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The First Cause and the Absolute Abstract Space

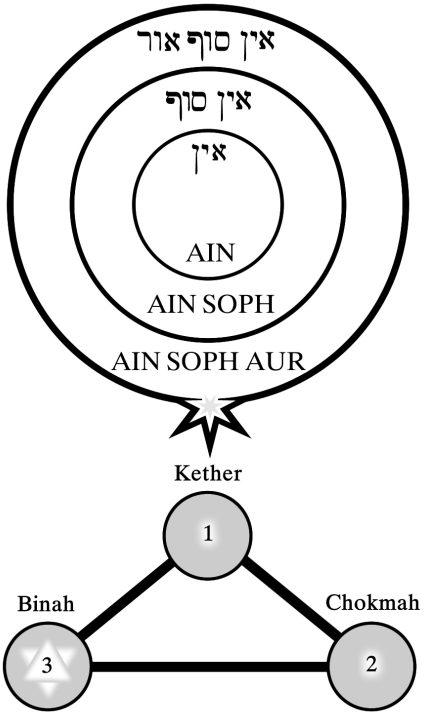


Hebrew	Transliteration	Meaning or Interpretation
אין	*Ain*	Not [Being], No-thing (Beyond Existence), **Nothingness**.
אין סוף	*Ain Soph*	No End or Unending, No Limit or **Limitless**, Infinite.
אין סוף אור	*Ain Soph Aur*	Unending Light, Endless Light, Limitless Light, **Infinite Light**.

The First Cause or '*Causa Causorum*' of everything is called 'the Absolute' in Gnosis or "The Absolute Abstract Space". It is the origin of Spirit and Matter, but is neither Spirit nor Matter. It existed before anything else. Everything comes from it and everything will return to it... The Absolute, the Unmanifested, is uncreated light. It is the Divine Essence abiding in the simplicity and in the un-differentiation of perfect unity. Before there was existence, the Divine Essence, the Raw Matter or "*Materia Prima*" of the Great Work was resting within the bosom of the Absolute Abstract Space. **The "*Materia Prima*", the primordial matter, is like the soul of the Unique Being, it is undifferentiated cosmic matter.** It was the Cosmic Night, the Pralaya, when everything was submerged within the Absolute Abstract Space. Then the dawning of the Cosmic Day arrived and the first differentiation of the Absolute emerged from the ocean of life...

"And then there was Light": the Sephiroth of the Kabbalah

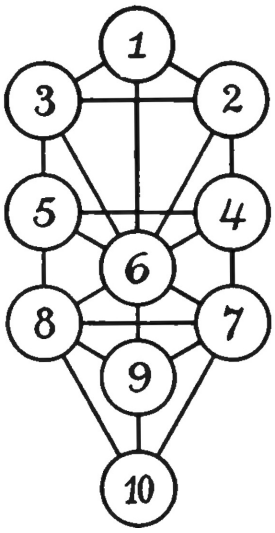
From the Ain Soph Aur, the Sephiroth or Emanations of God emerge. It is said that the Sephiroth are 'vessels of light' or lights "invested in vessels". They are metaphorically represented as being water (the light) poured into various glasses or vessels (the Sephiroth). While taking on the shape of the glass, the water retains its own properties. The Sephiroth are differentiated vehicles for creation, and the light is the undifferentiated Light of the Absolute.



There are 10 Sephiroth of light, although *Malkuth* (often referred to as the 10th) can be considered a fallen Sephira. The first Sephira, *Kether [1]*, emerges from the Absolute, followed by *Chokmah [2]* & *Binah [3]* in order to form the Divine Triad or Trinity of many religions. These are the 3 Primary Forces from which the rest of the Sephiroth are derived: the *Father [1]*, *Son [2]* and *Holy Spirit [3]* of Christianity. These first three Sephiroth are collectively called "the Logos" (the Word or Verb).

The 10 Sephiroth make up the Universe or Cosmos of the external world as well as the interior world of the human being. The Sephiroth live and palpitate within our Consciousness and we have to learn how to manage and combine them in the marvelous laboratory of our Internal Universe.

In this world of cosmic manifestation, there is no higher glory than that of becoming one of those crucibles[1] within the created light of the Universe, where the whole enchantment of the soul of the Unique Being is condensed. This is similar to how the Fire of the Ether (a concentration of the "*Materia Prima*") is condensed within the Sun of every Solar System. To be connected to that Unity (to have the universal spirit of life, *Brahma*, the *Father*, *Kether*, within ourselves) is the ultimate purpose of a Cosmic Human Being. The word 'cosmos' means "order" and this is something that we should never forget. The Cosmic Human Being has perfect order within their Internal Universe: in the centers or cylinders of their organic machine, in their mind and in their Essence.



	Hebrew	Transliteration	Traditional Meaning (from *The Gates of Light* and *On the Art of the Kabalah*)
1	כתר	*Kether*	Crown
2	חכמה	*Chokmah*	Wisdom
3	בינה	*Binah*	Understanding or Insight or Intelligence
4	חסד	*Chesed*	Mercy or Loving-kindness or Goodness
5	גבורה	*Geburah*	Justice or Power/Might or Severity
6	תפארת	*Tiphereth*	Beauty or Glory
7	נעח	*Netzach*	Victory or Eternity
8	הוד	*Hod*	Majesty or Praise
9	יסוד	*Yesod*	Foundation
10	מלכות	*Malkuth*	Kingdom

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1	Supreme Power	The Crown; *Lux Occulta*, *Lux Interna*, "He".	Supreme Crown; Father, 1st Logos, The Ancient of Days
2	Absolute Wisdom	Wisdom; Power of *Yetzirah*.	Wisdom; Son, 2nd Logos, The Cosmic Christ
3	Infinite Intelligent Understanding	Understanding; The Throne, the Great Sea.	Intelligence; Holy Spirit, 3rd Logos, *Ruach Elohim*
4	Goodness or Mercy	Mercy; Love, Majesty.	Love; Intimus, Inner Being, *Atman*
5	Justice or Rigor	Strength, Severity; Justice, Fear.	Justice; Rigor of the Law; *Buddhi* (the Superlative Consciousness of the Being), the Divine or Spiritual Soul
6	Beauty	Beauty; The King, Adam, the Son, the Man.	Beauty; Superior *Manas*; Causal World or World of Willpower; The Human Soul
7	Victory	Victory; Firmness.	Victory; Inferior *Manas*; The Mind
8	Eternity	Glory;	Splendor; The Astral
9	Fecundity	Foundation;	Foundation; Principal Foundation of Sex, the Vital Core of the human organism, the Vital Body or Etheric Vehicle
10	Reality	Kingdom; The Gate: of Death, of the Shadow of Death, of Tears, of Justice, of Prayer.	Kingdom; The Physical World or Body, the Body of Flesh and Bone, the Fallen *Sephira*

[1] The word crucible means a melting pot, or a pot for heating a substance (generally metal) at very high temperatures; it is a vessel for cooking or mixing.