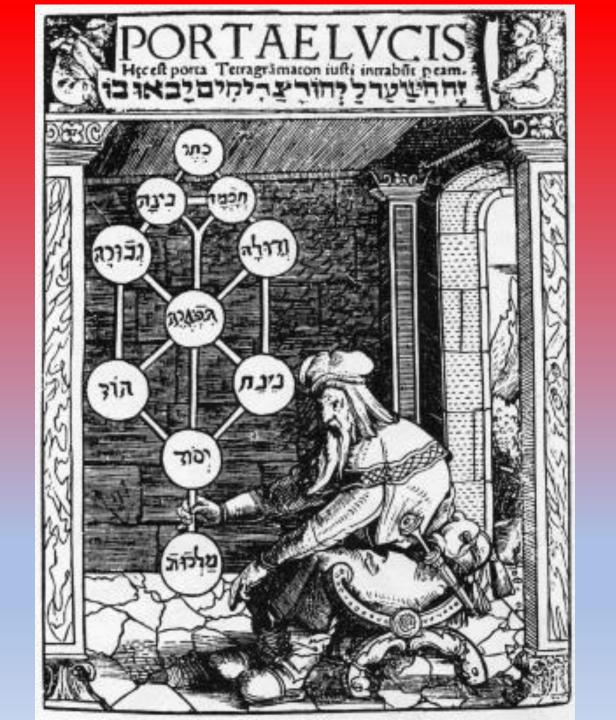


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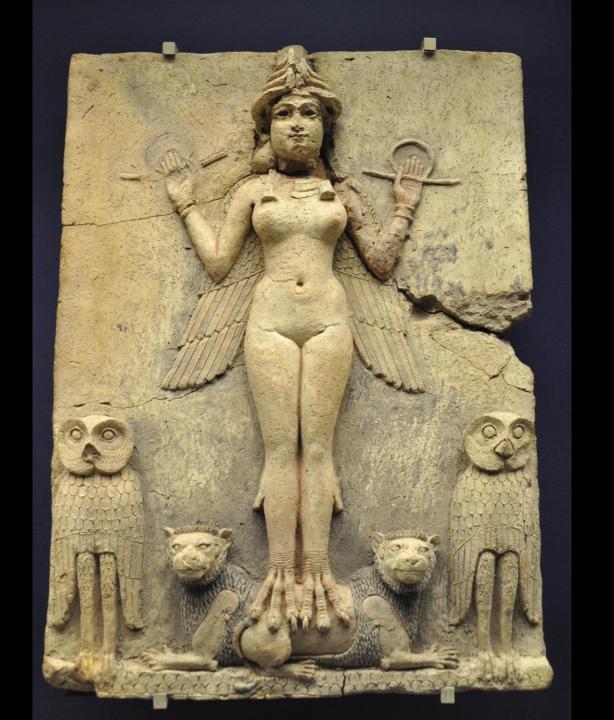




Letter of the Tetragrammaton – YHVH – Yod-Hei- Vav-Hei יהו"ה	Divine Names and Faces in the Zohar	Biblical Divine Name	Corresponding Sefirot
Top of the Yod – קוצו של י'	Saba De-Savin ("Grandfather" or the "Oldest One")	Ehyeh אהיה	Keter
Yod – ''	Abba ("Father")	Yah ה"י	Ḥokhmah
First Hei – 'ה	Imma Ila'ah (the "Upper Mother")	Elohim אלהי"ם	Binah
Vav – 'I	Ben ("Son"); Kudsha Berikh Hu (the "blessed Holy One") Ḥatan (the "Bridgegroom")	Yod-Hei-Vav-Hei יהו"ה	Six Sefirot: Ḥesed, Gevurah, <u>Tif'eret</u> , Netsaḥ, Hod, Yesod
Last Hei – 'ה	Bat ("Daughter"); Kallah ("Bride")	Elohim אלהי"ם	Malkhut

<u>Demonic</u> <u>Personae:</u>

Sama'el and Lilith



> Numbers 17

- DIVINE ANGER AS PLAGUE AND THE POWER OF INCENSE

- (ו) וַיִּלֹנוּ כָּל עֲדַת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמָּחֲרָת עַל משֶׁה וְעַל אַהְרֹן לֵאמֹר אַתֶּם הֲמִתֶּם אֶת עַם
- יְדֹוָד:...(ט) וַיְדַבֵּר יְדֹוָד אֶל משֶׁה לֵּאמֹר: (י) הֵרֹמּוּ מִתּוֹךְ הָעֵדָה הַזּאֹת וַאְכַלֶּה אֹתָם כְּרָגַע וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל פְּנֵיהֶם:
 - ָיא) וַיּאֹמֶר משֶׁה אֶל אַהָרֹן קַח אֶת הַמַּחְתָּה וְתֶן עָלֶיהָ אֵשׁ מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְשִׁים קְטֹרֶת וְהוֹלֵךְ (יא
 - ּ מְהַרָה אֶל הָעַדָה וְכַפֵּר עֲלֵיהֶם כִּי יָצָא הַקֶּצֶף מִלּפְנֵי יְדֹוָד הַחֵל הַנָּגֶף:
- (יב) וַיִּקַח אַהֲרֹן כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר משֶׁה וַיָּרָץ אֶל תּוֹךְ הַקָּהָל וְהִנֵּה הֵחֵל הַנֶּגֶף בָּעָם וַיִּתֵּן אֶת הַקְּטֹרֶת וַיְכַפֵּר עַל הָעָם:
 - (יג) וַיַּעֲמֹד בֵּין הַמֶּתִים וּבֵין הַחַיִּים וַתֵּעָצַר הַמַּגּּפָה:
 - (יד) וַיִּהְיוּ הַמֵּתִים בַּמַגֵּפָה אַרְבָּעָה עָשָׂר אֶלֶף וּשְׁבַע מֵאוֹת מִלְּבַד הַמֵּתִים עַל דְּבַר קֹרַח:

⁶ But on the morrow all the congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of YHVH." ...

⁹ and YHVH said to Moses, ¹⁰ "Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.

- ¹¹ And Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone forth from YHVH, the plague has begun."
- ¹² So Aaron took it as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and behold, the plague had already begun among the people; and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people.

- ¹³ And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped.
- ¹⁴ Now those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the affair of Korah.



ZOHAR I:230A — THE DESERT PLAGUE AND THE POWER OF INCENSE

וְתָא חָזֵי קְטֹרֶת מְקַשֵּׁר קּשְׁרִין, וְאָחִיד לְעֵילָא וְתַתָּא, וְדָא אַעְבַר מוֹתָא וְקְטְרוּגָא וְרוּגְזָא, דְּלָא יָכִילּ
לְשַׁלְטָאָה בְּעַלְמָא. כְּמָה דִּכְתִיב, (במדבר יז) וַיּאׁמֶר משֶׁה אֶל אַהָרֹן קַח אֶת הַמַּחְתָּה וְתֵן עָלֶיהָ אֵשׁ מעַל הַמִּזְבָּחַ וְשִׁים קְטֹרֶת וְהוֹלֵךְ מְהֵרָה וְגוּ'. לְבָתַר דָּא כְּתִיב, וַיָּרָץ (אהרן) וְגוּ', וַיְכַפֵּר עַל הָעָם, וּכְתִיב, וַיַּעְמֹד בֵּין הַמֵּתִים וּבֵין הַחַיִּים וַתֵּעָצַר הַמַּגֵּפָה. בְּגִין דְּלָא יָכְלִין כָּל סְטְרִין בִּישִׁין וְכָל מְקַטְרְגִין לְמֵיקַם קַמֵּי קְטֹרֶת. וְעַל דָּא אִיהוּ רָזָא (ס"א חדוה) דְכֹלָּא וְקְשׁוּרָא דְכֹלָּא: Come and see: Incense binds together bonds, and cleaves above and below.

And it makes death, accusation, and wrath pass away

- so that they cannot rule in the world,
as is written: 'Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, ...
and lay incense on it,

and carry it quickly to the congregation

... for wrath has gone forth from YHVH, the plague has begun."

... And it is written, "And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped." (Numbers 17: 11- 13)— for no evil dimensions or accusers can withstand incense. So it is joy of all, the binding together of all.

The birth of the demonic from divine anger

Zohar II, 242b

דְּכַד תְּנָנָא נָפְקָא מִגּוֹ רוּגְזָא תַּקִּיף, אִתְפָּשַּׁט הַהוּא תְּנָנָא, וְאָזִיל רוּגְזָא בָּתַר רוּגְזָא, דָּא עַל דָּא, וְדָא רָכִיב וְשָׁלִיט עַל דָּא, בְּחֵיזוּ דִּדְכַר וְנוּקְבָּא לְמֶהוֵי כֹּלָּא רוּגְזָא תַּקִּיף:

For when smoke issues forth from fierce anger, this smoke expands and goes forth: anger upon anger, this upon this, and this riding upon and dominating this, with the appearance of male and female – so that all becomes fierce anger.

וּלְבָתַר אִתְפָּשֵׁט תְּנָנָא דְּרוּגְזָא בְּעַקִּימוּ, כְּחַד חוְיָא חַכִּים לְאַבְאָשָׁא: ... אִיהוּ דַּרְגָּא דְּאִיהוּ חָשׁוּךְ, סָלִיק וְנָחִית, אָזִיל וְשָׁאט, וְנָח בְּדוּכְתֵּיהּ, וְקַיְּימָא דַּרְגָּא לְאִתְיַישְׁבָא, מֵהַהוּא תְּנָנָא דְּנָפִיק מְגּוֹ רוּגְזָא, וְאִיהוּ צֵל. צִלָּא, עַל אָתָר אַחְרָא דְּאִקְרֵי מָוֶת. וְכַד מִתְחַבְּרָן תַּרְוויִיהוּ כַּחֲדָא, אִקְרֵי צַלְמָוֶתThen the smoke of rage
spreads out crookedly
like a serpent, sly and dangerous.

... He is a level of darkness.

He goes up and down, roaming and hovering,
until he rests in his place
by settling with another level
that issues from the smoke
that emerges from rage.

And [the male] is called "Shadow" [also called Sama'el], A shadow on another place called "Death" [his female consort, Lilith]. When the two are combined, they are called "the Shadow of Death."

ZOHAR I:70A — THE POWER OF INCENSE: GOD TAKES A DEEP BREATH, BRINGING TO AN END THOUGHTLESS ANGER

תָּא חֲזֵי אֵשׁ נָפִיק מִלְּגָיו ... וּכְדֵין תְּנָנָא סְלְקָא...וְעַל דָּא כְּתִיב (דברים לג) יָשִׁימוּ קְטוֹרָה בְּאַפֶּךָ. בְּגִין דְּאַהָדַר אֶשָׁא לְאַתְרֵיהּ. וְחוֹטְמָא אִתְכְּנִישׁ בְּהַהוּא יָשִׂימוּ קְטוֹרָה בְּאַפֶּךָ. בְּגִין דְּאַהָדַר אֶשָׁא לְאַתְרֵיהּ. וְאִתְקְרִיב כֹּלָּא לְגוֹ מַחְשָׁבָה רֵיחָא לְגוֹ לְגוֹ עַד דְּאָתְאַחִיד כֹּלָּא וְתָב לְאַתְרֵיהּ. וְאִתְקְרִיב כֹּלָּא לְגוֹ מַחְשָׁבָה וְאִתְעְבִיד רְעוּתָא חָדָא. וּכְדֵין רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ. דְּנָח רוּגְזָא וְאִתְעְבִיד נַיְיחָא:

Come and see: Fire issues from within,

...and then smoke ascends.

... Of this is written, "They shall place incense in Thy nose" (Deuteronomy 33:10),

for fire returns to its site,

and through that aroma the nose contracts inward, inward –

till all is embraced, returning to its site – and all comes near within thought, and becomes one will.

And then

"He inhaled the sweet savor"

For anger rests, and it becomes tranquility

ָּוְכַד אִתְאֲחִיד כּּלָא דָּא בְדָא וְנָח רוּגְזָא, כְּדֵין הוּא נַיְיחָא, וּלְשִׁירוּ חַד וְאִתְקְרֵי נַיְיחָא. נַיְיחָא דְרוּחָא חֶדְנִותָא דְּכֹּלָּא בְּחָדָא. נְיְיחָא דְרוּחָא חֶדְנִותָא דְּכֹּלָּא כְּחָדָא. נְהִירוּ דְּאַנְפִּין. וּבְגִין כָּךְ כְּתִיב, וַיָּרַח יְנָתִים הַנִּיחֹחַ. כְּמַאן דְּאָרַח וְכָנִישׁ כֹּלָּא לְגוֹ אַתְרֵיהּ: אֶת רֵיחַ הַנִּיחֹחַ. כְּמַאן דְּאָרַח וְכָנִישׁ כֹּלָּא לְגוֹ אַתְרֵיהּ:

And when all becomes embraced each with the other,

and anger is appeased,

then there is tranquility...

tranquility of the spirit, the joy of all as one.

The shining of lamps, the shining of faces.

And therefore, it is written,

"And YHVH inhaled the sweet savor" (Genesis

8:21)

as one who inhales,and gathersall into its place.

ZOHAR III: 177B

BETWEEN THE TREE OF LIFE AND THE TREE OF DEATH

קָטֹרֶת דְּאִיהִי פְּנִימָאָה, וְכָל מַה דִּי בְּרָזָא, לְכַהֶּנָא אָתְמְסַר. וְעַל דָּא (במדבר ז') וַיִּקָּח אַהָּרֹן כַּאֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה וַיָּרֶץ אֶל תּוֹךְ הַקָּהָל וַיִּתָּן אֶת הַקְּטֹרֶת, דְּאִיהִי פְּנִימָאָה, רְזָא דְּכַהְנָא, כְּדֵין וַיְכַפֶּר עַל הָעָם וַיַּעֲמוֹד בֵּין הַמֵּתִים וּיָרֶץ אֶל תּוֹךְ הַקּהָל וַיִּתָּן אֶת הַקְּטֹרֶת, דְּאִיהִי פְּנִימָאָה, רְזָא דְּכַהְנָא, כְּדֵין וַיְמִינָא קְרִיב דָּא בְּדָא, וַתִּעָצַר הַמַּגַּפָּה, זַכָּאָה חוּלָקָא וּבִין הָטִיִּים, בַּין אִילָנָא דְּחַיֵּי, וּבֵין אִילָנָא דְּמוֹתָא, כְּדֵין יְמִינָא קְרִיב דָּא בְּדָא, וַתִּעָצַר הַמַּגַּפָּה, זַכָּאָה חוּלָקָא דְּכַהְנָא, דְּכַהְנָא אִית לֵיהּ חֵילָא לְעֵילָא, וְאִית לֵיהּ חֵילָא לְתַתָּא, וְהוּא גָּרִים שְׁלְמָא לְעֵילָא וְתַתָּא

Incense, which is internal, and all that which is in mystery, is given to the Priest

And therefore, "And Aaron ... ran into the midst of the congregation and placed the incense," which is the internal, the mystery of the Priest...

> "...and he stood between the dead and the living" Between the Tree of Life And the Tree of Death,

And then the right hand brought them together "and the plague was stopped"

Happy is the lot of the Priest
For the Priest has power above
And power below
And he brings about peace
above and below