



A Year Within The Tree of Life

Pathworking

Temple of the Stars

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Chokmah ~ Wisdom

_____ Turn your focus and attention to your breath. Allow the space of your consciousness to move with the rise and fall of your chest and the filling and release of the lungs. Continue in this manner for several breaths; allowing each to become softer, smoother and slower. With each breath your physical body appears to become lighter and your center of consciousness floats upwards towards the inner eye. You feel enveloped by the mist of transition between the Physical and Astral. And as this veil thins you step through a veil of dark blue mist and find yourself standing centrally in a circular room. As you look around you see that this space opens out to a star lit night sky. The velvety blackness above holds a twinkling of starry light that fills the panoramic view above. The walls encircle you and are of a deep bluish purple. As your eyes adjust to this room you notice an archway just ahead of you. It glows a deep blood red in color and you are intrigued by what may lay through the archway.

♈ You step forward and pass easily through the archway stepping through the glyph of Aries and out into a room that is vibrantly colored red. You see the astrological sigil of Aries and feel a surge of youthful exuberant energy wash over you. There is a table placed centrally with a variety of objects placed upon it and you feel the overwhelming desire to explore these items. You

gingerly pick up each object, looking carefully at it and seeing that some are similar in use, begin to create something new that is the summation of what you have selected. Having completed this task, you look around eager for someone to see what you have done. For another who can take notice of what you have achieved. Seeing that no one is there you dismantle your project and set to work creating something new. You are sure that this time, someone will appear that you may share this wonderful invention with. Again you are left alone with this new object and just as you are begin to feel a bit of frustration that your efforts have gone unnoticed you see another archway off to the side. There is a glow of soft green light and you immediately feel compelled to step through.



As soon as you step into this room you notice the powerful glyph of Taurus. You also notice that it is a bit more difficult to move quickly in this space. It is as though you have become fixed or rooted in the spot on which you are standing and although you wish to move forward there is a bit of hesitancy as you stand your ground. The air has a heavy quality about it, and you surmise that this is more from inertia than density. It takes all your strength and energy to push through this density and you feel as though you are walking on a very windy day facing into the storm. Each step forward increases the feeling of agitation and frustration. Each step forward also makes you step with more grounded effort and with a weightiness of purpose and intent. You feel unyielding in your determination and with slow and steady progress you make your way towards the opposite end of the room. You see just ahead another archway, glowing with an orange hue. You stop for moment and now realize that in your efforts to make your way through this room, you did not take time to look at what may be contained within it. As you relax into these thoughts, the atmosphere begins to lighten in density. There is a lessening of the pressure that surrounded you and you find you are able to move quite freely now. You look around and see that the room has been decorated with items that instill a sense of family, home and comfort. There are shades of soft earthy greens and reds throughout and the overall quality is one that invites you to linger and relax. You are enticed, but know that there is more to be experienced and you move easily and more quickly towards the archway.




As you step through the orange glow of the Glyph of Gemini you see two perfect twins sitting having a conversation. Question, answer, and statement flash back and forth between the two at lightening speed. You feel both energized and a bit of exhaustion as your mental processes are not of this mind set and cannot keep pace with the chameleon like changes in rhythm, clarity and intonation.


Books line the shelves and papers are strewn about haphazardly as though they had recently been rifled through and then carelessly left wherever they were put. You stand off to the side and observe how each of the children seems to change their mental position at will. One will agree on what item and then completely disagree about another. The other seeming to mirror every change of its twin with a steady and regulated pace. As they move around the room going from one conversation to another surrounding this book or that you sense that somehow although appearing to be two, they are actually of one mind. That there duality you are seeing is actually the mental acrobatics of a mind that shifts and moves in accord with whatever the stronger enticement lay. This is the secret of their mental agility. The sheer ability to adapt and change at will to suit the needs of the situation. Although you are excited to feel this pulse of energy and anxious to move freely, keeping pace with their trail of thoughts, you notice that just ahead is another archway. This is lit with a royal purple hue and the glyph of Cancer beckons you forward drawing you in and offering rest from the frenetic energies of this space.



As soon as you step through the archway the smells of the ocean and its waters permeate your senses. The fullness of moonlight reflects back from water's edge and there is a sense of stillness and anticipation as the waves gently crest and fall. You feel alive and connected to everything. Your senses are alive with sounds and sights that come in flashes of memory. Emotion wells up deep inside of you and the beauty and serenity of this place seems almost more than you can bear. As you stand in the moonlight the gentle darkness appears to give way to the rising of a brilliantly lit sun. When you look again you see that this is light of

warmth is coming from another archway. You walk towards the golden light and step through the archway.

 Passing through the glyph of Leo, there is an intensity of heat and you find that you are standing on a desert that is scorched and parched from the heat of the Sun. In the distance you hear the low rumble of what may hold promise of a much needed thunderstorm and the strength that you feel in this place increases as the sun rises higher in the sky. You feel as though you are the center of this world and there is nothing that you cannot accomplish. The fires of passion fill your belly with desire to create, to protect and to guard well those you love. There is a primal ferocity to this feeling that you have never experienced before and you know that you would travel to the ends of the earth to safeguard those you hold dear to you. In response to this feeling, you let out a loud and deep guttural sound that comes from a place deep inside and contains more strength and courage than you imagined could be possible. The sound carries into the distance and across this wasteland and you feel in control and powerful. As these feelings move through the center of your being you notice an opening just ahead. The faint glow and colors of beautifully striated rock glisten at the entrance to the archway.

 As you move forward through the glyph of Virgo you step into an earth-toned decorated room that has newly polished file cabinets lining the walls. Everything is placed neatly and precisely organized. There is a sense of great detail in all that you see. You are immediately greeted by a lithe beautiful woman whose age is difficult to tell, and with a gentle persuasive voice she asks that you describe in detail the experience of your journey thus far. You sit on one of the polished wooden chairs and begin to recount your story. As you tell all that you can remember she makes notes and promises to review them later and bind them in a richly detailed journal for you to pick up later. You feel comfortable in this place and would like to stay longer, but know there is much more to experience. As you look ahead you see the glowing light of soft green in the archway just ahead. Getting up, you thank the young woman, promise to return at a later date and walk towards the next

arch.



You step through the glyph of Libra into an ornate and richly decorated room filled with gold and gemstones. Around you are workbenches and expert jewelers and metal smiths crafting rings. The gold is measured precisely on scales that gleam and balance with the slightest breath of touch and after careful weighing and scrutiny for imperfections, is melted into a liquid spun of light and heat. As the mold is filled with this rare essence, gems of varying shapes and sizes are inspected and one, a rare emerald, is selected to be the main focus of the piece of jewelry. As you look around at the walls, you notice artwork that is beautiful and insightful on each of the walls. You are surrounded by luxury, beauty and harmony of mind and heart. This is not a place that is easy to leave but as you stand in the midst of all of this beauty a feeling of sadness wells up within you. You realize that this opulence is not the normal standard for most. That beauty this rare is not often enjoyed by those of limited means. You see an underlying and certain darkness about this place and as the brilliance of gold and gem dims you notice a deep red glow that is emanating from a now clearly visible archway just ahead. You turn and take in this sight one last time and step towards the energy that is beckoning you into its center.



As soon as you pass through the glyph of Scorpio you are engulfed in shadow. Glimpses of light are hidden beneath what appear to be shadowy figures and although you do not feel threatened, you know this is a place of great power and deserving of care and respect as you pass through. You see that one of the walls holds a full length mirror and although you wish to leave this place as quickly as possible, curiosity takes hold and you cannot resist the temptation to glance into the mirror ever so briefly. As you move towards it with trepidation, all manner of thoughts and emotions rise up from a place deep within your core. As you stare at the reflection in the mirror, it seems to shift and change ever so slightly, almost imperceptibly. Each emotion, each deeply buried thought seems to appear etched on your face, held in the stance of your posture and staring back at you. Some are things you thought

you had released long ago and others are newly formed. You are mesmerized by all that you see and when you have seen as much as you need at this moment, you feel the urge to move on. You turn away from the mirror and your direction is caught by a cobalt blue veil of energy within an archway just ahead. You eagerly move forward glad to be free of this space for the time.



You pass easily through the glyph of Sagittarius. Little sparks of flame lay at your feet creating a pathway through which you begin to walk. You look down and get a bit closer to one and notice that from each of the sparks a single flower appears to be in the process of blooming. As you look more closely, inspecting each along the path you see that some are viable and some wither and die as the spark goes out. Some appear to be desperately trying to take root and others never seem to catch on at all. You think of the archer, bursting with enthusiasm at the promise of hitting the center mark, the strain of arrow pressed back against bending bow and the sigh of release and effort as it is sent towards its destination. The energy of enthusiasm that turns to disappointment at those arrows shot in vain and turning to pride in accomplishment at those that hit the target fills this space. You remind yourself that a sharp eye and a steady hand can be the detriment or the success of your endeavors. You think of the times you have exerted your will in disbursed effort and the outcomes of those tiny flames of action set forth. You realize you have walked nearly to the end of this passage, your aim clear and true, albeit gone unnoticed in your musings. Just ahead you see the glyph of Capricorn. There is no distinguishable color beckoning you forward and you appear to be walking towards absolute darkness.



Nonetheless, you persevere forward and find yourself standing at the edge of a cliff. It is evening and the darkness you saw was the velvety blackness of sky. You look downwards and see a sheer drop, very steep and not likely to be navigated in this darkness. You stand steady and still, contemplating if you should turn and go back and no sooner has that thought reached its end than a flash of brilliance lights up the night sky. You are unsure of the source, it

appears to be coming from a ledge a little further above, and seems to be steady and growing in brightness. Your goal now is to reach that light and in this illuminated state what appeared to be nothing above you, you now can see is a ledge that connects a short distance across to another mountain directly opposite you. If you could reach that top ledge through the crawl space above you could pass safely to the other mountain. You begin to crawl and climb steadily up the side towards the opening just above. You realize that this side of the mountain is not as steep as you thought and there are enough ledges to maintain a strong hand and foot hold. You extend your arm, reaching upwards with all your might and are determined to accomplish this task. Each movement seems to come more easily as the determination becomes resolve. With continuous upward momentum, you finally pull yourself up and through the opening and come to rest on the connecting ledge. You can see that it is wide enough for safe passage and there is indeed another archway on the opposite side. You sit for a moment and breathe deeply, proud of the effort and proud of your achievement. You feel energized and alive and look across to see the glyph of Aquarius, lit up like a neon sign. You rise to a standing position and walk across the ledge passing through the archway.

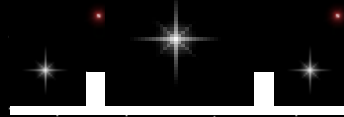


As you step into the room you feel alive with energy. The air is pulsing with it and strands of lightening like currents run down the sides of the walls. You feel inspired and enlivened and all manner of invention and idea comes rushing into your mind for your consideration. It is as though you can see everything from a greater perspective. The depths of the ocean and its life fill your vision. The canopies of the rainforest and somehow all the life that is hidden from normal sight are now revealed as though soaring above with the keen eyesight of the hawk. You see the world with fresh understanding and are optimistic about the future that could be. You see everyone and everything as part of the greater whole and now have a renewed sense of how that whole may be served and of what actions must be taken towards a future that sees life as a unified process. As you are processing all of these new experiences a feeling of great compassion and love engulfs you. You see the glyph of Pisces and know that this is what is calling forth your humane and compassionate self. There is an iridescent

turquoise shimmer about the glyph of Pisces and as you step through the archway you are aware of being somehow underwater, yet able to breathe normally.



You hear the cries of the whales and the sea life and before you can reach out and offer a hand of help you find yourself now on the sandy shore. You see a form just ahead of you and as you move closer you see that this beautiful creature is half fish and half woman. You feel her sorrow for both fish and human and wish to ease her suffering. You gently reach out a hand and touch her with the intent of love, compassion and care. You feel her energy strengthen with your loving touch and tears of joy and understanding fall from your eyes. It is within this place that deep connection and unconditional love are offered. As these realizations permeate your being you rise and look out onto the vastness of the ocean. The tide is returning to claim its own as you step back as the mermaid offers her thanks and you watch as she is gently carried back out to sea. As the waters move in and then recede you turn away and see the glow of the last archway that will take you back to the place of your beginning.



You step towards the entryway and pass through the arch back into the central room. In looking around it is hard to believe all the treasures that lay behind this circular wall and you think back on all the lessons that each passageway held. As you stand in this mood of reflection you see that each of the glyphs of the zodiac comes into view around the wall. Each sign held in its place of order of evolution from Aries all the way around to Pisces. They become larger and move away from the wall itself and hover in midair encircling you. Each symbol resonates with you in some way. Some, more than others, are predominant and catch your attention more fully. You stand quietly and receptive to the energy and the growing depth of gnosis that you are feeling about your place in the cosmos. This is the wisdom of your place among the stars, and the stellar blueprint that you carry within.

Gently, a mist of mother of pearl colored energy surrounds you and the astrological glyphs fade and move back into their places behind the circular wall. This is the veil of transition and juncture between your visioning and the manifest world. You feel yourself enveloped in the veil of transition between the Physical and Astral world.

The veils of transformation and all they contain gently fade from your sight and you begin the descent back into your physical state of being and the room and space in which you began this pathworking. Return to awareness of the rhythm of your breath and the rise and fall of your chest. Become aware of the physicality of where you are sitting or laying... your body pressed against cushion, chair or floor.

~ And when you are ready, gently flutter your eyes open ~

Optional Reading

