



BETH occupies all four lesser squares, the top two carry the radical YOD as roof, linked by a vertical line down the right side to a floor running across the bottom two squares, but a fraction in from the extreme right side. BETH means a House, when spelled at length, and the importance of a house is not the walls, but the space within and its purpose. Hence "interior activity and virility" is its inner meaning. Home of the family as self procreating and expanding. "Be ye fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth" was the purpose given Adam & Eve. BETH suggests this in human terms, and in the individual, all the activity of spiritual growth, union of soul and mind, or conscious and subconscious minds productively, producing the "Son of Man". A concept worthy of much reflection rather than any further attempt here to define or otherwise limit the significance of BETH.

Beth, also translated "daughter", is the first of the Seven Double Letters. The "Seven Daughters" as they are known. It has the numerical value of TWO, and duality is also seen as feminine, the reflection. They are termed "double" Letters because each has two meanings, male and female, positive or negative. Thus, Polarity.

Virility and sterility, Life and Death, are meanings of BETH.

As interior action, the letter BETH at the start of a word is crudley translated "in", but as the first Letter of Genesis it is worthy of infinitely more than just "IN the beginning". For BERASHITH is a very profound expression. There never was a temporal "beginning". So our translation is hopelessly inadequate. But then so is all mystical Hebrew incapable of literal translation, and perhaps our hapless translators did their best at the level of the common man. The very absurdity of the creation story as we have it impels us to dig beneath the surface. Vegetation appears on the Third Day, but no sun or moon until the Fourth! Such blatant absurdity was the bait used by the authors of Genesis to whet our appetites to use our God-given quest for Reality. Genius, because it satisfies the masses, turns away the dabbler and rewards the serious seeker by the simplest of devices. It all makes sense when seriously and intuition-ally studied. Moses was no fool. No myth survives unless it rings a bell somewhere within us. "Seek and ye shall find", but only when spiritually motivated. Scores of books have been written by would-be authorities on the True Word, but that word is communicated only in silence and from within, BETH. The magical beginning to a mystical experience of Reality, the mystery of our very being.

Planet = Mercury. Path = 12