

THE TREE OF LIFE AND SEX EXPERIENCE

How many students of Qabalah suspect or realise that the Tree of Life is interpretable as an idealised sex story? It can, indeed, be seen as such in symbolic sense along both Macro and Micro-cosmic levels of Life. To follow this tale, we have only to trace the Spheres sequentially downwards, reading each as a specialised stage of the entire generative action. This naturally begins with Zoic Zero, or Ain-Soph-Aur as a universal Nil-state. Herein, pure potential power is at peace, preparatory to being directed wherever and however may be willed by whatever entity uses it, whether at Divine or human ends of existence. Energy emerges initially as a condition called:

1. KETHER, the Crown or Summit. We shall term this the "Initiating intention". Here, it says simply something like: "I will fulfil and find myself through sex activity". Just that imperative alone. To attain such fulfilment properly, successive factors must eventuate this way:
2. CHOCKMAH, Wisdom, or Creative Male-motivated Consciousness. This supplies an outgoing drive which must meet with --
3. BINAH, Understanding, or Creative Female-formed Consciousness. This affords an intake for the preceding principle, and together they offer opportunity for --
4. CHESED, Mercy, or Grace of Giving. This amounts to the "giving out" of a sex act through love and affection considered as Compassion.
5. GEBURAH, Severity, or Terms of Taking. This means whatever disciplines and controls are applied to make the act most effective.
6. TIPHERETH, Beauty, or Held Harmony. The central climax itself, as all energy equates and balances in perfect poise of power.
7. NETZACH, Victory, or Awareness of Achievement. The sense of satisfaction which should follow naturally upon spiritually successful creative climaxes.
8. HOD, Glory, or Beatific Brilliance. Otherwise an intimation of increasing intelligence through whatever extra entity is being invoked into existence.
9. YESOD, Foundation, or Evidence of Establishment. As, for example someone might say "I have founded a family", or sensed real spiritual solidity in something done for its own sake.
10. MALKUTH, Kingdom, or Concretion of Consciousness. The end product of effort, or "coming down to earth" which closes any particular creative cycle.

It should be noted that all this is actually a continuum of conscious experience leading from "Light" into "Life". Here it has been translated into very highly idealised stages of human sexual realisations, mainly for the sake of comprehension within a familiar frame of reference. Granted we are looking at a sex-sequence from a rather lofty angle, but such are the fundamental basics behind creativity per se. They apply in principle throughout all cycles of creative consciousness operating along every level of Life.

The whole of this process is far more than merely biological. It takes place in us all individually as we use our living energies auto-creatively. We are intrinsically male-female creatures, normally having a polarised bias determining which sex-side comes uppermost, as it were. As individual entities, however, sex relationships are constantly taking place within us between the male and female side of our natures. It is of great spiritual importance that such a relationship should be as perfect as possible. Only when and if ones own internal polarities become properly balanced together, can even a semblance of sound spiritual health be maintained.

This point is of very great importance. It means that most of our sexual troubles and difficulties we blame on others are, in fact, due to faulty and inadequate functioning inside ourselves. The Tree of Life provides a plan of auto-sexual arrangement for relating the bi-sexual natures of individuals harmoniously. It also operates along similar lines conjoining individuals with each other. One might almost say that for those able to respond with its sophisticated symbology, the Tree of Life is the sexiest of all symbols imaginable. To study this in detail could take quite a large volume. However, if we reduce it here to the briefest review of the process, we might get an overall view of the picture something like this.

0. We are in a normally negative state of unauthoritative Life-acceptance. Nothing is especially intended apart from anything else.
1. An imperative emerges as an auto-authorized concentration of consciousness. This has to come from highest level of entity as a positive " I WILL " drive derived from the Self-source directly. For emergence into existence past this point, this will split between:
 2. The male side of consciousness working with calculation, and
 3. The female side of consciousness working with intuition. The resultant equation of this must now cross the "Abyss" between further action or re-negation. Such an Abyss should be crossed by Experience and Knowledge of Life. The power of purpose projects past the Abyss on the male side as:
4. All the "pros" concerned with the original intention. On the Female side it becomes:

5. All the "contras" concerned with the original intention. Both these "fors and againsts" have to react with each other in rhythmical conscious activity relatable with a sex act until a central climax is reached which decides the issue at a point of:
6. Poised power, at which the polarised energy resolves itself into a single issue again as an outcome of the previous process. At this point there is also a decisive impact from the Self-source along a direct centre line of connecting consciousness. This brings a "purpose-plus" factor into focus. If this were a physical sex act, it would be an impregnation inviting another being into incarnation. Subsequent upon this, the containing consciousness polarises again into:
7. A realisation of accomplishment amounting to a sense of victory and achievement. This should automatically announce the success of the enterprise so far, and encourage further projection towards eventual emergence into existence on more limited levels. Complementation of all this comes from:
8. A sense of increased intelligence and inner brilliance, because the purpose of the process is coming so much closer to its intended objectivation. This enhances its development as favourably as possible. In a human sex act, it would amount to "womb-welfare". Both these last stages should now combine in a common point of:
9. Establishment, or arrival at a certainty that everything has come to a conclusion just one point removed from actual materialisation or finalisation of focus. If this were a sex act, it would be the mutual agreement of both parties concerning their shared responsibility towards their welcome offspring. It would also be the point where that emerging entity itself began establishing links of connecting consciousness with life along its projected lines of progress. To complete the cycle, only a last stage is needed, which is:
10. Arrival at actuality, in the sense that the projection now enters its intended life-level as an individualised item operative in those dimensions or states of being. This "birth-entry" is pushed through by a combination of the polarised powers and the objectifying entity itself propelled along a central line of overall direction from its original source. Once "out", it continues with its career according to circumstances, and so the story goes on.

Such are, or rather should be, the stages or "Spheres", through which creative consciousness ought to operate through us according to the Tree of Life plan of projection. Whether the outcome is another human being or a concept of pure consciousness focussed into our ordinary living levels, the principles involved are the same.

What is so important about all this should be the realisation it affords of the spiritual sex system possible within ones own microcosmos. We do not have to see ourselves as purely male or Female creatures entirely dependent on external entities for our sexual fulfilments. Each individual may consider itself as potentially bi-sexual, capable of creative processes inside that self initiated by a Self-source equating all sex-polarity as its own entity. The Tree of Life plan points out how to work this principle in practice.

The implications of this are almost beyond calculation. Imagine, if possible, a state of freedom from any sex-stress because such are forthwith fulfilled and equated inside the cosmic circuit of the entity concerned. We humans suffer sex frustrations and their consequences because we are unable to find fulfilment from our own internal resources, and cannot meet or mate with other humans willing to supply our deficiencies. Suppose it is possible to control this process creatively through a series of adjustments along spiritual lines laid down within ones own microcosmos. That is precisely what the Tree of Life is principally about, and why it is of such intense importance to all intending individuation into what was once termed "immortal life".

Satisfactory sexual stability is essential to living in a cosmically balanced condition of being. The Tree of Life amounts to a circuit diagram showing how to connect and control conscious energies so as to produce such an end effect. Perhaps correct interpretation of this may not be easy, but once the idea stirs faculties of imagination, interesting information through inner channels is bound to follow.

The one vital thing for bearing in mind while investigating this issue, is to see the whole subject of sex as something far beyond merely biological limits. It must be recognised as a basically spiritual polarising energy capable of being pushed or projected into physical manifestation. At the same time it should be realised this is a cyclic process which can be continued along return paths, all of which are indicated on the Tree. Once this becomes clear, everything will begin making sound sense, and the Tree of Life will speak in its unique way to those understanding its language. Whoever listens rightly is bound to learn a great deal to their advantage.

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