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3 MOTHER LETTERS

[representing three primal elements]

S Aleph	⊅ Mem	₩ Shin	
A	∇	Δ	
Air	Water	Fire	

7 DOUBLE LETTERS

[representing the seven planets of the ancients]

≥ Beth	7 Daleth		D Peh	3 Gimel	¬ Resh	万 Tau
Å	Q	24	♂	D	0	ħ
Mercury	Venus	Jupiter	Mars	Moon	Sun	Saturn

12 SIMPLE LETTERS

[representing the twelve signs of the zodiac]

■ Heh	Υ Aries	5 Lamed	≏ Libra
1 Vau	8 Taurus	2 Nun	M. Scorpio
7 Zain	X Gemini	■ Samekh	✓ Sagittarius
☐ Cheth	5 Cancer	🦻 Ayin	V3 Capricorn
Teth	N Leo	🛂 Tzaddi	≈ Aquarius
• Yod	MP Virgo	P Qoph	ℋ Pisces

Figure 7. These 22 Letters join the 10 Sephiroth and, in doing so, create the Tree of Life.

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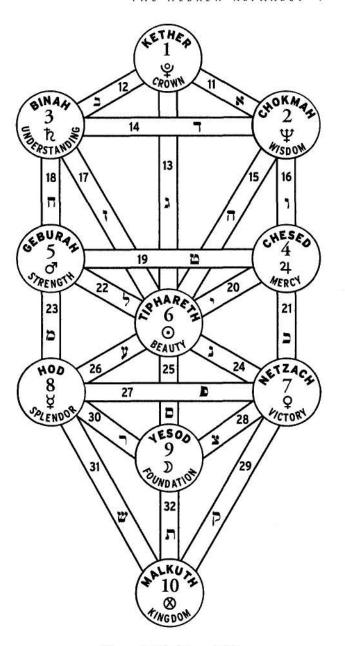
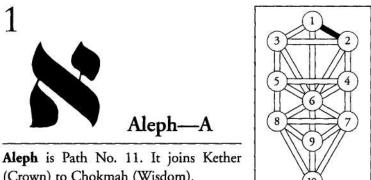


Figure 8. The Tree of Life.

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(Crown) to Chokmah (Wisdom).

Aleph doesn't look like any other Hebrew letter and is therefore easy to recognize. It has one long diagonal bar that looks like a banana separating two small Yods. The Yod at the top right is connected to the banana at midpoint by a thin line (a Yod on a stick). The Yod at the bottom left is flattened at the bottom like a foot and is connected to the banana underneath its left shoulder.

Aleph is spelled 778 (ALP). The three letters enumerate to 111 (or using Peh Final 831) and mean "ox." In ancient cultures, the ox that pulled the furrowing plough was a supreme symbol of the fertilizing force of creation. Aleph is a letter of breath and the closest thing the Hebrew alphabet has to a vowel. As the plough of the ox penetrates and aerates the soil, so the breath of life penetrates and vivifies you and me. Oh hell! I'll come out and say it—the Air of Aleph is more than just the firmament of atmosphere surrounding Earth—it is the Life-Force itself, the Prana of the Hindus, the active ingredient that makes the Holy Spirit holy). Give it some respect!

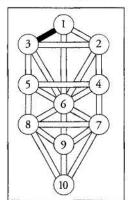
Aleph is one of the 3 Mother Letters and represents the element Air.

TAROT TRUMP: The Fool.





Beth is Path No. 12. It joins Kether (Crown) to Binah (Understanding).



Note that the roof of Beth is an elongated Yod that slides to the right and drips down to smoothly form a leg. The leg is connected to a long right-leaning parallelogram that serves as the base of the letter. The leg connects *near* but not *at* the right edge of the base.

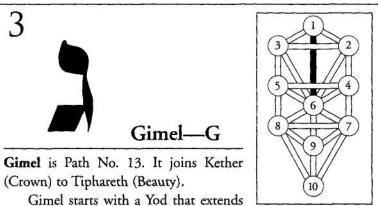
Beth Do not confuse with Kaph

Beth is spelled Ta (BYTh). The three letters enumerate to 412 and mean "house." Its shape suggests a cave, the earliest house. In biblical times, a house was often a tent. A house is fundamentally a container, but it is also a shelter, a sanctuary, and a resting place, and most importantly, a place to exist. Beth is the fundamental structure of the universe, a container of existence, a receptacle of life, an atom, a living cell, a body. Astrologers divide the Heavens into twelve "houses." Family bloodlines and households are also considered "houses," such as the House of David or the House of Frankenstein.

Beth is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents the planet Mercury.

TAROT TRUMP: The Magician.

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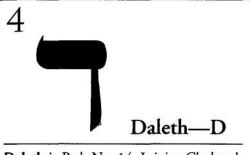
Gimel starts with a Yod that extends
straight down from its bottom tear. This leg connects to a short
right-leaning parallelogram that serves as the base of the letter.
Note that the leg connects only partially to the top right edge of
the base:

Do not confuse with Nun

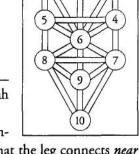
Gimel is spelled (GML). The three letters enumerate to 73 and mean "camel," also to couple or team up. Like the ox, a camel is an animal domesticated to the service of humanity. The ox, however, is exploited in the cause of nourishment, the camel in the cause of communication. A camel is the "ship of the desert," a vehicle of life and commerce, capable of crossing the vast abyss of sand. The Path of Gimel on the Tree of Life also crosses the Abyss and joins Kether to Tiphareth.

In Aramaic (the language allegedly spoken by Jesus) the word camel and the word rope are spelled exactly the same, "gamla." I wasn't there, so I can't say for sure, but I'll bet in Matthew 19:24 Jesus says, "It is easier for a rope (not camel) to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Duh!

Gimel is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents the Moon. TAROT TRUMP: The High Priestess.



Daleth is Path No. 14. It joins Chokmah (Wisdom) to Binah (Understanding).



Daleth has a firm level roof. It is connected by a leg on the right side. Note that the leg connects *near* but not at the right edge of the roof. A little part of the roof hangs over the leg.

7 Do not confuse with Resh 7

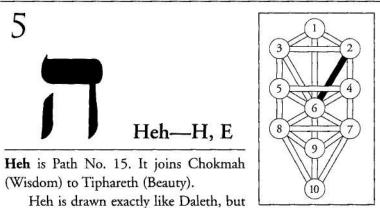
Daleth is spelled [177] (DLTh). The three letters enumerate to 434 and mean "door." A door is a valve that can bar or accommodate both the entrance and exit of things. It is a tent flap, a threshold, and a gate. Walk out of the door of your house and you move from the unity of your home to the multiplicity of the world and vice versa.

The most important "door" for humans is a woman's womb and/or vagina. It accommodates the entrance of the fertilizing male member, and nine months later, it is the door through which we all enter the world.

Daleth is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents the planet Venus.

TAROT TRUMP: The Empress.

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has an additional left leg. Note that the left leg does not touch the roof.

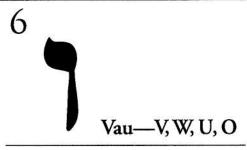
Do not confuse with Cheth Tor Tau

Heh is spelled \$\overline{100}\$ (HH). The two letters enumerate to 10 and mean "window." Also to breathe, to exist, to become, and to desire. A window is a transparent door, an eye through which we look out on the world. From within the house, we look out of the window at approaching visitors, so we can decide who to allow through the door and who to bar. A window also allows light and air to penetrate the house. Heh also means the identification of a star, as for navigation or astrology.

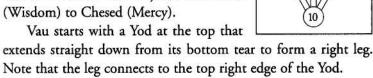
Its shape introduces the concept of openings—a small opening on the left and a large opening from below. This is suggestive of all things receptive, female, or negatively charged.

Heh is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Aries.

TAROT TRUMP: The Emperor.



Vau is Path No. 16. It joins Chokmah (Wisdom) to Chesed (Mercy).



Do not confuse with Zain

Vau is spelled \(\frac{1}{1}\) (VV). The two letters enumerate to 12 and mean "nail" or "hook" or "pin." A hook can be used to suspend things from above. Nails and pins are sharp, pointy things that join two objects together by means of penetration. By its very shape, it represents the phallus. This implies union (yoga), and union with God is the goal of all mystics, especially Chicken Qabalists. The process is theoretically simple. Find the proper Vau and you can nail yourself to God! This concept of union is further underscored when we remember the letter Vau is the Hebrew conjunction "and."

Its shape introduces the concept of penetration, and is suggestive of all things aggressive, male, or positively charged.

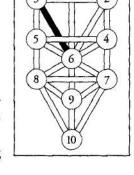
Vau is a one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Taurus.

TAROT TRUMP: The Hierophant

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Zain is Path No. 17. It joins Binah (Understanding) to Tiphareth (Beauty).



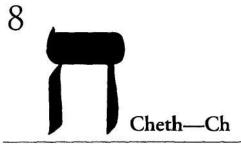
Zain is a Yod with a leg dropping down from its bottom center.

Do not confuse with Vau

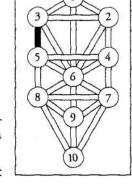
Zain is spelled [17] (ZYN). The three letters enumerate to 67 (or using Nun Final 717) and mean "sword." A sword is a weapon of both offense and defense. It is the weapon of invoked force. It can be brandished as a deterrent or wielded to enforce the decisions of authority. A sword is also an instrument of division, separating one thing from another (like your enemy's head from his shoulders), and of discretion and analysis, separating one idea from another. In a way, it is just the opposite of Vau, which unites things.

Zain is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Gemini.

TAROT TRUMP: The Lovers.



Cheth is Path No. 18. It joins Binah (Understanding) to Geburah (Strength).



Cheth is drawn exactly like Heh but both legs touch the roof.

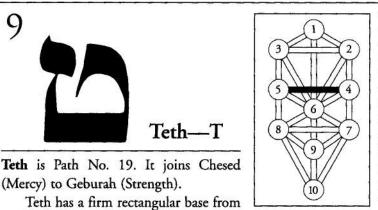
Do not confuse with Heh I or Tau

Cheth is spelled ATA (ChYTh). The three letters enumerate to 418 and mean "field" and "fence." A fenced-in field implies cultivated land—land that has been set apart, defined, and then plowed by the ox. A fence encloses an area and sets it apart from the surrounding area. It is a wall, a hedge, a membrane, a shell, a womb, a crust, a fortress, a citadel. It surrounds and protects the sacred life and light within from the danger and darkness without. Cheth also indicates the Life-Force itself, and anything living.

Cheth is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Cancer.

TAROT TRUMP: The Chariot.

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which sprout a mini-Zain from the left edge and a sharp leftwardcrashing wave arising from the right edge. I think it looks like the profile of a duck swimming on the water looking back at a big Yod that's stuck to the tip of its tail. Note that the duck's bill does not touch the Yod on its tail.

Do not confuse with Mem

Teth is spelled \(\text{TD} \) (TYTh). The three letters enumerate to 419 and mean "serpent." Human beings are vertebrates and our spines are home to unimaginable energy and power. We are snakes with arms and legs, and this serpent energy is the key to our divine birthright. Like a snake swallowing its tail, there is truly no end to the mystery of the serpent. The one that tempted Eve is the same one that Moses elevated on a pole, and the same one that Jesus told us to be as "wise as."

It is also interesting to note that the ancients were aware that individual sperm cells look like tiny snakes with giant (lion-like) heads.

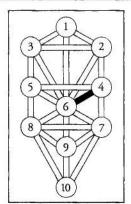
Teth is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Leo.

TAROT TRUMP: Strength.



Yod-Y, I, J

Yod is Path No. 20. It joins Chesed (Mercy) to Tiphareth (Beauty).



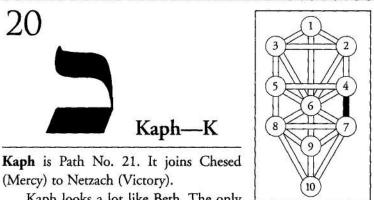
Yod is a flame. Blow upon it and you create all the other letters of the alphabet. Yod is my favorite Hebrew letter because it is so simple. It is the perfect pattern of primal creation—a point extending to become the whirling motion. It is Phi, the seed of the Golden Spiral; the mystic "G" in your grandfather's Masonic ring; the Yin and Yang; the human embryo; the blueprint of the ram's horn and the nautilus; the swirling cream in your coffee, and the billowing dynamics of smoke and air and water. It sets the pattern for our fingerprints, our DNA and the shape of great galaxies. It is the primal male-Shiva divine fire that plunges joyously into the female-Shakti ocean of divine water.

Yod is spelled **""** (YVD) [which is not a public health question]. The three letters enumerate to 20 and mean "hand." Using Qabalistic logic, *Yod* is the key creative instrument of the Deity in the same way that the *hand* is a key creative instrument of human beings. Follow me? The human hand, however, is only the mundane member of creation. A secret and more profound equivalent of the creative hand is the spermatozoon, itself, of which I believe Yod is the most appropriate hieroglyph.

Yod is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Virgo.

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Kaph looks a lot like Beth. The only difference is Kaph's leg connects at the far right edge of the base.

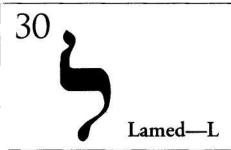
Do not confuse with Beth T Kaph Final

Kaph is also one of five Hebrew letters that has a different shape and numerical value when it appears as the final letter of a word. The five Final Letters are longer or wider than regular letters. Kaph (Final) looks like Daleth with a shorter roof and a long leg. The numerical value of Kaph Final is 500.

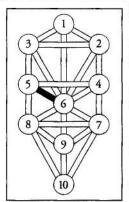
Kaph is spelled (KP). The three letters enumerate to 100 (or using Peh Final 820) and mean "palm." Kaph even looks like the profile of a hand opening to grasp something, the thumb forming the base (the hand of Yod in the process of creation). At the risk of sounding crude, we must remember that for young men, the palm of the hand was our first sexual partner. Palmists are quick to point out that our destiny can be read in the palms of our hands. Kaph's association with Jupiter (the Tarot's Wheel of Fortune) would underscore this association.

Kaph is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents the planet Jupiter.

TAROT TRUMP: The Wheel of Fortune.



Lamed is Path No. 22. It joins Geburah (Strength) to Tiphareth (Beauty).



Lamed. The little Yod at the top of

Lamed towers over and above the other letters and makes it easy
to recognize. Lamed looks like a snake that has swallowed a brick
and is now having second thoughts.

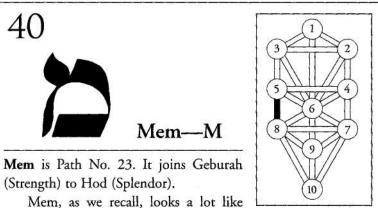
Lamed is spelled 727 (LMD). The three letters enumerate to 74 and mean "ox goad," also to teach and to discipline. The ox goad is the pointy stick that prods the ox (N—Aleph) down the straight and narrow furrows of the field. Without the ox goad, the ox would be an undomesticated animal (and Aleph would spin completely out of control). This indicates that there is a special relationship between Lamed and Aleph. (AL) is the name of God most holy and N7 (LA) means "not." Lamed makes sure that the infinite power of the Holy Spirit of Aleph is channeled into what we perceive as natural patterns.

I am proud to have been named Lamed because it also means teacher and scholar.

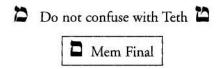
Lamed is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Libra.

TAROT TRUMP: Justice

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Teth. There are three differences: (1) Mem's base is a parallelogram; (2) The left leg does not touch the base; (3) The leftward-crashing wave touches the upper left Yod.



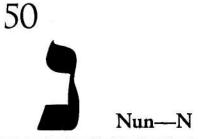
If we are still looking at a duck swimming on the water, the duck has reached back with its bill and has pulled its tail completely off.

Mem is the second Final Letter. When used at the end of a word, it looks like an elongated Samekh with a squared base. The numerical value of Mem Final is 600.

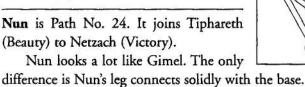
Mem is spelled DD (MYM). The three letters enumerate to 90 (or using Mem Final 650) and mean "water." It also suggests all things liquid, especially life-giving or life-supporting fluids, such as blood, or semen, or wine.

Mem is one of the 3 Mother Letters and represents the element Water.

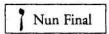
TAROT TRUMP: The Hanged Man.



Nun is Path No. 24. It joins Tiphareth (Beauty) to Netzach (Victory).



Do not confuse with Gimel



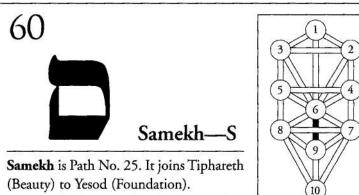
Nun is the third Final letter. When used at the end of a word, it looks like a Vau with a very long leg. It also looks like that little mirror on a stick that the dentist sticks in your mouth. The numerical value of Nun Final is 700.

Nun is spelled [12] (NVN). The three letters enumerate to 106 (or using Nun Final 756) and mean "fish." Fish are known for their ability to breed like crazy. Nun represents fecundity and regeneration. When dead, fish decay rapidly and smell terrible. Nun is also the letter of decay. This really isn't a paradox when you consider the fact that fertilizer smells terrible, but helps things grow.

Nun is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Scorpio.

TAROT TRUMP: Death.

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Samekh has a roof and right leg identical with Heh and Cheth. The right leg connects with the top edge of a broad parallelogram. A left leg reaches from the left edge of the base to the left underside of the roof.

Do not confuse with Mem (Final)

Samekh is spelled **7DD** (SMK). The three letters enumerate to 120 (or using Kaph Final 600) and mean "tent peg" or "prop." In biblical times, the tent peg was a most important and potent symbol because it was an absolutely indispensable tool for the proper erection of the tent. Not only did it ensure the tent would rise toward Heaven, but it also and simultaneously secured it to Earth.

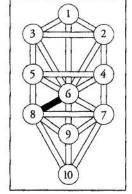
All this pointy phallic symbolism seems rather paradoxical when we consider the extremely female shape of the letter itself. Samekh's meaning is phallic, but its shape suggests all things circular; the canopy of Heaven, the vagina, the womb.

Samekh is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Sagittarius.

TAROT TRUMP: Temperance.



Ayin is Path No. 26. It joins Tiphareth (Beauty) to Hod (Splendor).



Ayin is very distinctive. It is built upon a bold right-leaning diagonal banana. There is one Yod connected to the top of the banana, and a Zain stabs the banana's top mid-section. It looks very much like an English lower case "y."

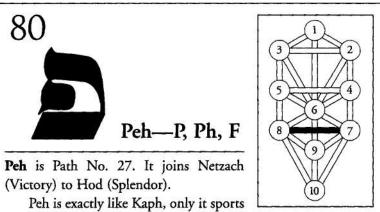
Do not confuse with Tzaddi (Final)

Ayin is spelled ('Y) (AYN). The three letters enumerate to 130 (or using Nun Final 780) and mean "eye." Unlike a window (Heh) that allows light and images to both enter and exit the house, the eye is more of a one-way proposition. Through the eye our inward being looks out at the world. For this reason (and numerous others) Ayin has traditionally been associated with the meatus, the opening at the tip of the penis, through which the semen passes on its one-way adventure to eggland. Ayin also means fountain, spring, source. Do I need to draw us a picture here?

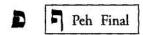
Ayin is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Capricorn.

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a distinctive tongue that dangles from the roof of its mouth.

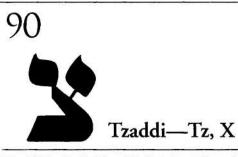


Peh is the fourth Final letter. When used at the end of a word it looks like a long Vau with a tongue. The numerical value of Peh Final is 800.

Peh is spelled TD (PH). The two letters enumerate to 85 and mean "mouth." What goes in the mouth as *nourishment* is vital to human life, but what comes out of the mouth as *speech* is vital to our minds. It is no coincidence that the first and most important gift the mythological gods gave to humans was the gift of speech. Speech is one of the primary characteristics that separate humans from other living creatures. Once we started talking, our thought patterns were drastically overhauled. This had a profound effect upon our ancestors' self-image and view of reality, not to mention the way our brains would evolve from that point onward.

Peh is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents the planet Mars.

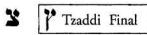
TAROT TRUMP: The Tower.



Tzaddi is Path No. 28. It joins Netzach (Victory) to Yesod (Foundation).

Tzaddi is sometimes confused with

Ayin. It looks like a man with a huge pompadour haircut kneeling forward. He has just been stabbed in the back with a Yod on a stick.



Tzaddi is the fifth Final letter. When used at the end of a word it looks like a regular Tzaddi that got up off its knees. The numerical value of Tzaddi Final is 900.

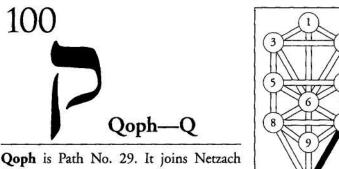
Tzaddi is spelled '72' (TzDY). The three letters enumerate to 104 and mean "fish-hook." It also relates to words such as hunt, hunter, hunted, to lie in wait, capture, and adversary.

Tzaddi is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Aquarius.

TAROT TRUMP: The Star.

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(Victory) to Malkuth (Kingdom).

Qoph is quite unique. It is very similar to an English capital P with none of its components touching. It also looks like a left-facing profile of Elvis Presley with really long eyebrows drooping down past his chin.

Qoph is spelled [17] (QVP). The three letters enumerate to 186 (or using Peh Final 906) and means "back of head." Qoph really must be meditated upon in conjunction with the following letter Resh, which means "the face" or "the front of the head." The back of the head is the location of the cerebellum and the medulla oblongata (also known by the Hindus as the "mouth of God"). This area is the most primitive part of our brain, and could care less about the evening news or your job or what wine to drink with fish. It keeps itself active even when we are asleep, unconscious or otherwise wiped out. Qoph is the Hebrew letter of sleep. It also has a very strange assortment of other meanings, including monkey, anus, vomit, and eye of a needle. (Go figure.)

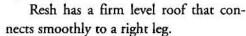
Qoph is one of the 12 Simple Letters and represents the zodiacal sign of Pisces.

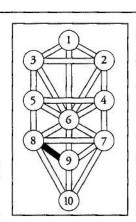
TAROT TRUMP: The Moon.



Resh-R

Resh is Path No. 30. It joins Hod (Splendor) to Yesod (Foundation).





Do not confuse with Daleth

Resh is spelled (RYSh). The three letters enumerate to 510 and mean "head" or "face." Resh is also suggestive of leadership (like the *head* of an organization); or of position (like head of the line); or of quality (like *Supreme* Commander).

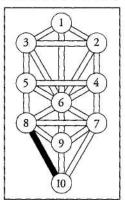
It is really only right and relevant that Resh is regarded as the radiant representation of all that is royal and regal. The words rex, roi, regina, regent, rule and reign, remain as remarkable reminders of Resh's resplendent renown—a reality which rates our respect and reverent remembrance.

Resh is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents the Sun. TAROT TRUMP: The Sun.

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Shin is Path No. 31. It joins Hod (Splendor) to Malkuth (Kingdom).



Shin is perhaps the most beautiful letter in the Hebrew alphabet of flames. It is the glory of three Yods atop a horned crown. The left Yod is a Zain, the right Yod is a waving Vau, and the center Yod—well—the center Yod looks like your basic Yod on a stick.

Shin is spelled " (ShYN). The three letters enumerate to 360 (or using Nun Final 1010) and mean "tooth." Qabalistic tradition holds the letter Shin in particular reverence. If Aleph is the active ingredient of the Holy Spirit, Shin is the Holy Spirit itself. Its number, 360, is also the sum of the letters of the Hebrew words RVCh ALHIM which means the *Breath of God*. When the letter Shin is introduced into the middle of the word and (YHVH) Jehovah, it becomes and (YHShVH) Jeshuah—Jesus.

Shin is one of the 3 Mother Letters and represents both the element Fire and the element Spirit.

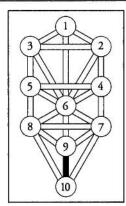
TAROT TRUMP: Judgement.





Tau—Th, T

Tau is Path No. 32. It joins Yesod (Foundation) to Malkuth (Kingdom).



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Tau is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It is formed just like a Resh, but it is also supported on the left by a slightly curved leg with an incredibly swollen foot. Tau also looks like a Resh holding a dead dolphin by the tail.

Do not confuse with Heh II, Cheth II or Peh Final

Tau is spelled \(\text{T}\) (ThV). The two letters enumerate to 406 and mean "mark" or "cross" or "signature." It can mean to seal, to sign off on and to witness. Aleph and Tau is the Hebrew equivalent of Alpha and Omega. The word \(\text{TDN}\) (AMT) (made up of the first, middle, and the last letters in the Hebrew alphabet) means "Truth."

Tau is one of the 7 Double Letters and represents both the planet Saturn and the element Earth.

TAROT TRUMP: The World.

Table 1. Hebrew Letters, Attributes, and Correspondences.

Hebrew Letter and English Equivalent		Number Value	Spelling and Number	Meaning	Letter Type	Attribute	Tarot T r ump
N	A	1	אלף ALP 111	Ox	Mother	Air	O Fool
۵	В	2	BYTh 412	House	Double	Mercury	I Magus
3	G	3	נמל GML 73	Camel	Double	Moon	II High Priestess
٦	D	4	הלה DLTh 434	Door	Double	Venus	III Empress
ה	Н	5	הה HH 10	Window	Simple	Aries	IV Emperor
1	V,W, U, F, O	6	VV 2	Nail	Simple	Taurus	V Hierophant
1	Z	7	ZYN 67	Sword	Simple	Gemini	VI Lovers
π	Ch	8	ChYTh 418	Fence	Simple	Cancer	VII Chariot
Ð	Т	9	מית TYTh 419	Serpent	Simple	Leo	VIII (or XI) Strength
•	Y, I, J	10	YVD 20	Hand	Simple	Virgo	IX Hermit
(T)	K	20 or 500 (Final)	בף KP 100	Palm of Hand	Double	Jupiter	X Fortune

Table 1. Hebrew Letters, Attributes, and Correspondences (cont.).

Hebrew Letter and English Equivalent		b Value an		Meaning	Letter Type	Attribute	Tarot Trump
5	L	30	למד LMD 74	Ox Goad	Simple	Libra	XI (or VIII) Justice
(D)	М	40 or 600 (Final)	מים MYM 90	Water	Mother	Water	XII Hanged Man
; (7)	N	50 or 700 (Final)	נון NVN 106	Fish	Simple	Scorpio	XIII Death
D	S	60	סמך SMK 120	Prop Hand	Simple	Sagittarius	XIV Temperance
y	Ay, A'a, O,Ng	70	AYN 130	Eye	Simple	Capricorn	XV Devil
b (ቫ)	P, Ph, F	80 or 800 (Final)	п ь РН 85	Mouth	Double	Mars	XVI Tower
لا (۲)	Tz	90 or 900 (Final)	צרי TzDI 104	Fish Hook	Simple	Aquarius	XVII Star
ק	Q	100	QVP 186	Back of Head	Simple	Pisces	XVIII Moon
٦	R	200	RISh 510	Head	Double	Sun	XIX Sun
ש	Sh	300	ShIN 360	Tooth	Mother	Fire (Spirit)	XX Judgement
ח	Т	400	תו ThV 404	Cross, Mark	Double	Saturn (Earth)	XXI Universe