

Of the Letter Aleph  
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As YOD is, as it were, the hidden source of all manifestation, the Father of expression, so the letter ALEPH, the first utterance, is one of the Three Mother Letters, Aleph, Mem, and Shin, though little may be here said as to why they are called the Three Mothers. Hieroglyphically, Aleph fills all four of the lesser squares of the Great Square in which the signs are drawn.

Seated in its own lesser square, the top right one is the Letter YOD. Diagonally opposite, in the lower left square, the YOD appears as seated on the Earth, reflected and established, while between these, flashes a great YOD running from the top of the top left hand lesser square to the very bottom of the lower right hand square, uniting and expressing both YODs, thus forming and expressing the Triple Unity, for the value of ALEPH is ONE. Thus it symbolises the opening of the glottis in preparation to utter the Word. Mystical Hebrew has no vowels, it was devised to be studied in silence, not spoken casually. Abraham is said to come from "Ur of Chaldea". Now there never was any geographical state as Chaldea. The "Chaldeans" were a mystery system having several centers throughout the Arab world. Abraham, if we are to consider him as an actual figure, probably spoke Arabic. His 12 great-grandsons moved into Egypt, and after 400 years there it is most unlikely that they spoke classical or mystical Hebrew. Why our translators changed to "Ur" from the Hebrew "Aur", is unknown, but the word "Aur" used is the same word translated "Light" in Genesis, "Let there be AUR, Light", and retained in our "aura".

Aleph, therefore, the first emergence from potentiality into actuality. In Hebrew it is the word for "ox", the sole source of Power to the Hebrew, thus it is the All Power. Today we see it physically as solar or atomic Power, That dynamism which drives all things from spiritual to material. Primal Energy itself on all planes. The same Power we share in thought, word and deed. The one limitless Power activating and animating all things, including consciousness itself, symbolised by the Element Air, sustainer of Life, the inspiration of all, the instigation of all. Two YODs, one reflecting the other, while the great Third YOD flashes into being produced by them, uniting them. The triple Unity, the Son without whom neither Father nor Mother can exist as such. Consciousness. Awareness of Being. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not!" (John 1; 1 - 5.) Thus is epitomised the first two chapters of Genesis. This is ALEPH. That boundless, free, ever-flowing Power which leaps and darts throughout the hidden depths of the universe, animating all things, unifying all things, as the breath of the Cosmos. Thus, AIR as one of the Three Principals, FIRE, AIR, and WATER, culminating in Earth, physical living.

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