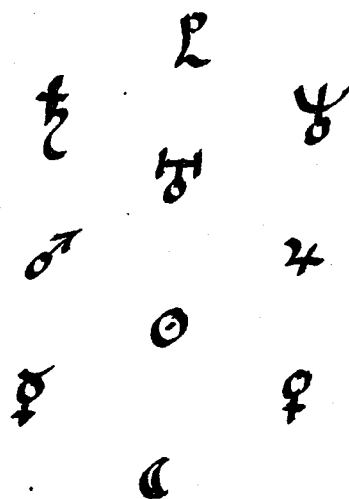


If truth must be known, I came up with this delightfull system because, quite simply, I can't make heads or tails out of a horoscope, especially in the calculation and interpretation of all those damnable geometric relationships. That weakness, combined with a decent proficiency in reading the Tarot through the Tree of Life, led me to devise what was initially a system of assigning tarot trumps to positions on the Tree based on the relationships of planets and signs in the individual natal chart. Logical developments from that simple stage led to a more involved system determining energy relationships and favorable paths to be worked. Especially for a magician, the information provided is more readily usable and applicable than when displayed in the traditional twelve-house horoscope.

The first condition for providing a qabalistic layout of a natal horoscope, is the determining of standardised assignments of planetary locations.. The method I developed is based on the traditional planetary values of the sephiroth. It was created independently of the system outlined in A Guide to Qabalistic Astrology by Horus (a system whose logic and rationale, despite intensive study, escapes me), and is taken from the sephirotic assignments of the trans-saturnine planets used in our local groups workings. Thus:



Ascendant

I've used this arrangement rather than the one devised by Grant largely because of a desire to maintain the traditional Binah-Saturn correspondance, and because the interpretive values for Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto that I've been working with seem to correspond more closely to Death, Chokmah, and Kether.

The interpretations of each sephirotic position need to be kept in mind throughout all the following procedures. It should be kept in mind, also, that these interpretations apply to individuals. Readings done for aggregate bodies or for timing rituals would tend to have slightly differant values.



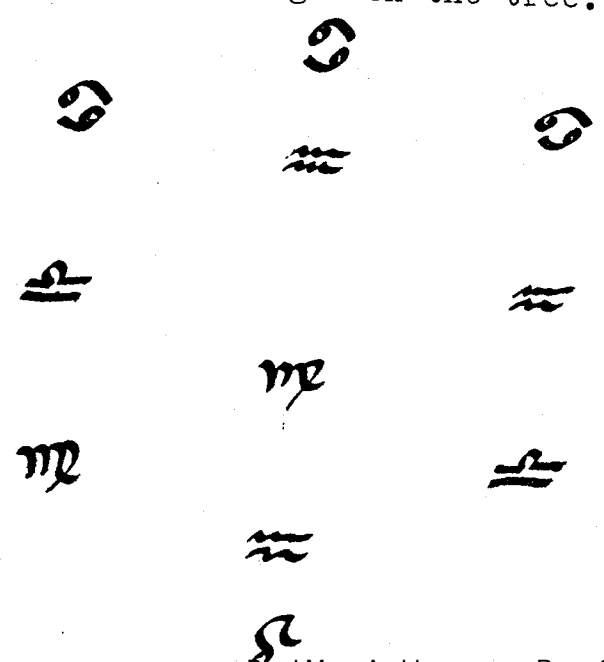
Now, the next stage of analysis is to determine the eleven astrological positions. This does not require the degree of accuracy needed for a horoscope, but it does require that one know in which sign each planet is located. Further, it requires that one take pains to be accurate in determining the ascendent, as this little devil has the most variables involved in its determination of any of the eleven. Best choice is to take the data from a horoscope drawn up by a qualified astrologer. Worst luck is with people who aren't certain when in the day they were born.

To avoid embarrassing any of the people for whom I've done readings, we're going to create an individual to analyse. His date of birth will 3 September 1914 at 3:00 AM in Greenwich, England. Planetary locations are:

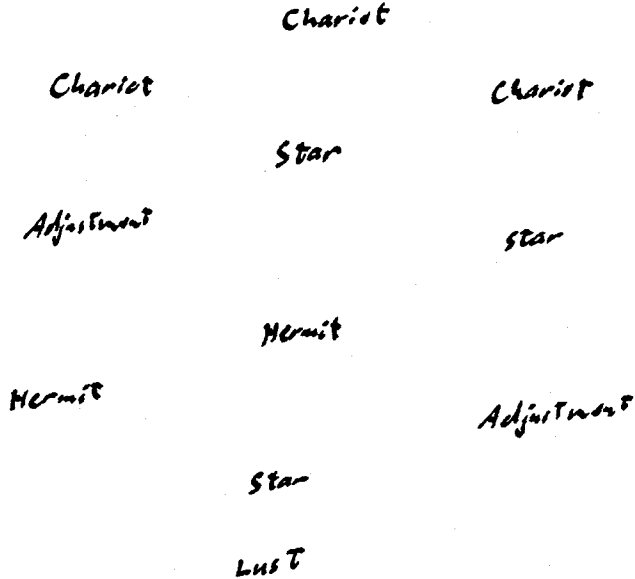
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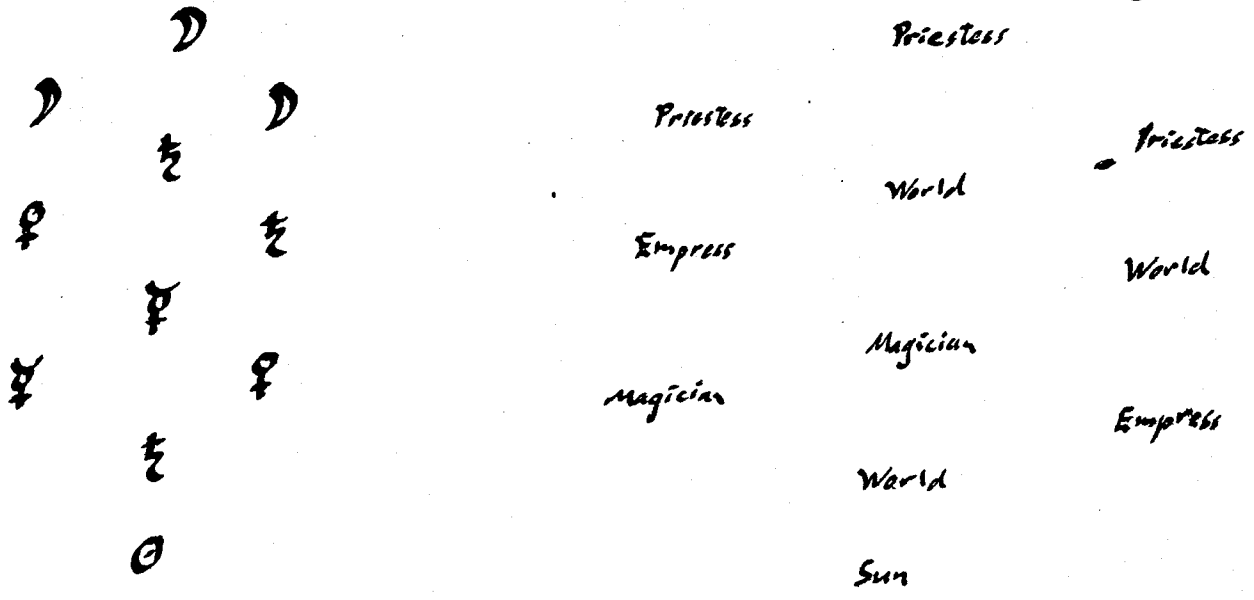
Now, position the signs on the tree.



Next step is to assign the equivalent Tarot trumps to the positions and do a reading based on those positions. (And, yes, I do know that the Book of Thoth has Aquarius assigned to the Emperor and Aries to the Star. Unfortunately, while I am rather accepting of Tzaddi not being the Star, and while I like the shift in location between the Star and the Emperor, I'm a bit less accepting of switching their astrological correspondences. I've yet to see sufficiency of reason to do so.)



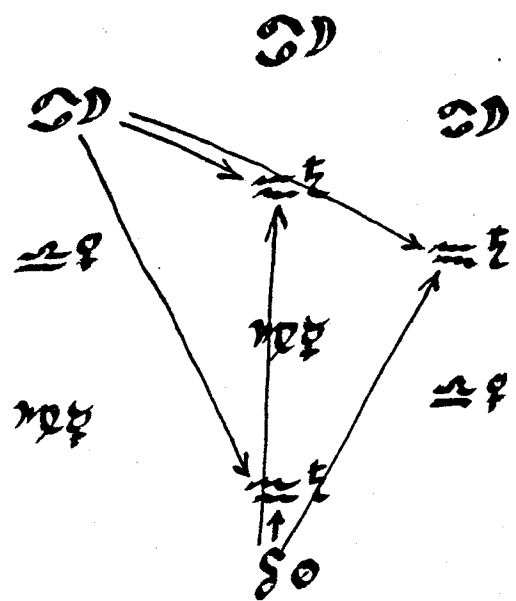
Now, place the ruling planets of each sign and the equivalent Trump to that planet on the appropriate position. To accomplish this, you'll need to use the older, seven-planet rulers rather than the more modern system. This necessity will effect the future handling of the chart in a way that highlights certain philosophical and magickal features which we'll be getting to later.



Do another Tree of Life reading based on the new set of cards. This should now give you two interlocking sets of readings to work with.

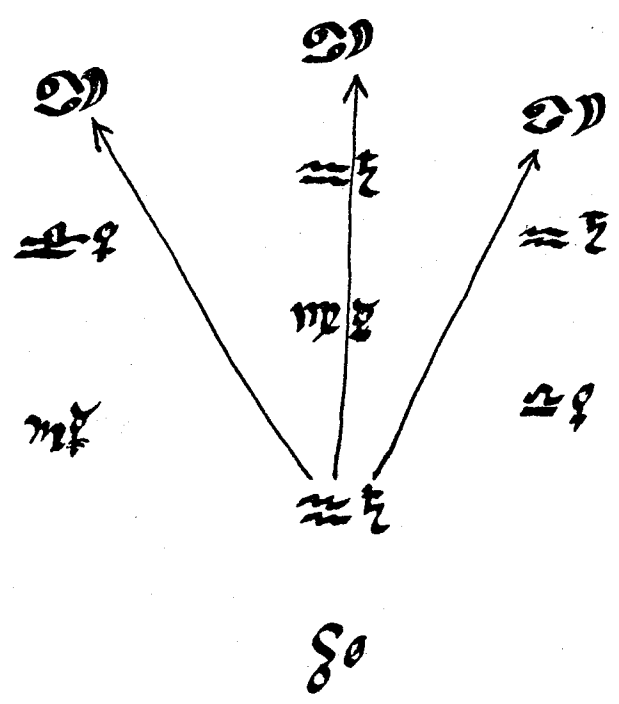
For the next stage, you'll either need to do multiple sketches of the layout or equip yourself with multi-colored pens or crayons. We're going to trace energy flows.

As a starter, consider the tarot trump The World. It corresponds to both Saturn and Earth, Binah and Malkuth, the Great Mother and the Earth Mother. We can, based on this and on experience, claim that manifestations of female creative energy are accomplished via the body. From Malkuth (biosystems) and Binah (female creative energy) radiate out lines to each position occupied by a sign ruled by Saturn.

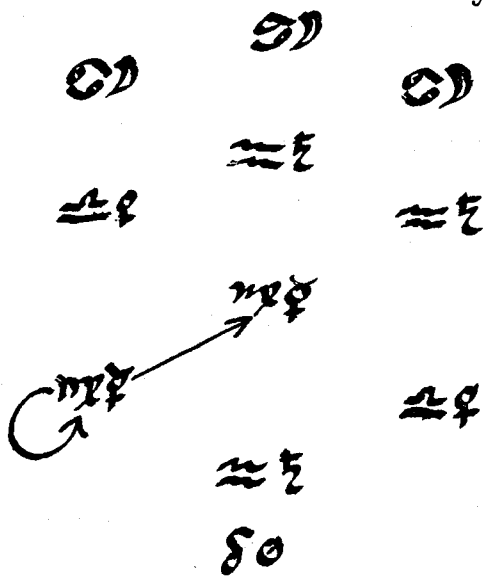


We can see that emotions, benevolence, and this individuals abyss derive energy and are controlled from the body and from female creative energy. Illness will have a noticeable effect on the emotional state.

Next, since Yesod is correspondent to the moon, draw out lines from there to any sign ruled by Luna.

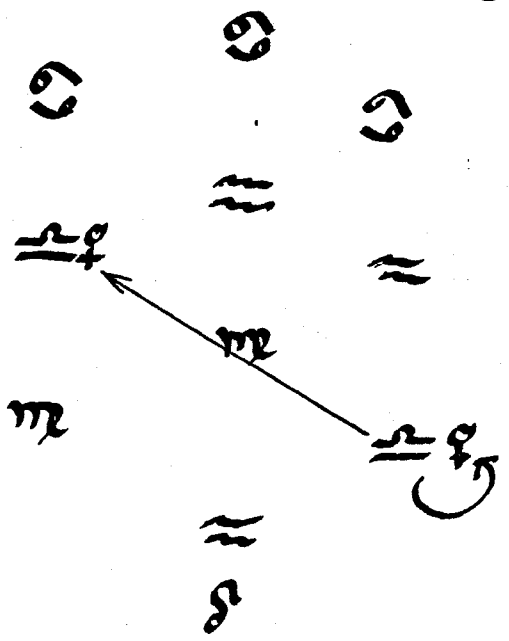


What is immediately obvious here is that this individual has all three supernals deriving energy from Yesod. The entire transabyssal region and the HGA in particular is reached via emotion. Furthermore, in conjunction with the Binah/Malkuth radiation pattern shown earlier, we may note that emotion is deriving energy and control partially from the body, making these transabyssal links heavily dependent on the state of bodily health, and partially from Binah and its female creative energies, forming, in effect, a Yesod-Binah feedback loop capable of circling and enhancing energy, acting to circumvent the effects of shifting body conditions on emotions and through them on the supernals.
Next, radiate lines from Hod to any signs ruled by Mercury.



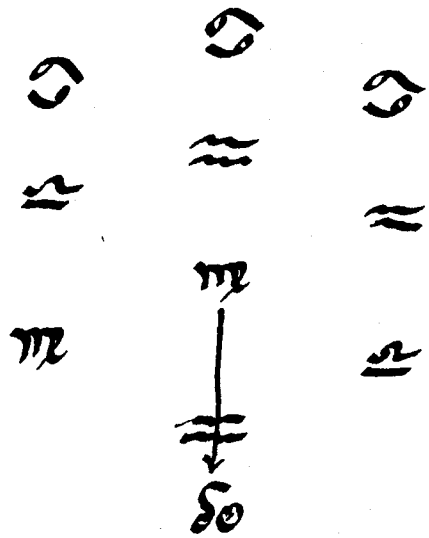
Two things of note here. One, intelligence is stable, energizing and activating itself. Two, intelligence is controlling and driving the ego, which most of us would consider a good thing.

Now we draw out from Netzach to signs ruled by Venus.

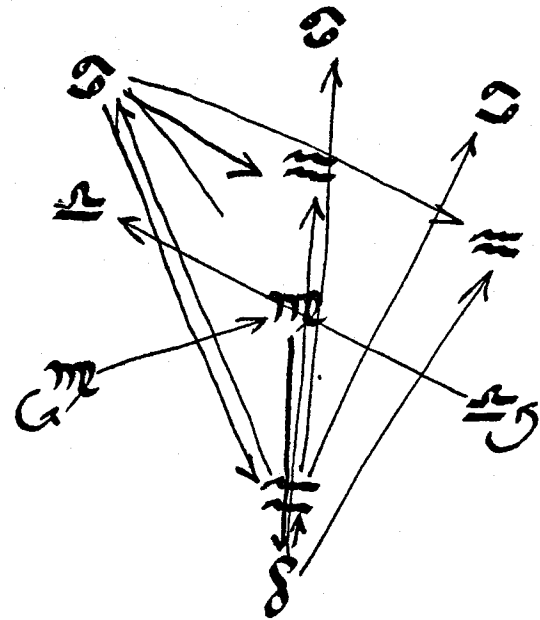


This gives us sexuality as also stable and self energizing. It also shows sexuality as fueling aggressiveness, something most of us wouldn't consider a good thing.

Now, since we don't have any signs in this reading ruled by Mars or Jupiter, we don't need to chart those patterns. The only thing left is to radiate from Tiphareth to any sun-ruled sign..



Ego energises and controls the body. The better he thinks himself, the healthier he'll be. At this stage, combine the charts.

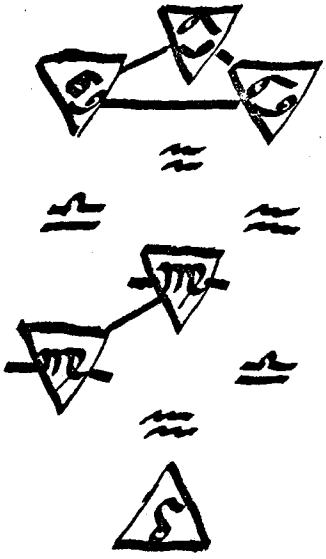


It's fairly obvious why we did each planetary or sephirothic energy in stages. The combination is confusing as all get out. It should be noticeable, though, that we are dealing with two separate energy systems. One is a Netzach-Geburah system which, particularly in post-adolescence would tend to lead to altercations resulting in violence over sexual partners. The other is far more spiritual, providing as it does a route over the abyss. In this case, intellectual study of magickal philosophy would enflame the ego as awareness of the magickal possibilities became evident. The burgeoning ego would drive the body to greater stages of physical wellbeing. This would make our subject more

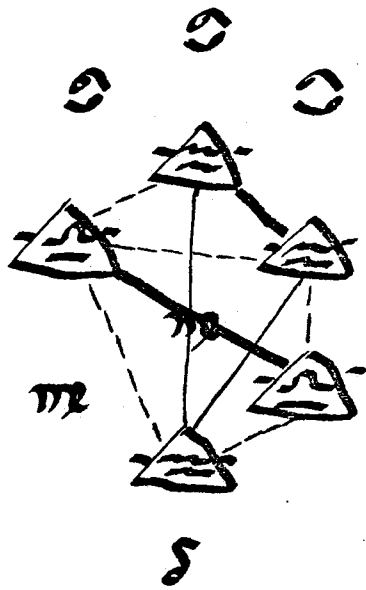
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amiable and easier to get along with (a distinct improvement over his brawling in pubs over the favors of waitresses), would energise his awareness of the Abyss, and would produce an emotional state capable of launching him across that Abyss. Once over, with all three supernals activated, Binah would be feeding energy back down to Yesod, maintaining and enhancing the supernal activation.

Having considered planetary energy, it's time to look at elemental energy links. Consider the element of each sign. Link identical signs with solid lines, differing signs having the same element with dotted lines, representing respectively major and minor elemental links.



Earth/Fire/Water



Air

Leo ascendent at Malkuth is the sole fire sign, so there are no fire energy links. Its being enegised by ego/Tiphareth is reflected by its fire nature.

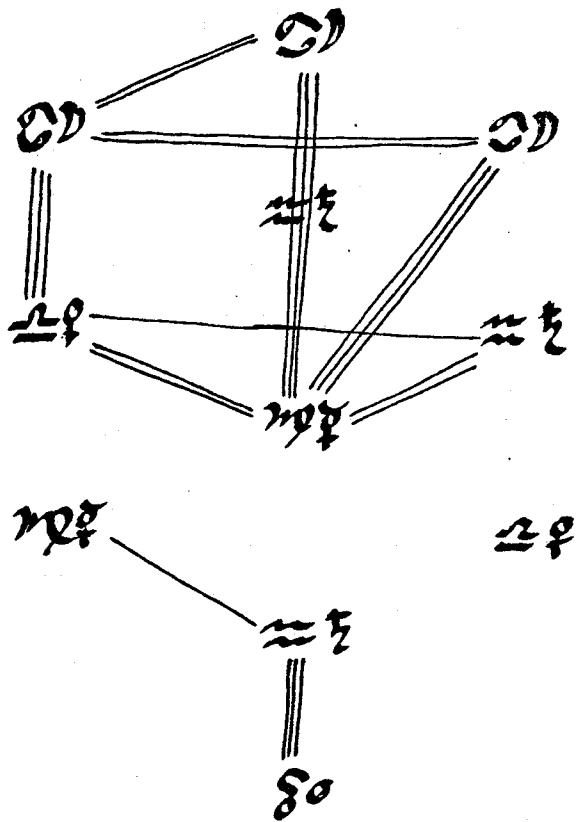
The three water supernals form the base of an inverted tetrahedron whose energy apex is emotion/Yesod.

Yesod along with Death and Chesed form the base of an air tetrahedron with its base in the fire sign at Malkuth.

Hod Tiphareth is an Earth link strengthening the energy flow from intellect to ego.. Being an earth link it is controlled by Malkuth which is the sephiroth activated by the energy transfer to Tiphareth.

A strong air link exists between Netzach and Geburah, enhancing the sexuality-aggression link. This air link, however is under control by intellect. Furthermore, there are minor links between the Netzach/Geburah pair and the Death, Chesed, Yesod triad. So we're finally getting that self destructive pattern under control of the other pattern.

One last bit of line drawing. If you're doing multicolors use something fairly light. Draw in each actual path as many times as its astrological equivalent sign or planet appears in the lay out.



This gives us the astrologically determined easiest working paths. The more lines per path, the greater the affinity for that path. If a lined path happens to match with an energy flow the capability of working it is even further enhanced.

A few observations occur from this.

Binah is the source of energy radiating from above the abyss into active manifestation. Hence the Great Mother image.

Pluto is the slowest changing of the planets, roughly twenty-four years per sign. Positioned at Kether and representing the individual HGA, it can be seen to determine the style of spiritual advancement for significant periods of magickal history. For our representative and his generation the link to the HGA was emotional. Most of the magickal revival, I suspect, had Pluto in Gemini giving them an intellectual link, similar to that of the younger members of our group who have Pluto in Virgo. The rest of us have Pluto in Leo, giving us an ego link. Children currently being born have Pluto in Libra, Venus-ruled, suggesting a future favorable to tantric working. This causes me to wonder what mode of magick will be used when Scorpio, being Mars-ruled, is in Pluto.

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