

The Hermetic Order Of The
GOLDEN DAWN^{Intl.}

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE THIRD
KNOWLEDGE LECTURE**



THEORICUS 2=9

The soul is divided by the Qabalists into three principal parts:

1. **Neschamah:** The highest part, answering to the three Supernals.
2. **Ruach:** The middle part, answering to the six sephiroth from dsj to dwsy, inclusive.
3. **Nephesch:** Answering to dwsy.

Neschamah answers to the higher aspirations of the Soul. Nephesch answers to the animal instincts. Chiah answers to hmkj, Yechidah to rtk, while the Lesser Neschamah itself is referred to hnyb.

The *Sepher Yetzirah* divides the Hebrew letters into three classes of three, seven, and twelve:

Three Mother letters: a, m, c.

Seven double letters: b, g, d, k, p, r, t.

Twelve single letters: h, w, z, j, f, y, l, n, s, u, x, q.

The Seven Branched Candlestick, the double letters.

The Holy Place embraces the symbolism of the twenty-two letters.

The Tablet of Shewbread, the single letters.

The Altar of Incense the three Mother letters.

Astral spirits are those belonging to the astral plane. Such are false and illusionary forms, shells of the dead, and ghosts and phantoms.

Elemental spirits are those belonging to the nature of the elements; some are good and some are evil.

An Angel is a pure and high spirit of unmixed good in office and operation.

In the Tarot, the ten small cards of each suit refer to the sephiroth. The four suits refer to the letters of the Tetragrammaton thus:

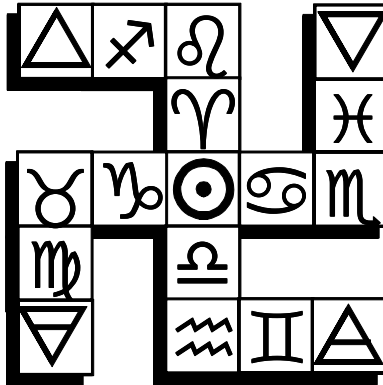
Scepters or Wands	y
Cups	h
Swords	w
Pentacles	h Final

The four suits also refer to the four worlds of the Qabalists thus:

Scepters or Wands	Atziluth
Cups	Briah
Swords	Yetzirah
Pentacles	Assiah

The Honours of the Tarot pack are, as it were, the Vice-gerants of the Great Name, in the Qabalistic World to which each suit is referred. They also symbolize Father, Mother, Son, Daughter; Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection.

The Fylfot Cross



The seventeen squares out of a square of lesser squares, refer to the Sun in the twelve signs of the zodiac and the four elements.

Caduceus of Hermes

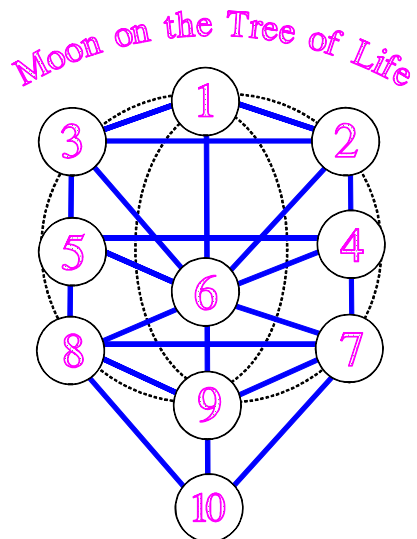


This form of the Caduceus of Hermes is that of the three Mother letters placed on one another.



The Caduceus has another meaning on the Tree of Life. The upper part of the wings touch hmkj and hnyb, these are the Supernals. The seven lower sephiroth are embraced by the Twin Serpents whose heads rest upon dsj and hrwbjg.

MOON ON TREE OF LIFE



The meaning of Luna on the Tree of Life is thus:

In its increase it embraces the side of Mercy; in its decrease the side of Severity, and at the full, it reflects the Sun of trapt.