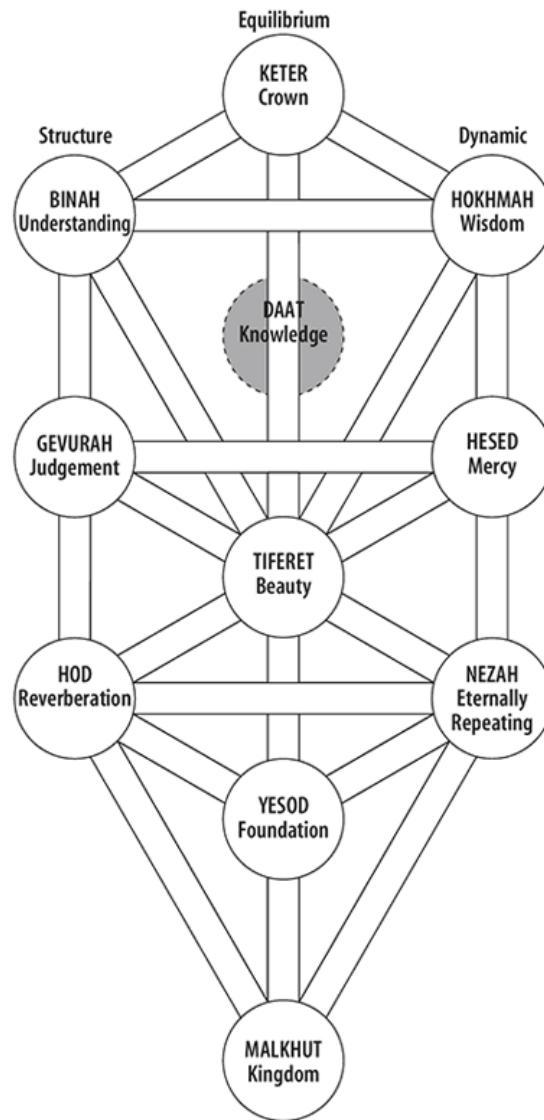
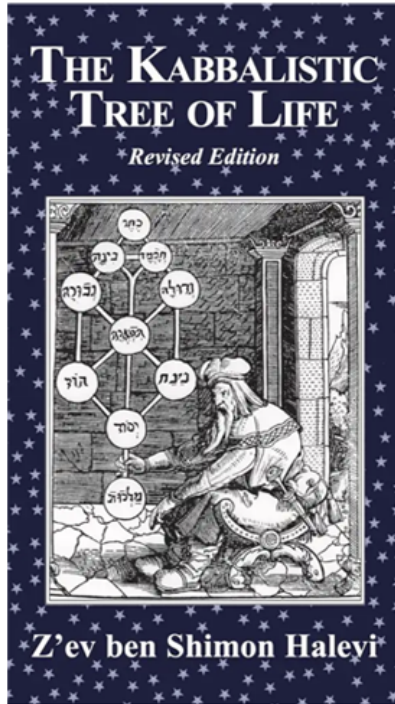
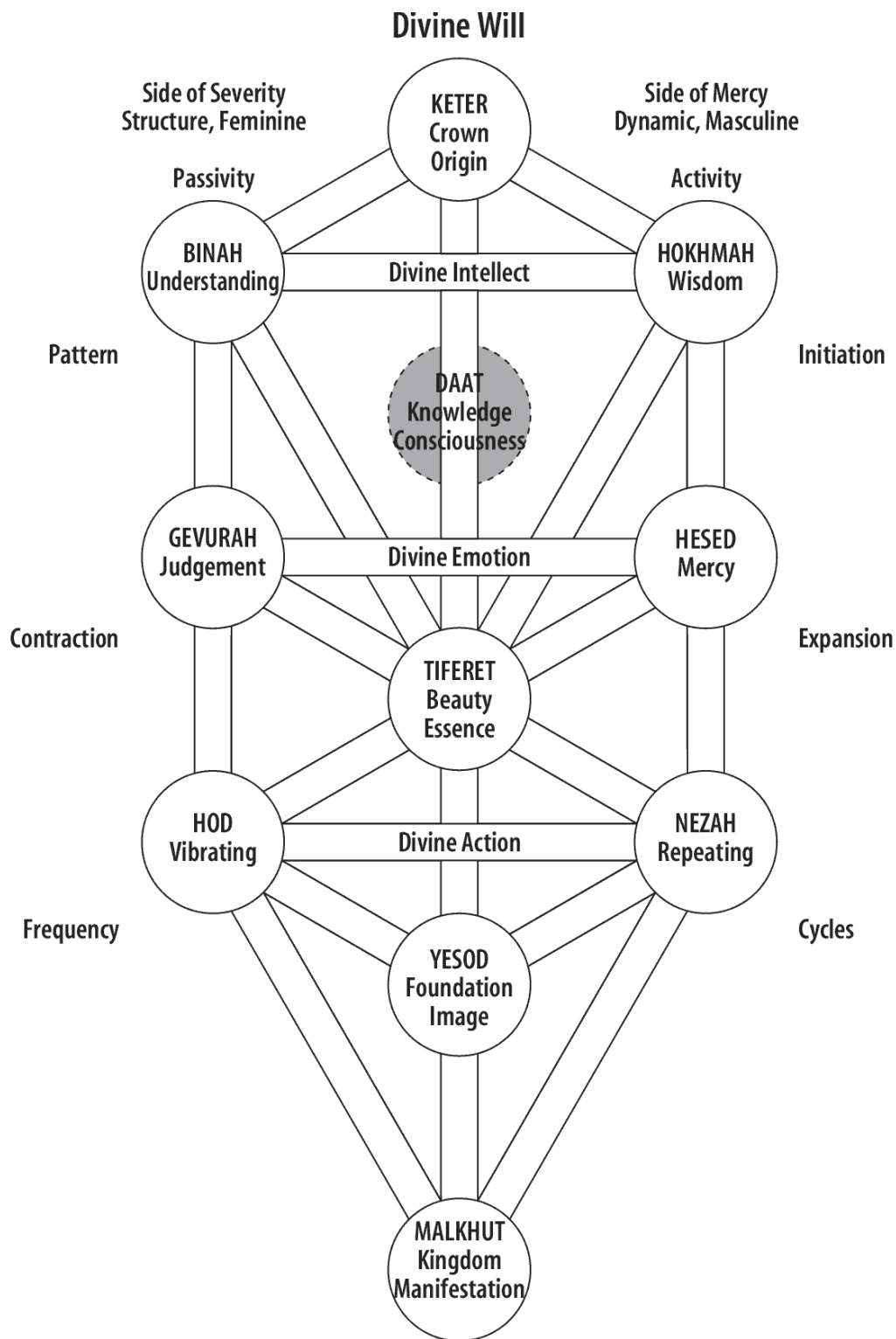


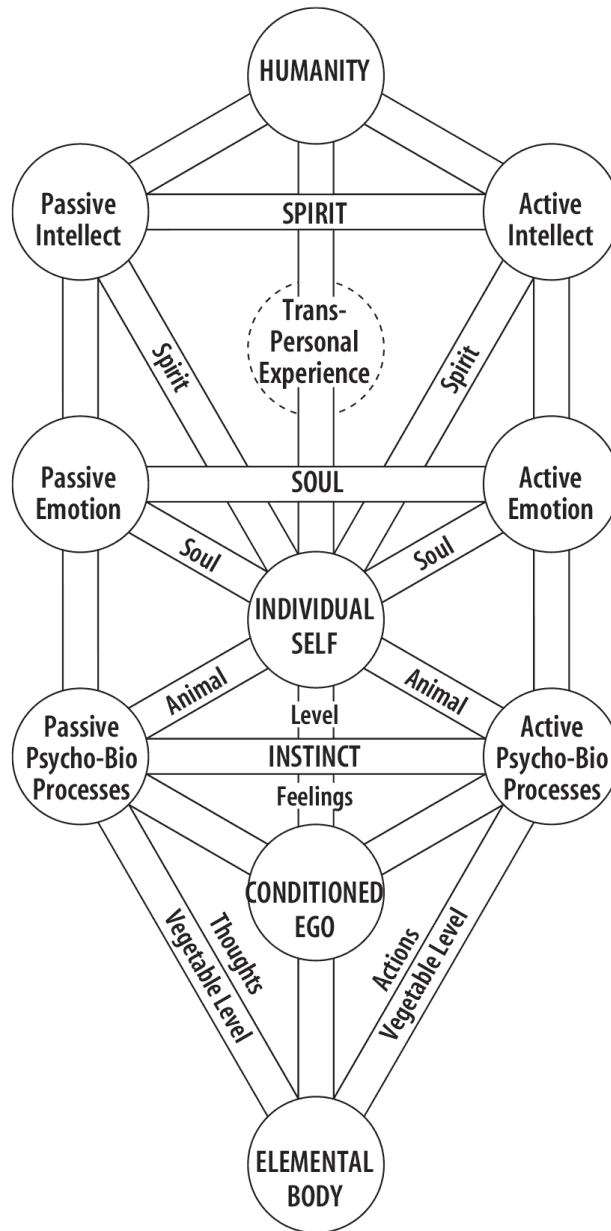
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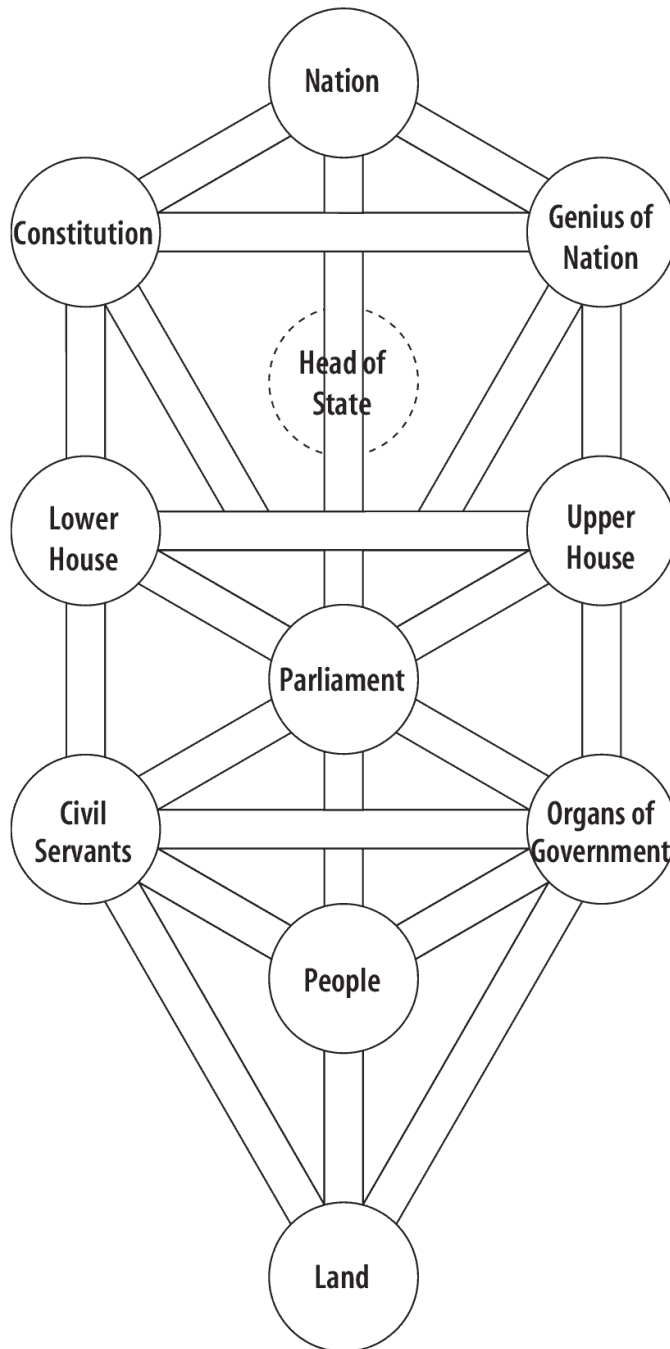
Tree of Life

Beneath each name is the equivalent in English. However, a Hebrew root word can have several meanings. Hokhmah can be seen as Revelation and Binah, Reason. Likewise, Hesed and Gevurah can be said to represent Charity and Severity; while Nezah can be seen as endless repetition instead of Victory, as commonly translated. Hod or Glory, as it is sometimes called, comes from the idea of the shimmering vibration of a peacock's tail. The Crown and the Kingdom are clearly Ruler and Ruled while the non-sefirah, Knowledge, refers to direct experience. The name Beauty is given because it is at the central focus of the Tree and Foundation, again a nominal title, is about the image of things embodied in the substance of Malkhut. (Halevi).



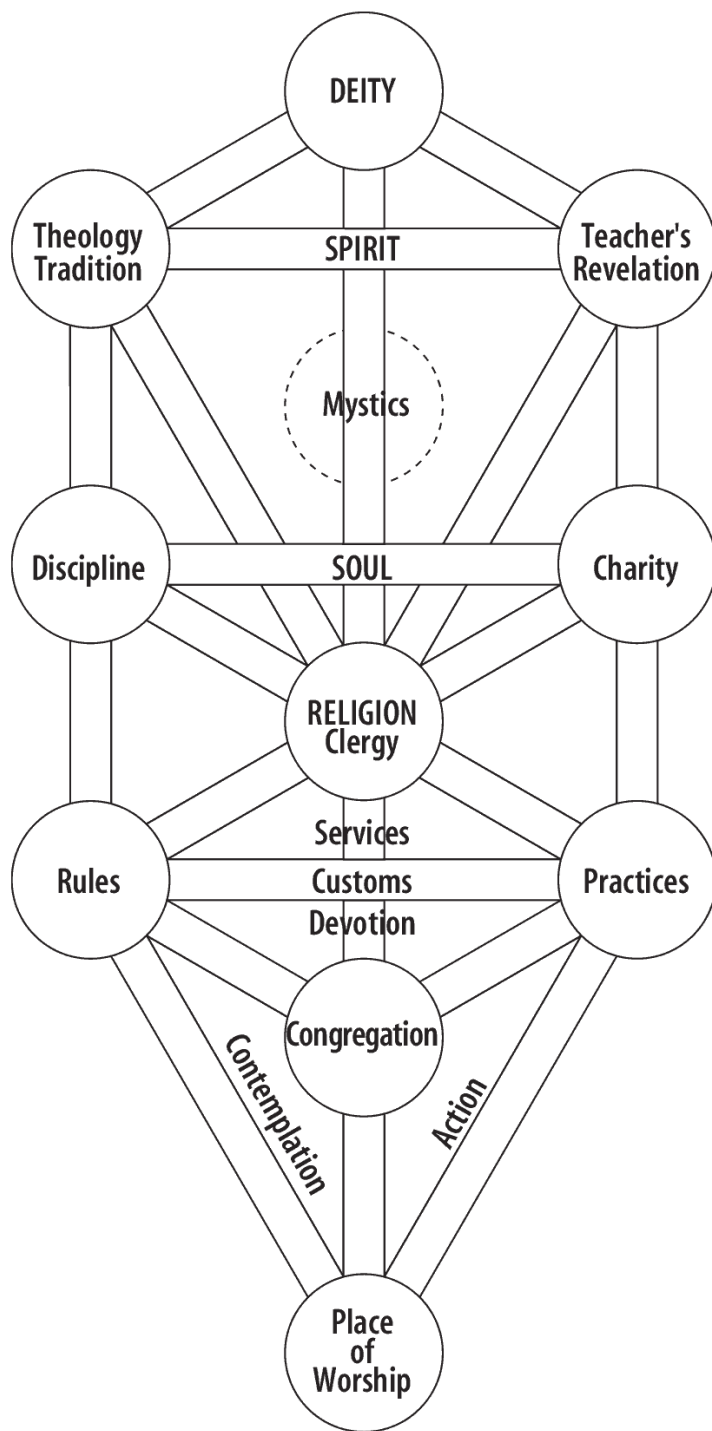
PSYCHE IN GENERAL

Here the human mind is placed upon the Tree. Beginning at the bottom are the physical levels of the four states of matter. Above this is the vegetable part of the mental organism, as it is strongly influenced by the body. Over this comes the animal component of the psyche with all its impulses and primitive intelligence. Beyond the domain of the ego is the Self at the heart of, in most cases, the unconscious of a person. This comprises the emotions and the intellect which are not to be confused with ordinary ego-centric feelings and thoughts. Here are the central inner triads of the soul, spirit and Divine. At the Crown is the connection with the collective origin of humanity. (Halevi).



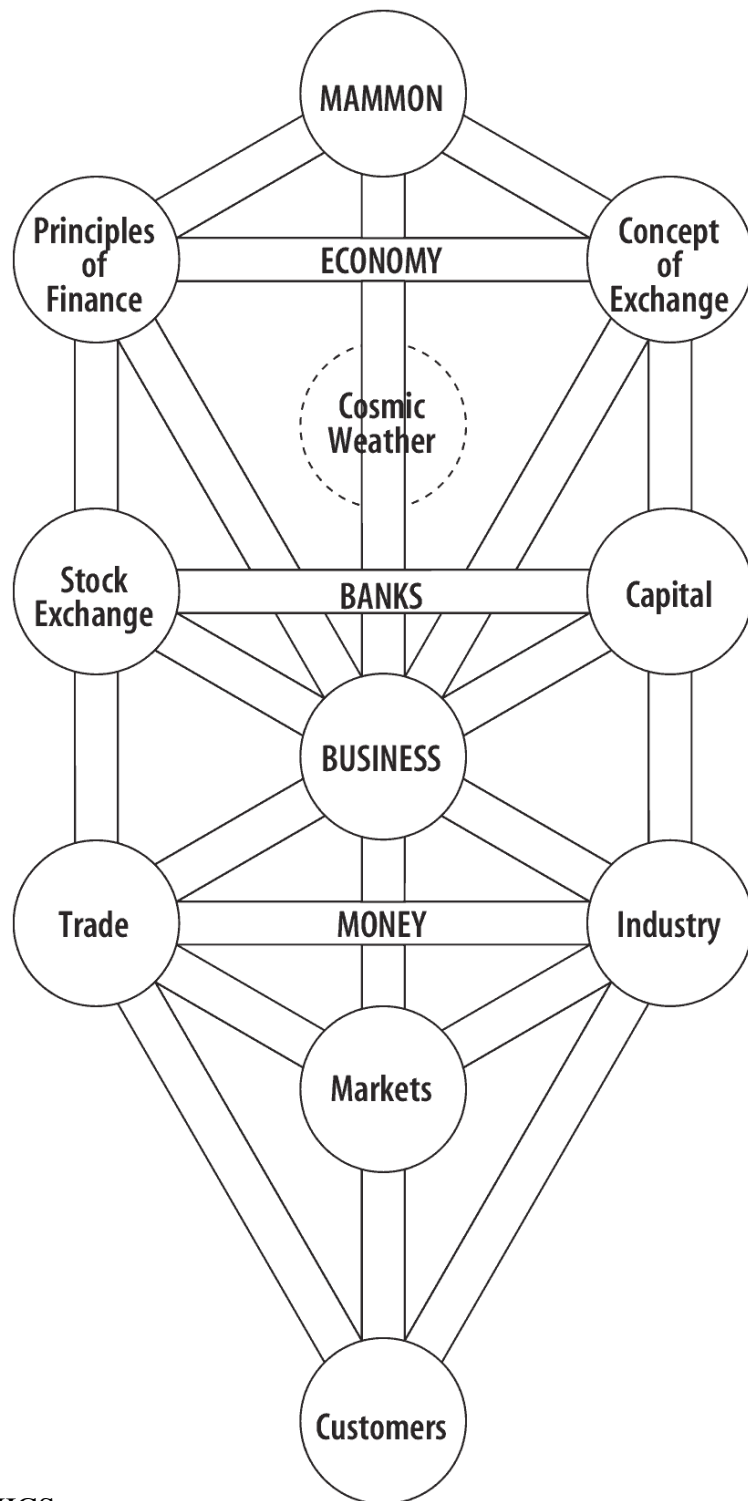
GOVERNMENT

Here is the basic system by which democratic nations are governed. A nation is an area where a people shares the same general culture. This economic, political and social organism is monitored by various government agencies. At the centre is the seat of government with its two Houses to check each other's power. Above is the constitution or rules inspired by the genius of a people. At Daat is the Head of State who represents the spirit of the Nation. He or she gives authority to any law or government decision, such as peace or war. In theory the monarch or president should be above party politics. At the Crown is the destiny of the Nation. (Halevi).



RELIGION

Here the Tree reveals the various levels within a tradition. At the bottom is the appropriate Temple and its congregation. In the lower triads are the three initial Ways to approach the Deity. These are governed by local customs and practices which are implemented in daily, weekly and monthly services. The clergy of any particular sect, if it is not corrupt, will be disciplined and open-minded, taking care of their own souls as well as others'. Above, although not always recognised, are the mystics who keep the tradition alive while theologians build upon the Teacher's original revelation, either to clarify the Teaching, at best, or make more obscure, at worst. Even Kabbalah has suffered from the accretion of misinterpretation. (Halevi).



ECONOMICS

This Tree shows how the balance of an economy operates with the left pillar as the structure and the right as the dynamic element. The central column indicates the state of the financial situation. This can fluctuate according to the law of supply and demand. Also, as noted, an economy can be influenced by the Solar and planetary conditions. Trade usually does well when there are plenty of sunspots which appear to stimulate human activity. The planets, when in harmonious configuration, generate a sense of confidence and sometimes stimulate conversely a mass migration when the economy is at the bottom of a cycle. This cosmic factor was considered in the medieval period. No major enterprise was begun without consulting a good astrologer. (Halevi).