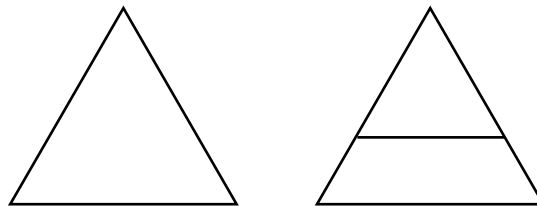


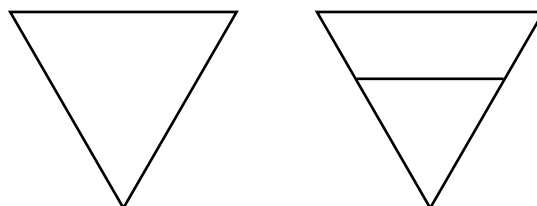
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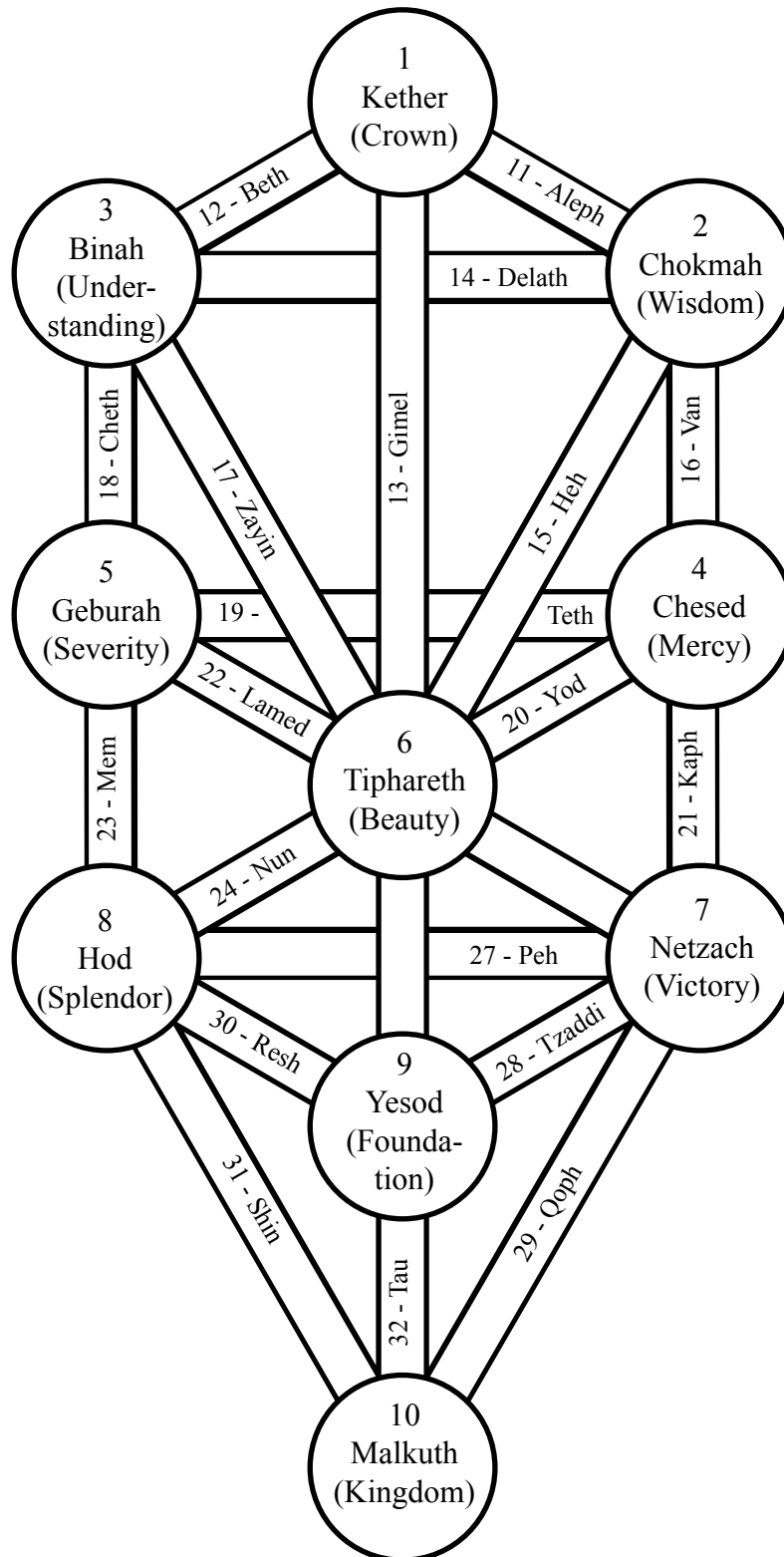
Fire and Air, the Active Elements



Water and Earth, the passive elements



2. The Tree of Life



3. The Sephira

These are the characteristics of the Sephira from a Tarot Divination point of view. As mentioned in the MP3, the pip cards of the Thoth Tarot gain their meaning from the journey of their suit element down the Tree of Life.

1. Kether

- Everything in Nothing. The All within One.
- First stirring of Creation
- Heralding a new thing.

2. Chockmah

- A mirror image of Kether the invisible, yet more present.
- Arrival of the first actual thing// the Demi-urge
- Opposition/Brotherhood
- Visibility
- Raw force
- Change

3. Binah

- Creativity
- Planning and development
- Limiting things
- Authority
- The first critical impulse

4. Chesed

- Solidity, but not refinement
- Expansion
- Generosity
- Complacency
- Overindulgence

5. Geburah

- Retribution
- Destruction
- Judgement
- Burning away dead wood
- Disruption
- Unpredictability

6. Tipharet

- Balance
- Perfection
- Joy after suffering
- Impermanence

7. Netzach

- Ego and emotion
- Artistic ability
- Subjectivity/ delusion
- Intuition
- Affinity, brotherhood, love and companionship
- Temptation
- Self Indulgence

8. Hod

- Logic
- Rules
- Lateral thinking
- Evaluation
- Communication
- Unfairness
- Bureaucracy

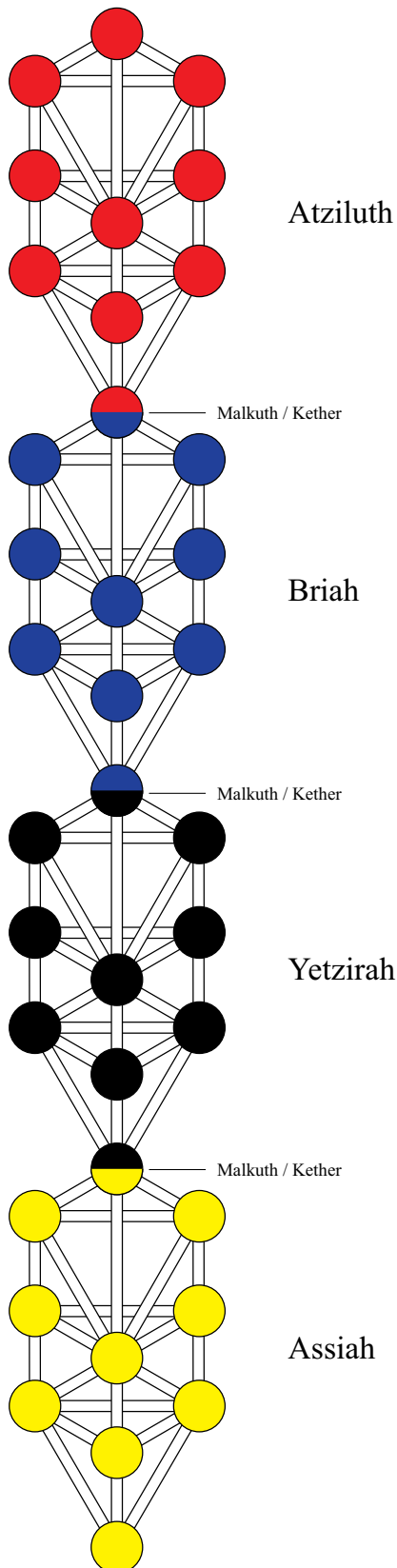
9. Yesod

- Interface/ interaction
- Detailed plans and blueprints
- Dreams and inspiration
- Frustration/ things very near but not yet achieved
- Standing at a threshold
- A thing in its idealised / Platonic form

10. Malkuth

- Realization
- Materiality
- Endings/ finality
- Ready for a new beginning
- Closure.
- Manifestation

4. THE FOUR WORLDS










5. THE SUB-ELEMENTS

Court Card	Sub Element
Knight of Wands	Fire of Fire
Queen of Wands	Water of Fire
Prince of Wands	Air of Fire
Princess of Wands	Earth of Fire
Knight of Cups	Fire of Water
Queen of Cups	Water of Water
Prince of Cups	Air of Water
Princess of Cups	Earth of Water
Knight of Swords	Fire of Air
Queen of Swords	Water of Air
Prince of Swords	Air of Air
Princess of Swords	Earth of Air
Knight of Disks	Fire of Earth
Queen of Disks	Water of Earth
Prince of Disks	Air of Earth
Princess of Disks	Earth of Earth

6. Thoth Tarot and the Zodiac

■ The Planets

Planet	Glyph	Trumps	Good Qualities	Bad Qualities
Sol (The Sun)		The Sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership • Bounty • Life • Health • Strength (emotional and physical) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrogance • Sickness • Stubbornness • Tyranny • Sickness • Death
Luna (The Moon)		The High Priestess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purity • Devotion • Destiny • Sensitivity • Adaptability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immaturity • Insanity • Over sensitivity • Hysteria • Weak will • Things started by not finished
Mercury		The Magus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence • Creativity • Good Communication • Trickery, but in a good cause • Law and Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Instability • Illusion • Changeable temperaments • Aimlessness • Dissatisfaction
Venus		The Empress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasure • Friendship • Patronage • Sensuality • Ease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lust • Addiction • Self Indulgence • Cruelty • Inertia
Mars		The Tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heroism • Perseverance • Prudence • Rationality • Magnanimity • Vitality • Vision/Aspiration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence • Brutality • Treachery • Argument • Strife • Ambition (megalomania)
Jupiter		Fortune	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion • Justice in the truest sense • Moderation • Gifts, bounty and generosity • Freedom • Last minute rescues • Good Fortune • Wisdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse of power • Fanaticism • Apathy • Carelessness • Hedonism • Wasted opportunities
Saturn		The Universe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience • Caution • Concentration • Endurance • Sacrifice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misfortune • Entropy • Melancholy • Fear • Prejudice • Paranoia

■ Zodiac Signs, Trumps and Elements

Sign	Glyph	Trumps	Element	Mode
Aries	♈	The Emperor	Fire	Cardinal
Taurus	♉	The Hierophant	Earth	Fixed
Gemini	♊	The Lovers	Air	Mutable
Cancer	♋	The Chariot	Water	Cardinal
Leo	♌	Lust	Fire	Fixed
Virgo	♍	The Hermit	Earth	Mutable
Libra	♎	Adjustment	Air	Cardinal
Scorpio	♏	Death	Water	Fixed
Sagittarius	♐	Art	Fire	Mutable
Capricorn	♑	The Devil	Earth	Cardinal
Aquarius	♒	The Star	Air	Fixed
Pisces	♓	The Moon	Water	Mutable

■ THE THREE KINDS OF SIGN (Modal dignity)

• CARDINAL SIGNS (The Queens)

CARDINAL SIGNS are the ones who set off the spark, who begin the process of forming the element. These signs represent the characteristics of the element in the raw.

Aries pure outpouring of fiery passion, ambition and power. Aries loves life and shoots forward to new things. Aries is about spontaneity, impetuosity and the pioneer spirit.

Cancer emotionally affected by early experiences, and with a strong maternal instinct; Cancer is loyal to a fault and highly protective of those it loves. Can become slightly obsessive.

Libra in love with new ideas and new contracts, Libra is creative in a more intellectual way than Aries, and seeks to 'sort out' issues of unfairness as it goes along. Libra forges ahead by analysing and evaluating new things.

Capricorn driven to achieve security by initiating new deals and financial arrangements, Capricorn works hard and sees money as a way of keeping score. Initiates hierarchies and lays down infrastructure.

- **FIXED SIGNS (The Princes)**

FIXED SIGNS are the ones that develop the element. They tend to be linked with methodical approaches, skill and maturity. Their capacity is to develop and grow an element, giving it the potential to be much more than it is.

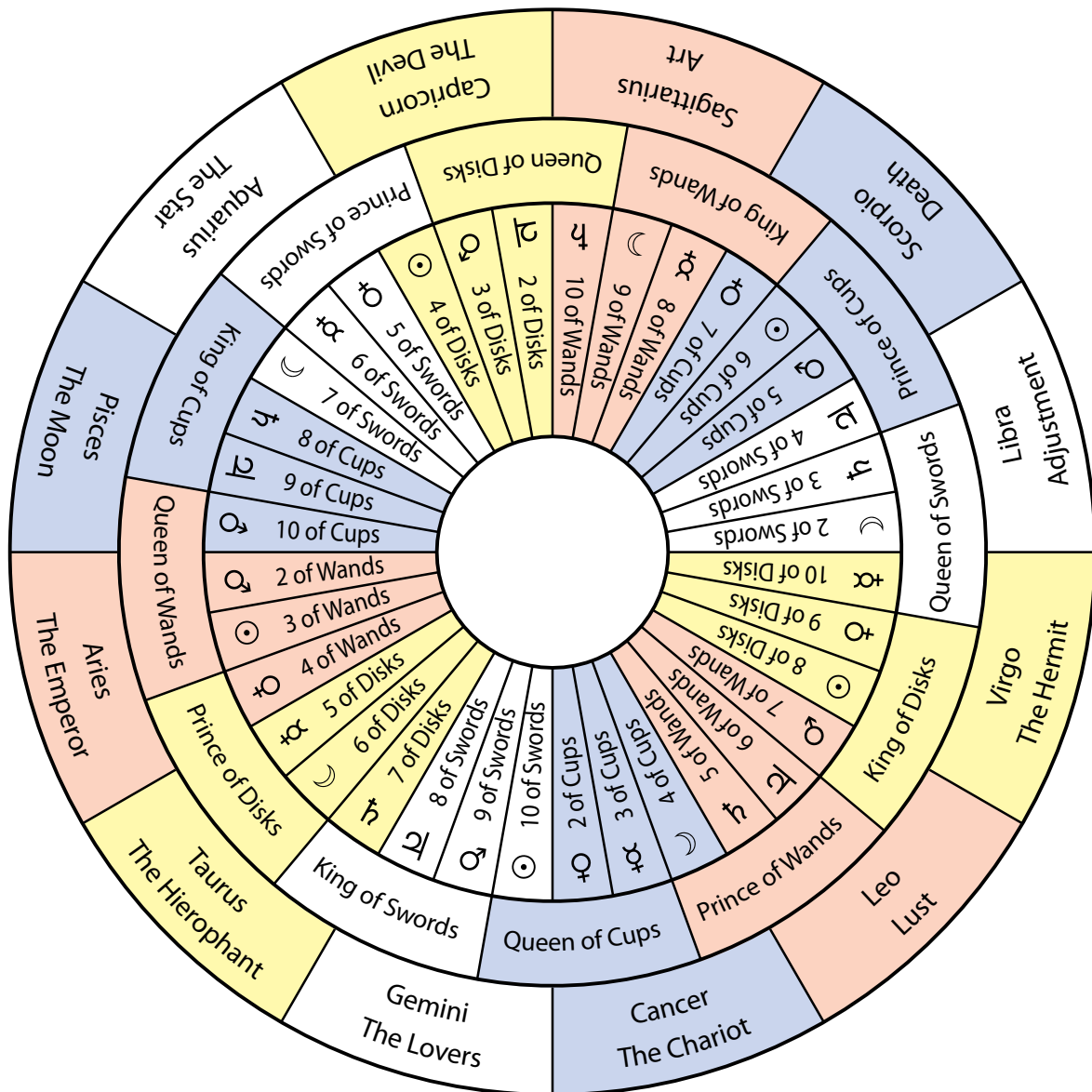
- Leo** develops his sense of self and forms of self expression. Leo is a natural leader who needs the approval of others, and recognition of his success in order to survive. If Leo has a passion, then he must master it to the highest degree.
- Scorpio** emotional intelligence rather than raw emotion. Scorpio is associated with the more 'adult' expressions of emotion and emotion within a more socially acceptable framework. This sometimes leads to frustration and self destructive behaviour (the Scorpion stinging itself,) and drives Scorpio to deal with emotional frameworks like the family unit, shared resources and issues of mutual respect. Scorpio is also associated with a powerful sexual urge.
- Aquarius** an academic and inveterate 'joiner,' Aquarius develops on raw ideas through a methodical approach, which she then attempts to propagate via structures, groups and hierarchies. Aquarius doesn't just develop ideas, Aquarius develops schools of thought.
- Taurus** the farmer, harness-bull and hedonist. Taurus likes his Earthy comforts and seeks to instigate systems that make sure he doesn't lose them. This makes Taurus very conservative and loath to relocate.

- **MUTABLE SIGNS (The Knights)**

MUTABLE SIGNS are the signs that think outside the box. Traditionally they were viewed as weak, but they're far more flexible than other signs – each Mutable sign is on the verge of becoming another element – it has a degree of insight and perspective that others in its phyle don't: they represent the highest and lowest expression of the elements – the highest of their native element, and the lowest of the element they're about to turn into; because of their association with loosing bonds and blurring boundaries these signs are sometimes associated with destruction and entropy.

- Sagittarius** tries to transform the fiery passion and ambition into something else by exploring both physically and mentally. Seeks the meaning of life and metaphysics enthusiastically, changing and metamorphing its interests and focus as needed.
- Pisces** turns emotional sensitivity outward in artistic expression, spiritual understanding and psychic ability. Represents meta-emotional relationships like patriotism, political idealism, religious belief and the idea of sacredness.
- Gemini** uses intellectual models to explore the world, rather than just develop theories, and responds to ideas with lightning speeds. Innovates new forms of communications and entirely new uses for things.
- Virgo** organises, categorises and manages the work of the others and transcends the limitations of Taurus' infrastructure. Seeks to benefit society and has the spark of real genius.

■ Card rulerships



7. Signs and Ruling Planets

Leo	Sol
Cancer	Luna
Gemini and Virgo	Mercury
Taurus and Libra	Venus
Aries and Scorpio	Mars
Pisces and Sagittarius	Jupiter
Aquarius and Capricorn	Saturn

8. The Hebrew Letters and Tarot Divination

■ The Mother Letters

LETTER	KEY WORD
Aleph א	Air
Mem מ	Water
Shin ש	Fire

■ The Double Letters

LETTER	KEY WORD	CORRESPONDENCE
Beth ב	Wisdom	Luna
Gimel ג	Wealth	Mars
Dalet ד	Seed	Sun
Kaf כ	Life	Venus
Peh פ	Dominance	Mercury
Resh ר	Peace	Saturn
Tau ת	Grace	Jupiter

■ The Simple Letters

LETTER	KEY WORD	CORRESPONDENCE
Heh ה	Speech	Aries
Vau ו	Thought	Taurus
Zayin ז	Motion	Gemini
Chet ח	Sight	Cancer
Theth ט	Hearing	Leo
Yodh י	Action	Virgo
Lamed ל	Coition	Libra
Nun נ	Smell	Scorpio
Samekh ס	Sleep	Sagittarius
Ayin ע	Anger	Capricorn
Tzaddi צ	Taste	Aquarius
Qoph ק	Laughter	Pisces

Recommended Books

■ Astrology

- The Weiser Practical Guide to Astrology by Priscilla Costello.
- The Tarot Decoded by Liz Hazel.
- The General Principles of Astrology by Aleister Crowley, Edited by Hymenaeus Beta.

■ Alchemy

- The Alchemical Amphitheatre by Marcus Katz
- The Wieser Practical Guide to Alchemy by James Wasserman
- Inner Order Teachings of the Golden Dawn by Pat Zalewski

■ Kabbalah

- The Sefer Yetzirah by Aryeh Kaplan
- Mystical Qabalah by Dion Fortune

■ Natural Philosophy

- Three Books of Occult Philosophy by Agrippa, Edited by Donald Tyson
- Empedocles and the Pythagorean Tradition by Peter Kingsley
- The Corpus Hermeticum by Hermes Trismagestus

■ Egyptian Mythology

- Egyptian Mythology by Geraldine Pinch
- Legends of the Ancient Egyptians by E A Wallis-Budge
- Literature of the Ancient Egyptians by E A Wallis-Budge

■ Thoth Tarot

- Understanding The Thoth Tarot by Lon Milo DuQuette
- The Book of Thoth by Aleister Crowley

Exercises

1. Think about the four elements.

- a. How would you characterise them? What qualities do you think they have? Make a list of qualities for these elements, noting whether they're active or passive.
- b. Read your favourite Tarot books and see what they say about the four suits in Tarot. Add these characteristics to your profile of the Four Elements.
- c. Now, think about the idea of opposition elements. Try to think of the form the opposition would take? What would happen when your fire profile clashed with your water profile.

2. The Kabbalistic Worlds.

- a. Listen to the MP3. If you can, do some research about the four worlds on the Tree of Life.
- b. How do the characteristics of the four worlds correspond to your profile of the Elements?
- c. How do they correspond to the four suits in Tarot?

3. The Sub Elements (Court Cards)

- a. If you have a regular place where you do readings, or just a workspace that you like, make a sign to remind you of the Knight, Queen, Prince, Princess structure of the Court Cards in Thoth Tarot.
- b. Who is the Knight? Read the book of Thoth and make some bullet points about the difference between the Knights and the traditional King in Tarot. Read about Knights in Arthurian Myth and history. If anything strikes you, add it to your notes.
- c. Make notes on the other members of the Thoth Court. What Characterises them? How are they portrayed in their card meanings?
- d. Read the chart on the Sub Elements. What 'watery' characteristics can you think of in fire, what 'earthy' characteristics in air, and vice versa?
- e. Study each of the contentious Court Cards: the Knight of Cups, the Queen of Wands, the Prince of Disks and the Princess of Swords. How does this internal conflict affect the nature of the card? What does it mean to the personality of that Court Card?

4. The Zodiac and Tarot (More Court Cards)

- a. Read the characteristics of the signs, and the three modes which the signs are sorted into.
- b. By now you should know that each type of Court Card is associated with a zodiac sign, and a mode (cardinal, fixed or mutable.) How does each sign, and mode, affect what you think about each Court Card? Work your way through, a suit at a time, and add your thoughts to your notes.

- c. Take a look at the pip cards ruled by each Court Card. Familiarise yourself with the pattern so that you can work it out in your head. These are the cards that resonate with each Court Card. How do you think it would affect a reading if a Court Card and the pips in its estate appeared in a reading together?
- d. Take a look at the column listing the Zodiac Trumps. Does the sign correspondence add anything to your understanding of the card? Is it a part of the card's nature for you, or is it a force that the card has to contend with? Write down your thoughts.

5. The Planets

- a. Take a look at the Planetary Trumps. If you have the book of Thoth, read Crowley's entry on these Trumps. What do you think of each Trump? As before: do you feel its planet is an intrinsic part of its meaning, or is there something else at work? Do you see the planet as an environment that the card must move through?

6. The Tree of Life

- a. If you don't have any other sources on the Kabblah, go to www.digital-brilliance.com/kab/nok/index.htm and download the pdf of Colin Low's fantastic free book Notes On Kabblah. Read through the sections on each one of the Sephiroth. If anything strikes you, add it to the notes in this pdf.
- b. Find out which planets are associated with each Sephira.
- c. Think about the idea of the lightning flash, the fact that creation goes downward, from Kether to Malkuth by a proscribed path. As an aid to memory, print off one of the Tree of Life diagrams from this pdf, or draw one, and plot the lightning flash.

7. Plotting the Pip Cards

- a. Take what you know about the four elements and take each one on a journey down the Tree of Life. Follow the progression of the Elements in the Four Worlds diagram in the pdf. Try to think of this as a miniature Fool's Journey. Keep the following factors in mind as you go:
 - i. How does each Sephira affect the element?
 - ii. Make notes on the planetary influence on each card as you go. How would that affect the card's meaning?
 - iii. What does the decent towards matter do to each element?
- b. Read the table about the Hebrew characters. How do these correspondences affect the cards they appear on? Do the key words add anything to the card meaning? Does the elemental, planetary or zodiac correspondence do anything?
- c. What does the final stage of the decent mean to each element? What is Malkuth to the element of Fire? What is it to Air and Water?
- d. How does a Ten become an Ace? What happens to it?

- e. What does this mean to the Princesses? If you have it, read the Book of Thoth's entry on the Princesses again and make notes on your thoughts.

8. Finishing Touches

- a. Read Crowley's entries for each card in the Book of Thoth.
- b. What do you think of them? Are there any differences between his interpretation and yours? Do you agree with him?
- c. What do you think of the planetary influence added to each pip card in the Thoth Tarot?

9. Putting it all together!

- a. Read the cards every day – more than a one card draw or a three card reading! Read the cards about celebrities and politicians, perform readings about things you see in the news or anything that vaguely interests or puzzles you. Use these practise readings to learn the way that cards interact with each other, the way that the Court Cards mediate between awkward combinations and rule the pip cards. Familiarise yourself with the mysteries of the Atu, or Major Arcana in Thoth Tarot.