

Which came first:
the Tree,
the Flower,
or
the Seed?

NU KA BA LA

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Chapter I

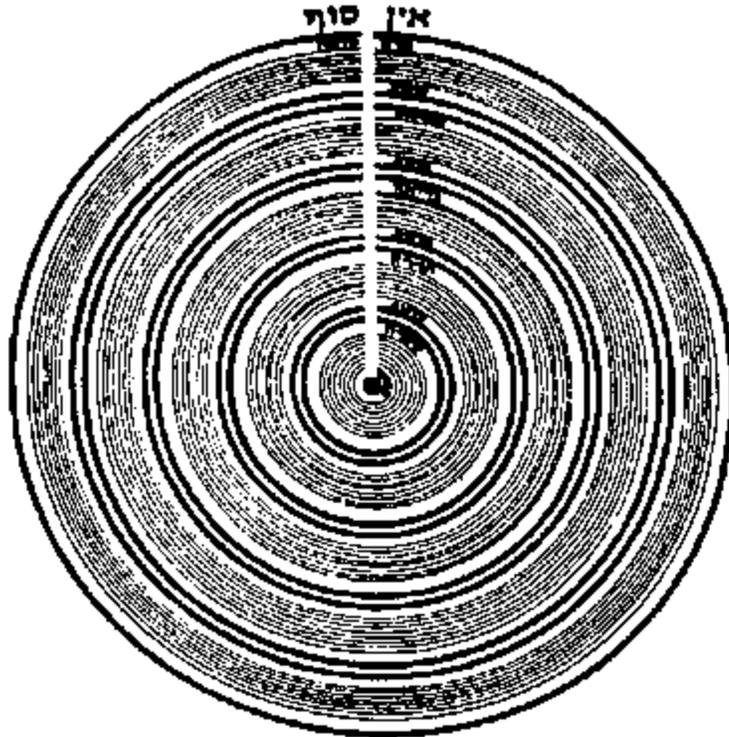


Upper Worlds

Nu Ka Ba La will introduce you to a new Kabbalah method intended to express and deepen the experience of the teachings of Kabbalah. It will introduce a kind of new language with both visual and verbal aspects. Some of these aspects will be, or will connect to, familiar old forms. Some will be brand new to you. The goal is to discover one's inherent ability to **swim upstream** into the **upper worlds** of the cosmos. Don't try to swim too far or with excessive or obsessive force against the current. And don't swim too deep. This is an exploration and a search for truth and for our true destiny, but there is no claim here that these syllables and visual forms are a successful reconstruction of the divine language. This is more like a **grail quest**, you must find the Grail yourself.

The genesis of this approach was a belief that the **keys to the kingdom** are the **syllables** of the **divine language** itself, which was confused in humanity as we lost our connection to the heavenly realms. The tools used here come from the concepts of Kabbalah, the images of Sacred Geometry, a language called Pictobabble created by this author, and a language called Blissymbolics created by Charles K. Bliss for international communication.

If indeed our current predicament of **enslavement** or **entrapment** into **rigid material forms** resulted from our **loss** of the divine language, don't even imagine you can retrieve it from the clutches of the **Creator** by your own **egoistic efforts**. The Creator will grant us whatever access He sees fit to bestow. Any effort to force the Creator's hand can only bring you a nightmare, and perhaps unleash one on others. So, with that warning, if your **heart be true**.....



Ein-Sof

<http://www.guide-to-symbols.com/einsof/>

Ein-Sof is known to Kabbalists as the original or highest emanation of G-d. And since the Bible and Hebrew tradition reveal the Name of the Most High G-d to be **EI-Elyon** and many of the other highest names such as El Shaddai and Emmanu-EL contain the Syllable **EL**, we will use the term **eL** to refer to a simplified drawing of Ein-Sof:

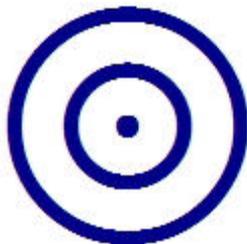


eL

And conveniently, this drawing is also the symbol, in Blissymbolics, for the word **LIGHT**. The small circle with the dot means **Eye** and the large circle is the **Sun**.
<http://www.blissymbolics.us/>

And to our surprise, in my constructed language of Pictobabble:
<http://www.pictobabble.com/>

The word for **Truth** is:  pronounced **eL**.
The two lines represent the spaces between the circles.



eL

Many Kabbalists recommend meditating on the sacred names of G-d, as do I. Since this relates to the Most High Name, I don't recommend speculating wildly lest we contaminate our possible connection to the Most Sacred Source of ALL.

Personally, as I verbalize this in my contemplations, I tend to imagine this as ripples on a pond, since it is supposed to represent the highest emanations of G-d which precede even the higher worlds which themselves precede the physical cosmos. Water has always been a potent symbol for Spirit, Jesus was baptized in it, immersed fully in the Spirit of his Father.



Bowl
YO

According to Kabbalah, the Creator implanted divine sparks into everything from atoms, minerals and plants, to animals and people. The sparks are fragments of the Creator rather than whole manifestations. The sparks desire to recombine to become whole again. When these sparks combine in a natural life form, a higher life form results. This explains why everything from atoms to people are always in motion attempting to acquire (join with) something. The symbol above, a bowl or vessel, is used in Kabbalah to represent the desires for food, shelter, sex, wealth, power, knowledge, and something beyond mundane knowledge which is the goal in Kabbalah. So begin thinking of desires as empty bowls which we try to fill. Incidentally, this symbol for a vessel in Kabbalah is the same as the symbol for vessel in Blissymbolics.



Mind
NA

Another symbol from Blissymbolics is the symbol for mind. Picture this as the curved top of a person's head. Of course, we all know the mind as a very useful tool in the acquisition of the needs of life.

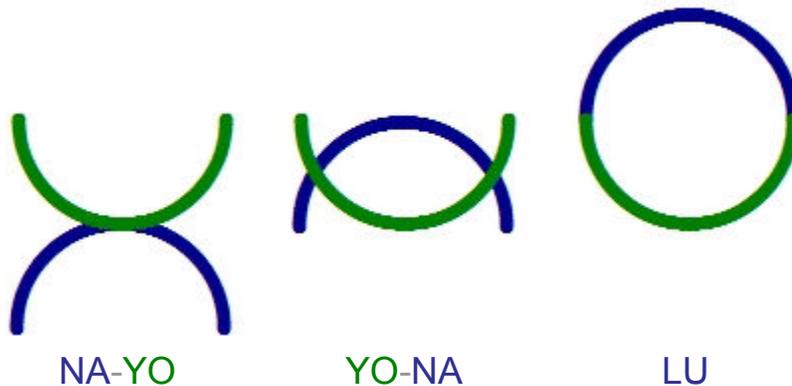


Another symbol from Blissymbolics will also prove very helpful for expressing Kabbalistic ideas. In dreams, fish can sometimes be potent symbols of unrealized subconscious potential in a person, which is near the surface of the subconscious, possibly ready to be actualized into conscious abilities.

So in **Nu Ka Ba La**, the **fish** symbol will represent **unrealized ability** to satisfy a **desire**, a desire which we are sometimes not even fully aware we have.

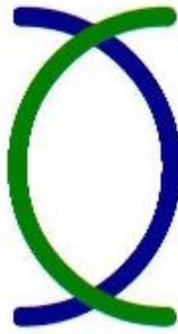
Jonah seemed unable, perhaps afraid to prophecy against Nineveh. So he spent time in the belly of a great fish. When he emerged, he successfully warned Nineveh of its impending fate, they repented and were spared.

Jesus was a fisher of men and said his disciples would be also. Perhaps we could say that Jesus was a genius at casting a net into the human soul for drawing up the inner potential of a person. He said we would do everything he did, and more. He said we could become children of G-d.

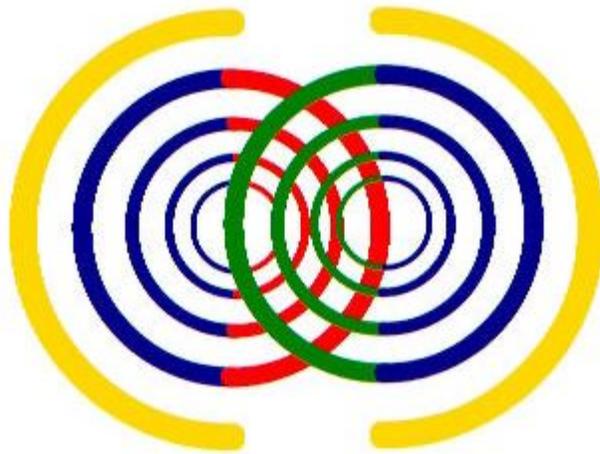


As you may have already noticed, the fish symbol, **YO-NA**, conveniently, is composed of the symbols for **desire** and **mind**. In this book, when they are arranged to look like a fish, it will mean the mind's ability has not yet risen to the level of being able to satisfy a certain desire. When the **mind** symbol, **NA**, is arranged so it completes a circle with the symbol for **bowl**, **YO**, it will mean a certain desire is satisfied.

Now, let's turn things on their sides and put it all together.....



YO-NA

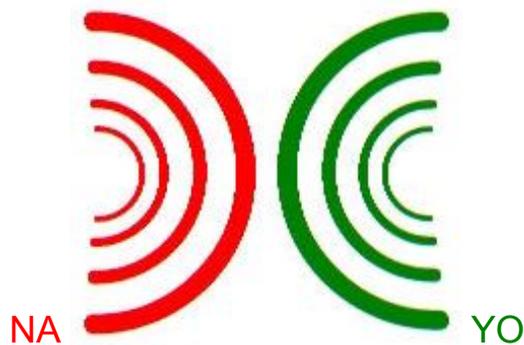


Interference Patterns

The Creator

Alpha-Omega

EL-eL-YO-NA



NA

YO

Adam & Eve

What we have here are two human beings just beginning their journey. Two humans with only desires and not yet any knowledge of how to satisfy them effectively. Two humans who lack even awareness of what desires will develop in them to need satisfaction.



A Small Bowl to Fill

When humanity still existed at just the animal stage of development, we merely used our eyes, ears, hands and instincts to hunt and gather the needs of life.



One Level of Desire Satisfied

But with more significant development of our minds, we were able to satisfy basic needs for food and shelter so successfully that we could begin to devote more and more of our time pursuing other desires.



A New Desire Arises

With the desires for food, shelter and sex getting satisfied, a new larger desire arises, the desire to be sure the previous needs can be satisfied regularly, even if circumstances change. Drought or other economic changes could threaten the satisfaction of these needs, so wealth is this new desire.



Two Levels of Desire Satisfied

With an accumulation of **wealth**, some confidence is gained that the previous level of desires can be regularly satisfied even if economic or other problems occur.



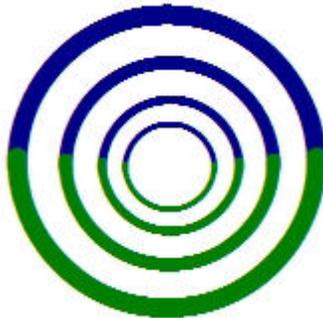
A New Desire Arises

A desire for **power** arises to give greater assurance that all needs will continue to be met regularly. Wealth is not a guarantee. The state could take my wealth. What if my nation is invaded by foreign powers. A need arises for greater wealth and the power to protect it even if one's nation is invaded.



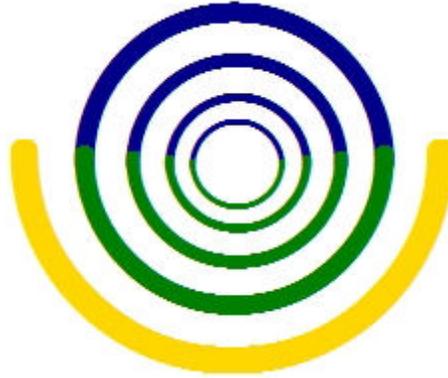
Three Levels of Desire Satisfied

Having achieved influence in the nation's government or other significant control over vast reaches of life's environment, three levels of desire have been secured, each level protecting the level before it.



Four Levels Satisfied?

But even with wealth and power, a person is still vulnerable to sickness and death, so this process of increasing desires extends to knowledge of nature, scientific progress. But scientific progress creates more problems to solve and fails to solve the original problem, illness and mortality.



A New Desire Promises Enduring Fulfilment of All Previous Desires

At this final stage of human development, the realization dawns that further egoistic efforts to take control of life's material circumstances will not provide any ultimate solutions, nor will such efforts bring enduring happiness and meaning to life. The old pleasures alone are not enough, and a person becomes at least vaguely aware that something awesome, beyond earthly knowledge, something ultimately satisfying and encompassing all previous satisfactions, may be within reach. This is where Kabbalah begins. The human soul and heart begins feeling a gentle pressure to move into the upper worlds towards the Creator, where one can learn to become like the Creator.

Now here's the problem. The previous egoistic development has constructed the human soul inside out!

Attempting to swim upstream into the upper worlds will begin a process of needed correction, a reconstruction of our souls. It's not that all the hitherto developed content of the human ego is necessarily bad, just that many if not most of the priorities are backwards.

For example, shouldn't knowledge come before power and wealth? Kabbalah will restructure the ego so that wisdom and true understanding of the multi-dimensional cosmos is more important than knowledge, knowledge more important than power, the right kind of power more important than wealth, and wealth is spent in support of life, not death and destruction.

The end result will be that while we may desire many of the same things, the desire will be fueled by altruism instead of selfishness.

If a person can successfully achieve all the needed changes which the upper worlds of the Creator demand, the physical body will begin to emanate from the corrected soul eternally, rather than our current state, where emotion, mind and soul depend on the body.