Liberation and Renunciation

The Voice of the Silence

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Essential Points

- Everyone wants liberation without the need to renounce suffering's causes.
- Liberation occurs through conscious works and voluntary sufferings.
- Renunciation is not avoidance. It is comprehension.
- We cannot renounce or give up what we do not have.
- To become spiritual, we must renounce egotism.
- However, masters who seek perfection in their mastery must also renounce their spiritual identity.
- We renounce inferior ways of being through genuine compassion for others. The law of sacrifice organizes macrocosmic and microcosmic nature.

The Requisites for Spiritual Initiation

Thou hast to be prepared to answer Dharma, the stern law, whose voice will ask thee at thy first, at thy initial step:

"Hast thou complied with all the rules (of ethical discipline within the Sravakayana Path), O thou of lofty hopes?"

"Hast thou attuned thy heart and mind to the great mind and heart of all mankind (through compassion of the Mahayana)? For as the sacred River's roaring voice whereby all Nature-sounds are echoed back, so must the heart of him 'who in the stream would enter,' thrill in response to every sigh and thought of all that lives and breathes."

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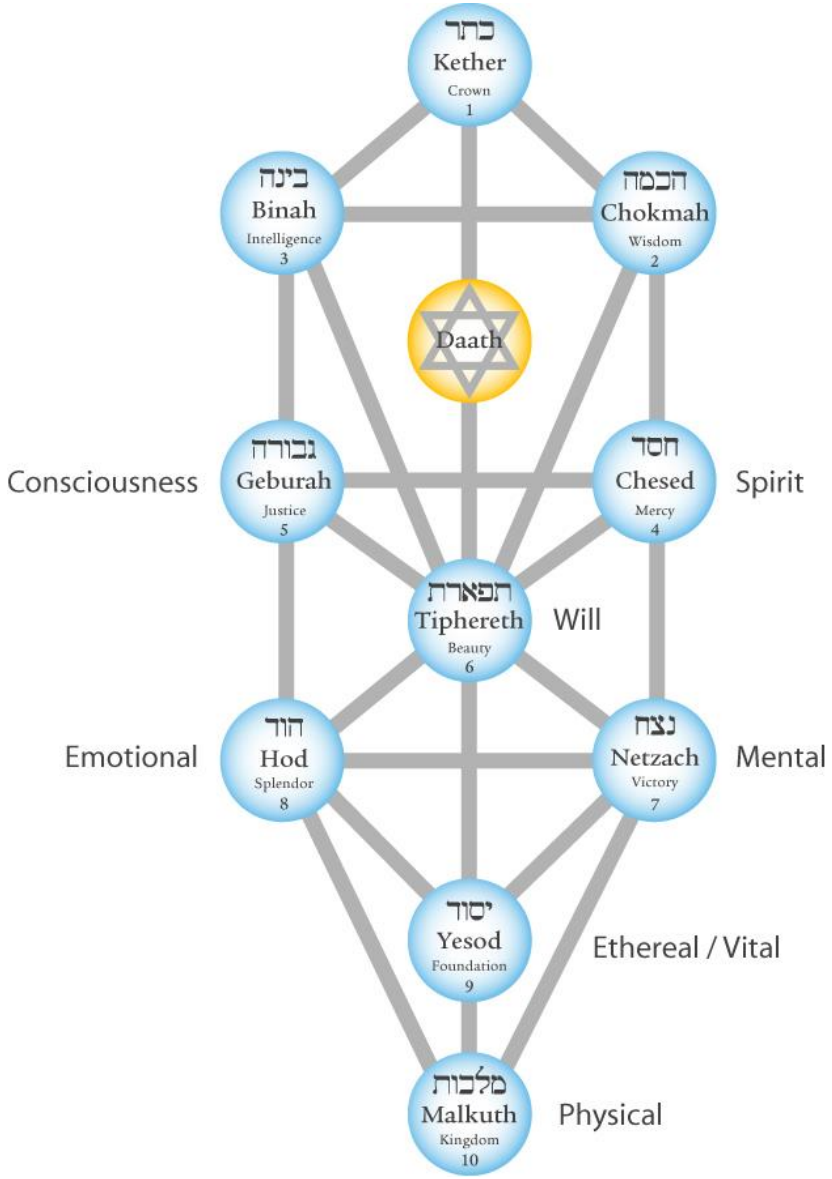
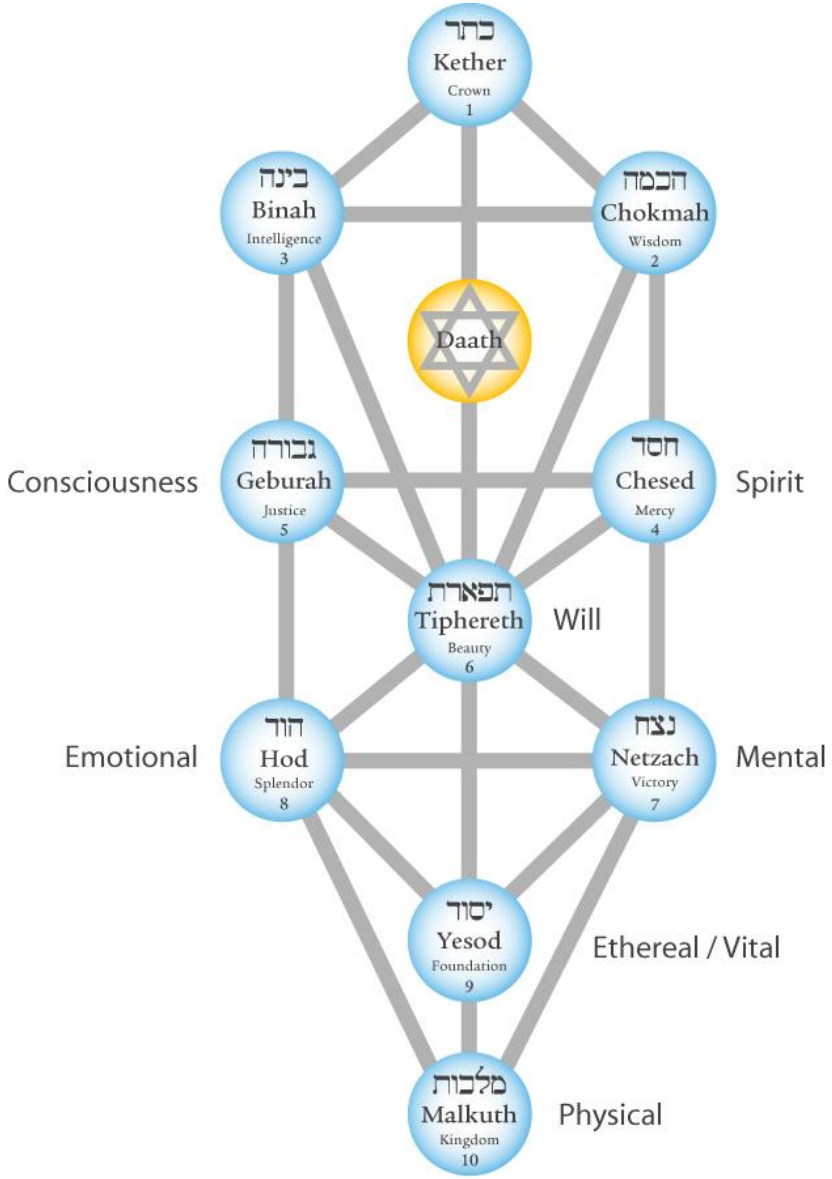


Initiatic Degrees

1. *Srotapatti* — "He who has entered the stream" that leads to the Nirvanic ocean.
2. *Sakridagamin* — "He who will receive birth (only) once more."
3. *Anagamin* — "He who will be reincarnated no more."
4. *Rahat* or *Arhat* — "One who sees Nirvana during his or her life."



Initiatic Degrees

The four great Initiations of Major Mysteries are: Srotapanna, Sakridagamin, Anagamin, Arhan. These are the four paths that lead to Nirvana.

However, even when the Arhan is an Adept, he must still raise his Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Serpent of his eternal Divine Triad in order to convert himself into an Arhat of the "Mist of Fire."

These are the seven Great Initiations of Major Mysteries. There are the seven serpents that any human being must raise by intensely practicing sexual magic with his spouse.... —Samael Aun Weor, *Igneous Rose*

The Paths of a Buddha

When the Master reaches the Fourth Initiation of Major Mysteries, seven paths are opened before him:

FIRST: To enter Nirvana

SECOND: To do superior works in Nirvana.

THIRD: To form part of the major government of the Logos of the Solar System.

FOURTH: To remain as a Nirmanakaya, working in the Astral plane for humanity.

FIFTH: To work in the future Jupiterian period of our Earth.

SIXTH: To reincarnate in order to work for humanity.

SEVENTH: To enter the Devic or Angelic evolution in order to work in this great laboratory of Nature under the direct orders of the Lord Jehovah.

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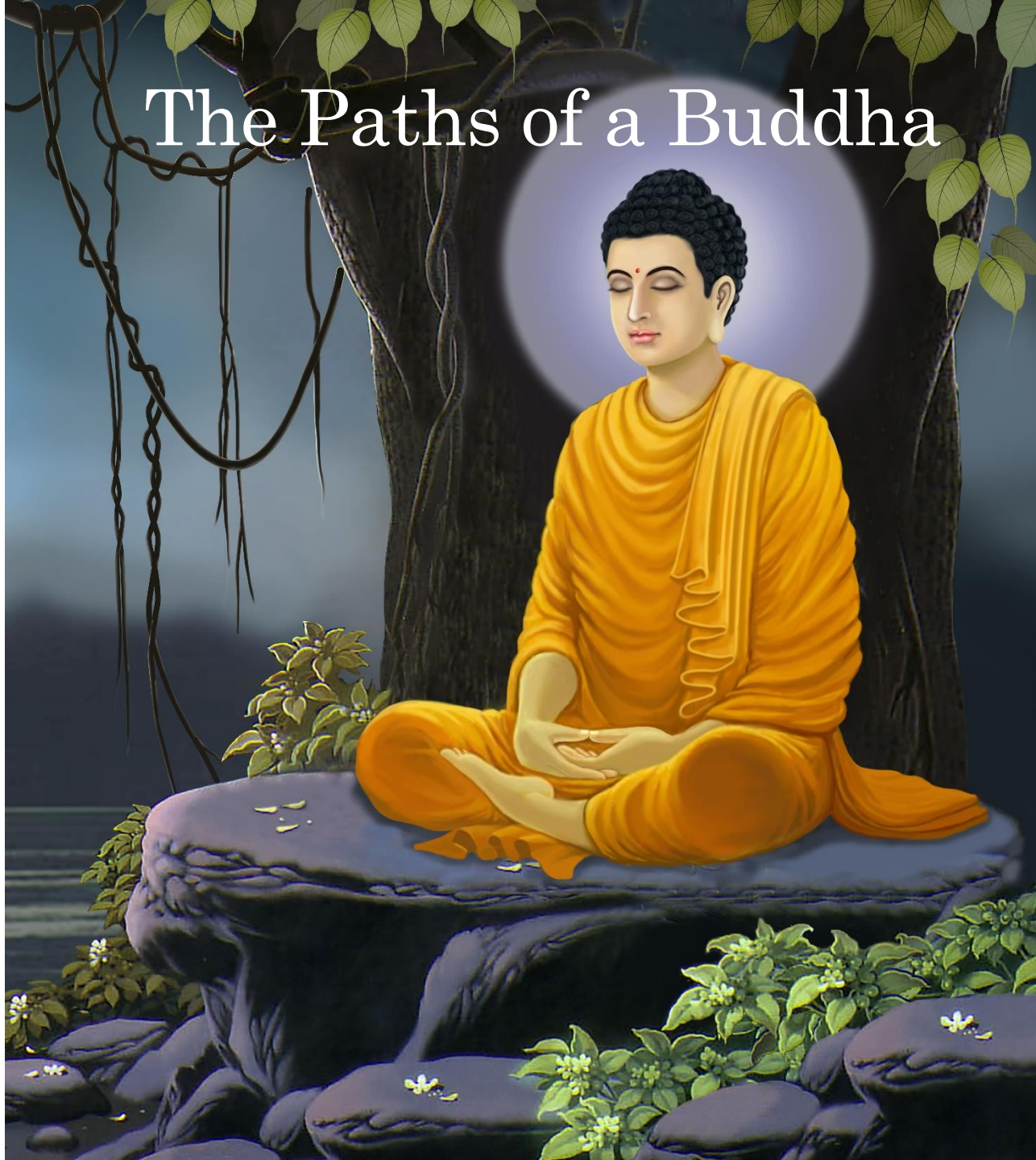


The Solar Bodies: An Obstacle or Steppingstone?

The *Shangna* (literally, "initiation") robe, 'tis true, can purchase light eternal. The Shangna robe alone gives the Nirvana of destruction; it stops rebirth, but, O Lanoo, it also kills — compassion. No longer can the perfect Buddhas, who don the Dharmakaya glory, help man's salvation. Alas! shall SELVES be sacrificed to *Self;* mankind, unto the weal of Units?

—The Voice of the Silence

The Definition of a Bodhisattva

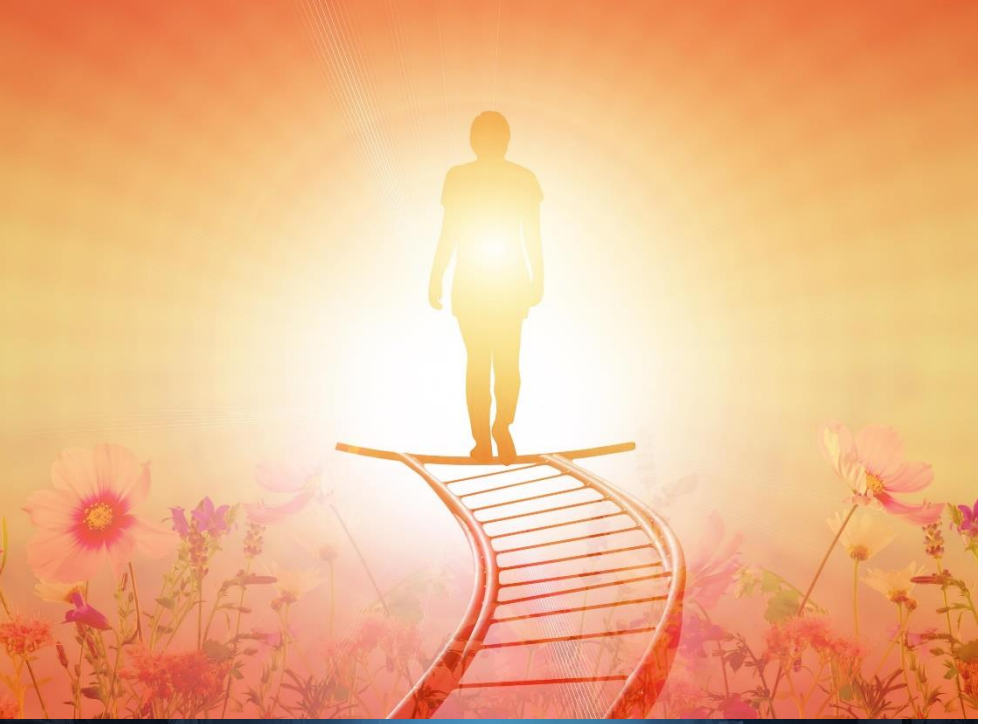
Know, O beginner, this is the *Open* PATH, the way to selfish bliss, shunned by the Bodhisattvas of the "Secret Heart," the Buddhas of Compassion.

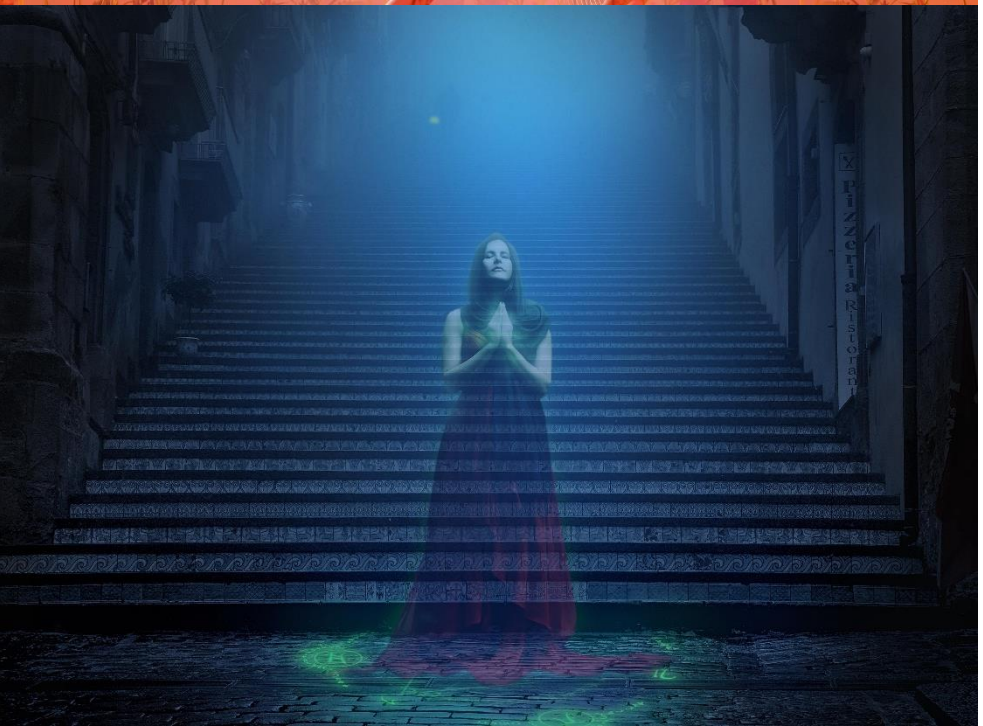
—The Voice of the Silence

बोधि Bodhi: "light, wisdom, enlightenment," the intelligence of Christ

सत्त्व Sattva: "essence, incarnation of."

A bodhisattva is the "essence of wisdom," a properly prepared initiate who has incarnated the essential intelligence of Christ.





The Superiority of Enlightened Compassion

The one who does not possess the Bodhichitta, even when he has created the superior existential bodies of the being, is still unconscious and absurd.

—Samael Aun Weor, *The Pistis Sophia Unveiled*

The Source of Honor

Know that the Bodhisattva who liberation changes for Renunciation to don the miseries of "Secret Life," is called, "thrice Honoured," O thou candidate for woe throughout the cycles.

—The Voice of the Silence

The Spiral and Straight Paths

The PATH is one, Disciple, yet in the end, twofold. Marked are its stages by four and seven Portals. At one end — bliss immediate, and at the other — bliss deferred. Both are of merit the reward: the choice is thine.

The One becomes the two, the *Open* and the *Secret*. The first one leadeth to the goal, the second, to Self-Immolation.

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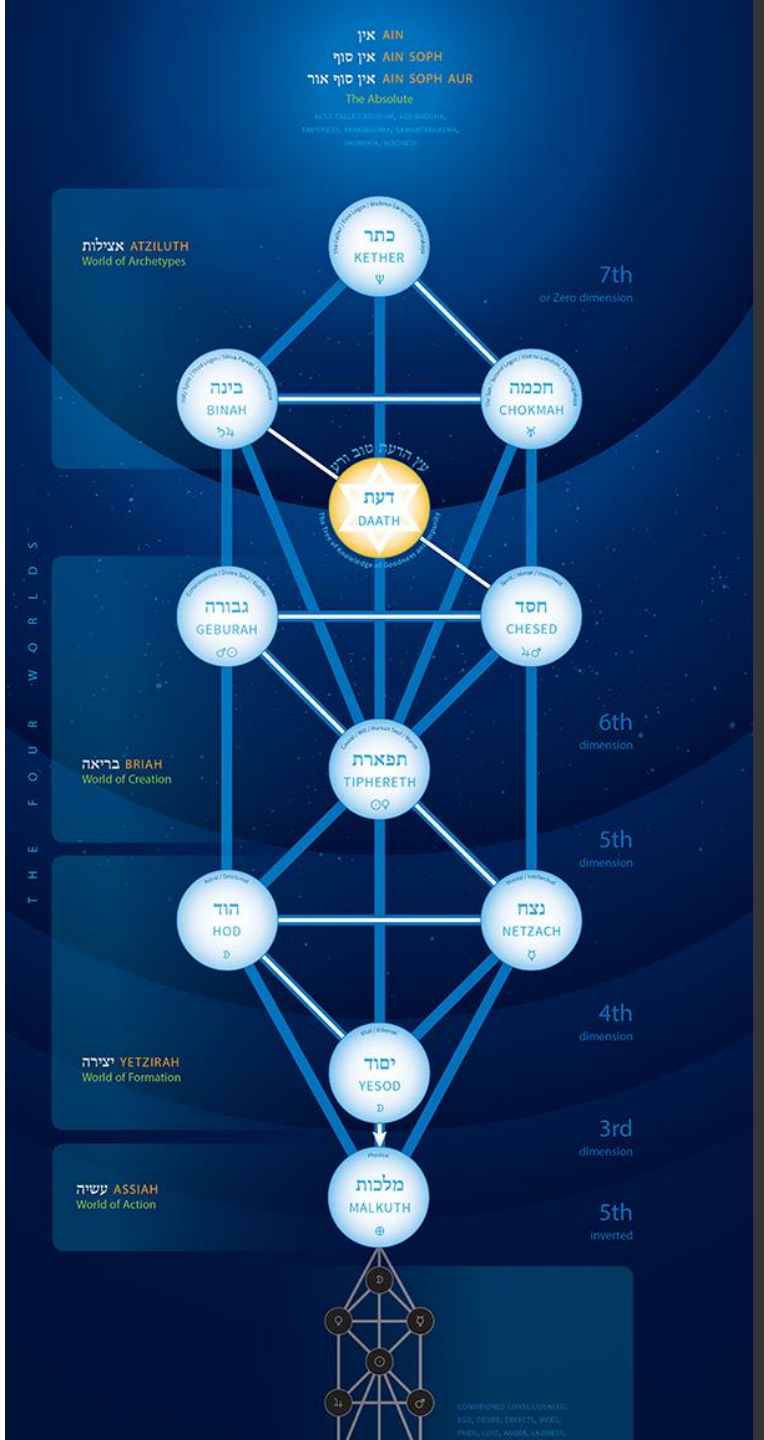


The Nature of the Spiral Path

When to the Permanent is sacrificed the Mutable, the prize is thine: the drop returneth whence it came. The *Open* PATH leads to the changeless change — Nirvana, the glorious state of Absoluteness, the Bliss past human thought.

Thus, the first Path is LIBERATION.

—The Voice of the Silence

The Nature of the Straight Path

But Path the Second is — RENUNCIATION, and therefore called the "Path of Woe."

That *Secret* Path leads the Arhan to mental woe unspeakable; woe for the living Dead, and helpless pity for the men of Karmic sorrow, the fruit of Karma Sages dare not still.

—The Voice of the Silence

The Superior Law of Sacrifice

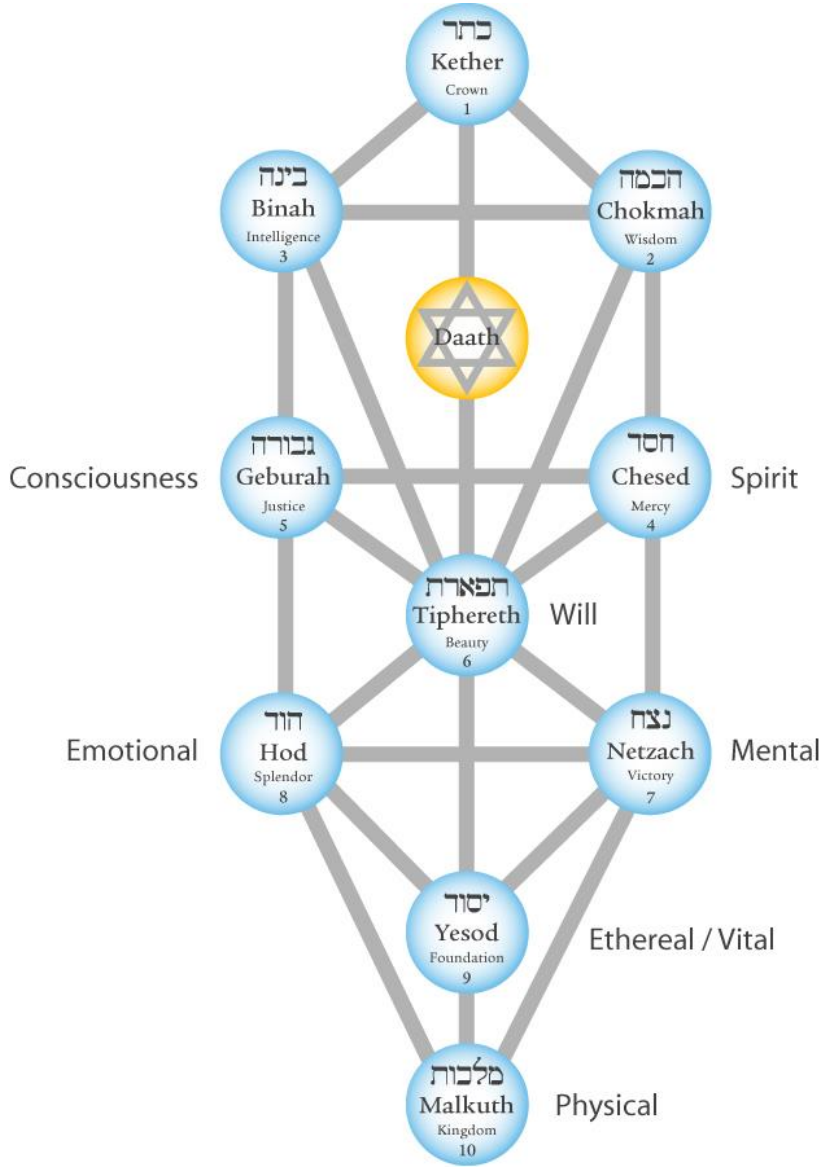
To live to benefit mankind is the first step. To practise the six glorious virtues (paramitas) is the second.

To don Nirmanakaya's humble robe is to forego eternal bliss for Self, to help on man's salvation. To reach Nirvana's bliss, but to renounce it, is the supreme, the final step — the highest on Renunciation's Path.

Know, O Disciple, this is the *Secret* PATH, selected by the Buddhas of Perfection, who sacrificed The SELF to weaker Selves. —The Voice of the Silence

The Paramitas or Perfections

1. Generosity – Yesod
2. Ethics – Hod
3. Patience – Netzach
4. Diligence – Tiphereth
5. Meditation – Geburah
6. Wisdom / Prajna – Chesed



The Ain Soph אין סוף: The Supreme Goal

Have patience, Candidate, as one who fears no failure, courts no success. Fix thy Soul's gaze upon the star whose ray thou art, the flaming star that shines within the lightless depths of ever-being, the boundless fields of the Unknown.

Have perseverance as one who doth for evermore endure. Thy shadows live and vanish; that which in thee shall live for ever, that which in thee *knows,* for it is knowledge, is not of fleeing life: it is the man that was, that is, and will be, for whom the hour shall never strike.

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