

Shem HaMephrash-The 72 Extended Names of God
And
The Pentagrammaton of Messianic Consciousness
A Path of Enlightenment and Healing

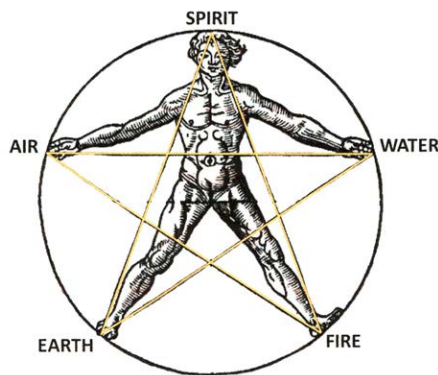
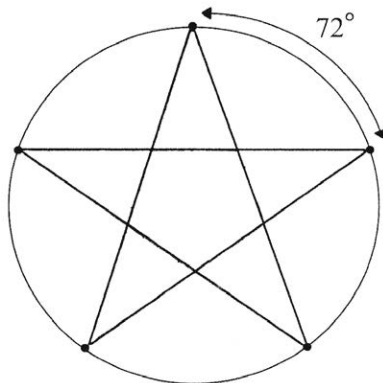
Shem HaMephorash (שם המפּרש) is Hebrew term meaning the extended (or expanded) Name of God. It is a powerful set of symbolic Sacred Names hidden within the Biblical story of Exodus known as “The 72 Divine Names of God”. These Names are symbolic tools which have been given to us as a complete system to develop, expand and perfect our Souls. More, they are not just for our own Spiritual Evolution, their purpose is for *healing* and to restore-redeem all the World with healing as well.

The first thing to notice is the antiquity and pervasiveness of this number 72. When Set imprisoned Osiris in the Golden Coffin, he sealed it with 72 lead nails. Yona (a name meaning “Dove”) spent three days or 72 hours in the belly of the Great Fish. Jesus lay for the same number of hours in the tomb before resurrection. The Taoist esoteric practice of Nei Kung recognizes 72 levels of development within their Tradition. I would submit that the magical power of 72 represents various forces or principals of Nature, levels of consciousness and important virtues to be cultivated within the Human Soul.

In support of this premise, ancient Cabbalists recognized that Gimmel is the only letter of the Hebrew Alphabet which is missing from all 72 Names. They realized that Gimmel is the hidden power and purpose of the Shem HaMephorash. It is assigned to the 13th Path of Wisdom and described as the “Driver of the Unities”. Interestingly enough 13 is the numeric value of the Hebrew words for both love and one (as in Unity). This 13th Path links Keter with Tipharet. It *Unifies* the One Self, Yechidah, residing in the Crown of Brilliance with your Heart of Hearts. Thus the Perfection of our Soul is the “Crowning” of the Heart with the never ending Light of All Life!



The number 72 will divide into the 360 degrees of a circle (symbolic of Eternal Spirit) exactly five times. By connecting the five points of these divisions inside the circle with straight lines a perfect pentagram is produced. Anciently, the Pentagram was considered as a symbol of the Human Constitution and the four Elements of Nature together with the point of our common Origin- Spirit or the *Quintessence*.



Pentagrammaton is Greek for “a word, or name, of five letters”. It is the ineffable Name of God composed of four letters (יהוה) which is usually translated as “Yoweh” or “Jehovah”, with the Hebrew letter Shin (ש) inserted into it creating “Yeheshuah” (יהשוה) a Cabbalistic Sacred Name for the Master Jesus or one who is *Truly Human*. This Sacred Name is emblematic of our inherent Divine potential for Messianic Consciousness and the perfection

of our Soul to become truly **Human** which means to be more than ‘mankind’. Each point of the Pentagram relates to one of the Hebrew letters of Yeheshuah: Yod to Fire, the first Heh to Water, Vav to air and the final Heh to Earth. The letter Shin is at the top at Origin Point of Spirit.

Within the Western Mystery Tradition, the 72 Names are each assigned to one of the 72 five degree arcs of the Celestial Zodiac. This wheel of time is emblematic of our many incarnations into this life, a journey toward Enlightenment. It is the twelve major personality types we will all pass through on the Way of Return. One may think of it as being symbolic of the twelve Apostles and the ideal of Mastership at the center of their circle, the Christos or Pentagrammaton of Yeheshuah.

By inserting the Pentagram within the Zodiac it will reveal a set of five Names which have a hidden or mystical relationship with each other. Using this “Key” a formula of five Names is produced which may be worked with to support the process of Soul development and perfection. The process itself consists of choosing one of the 72 Names representing the power, virtue or quality you wish to work with, the “*Essential Name*”, and is placed upon the top or Spirit point of the Pentagram. By referring to the Pentagram Chart the four complimentary Names may be found for any of the 72 Names, these will apply to the other four points to produce this mystical five part formula.



My development of this Pentagram Technique began with the designing of Hebrew letters to make them look as if they were made of light. Next came a set of cards having the Names spelled with these luminous letters floating on a jet-black background. The idea of this design is to facilitate the Scrying of a Name allowing one to connect with it directly. On the back of each Name card is a short inspirational text describing its power or virtue.

After selecting the Essential Name together with its corresponding four Names all the cards are placed upon a large design of the Pentagram which incorporates keywords to help explain the significance of the position that each Name has within the formula. Each Elemental point of the Pentagram correlates with a part of the Cabbalistic process of Creation-Manifestation. It is an organic process having four aspects which are described in Hebrew as Olamim or “Eternities”.

The Yod-Fire point (bottom right) is the Eternity of Nearness (the meaning of Atzilut) which is the Life Force or Vitality of anything. This point is stylized as “Wisdom”, the highest and best use of knowledge or of one’s ability. Within the Name formula, it represents the inner-living essence of the Essential Name under consideration.

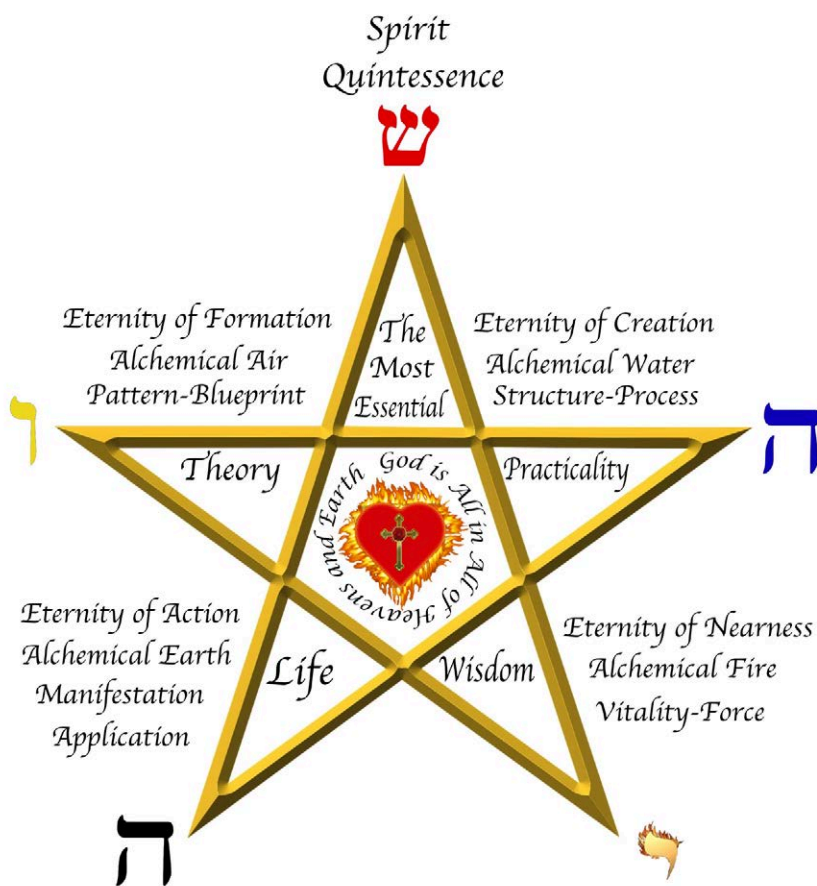
The Heh-Water point (upper right) is the Eternity of Creation (meaning of B’riah), it is the structure and process working in the background to support the Essential Name’s practicality. This creative practicality does not cause any new issues or problems nor does it have unforeseen ones either.

The Vav-Air point (upper left) is the Eternity of Formation (meaning of Yetzirah) which is the pattern or

‘blueprint’ for the expression of the previous two points through the Essential Name. Formation needs to be thought of in its much older sense of: to inform, vitalize, make or inspirit. It is the theory explaining the dynamics at work within this five-part formula.

Finally there is the Earth point (bottom left), the final Heh, this is the Eternity of Actualization (meaning of Assiah). Here is the manifestation of and the application to all aspects of one’s life any particular Essential Name will effect. Please keep in mind that these four levels are inseparable, functioning together to give you a complete picture of the details empowering the magical current of the Life Force coursing throughout all 72 Divine Names.

What follows is an illustration of the design for the Pentagram layout just described. The graphic used for this layout is 13 by 19 inches in size. The Divine Name cards are two and one half by five inches in size and are small enough to fit next to each point allowing the various Name-cards to be meditated upon by the pupil. Basically, the Names together with the Pentagram graphic will have the appearance of a meditation mandala and look somewhat like a Tarot spread. It is intentional that the Elemental points also relate to the Grades of the First Order work. Herein we see the ‘Beauty’ (or Tipharet) of this technique as a practical application of the Shem HaMephorash to support the Greater Mystery work of an Adept.



To give you a clearer idea of the technique and how the Name cards may be meditated upon as they are positioned around the Pentagram here is an example for demonstration. We will use Name number five, “Healing”. In the Pentagram Chart of the Shem HaMephorash there are five columns. Each column correlates to one of the five points of our Messianic Star. The column on the far left is for the “Essential Name” you wish to work with. It is marked with the letter Shin (ש) and “Spirit”. The next four columns show the four complimentary Names and the points each one relates to in the sequence: Fire- ה, Water- ה, Air- ו and Earth- ה (Heh final).

Consulting the Chart we find that Healing has a relationship, through the Pentagram Key, to the Names of #48 UNITY for Fire/Nearness, #62 Enlightened Teacher for Water/Creation, #19 Connection with God for Air/Formation and #33 Revealing and Overcoming Darkness for Earth/Action. The illustration below shows what this particular formula would look like.

#5 Healing



Quintessence

#19 Connection with God



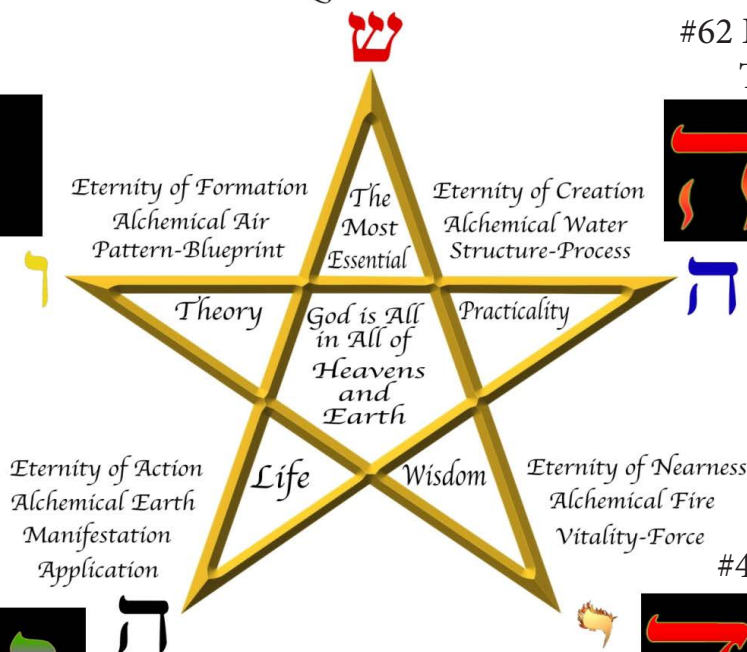
#62 Enlightened Teacher



#33 Revealing and Overcoming Darkness



#48 UNITY



On the back of the Healing card is said: *“The only ability a Frater (brother) or Soror (sister) may claim, it is the main work of our Order. In the sacred tongue it is called Tikkun, meaning healing, repair, adjustment and restoration of our fellow beings, of our selves and of our World.”*

The “Order” herein mentioned alludes to the Western Mystery Tradition in general. Further, we are told that the Art of Healing is the most important work a practitioner of the Mysteries can do. More than that, the practice of healing is not confined to just one’s self or to one’s fellow beings but, must include every aspect of the World in which we live. Tikkun (תיקון) is a Hebrew word with many meanings (described above) which all relate to the single purpose of Healing.

Now that we have a good idea of “Healing”, we can use the Pentagram to elaborate upon this concept through the four Eternities of Creation-Manifestation. The first step is to look at the relationship between Healing to its *Wisdom* or *Vital Essence* as represented by the Name at the Yod-Fire point.

At this point we have the 48th Name, its power or purpose is UNITY. The text on the back is: *“Recognize the Hand of Divine Providence at work behind any problem, situation or circumstance. See the Unity behind all manifesting expressions. Learn from this to become a Universal Connector and bring about the Tikkun of Reunification.”*

The Hebrew letter Yod means “Hand”, specifically the Hand of the Creator and you should note that besides UNITY being at the Yod point, Yod is the middle letter of this Name (מִיָּה). It is, therefore, the predominate influence of the Name. “Divine Providence” implies that God has already provided a cure and resources to heal *“any problem, situation or circumstance.”*

The “*Universal Connector*” is a direct reference to Humanity and our collective destiny. In Genesis 1:27, our creation is depicted as “in God’s own image”, the Hebrew word used for “in the image” is “batzelmo” (בצלמו). Our predecessors recognized that this word may also be read as “b’tzelem-Vav” (בצלמ-ו), or “in the image of Vav”. Vav is the conjunctive in Hebrew equivalent to the English “and”, it also means “nail”. In other

words, we are meant to become *Universal Connectors* and that a complete Healing must be accomplished on every level and in every way, by conscious reconnection with the fundamental UNITY of all existence.

A healer not only needs to know this Truth but, must have the ability to impart a conscious awareness about UNITY (or at least some degree thereof) to the subject or patient under their care. “Tikkun”, which was discussed previously, is the best term or symbol to express this *Vital Wisdom* of the Healing Arts.

Step two is to relate the Wisdom aspect of Healing to the Pattern or Blueprint of Theory. On the Vav-Air point is the 19th Name, Connection with God. The text tells us: *“This Name will teach you what is necessary to establish a clear and powerful connection with God. Removing obstacles of darkness within yourself is a vital part of the process. Under Divine Instruction, you will be guided (and sometimes “poked” and “prodded”) to an everlasting “Spiritual Marriage” with the Ultimate Source of Being.”*

One should compare this to the instruction given for Name #48 UNITY. What you can realize between these two points is very direct and detailed advice (or Theory) expanding upon the Wisdom aspect of Healing work. Effective healers who have (or can) produce remarkable effects leading to a cure have said that this power or ability does not come from them directly. Rather, their explanation is that it comes from some Divine-Transcendent Source (God) flowing from within. You will notice that between the Wisdom point and the Theory point we now have a complete description of the process at work or working through the practitioner of the Healing Arts.

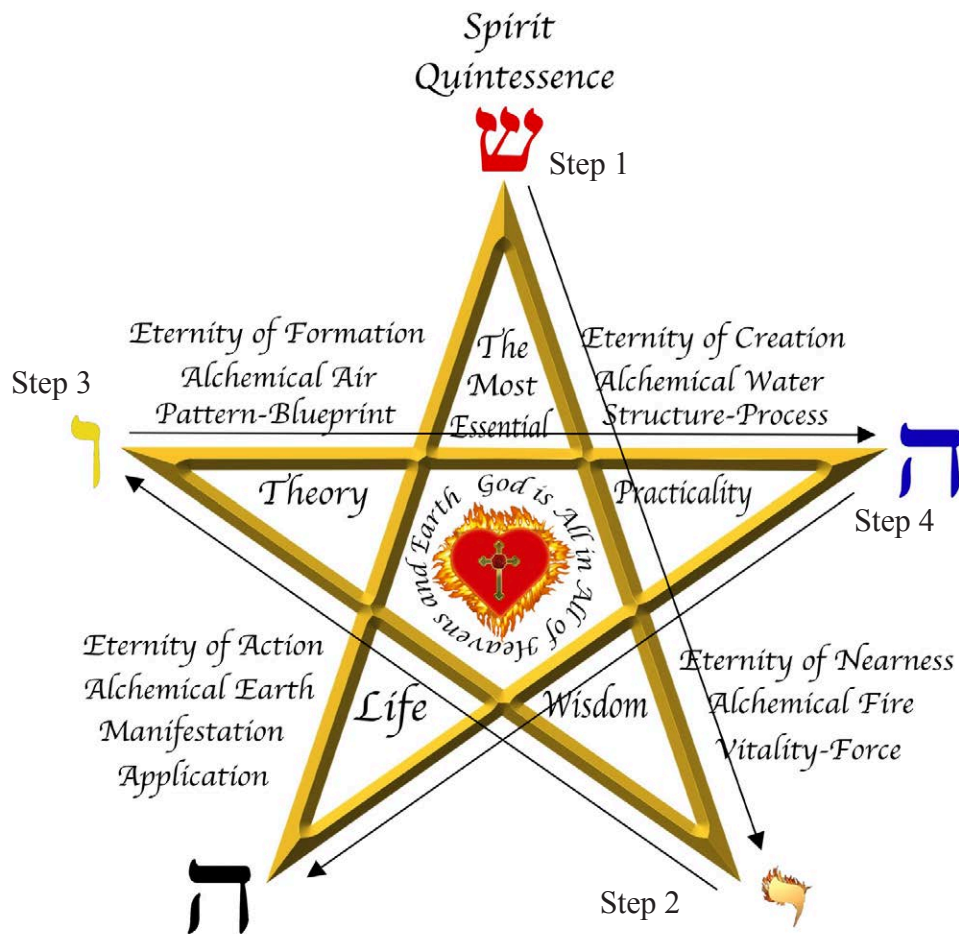
Step three bring us to Practicality, the structure and process of Healing. At the Heh-Water point is the 62nd Name, Enlightened Teacher, with this guidance: *“This Name will guide you to respectfully, selflessly and lovingly share the knowledge of Divine Wisdom with all of your fellow beings. Also, you will have an ever increasing awareness of the Maggidim, Spiritual Teachers, who are Angelic, Elemental or Human. You will learn to commune with them all, even if they walked the Earth long ago.”*

Here we are taught an obscure but, very important part of being a healer, that the practitioner is also a teacher. Health, whether on a personal level or a global one, is a dynamic process of harmonic balance or equilibrium. To maintain this equilibrium, or to regain it, requires a subtle and sophisticated guidance. More often than not this is provided by Inner Plane contacts known as *Maggidim* in Hebrew (מגידים). Non-Initiates would describe this as “intuition” or “inspiration”, yet this guidance comes to us all from the same Divine-Transcendent Source within. If “Darkness” is thought of as any form of ignorance, then the *practicality* of a teacher becomes most evident. This Teacher will help to first discover (or reveal) the darkness (which can be symbolic of any illness) and then to effectively apply the necessary cure.

The *practicality* of an “Enlightened Teacher/Healer” whether incarnate, disincarnate or something learned through unique circumstances is a structure or process which demonstrates a connection (Vav) with the Divine Source of Being, a connection with God. Such special or Holy teachers with this Divine connection are an important part of the Eternal Plan, or *Blueprint*. It is significant that these “Teachers” (prophets, seers, Ascended Masters, angels, etc.) can be found within any mystical tradition no matter the time or place of its origin. They are the caretakers of the Garden of Creation, a living embodiment of the Light, providing Divine Instruction and guidance to us all.

In step four, we consider the Heh-Earth point with the 33rd Name, Revealing and Overcoming Darkness. The text describes its purpose as: *“When uncertainty about negative circumstances presents itself, this Name will reveal the cause or origin of such Darkness and supply the “Key” necessary to heal or redeem the same.”*

We are assured that even when the cause or source of illness, or a general darkness is unknown it can be discovered. And that with the revelation of this knowledge the Key or answer to rectify the situation will be found as well. Every problem contains the *seed* of its own solution. Also take note that the last letter of this Name is Vav (ו) assigned to the Air point.



The last part for meditation or study is to trace the Earth point of actualization back up the Pentagram arm connecting it to the Spirit Point and the Essential Name. This will create a circuit initiating a flow of energy and consciousness within you that will bring the Essential Name to *life*.

After the initial tracing one may consider other patterns noticeable within the Name formula being studied. Some suggestions might be; how many Hebrew letters are the same in the over all spread. Or the types of Names in the left and right vertical columns or the top and bottom horizontal rows. Other ways of analyzing a formula will present themselves as your experience grows working with the technique.

I would recommend not using this technique more than once a week or even less, perhaps only once or twice per Lunar cycle (28 days). In between sessions be attentive and observant of “*signs following*” as well as subtle changes in your consciousness, perceptions and thought process. This Technique will give one a lot of knowledge to work with and many insights into the Divine Names. Part of the developmental process is an increasing recognition of the inter-connective dynamics linking one’s interior consciousness with external reality. It will lead you to the realization of your Divine potential and the perfection of your Soul.

Once you have a good understanding of a Divine Name it may be brought into the Creative or B’riatic mode of existence by the formulation of an Archangel Name. This is done by the use of a set of three two lettered suffixes appended to the end of a Divine Name. Basically, these suffixes are three modes of expression for a Divine Name equivalent to the three Pillars on the Tree of Life. One of the earliest references to this set of suffixes is found in Pardes Rimomim (Orchard of Pomegranates) composed by Moses ben Jacob Cordovero in 1548.

A Hexagram Technique of working with the Divine Names is currently under development. It will integrate the Shem HaMephorash with the Zodiac and the 12 operations of Alchemy each Sign represents. Here the goal is to become aware of the processes we all are going through on the journey toward mastery of our latent potentials and inherent Divinity. In both of these techniques our guide and teacher is Ratziel, the Archangel of Chokmah, who’s name means the Mysteries and Secrets of God.