

Kabbalah You and the Cosmic Christ — Part 5

I Am
That
I Am



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The I AM statements of Jesus

All in the Gospel of John.

There are nine of them (people say seven because one is repeated and one in a slightly different format from the others)

They are distinguishable because what Jesus actually says is *ego eimi* — 'I am I am'



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The Ultimate Name of God

Was revealed to Moses at the Burning Bush.

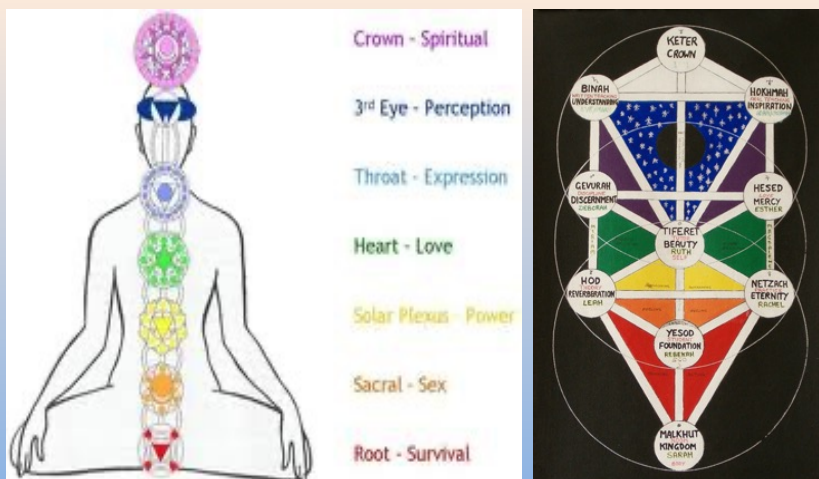
This vision was an experience of the whole Tree of Life in action within Moses himself (and how it would work in us too).



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Tree of Life and Chakras



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Burning Bush on the Tree of Life

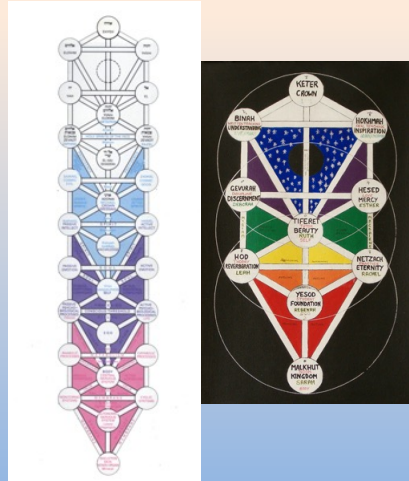
The burning bush itself is Azilut, the Divine World.

The angel represents the non-Sefira of Da'at, the doorway between worlds.

Moses is the soul triad between Gevurah, Hesed and Tiferet.

Pharaoh represents the false pride of Tiferet.

His people, the Egyptians, represent Yesod.



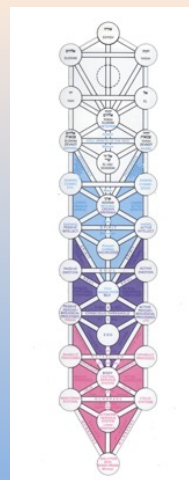
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A Quick Aside....



And [Jacob] dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. (Gen 28:12)



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Exodus 3:13-14

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.



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So when Jesus says 'ego eimi' —I am...I am...

To the mystic, he is speaking of God the transcendent and God the immanent. God within him *as* him.



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So the great I AM sayings of Jesus

Are not about Jesus the person.
They are to indicate the link
between the internal and the
external Divinity — when
both are one, then there is
Christhood.

And as John is the Gospel of
Azilut (Divine) they are
intended to be read
transpersonally... This gospel
is a meditation.

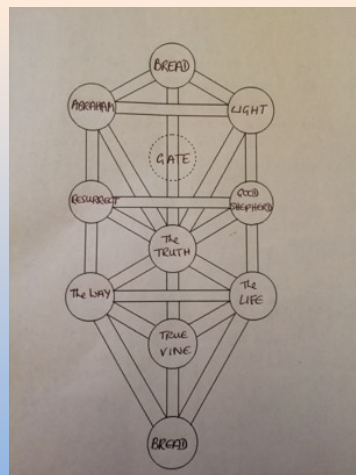


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10. Do the sayings fit on the Tree of Life?

Yes indeed. This is
a Universal
matrix that
works and they
do fit –
beautifully.



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Chronologically, they are...

1. Bread

“I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” *John 6:35 and 6:48*

So when we are connected with our Christ-selves we are direct channels for all that we need.

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2. Light

“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.” *John 8:12*

When we are connected we are illuminated. We do not fear; we can see our way.

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3. Eternity

Jesus said, “Truly, Truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” *John 8:58*.

The Christ is eternal. It is a mantle worn by different humans through different generations. We are eternal souls and when we are connected with our Christhood we remember that.

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4. Gate

“I am the gate; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” *John 10:9*

The Christ is the doorway to Divinity. *Your* Christhood is *your* doorway to Divinity. You can use Jesus as example and guide but it is up to you to enter through the gate.

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5. Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.” *John 10:11*

“But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.”

The Christ consciousness alerts us to and protects us from our own inner wolves/demons. It will seek to find us no matter what darkness we are experiencing.

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6. Resurrection and Life

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me shall live even if he dies.” *John 11:25*

If you believe in the Christ within you, you will be filled with spirit/life-force. And that will also ensure a peaceful transition at death.

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7. Way, Truth, Life

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”

John 14:6

The most cruelly-used of all by fundamentalists. You get to the Father/Divinity through your own Christ consciousness.

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8. True Vine

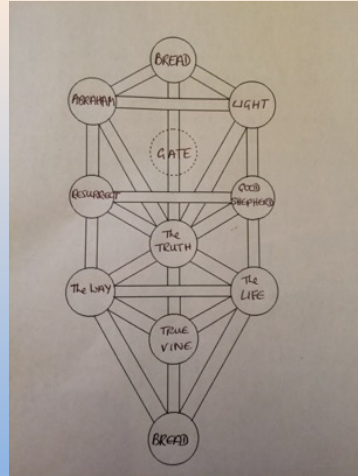
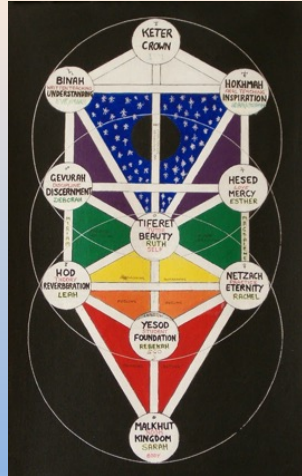
“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser (steward).” *John 15:1*

Divinity feeds/nourishes the Christ in us which is the part which seeks this inner light.

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How the sayings fit



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Homework

Try saying one — or several — of the I AM sayings to yourself in the mirror.

When you are tired or depressed, say 'I AM the Christ consciousness.' (I AM affirmations are the most powerful)

Remember, always, Jesus is an *example* not a god. Christhood is yours.

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