

OF THE LETTER VAU.



While the YOD is the smallest of the 22 Signs, VAU is the same Sign but reaching down to Earth. The Sign of all potentiality linking down to all things yet remaining no thing. LINKING is the function of VAU. (Sometimes spelled VAV, thus intensifying its conjunctive function. "That which links or binds", the Key-word of this Sign.

At the start of a word it is usually translated "and", frequently as "with", "by". It is given the sound of "V" but within a word is sometimes "O" or "U". There being no vowels in mystical Hebrew, vocalising marks were added to the letters for public reading about the time of the rebuilding of the Temple but were not finalised until about 300 A.D. We are interested in the symbol, not the spoken words which multiply to infinity. Spelled at length "VV" it means a pin, hook or knot, something which connects ideas.

The second of the 12 Simple Letters, it is assigned to TAURUS or to the Ox as yoked. In the Divine Name IHVH, VAU is assigned to AIR as linking earth and sky and also as being the common factor shared by all Life, breath. Thus also to the Soul, as linking Spirit and personality, as the mediator between the pairs of opposites. As such it symbolises all the Seven Double Letters attributed to the Soul, while being in itself a Simple one, converting the pairs of opposites into related poles, as in a magnet.

So far from being, as in English, a common little conjunction, VAU, "that which links or binds (bonds)" is a very recondite Sign.

Finding the inner significance of Hebrew would be a daunting task, if taken too seriously, but it can be a very illuminating experience if it is also a bit of fun, for the qabbalistic system has the almost magical knack of evoking from the reader the message implied by the writer. The system is light and intuitive as contrasted with the verbal profundities of authoritative pundits. Thus it reflects the saying "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." We are not making bricks (facts) to build a tower to heaven, the ponderous process of burdening ourselves with an ever increasing cargo of memorised "facts", but discovering a new mode of cognisance which will allow us happily to throw aside the load of learning for a direct, unitive knowing. Having fun with Hebrew is one way of finding how simple is the way ahead. Failure to accept its simplicity provides the only burden and struggle.

Element Air  
Astrological Taurus

Path 16<sup>th</sup>

*That which links or binds  
Kabbalah - as the keyhole is connected to -  
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