

My Qabalah

Hod

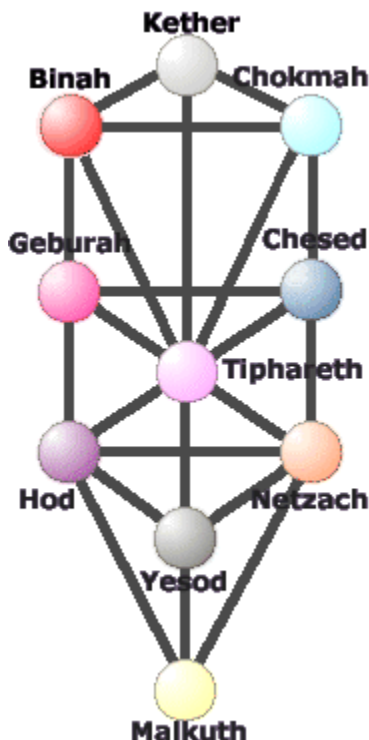


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Title	Glory
Image	Sexless beautiful male
Greek God	Hermes
Planet	Mercury
Colour	Purple
Relationships	Legs Magick Spells Truth and Dishonesty

Hod is the winged messenger Hermes or the planet Mercury. The seeker of knowledge, the finder of truth, the trickster of magick.

Hod knows the spells, brings the message, illuminates the way, but he is not the way. **Hod** is but a sign post along the road.

The energies of the Tree of Life having risen from their base plane of [Malkuth](#), the earth, and traveled through [Yesod](#), the Moon, they enter the state of illumination of **Hod** the messenger.



Having taken the Path of **The Fool** to rise to [Yesod](#), the first blind step up The Tree of Life, the way then to **Hod** is via **Judgment**. Once we accept a form of faith, a religious system, or simply a belief structure that we can be comfortable with, we then use our own powers of Judgment to sort out how we use or live this structure or belief. Every one of us sees their religious belief from different eyes. We may have the common base of the written text, hymn, prayer, sutra, chant, fable, myth etc., but we intuitively make our own conscious decision to accept or reject or even mold and modify the faith to suit our needs or culture.

This is where **Hod** is evident. It is the writing, the knowing and tradition of belief. Not as in [Yesod](#), the faith of knowing, but here a material knowledge that can be physically handed or spoken to the seeker.

An interesting path to **Hod** is directly from [Malkuth](#) by passing [Yesod](#) along the path of **The World**. So to take the magickal knowledge of **Hod** and not participate in the leap of faith through [Yesod](#), we only get the worldly aspects of our religion or belief. We only understand the material parts, the nuts and bolts, but we have no faith, and so we cannot truly believe.

From **Hod** there is the upward path of **Death** if we try to avoid [Tiphareth](#) the Christ centre or [Netzach](#) the love of Venus and simply move upward directly to [Geburah](#). This again can be folly as the death of ones heart and love will result when, having taken knowledge, we try to use it directly in passion without having found the love to understand it and also the love to understand ourselves.

If we simply try to by pass [Netzach](#) and move directly to [Tiphareth](#) we will encounter the path of **The Tower**. Again we can acquire the central love of [Tiphareth](#), but at the price of a cold heartless struggle, striving only for our own needs and never getting the love of Venus from [Netzach](#).

The accepted path is that of **The Star** from **Hod** to **Netzach**. Along this route we will be given all that we ask for and have the time to grasp the knowledge we have been given and experiment in its use. Beware the crossing over the path from **Yesod** to **Tiphareth**: **The Devil**. As we have all the power of **The Star** with the knowledge of **Hod** we will be tempted to use this combination by the way of **The Devil**. Our only salvation is to continue on attracted by the love of **Netzach** and not fall into the Path of **The Devil** and drop down The Tree of Life to the base of **Malkuth**.

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