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Part 4 – Freemasonry & Kabbalah (Supplement)

Arcanum		Hebrew Letter Name	Alphabet of the Magi	Egyptian Letter Name	Modern Letter	Supposed High Masonic Letter Meaning
1	א	Aleph		Athoïm	**A**	The Magus (*Willpower*)
2	ב	Beth		Beïnthin	**B**	The Door of the Occult Sanctuary (*the Science*)
3	ג	Gimel		Gomor	**G**	Isis-Urania or Nature (*Action*)
4	ד	Daleth		Dinaïn	**D**	The Conqueror (*Realization*)
5	ה	Heh		Eni	**E**	Master of the Arcana or the Hierophant (*Inspiration*)
6	ו	Vau		Ur	**U,V**	The Two Roads (*the Test*)
7	ז	Zain		Zaïn	**Z**	The Chariot of Osiris or Triumph (*Victory*)
8	ח	Cheth		Hélétha	**H**	Themis [goddess of Law & Order] or Justice (*Equilibrium*)
9	ט	Teth		Théla	**Th**	The Veiled Lamp or the Sage (*Prudence*)
10	י	Yod/Jod		Ioïthi	**I,J,Y**	The Sphinx (*Fortune*)
11	כ	Kaph		Caïtha	**C,K**	The Tamed Lion (*Strength*)
12	ל	Lamed		Luzaïn	**L**	Sacrifice (*the Great Work*)
13	מ	Mem		Mataloth	**M**	The Sickle or Death (*Transformation*)
14	נ	Nun		Naïn	**N**	The Solar Genie or the Sun (*Initiative*)
15	ס	Samech		Xirôn	**X**	Typhon (*Fatality*)
16	ע	Ayin		Olélath	**O**	The Fulminated Tower or the Pyramid (*Ruin*)
17	פ	Peh		Pilôn	**P**	the Star of the Magi (*Hope*)
18	צ	Tzadik		Tsadi	**Ts**	Twilight or Night (*Deceptions*)
19	ק	Qoph/Kuf		Quitolath	**Q**	The Resplendent Light or Love (*Happiness*)
20	ר	Resh		Rasith	**R**	The Waking of the Dead or the Awakening (*Renewal*)
21	ש	Shin		Sichen	**S**	The Crocodile or the Atheist (*Atonement*)
22	ת	Tav		Thoth	**T**	The Crown of the Magi (*Reward*)

Excerpt from a French Masonic Manual:

Manuel des Franches-Maçonnes ou La Vraie Maçonnerie d'Adoption
or 'Manual of French Masonnes or the True Masonry of Adoption' (1779)

CATECHISM OF THE PERFECT MASONNE.

Q. Are you a Perfect Masonne [or Female Mason]?
A. Guided by the Eternal, I became perfect by leaving slavery.

Q. What do you understand by the term slavery?
A. I understand that the great majority of men succumb to human weakness, they forget the purpose for which they were created, and that the habit of vice makes them slaves of their senses, which we symbolize by the captivity of the Israelites in Egypt; from which Moses took them in order to instruct them in the Desert [or Wilderness].

Q. Subjected like all others in this fragile body, how can you say that you are free?
A. Masonry only contains the lessons of wisdom and of religion, the initiation into your Mysteries has opened my eyes, I shook off the yoke of the passions, and reason has come to illuminate me, and its torch has pierced the veil of error, by making me know that I was free to choose between vice and virtue.

Q. How have you reached the highest degree of Freemasonry?
A. Through trust, wisdom and charity.

Q. What does the term Mason mean?
A. Enemy of crime, friend and disciple of virtue.

Q. Thus every mortal human, who is wise and just is then a Mason?
A. Yes, no doubt, and they only lack our sacred signs in order to be admitted among us: signs which are all the more necessary, as they hinder us from being surprised by false hearts, slaves of fortune and the senses.

Q. Since you are a Perfect Masonne, finally, tell me what you understand Masonry to be?
A. I understand it to be virtuous Amusement through which we retrace a part of the Mysteries of our Religion, and all the better in order to reconcile humanity with the knowledge of its Creator, who has imposed upon us the duties of virtue, only after having delivered ourselves over to the sentiments of a sweet and pure friendship in our Lodges enjoying the pleasures of the Society; pleasures amongst ourselves which are always based upon reason, honor and innocence.