

Of the letter Teth by Frank Salt

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TETH occupies all four lesser squares, but in this case the YOD appears in the left upper lesser square. It represents a SERPENT, which is the usual word for the meaning of TETH - SERPENT. The serpent is depicted as rearing its head while the body is curled around its eggs.

"RESISTANCE AND PROTECTION" are the Key-words.

The lower tip of the YOD sweeps down into the left lower square, then forms a short straight base along the bottom of the Great Square into the lower right lesser square, sweeping up through the top right and down to cross the intersection of the subdividing cross, just re-entering the lower left lesser square, but with a clear opening upwards. This opening is important symbolically as well as to make a definite difference from the Mother Letter MAIM. TETH has the numerical value of nine. The completion of the digital system but NOT its resumption as in ten, hence, in part, the tail does not touch the down-sweep in the lower left lesser square.

"RESISTANCE AND PROTECTION". As usual not easily or finally definable, (these notes are starting pointers only) we may see it as the self-defense mechanism we inherit. Reflexive actions to protect life, the eggs of the SERPENT, its perpetuity. The nearest Hebrew spelling would be TAT. The action of a roof causing hail to bounce; the activity of a shield deflecting an arrow.

All life-forms are self-sufficient, capable of managing for themselves yet forming part of the greater ecology. This is true of Man, the end of the ecological line, the number NINE. He has evolved through the equivalent of all life-forms and is the summation of them all as NINE, just about to become 10.

LEO is the astrological Sign associated with TETH, the king of beasts. In a sense the self-defense system protects the personality, gives it self-sufficiency. From the natural immune system, the anti-bodies we carry, to instinctive and intuitive avoidance of danger, to the conscious decisions as our actions TETH is our watchdog.

Watch TETH in action in daily life, take, for instance a politician at a meeting. He is a little beyond him, and if heckled, like a crab, (Cancer) he borrows backward into the Party, "The X - - Party stands for - -" or he may sidle crabwise, avoiding the question, or try to attack the heckler, waving his arms while speaking, but he is scared, using his TETH defensively.

Yet, as related to LEO, TETH is also the hidden power, coiled at the base of the spine, which rises up, activating various centres, vitalising them, making the true initiate who needs no such defense system. He knows that of his love, he would not wish to antagonise or offend. His strength (Leo) applies this power at a super-personal level. People may be offended with him, but the weakness is theirs, not his.

Astrological leo Path = 19



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