

# Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 09

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## Arcanum 6 – Vau ם

**English:** *Indecision or The Lovers*

**Spanish:** *La Indecisión.* Meaning “Indecision, hesitance, hesitation” *Los Enamorados.* Meaning “The Lovers; in love, enamored, amorous”

**French:** *L'Amoureux.* Meaning “The Lovers; those in love, loving, tender, enamored, passionate”

**Meaning:** The Lover, enchainment, equilibrium, terrible struggle between Love and Desire, the Loving Union of Man and Woman, Linking.

**Transcendental Axiom:** “LORD, YOU ARE GIVING ME WORK, BUT WITH IT YOU ARE ALSO GIVING ME STRENGTH.”



**Explanation of the Card:** One finds the disciple standing in the Waters of Life in front of a triangle with the vertex pointing downwards. His left arm is crossed over the right. All of the above signifies that the disciple is fallen; that he feels a greater attraction towards Medusa (the Psychological "I") who is located to his left. To his right one finds a female Master. This Arcanum is called “Indecision” because the disciple does not know which path to decide upon. In the upper part is a Hierarchy of the Law with a bow taking the form of a triangle with the vertex pointing upwards. He points his arrow at the head of the Medusa, in keeping with the axiom: “THE MEDUSA MUST BE DECAPITATED”. Each figure presents to the neophyte a different path: The Path of the Left and the Path of the Right. The arrow of Justice points against the Path of the Left.

**Related Explanation:** The Divine Balance rules and necessitates eternal mathematics. Eternal mathematics rule life, but alone they are not life; they have eternal love (the father of poetry) as their equilibrating counterweight. The symbol of the sixth letter, Vau ם, can be understood in the Tarot as the double symbol of liberty and love. Liberty and love necessitate work and struggle [lutte], and it is thus that the great law of creation manifests itself within us.

The Kabbalah has placed an immense power in the first Biblical word: ‘Bereshith’ בראשית. This word has 6 letters, and is often translated into English as “In the beginning”. It is the principle with which God created Heaven and Earth.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation (Genesis 1:26) “God made man”:

God (gods and goddesses, the ‘Elohim’ אלהים)

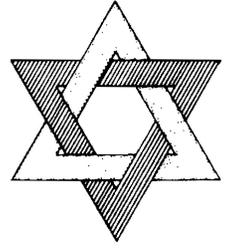
made (to *do* or to *make*, ‘asah’ עשה)

man (the human being, ‘Adam’ אדם)

God created the human being, saying “Let us *make* man in our image, after our likeness...” This statement calls upon us to participate in our own creation (to make ourselves). God created humanity; but, in humanity, each individual is called to create themselves. *To create oneself* is the sublime vocation of the every human being... Man, the human being, is called to cooperate with God’s work, and to complete himself, by perfecting himself through the act of his liberty (by his own free-will) and this liberty makes the human being master of himself and of the universe.

## Practice 1

The cosmic forces which ascend through our organism meet in the thymus gland with the forces which descend and the two interlaced triangles, Solomon's seal, is formed. The disciple should meditate daily on this seal of Solomon forming itself in the thymus gland.



## Practice 2

The region of the Earth extends from the feet to the knees: its mantram is "LA". The region of the Water is from the knees to the anus: its mantram is "VA". The region of the Fire is from the anus to the heart: its mantram is "RA". The region of the Air encompasses the area from the heart to the space between the eyebrows: its mantram is "YA". The region of the Ether extends from the space between the eyebrows to the top of the head and its mantram is "HA".

The Serpent of Fire is nourished with these five basic elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Air, and Ether). Now we can understand why the neophyte has to pass the trials of Earth, Water, Fire and Air. The purifications and sanctifications related with these elements of Nature nourish the Serpent and permit its ascent through the sacred mountain range of the spinal column. The ascent of the Serpent is impossible without the purifications and sanctifications of these four elements.

Brahma is the God of the Earth.  
 Narayana is the God of the Water.  
 Rudra is the God of the Fire.  
 Ishwara is the God of the Air.  
 Sudashiva is the God of the Ether.

Pray and utilize these mantrams to purify the Elements within your human organism.

