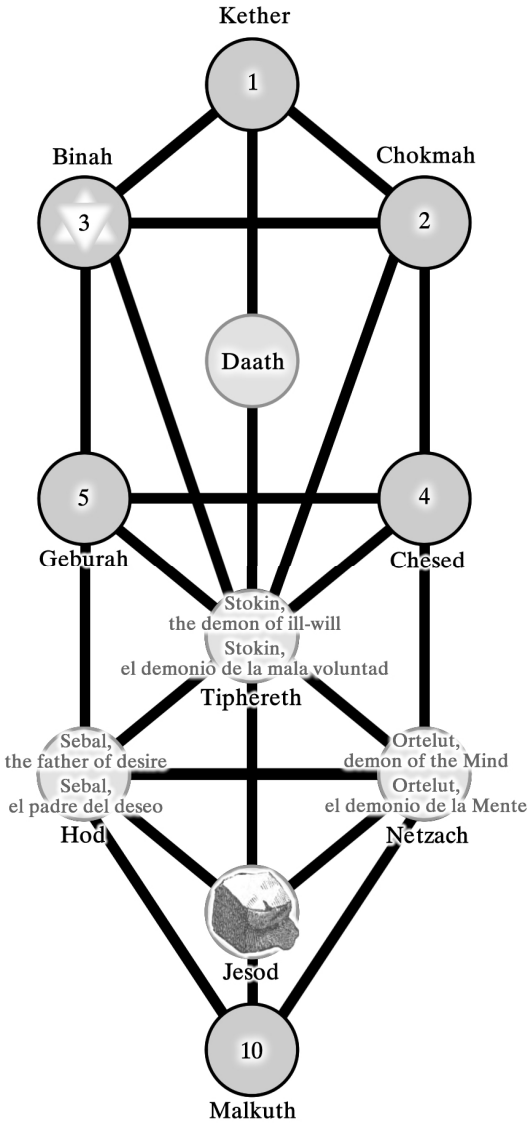
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The Legend of Hiram Abiff – Masonic Symbolism and the Esoteric Work

Explanation of the Legend: The three traitors control the three bodies called: Astral, Mental and Causal (Willpower). The Astral is controlled by "Sebal" (the father of Desire), the Mental is controlled by "Ortelut" (the horrible demon of the Mind) and the Body of Willpower or Causal Body is controlled by "Stokin" (the terrible demon of Ill-will). These three traitors constitute what is called the 'Prince of the World'. The sacrificed victim is always the Internal Christ of every human being who comes to the world: Hiram Abiff, the Sun King.

The 'Profane' or 'Vulgar' person who has not done the Work



"Between the two columns "J." and "B." is the Great Arcanum, and it is precisely this which many Masonic brethren do not understand.

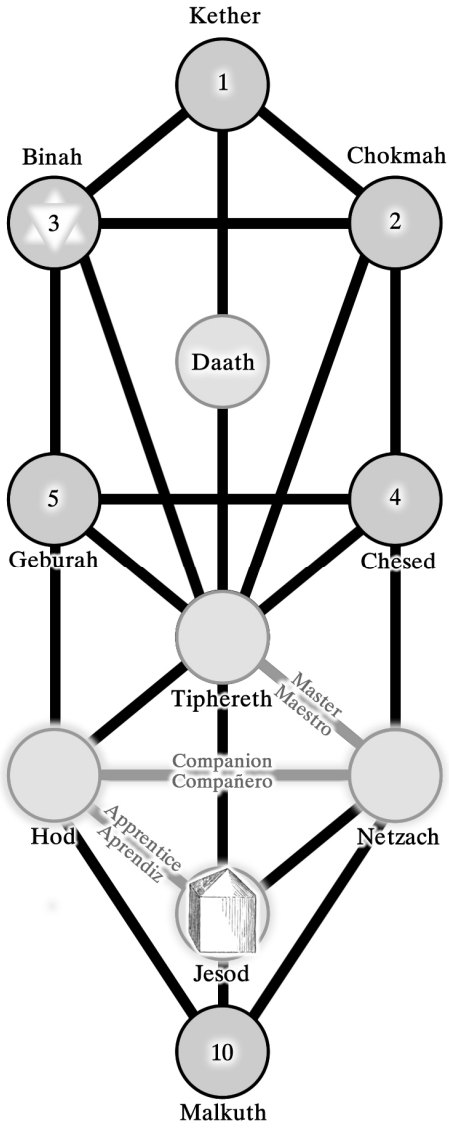
The Cubic Stone in its rough, raw or brute state is located between the two columns, and is converted into the Cubic Stone of Jesod once it is worked.

This is none other than Sex, one must know the Great Arcanum: the Maithuna, which is represented by the chisel of Intelligence and the mallet of Willpower."

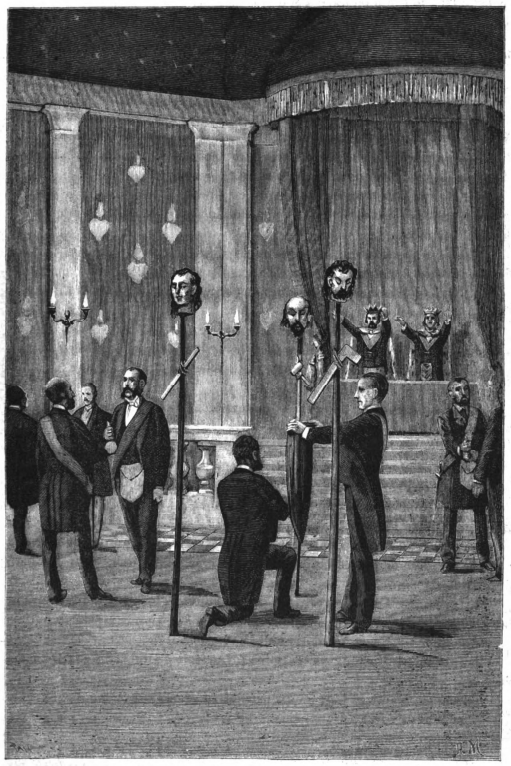
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The 'Mason' or 'Upright' person who does the Great Work



Related Explanation: Christ was assassinated by three traitors: Caiaphas (the high priest), Judas Iscariot and Pilate. It is necessary for us to resurrect the Christ within ourselves. This is only possible by decapitating the three traitors. Only by descending into the ninth sphere (sex), can we find the Prince of this World, in order to decapitate him.



The first traitor was found hidden inside the cavern of desire (Judas is the Demon of Desire, mistakenly called the Astral body, but which is actually the Lunar Astral body).

The second traitor was found inside the cavern of the mind (Pilate is the Demon of the Mind, which is confused with the Mental body, but which is actually the Lunar Mental body), at whose door is always the dog of the desire. Remember that the Astral itself is nothing but the crystallization of Mental matter.

The third traitor heroically defends himself with the axe of ill-will (Caiaphas is the Demon of Ill-will, the Lunar Causal body). The most serious of all this is that the third traitor attempts to throw himself into the abyss. Ill-will and disobedience always make us fall into the abyss.

The three heads were placed on three poles garnished with iron at the door of the temple, then they were cast into the fire. We have to descend into the ninth sphere (sex) to behead the three traitors of Hiram Abiff. All the great initiates from the past had to descend to the ninth sphere.

The Apprentice has to perfect their physical body by accustoming it to the practice of Sexual Magic (this work is very arduous and difficult). The Apprentice must control the sexual organs during the practice of Sexual Magic in order to create the Solar Astral Body. During the degree of Apprentice, the attention is focused especially on the Astral Plane. The INTERIOR LODGE OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS must be protected, the Astral body must be cleaned of animal passions and of all types of desires.

The Companion needs to perfect their Astral Body until it becomes a useful instrument in order to travel consciously in the Astral Body, and they should continue to work with the practice of Sexual Magic in order to create the Solar Mental Body. In the second Degree the Mental Lodge must be protected, worldly thoughts must be cast out of the Temple. It is necessary to protect the INTERIOR LODGE very well, so that doctrines, persons, demons, and unhelpful things do not penetrate into the Internal Sanctuary in order to sabotage the GREAT WORK.

The Master needs to perfect their Mental Body with the power of the fire that blazes in the universal orchestration (the Master must Christify the Mind), and they should continue to work with the practice of Sexual Magic in order to create the Solar Causal Body. <u>It is necessary to invoke the forces of the Holy Spirit during Sexual Magic.</u> It is urgent to call the forces of the Christ so that they give rise to the birth of the Christ Astral in the depths of our interior universe. It is indispensable to ask the forces of the Father for assistance with our Mind. We need to engender the Christ Mind. The physical, astral and mental vehicles must become fine instruments of the Spirit. Any Esotericist who creates the 'Body of Gold' of the Solar-Man, the "TO SOMA HELIAKON", the "Wedding Garment of the Soul", converts themselves into a Master; however, perfection in Mastery is something very distinct... It is one thing to be a Master and another (certainly much different) to achieve perfection in Mastery.