

## THE FOURFOLD SYSTEM

The fourfold division of the universe is oddly variable for it interfaces with the Fivefold division (four elements plus Spirit) and with the Threefold division (Mother, Father and Child, or Father, Son and Holy Spirit). The fourfold expands into the five with the union of the elements into their source or sum, **Spirit**. The three is derived from the contraction of the four by unifying the offspring of the Mother and Father into one Child or the resolution of the Spiritu Sanctu Externo (the Devil or Satan) and the Spiritu Santu Interno (the Indweller) into one Spirit.

The Fourfold system is structured around the unutterable name YHVH, Each letter of YHVH has attributed to it one fourth of the Universe. Respectively the primary divisions are as follows: Fire, Water, Air, Earth for the elements Azulith, Briah, Yetzirah, Assiah for the Worlds of Manifestation which can be also described as Absolute, Archtypal, Intellectual or Rational-Corporial; with Father Mother Son, Daughter for the familial relationships. The validity of these assignments, although intellectual, is not rational and so can only be 'proven' through meditation and experience.

The relationship of Force and Form to the Fourfold view of the Universe can be found in simple binary analysis and synthesis. For symbols let us assign for Force 'F' and for Form:'M'. By uniting these symbols in all of the ways possible we prodece: FF,MM,FM,MF. With the application of imagination we can see that the same order of attributions can be applied to these combination. FF is Fire and the Father, which is easilu seen as pure Force, the motivator and the mover. MMis Water, and the Mother, the Great Sea, silent and calm, all Form. FM is Air and the Son, the first union of Force and Form into something totally new. This fits with the discriptions for Aleph in the Sepher Yetzirah as the mediator between the Fire(Shin) and the Water(Mem). It is further appropriate that Force comes first and thus dominates Form in the Son (FM)

as the mediation process is an active one, also the intellect is needed to keep rein on the rampant activities of Fire and Water, Force and Form. MF is then logically the Daughter, Earth. She is the concretization of all of the previous efforts, the condensation of matter, thus is Form dominant over Force.

Before we can move on to more practical matters I must explain the statements I made at the opening of this essay about the Threefold and Fivefold systems that border this one. When the four elements or the four letters of YHWH are taken together a unity is formed. This is a fifth quality partaking in the attributes of all of its parts but after a different manner. Depending on the function of time in this case the Union can be either the source of its components, if it divides and becomes them severally, or is the sum of them in some later time unification. This fits in nicely in terms of the pentagram of the Perfected Man which includes the element Spirit. This also implies a possible cyclic pattern of Union-Division-Union which is curiously paralleled by the Bib Bang theory of Universal Formation. The Threefold system is better expressed in terms of personae and set theory. This can be viewed in two ways. The Father and the Mother produce one child who is androgenous, unifying the Son and Daughter. However, set theory might describe this as 'the union of set F and set M yields set FM (without dominance) and set not-FM. In terms of the anthropomorphisations necessary to comprehension, set FM (w/o d) can be described as the Spiritu Santo Interno, the balanced union or indwelling of Spirit in Flesh (Shin-Teth), of Force in Form. That which is not-FM is outside the union and devoid of spirit but has existence being Not. This was commonly misunderstood as the Devil or Evil One without the Grace of God. The evilness or undesirableness of Not we have learned to be false and we now know Not to be not only important but in fact desirable and Holy via Liber AL. The most cogent rendition of this understanding is expressed in the LASH TAL formula of Reguli, the Ritual of the Mark of the Beast. The purpose of that ritual, among other things, is to destroy evil, according to Crowley. With evil defined here as division, Reguli effects the union, or Love under Will, of the Not (LA) and the Spirit in Flesh (ShT) and the All (AL).

In terms of our discussion LASH TAL id the union of the Spiritu Santu Externo, the not-FM and the Spiritu Sanctu Interno, the FM (w/o d.) Thus we have three personae, abstracted as Force, Form. and Totality Union.

One of the most practical workings using the Fourfold Universe and the anthropomorphisations discussed is called the Star Sapphire. This is a deceptively simple sex magick ritual and the only true understanding comes with practice. However, a few hopefully illuminating comments can be made. First, let us examine the charge given to each hexagram. Translated, the first charge is Father and Mother one god Ararita. The hexagram drawn for this is Fire. If taken as a hieroglyph of the sexual position it can be rendered as rear-entry or 'doggie-style' which is consonant with the nature of the parental sexual relations seen as strictly child producing. It is the basic mammalian sexual position which humans can vary due to their anthropoid shape and imagination. This position characterizes the magickal force produced by this ritual if used as the Rosy Cross, as do all of the other positions indicated by the hexagrams. The particular virtue of this position is Creation. Mother and Son... employs the Earth hexagram indicating the 69 position and its virtue is Initiation. This is supposed, as here the Mother is introducing the Son to the Mysteries. Son and Daughter... using the Air hexagram indicates the basic Tantric position of male in Lotus with female seated upon him with her legs wrapped around him. Here the virtue is Union. This can be seen in the fact that union is the purpose of Tantric Yoga (yoga meaning union) and in the balanced and equilibrated energies of this position. The last charge, Daughter and Father... completes the cycle. The Daughter goes unto the Father to awaken the Eld, which is symbolized by his sexual potency. Similar to the Graal legends, the aged Father's strength is failing and the Land is made barren thereby. Nothing that is normal means of calling out his strength, that is the attractions of the Mother, work to heal the Land. Therefore the young Daughter or Virgin arouses the Father and Renews the Land. This is the virtue of the formula:

It can be used for healing if the male partner is willing to take on the persona of the ill person, giving that up in the climax. The position indicated by the water hexagram is with the male prone and face-up with the female seated or squatting upon him.

An overall formula that related to the nature of the Force and Form thesis suggests that the male being the Forceful principle provides the power or energy for the working while the female provides the Formal principle which gives shape to the energy put forth, shaping it by Will. Thus the male's concentration should be upon the production of magickal energy while the female should hold the image of the desired product in mind until it is released by the climax.

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