

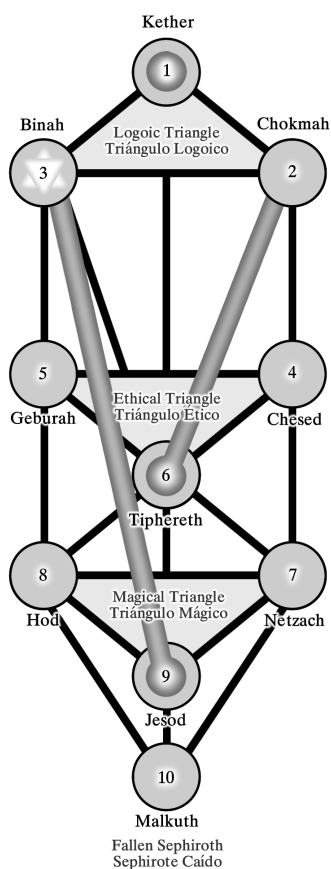
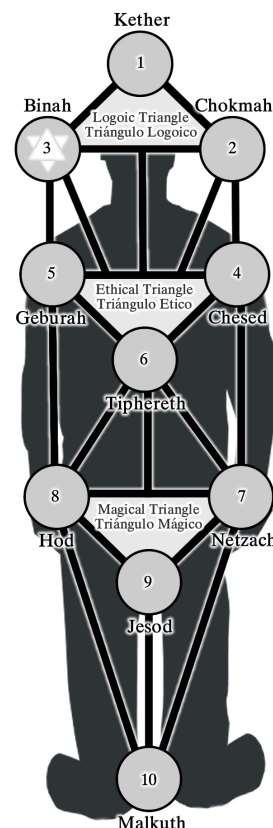
# Introduction to Gnostic Kabbalah – Notes 8

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## The Moon and our Center of Gravity

We have a very mechanical life, we repeat habits over and over again... We are totally MECHANICAL, and we do not have Consciousness of ourselves and what we are doing. In Gnosis we call this “Lunar Mechanicity”. The Physical Moon influences our planet in many ways: during the Waxing Moon, things tend to go up, and during the Waning Moon things tend to go down. The Moon is like a weight that moves the whole Mechanism of Nature. And we carry this Moon in our interior, it is a Mechanical PSYCHOLOGICAL MOON, and obviously **this has a decided influence on our psyche...**

Just as there is a Physical Universe, which is visible and tangible outside of ourselves, there is also a PSYCHOLOGICAL UNIVERSE within us. Our Psychological Universe is presently in a very disoriented and chaotic state compared to what it could ultimately become. This means that **we must create our Conscious Psychological Universe within**. If we wish to liberate ourselves from the mechanical influence of the Moon, then **we must start by creating a Conscious Psychological Type of Moon, a CONSCIOUS CENTER OF GRAVITY, within ourselves**, which will displace the Mechanical Psychological Moon that we carry in our interior. In order to create a Conscious Center of Gravity, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Force is necessary, and this is none other than the ESOTERIC WORK upon ourselves.



## The Three Triangles

In Gnosis the terms “Human Being” or “Man” are used to describe someone who has completed or finished the work upon themselves (both male and female). A “Man” refers to someone who has manifested their full potential, an Authentic Man or ‘Solar’ Human Being. **If we observe every Authentic Man, we will discover in them Three Triangles:**

1. The first is the LOGOIC TRIANGLE
2. the second we could call the ETHICAL TRIANGLE
3. and the third is called the MAGICAL TRIANGLE

And the 3 Primary Forces (originating from the 1<sup>st</sup> Triangle) have the following Centers of Gravity:

1. Kether, the 1<sup>st</sup> Logos, is in Kether itself
2. Chokmah, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Logos, is in Tiphereth
3. Binah, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logos, is in Jesod (or Yesod)

As a result, we also call the 1<sup>st</sup> Triangle the “Triangle of the Father”, the 2<sup>nd</sup> can be called the “Triangle of the Son”, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> the “Triangle of the Holy Spirit”. **We must work to establish these Triangles in ourselves as part of our Conscious Psychological Universe.**

We have already discussed the 3 Primary Forces which make up the 1<sup>st</sup> Triangle in previous classes, so now let’s look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Triangle: the Ethical Triangle or Triangle of the Son.

## Morality, Buffers, and Conscience

Morality and Ethics are terms which are often confused. Morality is related to the culture, the time period, and the circumstances of life; it is based on the terms 'Good' and 'Evil'. Morality is not objective nor permanent; it is based on Buffers and does not help us to Awaken our Consciousness.

In Gnosis, the term Buffer is used to describe a psychological mechanism or 'appliance' which is something like the bumper on a car. Buffers serve to soften or lessen the shock when we see what we really are, rendering these shocks unnoticeable and imperceptible. **They allow us to not feel our own contractions**, to not recognize our own inconsistencies. Without them we would have to face our lack of psychological unity, which would make us feel crazy and unstable. So instead of facing this: we create Buffers. Often times we have created them unknowingly, through 'education', by copying them in our friends and relatives or in those persons we looked up to, etc.

Buffers make our mechanical life easier. They are a means by which we can always be *in the right*. It is very hard to live without Buffers. **But they keep us from the possibility of inner development because Buffers are made to lessen shocks** and it is only Shocks that can lead us out of the state in which we live; only Shocks can awaken us. Buffers help us to not feel our conscience. Conscience is knowing what is right or wrong in a given situation. In our heart we can intuitively know this, but not if Buffers interfere...

## Destroying Buffers, Awakening, and Revolutionary Ethics

**Awakening is possible only for those who want it and who seek for it; it is possible for those who are ready to struggle with themselves and to work on themselves for a very long time and very persistently in order to attain it.** For this it is necessary to destroy Buffers, to go out and meet all those inner sufferings which are connected with the sensations of contradictions. The destruction of Buffers in itself requires very long work and we must agree to this work, realizing that the result of our work will be every possible discomfort and suffering from the Awakening of our Conscience. Conscience is the fire which alone can fuse all the powders in the glass retort<sup>1</sup> and create the unity that we lack in the state in which we begin to study ourselves.

As we have said, Morality is based on the terms 'Good' and 'Evil'. The concepts of 'good' and 'evil' are always subjective in Human Being №1, №2, and №3, and are connected only with a given moment or situation. For a subjective person 'evil' is everything that is opposed to their desires or interests or to their conception of 'good'. We might say that 'evil' does not exist at all for subjective people, what exists are only different conceptions of 'good'. Nobody ever does anything deliberately in the interests of 'evil'. Instead, everybody acts in the interests of 'good' as they understand it, but everybody understands 'good' differently...

The terms 'good' and 'evil' are always misused in order to justify or condemn our own errors. Those who justify or condemn do not comprehend. A long time ago someone used the terms 'good' and 'evil' to describe the forces of nature; naming the evolving forces 'good', and the involuting or devolving forces 'evil', but they did not give any name to the neutral forces. Later, these terms were applied to behavior and 'morality'. It is intelligent to comprehend the development of evolving forces, but not to justify them with the term 'good'. It is intelligent to comprehend the processes of devolving forces, but not to condemn them with the term 'evil'. Different types of energies (that evolve, devolve, and that are in an incessant transformation) exist within every human being. Therefore, **to justify a specific type of energy and to condemn another is not signify comprehension.** The Revolutionary Psychology of all Gnostic Movements is based on the study of the different types of energies that operate within the human organism and within nature. The Gnostic Movement has a Revolutionary Ethics that has nothing to do with the morality of reactionary people who are bottled up in the 'good' and 'evil' of their subjective reasoning.

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<sup>1</sup> A 'glass retort' is "a vessel used for distillation of substances that are placed inside and subjected to heat".