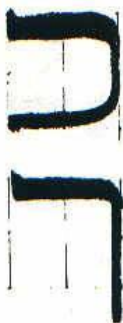




Of the letter Kaf by Frank Salt

OF THE LETTER KAPH.



The Letter KAPH starts with the left tip of the YOD at the top left upper lesser square, nearly crosses the upper right square, then sweeps in a slight curve down to the lower right square, rounding that corner, then across to the left edge of the lower left square. The curvature is important for its meaning, THE HAND CUPPED TO RECEIVE. ASSIMILATION is the Key-word. See the distinction from YOD, the preceding Letter. YOD is creative, out-going; KAPH is assimilative. The roundness of the KAPH helps to avoid confusion with BETH in form. As a Double Letter, KAPH has two meanings. All the Double Letters are associated with PLANETS, KAPH with JUPITER.

KAPH is also the first of the Letters which alter their shape when appearing at the end of a word. The meaning also alters with the final form, KAPH = ASSIMILATION, but as the Final, signifies the completion of an action, ASSIMILATED.

In its final form, the KAPH does not run along the bottom line of the Great Square, but descends through it. That is, enters the sub-conscious mind, for the Four Squares of the Greater Square represent the conscious personality. LAMED alone reaches above, QOPH alone reaches down into the sub-conscious, of the 22 Letters, But four of the Finals also descend below the level of consciousness.

We must here distinguish the 7 Double Letters and the Five Final forms. Only two of the Double Letters take a Final form. One of the Three Mothers, MAIM has a final form, and TWO of the 12 Simple Letters change form as finals. NUN and TZADDI, yet to come.

WEALTH and POVERTY are the two associations of KAPH and JUPITER, a "fortunate" Planet, but we can only see wealth as the opposite of Poverty, otherwise we could not conceive of it. JUPITER is associated with Generosity, but we can only give what has been received - KAPH Final.

KAPH refers to the hand as cupped to receive, to any hollow or receptacle, KAPH Final to that which has been received and assimilated, become part of us. KAPH Final is like our apostrophe "s" "Robert's". It implies "the property of - " at the end of a word.

For mystical reasons, there are some apparent errors of spelling and of Final Forms carefully preserved by the scrupulous Hebrew Scribes. Sometimes a final is found inside a word, sometimes the last Letter is not in the Final Form. Interesting.

Do not be put off by the few little complexities of Hebrew. You do not have to learn its grammar or vocabulary. But if you can really reach in to the inner meaning of each Letter, then Hebrew is its own dictionary. You will be intruded by a number of words, which will tell you YOUR meaning of themselves, with practice.

The exercise of questioning and seeking is what matters, not the insistence on final or absolute scholarship. Thus you prepare to "enter the immeasurable region" beyond the finite or finality, both are alien to the Infinite, gramatically and actually.

You don't have to be right. Our schooling and our self-defence system fear that to be wrong is culpable. Here we are FREE. The only penalty of error is the opportunity to try again - and have fun doing it.

The numerical value of KAPH is 20, as final, 500.

Planet ~~Kaph~~ Jupiter

P=21
element = Air