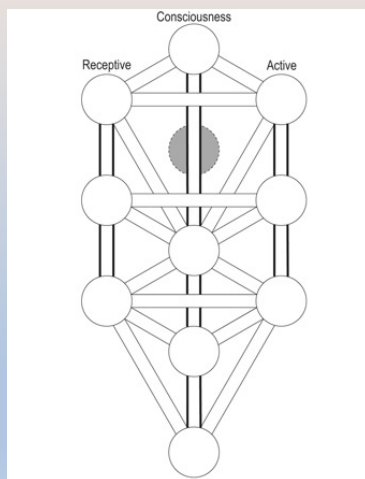
The Tree of Life can be...

- A mirror – in which you can see yourself
- Or
- A living aspect of the Divine which is leading the way – and into which you can step.



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Either will work...



But we are using the Judaic tradition based on the Toledano Tradition/Moses Cordovero as it is easier for Interfaith and Bible studies.

So the right hand pillar is masculine/active...

And the left hand pillar is feminine/responsive...

Central column is consciousness. Vital for both genders to be balanced in centre:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

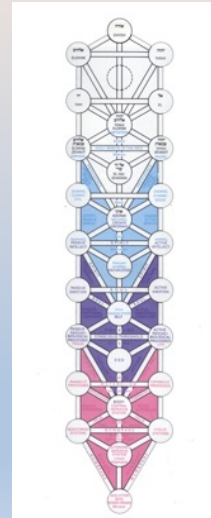
"And if ye be Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" Gal 3:28).

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What's important in the Jesus story...

... Is the intention to teach us how to be our own priest — “make straight the way of the Lord.”



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But what about Jesus saving us from 'original sin'?



Next time...

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Questions

Incense used in the First Temple: stacte (resin from the bark of myrrh, onycha (from a clam-like mollusc found in the Red Sea, galbanum (from the ferula plant) and frankincense.

Spikenard (from the valerian family) used in the Second Temple and by Mary Magdalene to anoint Jesus' feet before the Last Supper.

You mention taking responsibility for your life. What to do when you feel responsible for other people's feelings along with one's own. What about those of us who are too quick to take responsibility?

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