

because through it is consummated and perfected the Nature of every existing being under the Orb of the Sun. It is therefore the reflection of the Airy Sign Aquarius, the Water-bearer, unto which is attributed the Countenance of Man, the ADAM who restored the World.

*Hiero, Hegemon, and Practicus come West of the Altar.*

Before you upon the Altar is the 17th Key of TAROT which symbolically resumes these ideas.

<135> The large STAR in the centre of the Heavens has seven principal and fourteen secondary rays and this represents the Heptad multiplied by the Triad. This yields 21 — the Number of the Divine Name EHEIEH which, as you already know, is attached to KETHER. In the Egyptian sense, it is SIRIUS the Dog-Star, the Star of Isis-Sothis. Around it are the Stars of the Seven Planets each with its seven-fold counterchanged operation.

The nude female figure with the Star of the Heptagram on her brow is the synthesis of Isis, of Nephthys, and of Athor. She also represents the planet VENUS through whose sphere the influence of Chesed descends. She is Aima, Binah, Tebunah, the Great Supernal Mother — Aima Elohim, pouring upon the Earth the Waters of Creation which unite and form a River at her feet, the River going forth from the Supernal Eden which floweth and faileth not.

Note well, that in this Key she is completely unveiled while in the 21st Key she is only partially so.

The two Urns contain the influences from Chokmah and Binah. On the right springs the Tree of Life, and on the left the Tree of Knowledge of Good and of Evil whereon the Bird of Hermes alights, and therefore does this Key represent the restored World, after the formless and the Void and the Darkness, the New ADAM, the Countenance of the Man which falls in the Sign AQUARIUS. And therefore doth the astronomical ripple of this sign represent, as it were, Waves of Water — the ripples of that River going forth out of Eden — but, therefore also, is it justly attributed to Air and not unto Water because it is the Firmament dividing and containing the Water.

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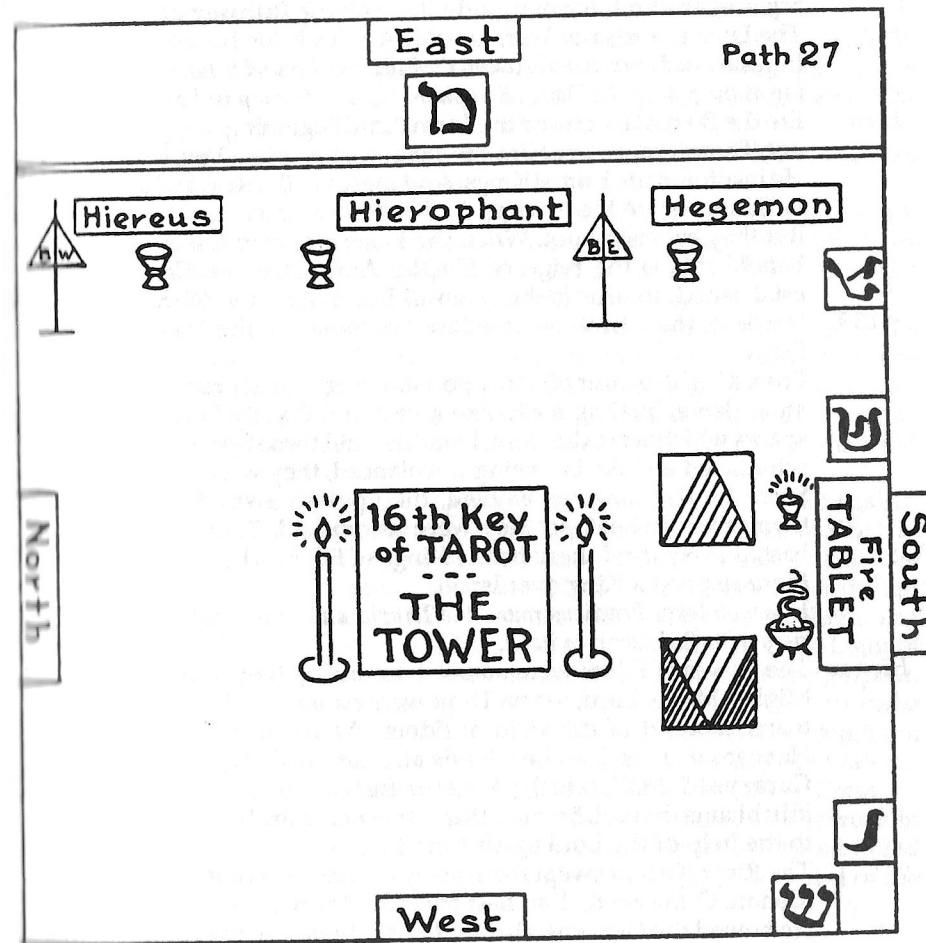
*Hierophant returns to his place.*

I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the Title of Lord of the 28th Path. You will now quit the Temple for a short time and on your return the Ceremony of your passage of the 27th PATH will take place.

*Hegemon leads Practicus out.*

<137> THE 27TH PATH OF PEH

The Temple is symbolically in HOD, and the Paths in the East and S. E., leading from it, are those of Mem, Ayin, Peh, Resh, and Shin. Of these, PEH is shown in the South, before which now stand the Pillars. Hierophant returns to his Throne on the Dais, Hiereus with his Banner is seated before the Dais in the N. E., Hegemon in the S. E. The Officers are supplied with Red Lamps.



On the Altar is the Tarot Key of THE TOWER. The Admission Badge is the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares.

<138> Hiero Honoured Hegemon, you have my commands to present the Practicus with the necessary Admission Badge and to admit him. Hegemon goes out, gives the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares to the Candidate and admits him saying:

Heg The River Kishon swept them away, that Ancient River, the River Kishon. O my Soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

Hiero (knocks) Frater Monocris de Astris, the Path now open to you is the 27th, which leads from the ③ = ⑧ Grade of Practicus to the ④ = ⑦

of Philosophus. Take in your right hand the Calvary Cross of Ten Squares and follow your guide through the Pathway of Mars.

Heg

The Lord is a man of War; Lord of Armies is his Name!

*Hegemon leads Practicus between the Pillars and round to Hierophant, halting at the foot of the Dais. Hierophant rises, red Lamp in hand.*

Hiero

Ere the Eternal instituted the Formation, Beginning and End existed not. Therefore, before Him, He expanded a certain Veil, and therein He instituted the Primal Kings. And these are the Kings who reigned in Edom before there reigned a King over Israel.

But they subsisted not. When the Earth was formless and void — behold this is the reign of EDOM. And when the Creation was established, lo, this is the reign of Israel. And the Wars of titanic forces in the Chaos of Creation, Lo, these are the Wars between them.

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From a Light-bearer of unsupportable brightness, proceeded a radiating flame, hurling forth, like a vast and mighty Hammer, those sparks which were the Primal worlds. And these Sparks flamed and scintillated awhile, but being unbalanced, they were extinguished. Since lo, the Kings assembled, they passed away together, they themselves beheld, so they were astonished. They feared. They hastened away. And these be the Kings of Edom who reigned before there reigned a King over Israel.

*Hegemon takes Practicus round the Temple, and halts before Hiericus who rises with Red Lamp in hand.*

Hiericus

The Dukes of Edom were amazed, trembling they took hold of the Mighty Moab, Lord, when Thou wentest out of SEIR, when Thou marchedst out of the Field of Edom, the Earth trembled and the Heavens dropped — the Clouds also dropped Water.

Curse ye MEROZ, said the Angel of the Lord — curse ye bitterly, the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord — to the help of the Lord against the Mighty.

The River Kishon swept them away — that ancient River, the River Kishon. O my Soul, thou hast trodden down Strength!

He bowed the Heavens, also, and came down and the Darkness was under His Feet. At the brightness that was before Him the thick clouds passed — Hail-stones and flashings of Fire. The Lord thundered through the Heavens and the highest gave forth His Voice — Hail-stones and flashings of Fire. He sent out His Arrows and scattered them: He hurled forth His Lightnings and destroyed them.

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Then the channels of the Waters were seen and the Foundations of the World were discovered. At Thy rebuke, O Lord — at the blast of the Breath of Thy Nostrils, the Voice of Thy Thunder was in the Heavens and Thy Lightnings lightened the World. The Earth trembled and shook. Thy way is in the Sea and Thy Path in the Great Waters and Thy Footsteps are not known.

*Hegemon leads Practicus to her own seat before the Dais, takes Lamp and says:*

Heg

O Lord, I have heard Thy Speech and was afraid. The Voice of the Lord is upon the Waters. The God of Glory thundereth. The Lord is upon many Waters. The Voice of the Lord is powerful. The Voice of the Lord is full of Majesty. The Voice of the Lord breaketh the Cedars of Lebanon. The Voice of the Lord divideth the Flames of Fire. The Voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

*Hegemon places Practicus in a seat West of the Altar, facing Hiero; and takes the Calvary Cross. He returns to his place.*

Hiero

ELOAH came from Teman of EDOM and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His Glory covered the Heavens and the Earth was full of His praise. His brightness was as the Light. He had KARMAIM in His Hands and there was the hiding of His Power.

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Before Him went the pestilence and Flaming Fire went forth at His Feet. He stood and measured the Earth. He beheld and drove asunder the Nations. And the Everlasting Mountains were scattered — and Perpetual Hills did bow. His ways are everlasting. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction and the curtain of the Land of Midian did tremble.

Was the Lord displeased against the Rivers? Was Thy Wrath against the Sea that Thou didst ride upon Thy horses and Chariots of Salvation? Thou didst cleave asunder the Earth with the Rivers. The Mountains saw Thee and they trembled. The deluge of waters rolled by. The Deep uttered His voice and lifted up His hands on high. The SUN and the MOON stood still in their Habitations. At the Light of Thine arrows they went — at the shining of Thy Glittering Spear. Thou didst march through the Land in indignation. Thou didst thrash the Heathen in Thine Anger. Thou didst march through the Sea with Thy Horses — through the depth of the Mighty Waters. *Hegemon leads practicus to Hiero and gives Hiero the Calvary Cross.*

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The Calvary Cross of Ten Squares refers to the Ten Sephiroth in balanced disposition, before which the Formless and the Void rolled back. It is also the opened out form of the Double Cube and of the Altar of Incense.

*Places Cross aside.*

The 27th PATH of the Sepher Yetzirah which answereth unto PEH is called the Exciting Intelligence, and it is so called because by it is created the Intellect of all created Beings under the Highest Heaven, and the Excitement or Motion of them.

It is therefore the Reflection of the Sphere of Mars, and the Reciprocal Path connecting Netzach with Hod, Victory with Splendour. It is the lowermost of the three Reciprocal Paths.

*Hiero, Heg, and Practicus come to the W. of Altar.*

Hiero

Before you upon the Altar is the 16th Key of TAROT, which symbolically resumes these ideas.

It represents a Tower struck by a Lightning Flash proceeding from a rayed circle and terminating in a triangle. It is the Tower of Babel struck by the Fire from Heaven. It is to be noted that the triangle at the end of the flash, issuing from the circle, forms exactly the as-

tronomical symbol of Mars.

It is the Power of the Triad rushing down and destroying the Columns of Darkness. Three holes are rent in the walls, symbolising the establishment of the Triad therein and the Crown at the summit of the Tower is falling, as the Crowns of the Kings of Edom fell, who are also symbolised by the men falling headlong. On the right hand side of the Tower is LIGHT and the representation of the Tree of LIFE by ten circles this disposed.

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On the left hand side is DARKNESS and eleven circles symbolising the QLIPPOTH.

*Hierophant returns to his throne. Hegemon and Practicus remain West of Altar.*

I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the Title of LORD OF THE 27TH PATH.

You will now quit the Temple for a short time and on your return, the Ceremony of your Reception into the ④ = 7 Grade of Philosophus will take place.

*Hegemon leads Practicus out.*

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#### THE ENTRY INTO NETZACH GRADE OF PHILOSOPHUS

The Pillars are placed on either side of the Altar, North, and South. On the Altar are the Cross and Triangle placed to represent the symbol of Sulphur. At each Angle of the Triangle a red lamp burns. East of the Altar, suspended from a banner pole, is the

