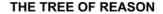
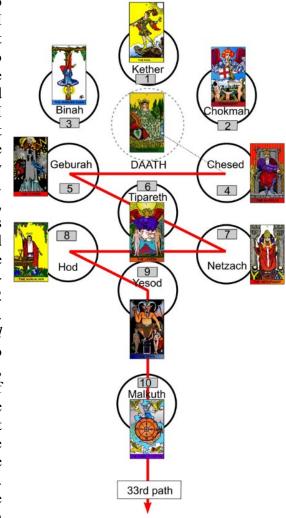


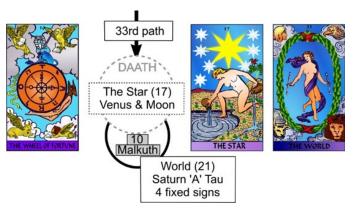
In 2006, I had several visions, connecting the 22 Major Arcana cards of the Tarot to the Tree of Life and the esoteric teachings on *Globes* and *Root-Races*. It began with three trees appearing within the *Malkuth* or Kingdom Sephirot on the traditional Tree of Life, one black, one white and one gray. As I watched, the three trees merged and then dissolved into a six-pointed star.

After the three trees merged into the six-pointed star, my perspective zoomed into it, emerging as the Life-Principle through Daath or Knowledge and into the Chesed of another Tree of Life. Originally, I translated Chesed to Mercy but have since learned that Loving-Kindness is more appropriate. I came to understand that this was the Tree of Reason or the tree for the plane of Assiah, or active plane. This tree had a bright red line running through the tree, which I understand represents the active/masculine "Descent of Power line." However, rather than starting the line in the traditional way, i.e., in *Kether* or Crown, in my vision the "Descent of Power line" began in Chesed. When my vision pulled back from the Tree of Reason, I expected to see the 22 Major Arcana appearing as the 22 paths that connected the ten Sephiroth. Instead I was surprised to see a single card materialize in the center of each Sephirot. As this included the non-Sephirot, *Daath* or Knowledge there were 11 of the 22 Major Arcana represented on the Tree of Reason. Then the Life Principle began to descend from Chesed or Loving-Kindness on the pillar of Mercy, across to the Left Pillar of Severity and Geburah or Strength, before slicing diagonally across to the Middle pillar of Mildness and Tiphareth or Beauty. Continuing the diagonal descent, the line moved across to the Right Pillar of Mercy and Netzach or Victory, before switching again to the horizontal and back again to the Left Pillar's 8th Sephirot Hod or Splendor. Descending again diagonally, it moved back to the Middle Pillar and Yesod or Foundation and then down the pillar to Malkuth or Kingdom.

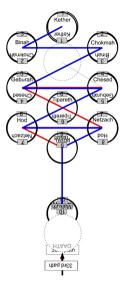
Thinking that the Life Principle would ascend again up the "Path of the Arrow", I was a little disconcerted when instead of moving back up the tree, it continued below the tree down the 33rd path through a gate and down the path to a large doorway. On the other side of the door, I saw yet another Tree of Life materialize, but instead of a bright red "Descent of Power Line" there was a bright blue line running through the tree, which I understood represented the passive or feminine line of power.



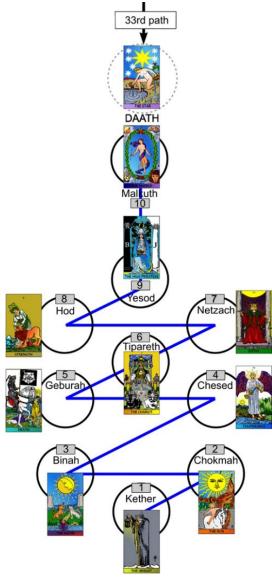




Moreover, I understood that the blue line on this tree, which I learned was the Tree of Truth, was not a "Descent of Power line", it was the exact opposite, a "Power of Ascent line." As if to confirm this, the Life-Principle began to rapidly ascend the Tree of Truth. In looking at the Tree of Truth, which was upside down, I realized that it was a mirror image of the Tree of Reason. This meant that if I turned the tree the right side up then the pillars were reversed. Also, although the Ascent of Power line followed the same sequence through the Sephirot, only in reverse, because it was a mirror image if I turned it the right way up, (below right) the line appeared to move in the opposite direction from Yesod to Netzach and then Hod, Tiphareth, Chesed, Geburah, Chokmah, Binah and finally into Kether. While I watched, I observed that like the Tree of Reason, a Tarot card materialized in the center of each Sephirot.



The most striking difference between the Tree of Reason and the Tree of Truth was the placement of *Daath*. On the Tree of Reason, Daath was in the traditional placement, immediately below Kether, and straddling the planes of Atziluth and Briah, but in the Tree of Truth, Daath was not even on the tree. Instead it was the doorway between the Tree of Reason and the Tree of Truth. Still my vision did not stop when the Life-Principle reached Kether on the Tree of Truth.



THE TREE OF TRUTH

After a brief pause, both the Tree of Reason and the Tree of Truth rose up at a ninety-degree angle to the plane of *Assiah* completely merging with each other. Neither the masculine nor feminine line of power was on the now completely combined trees, which I was told had become the Tree of Wisdom and Understanding. As I watched, the Life-Principle emerged from *Tiphareth* and divided with the bulk of the line moving to *Geburah*, whereas a small sliver moved to *Chesed*, then disappeared into *Daath*. Then I saw a transparent serpent winding its way back up the tree, its coils encompassing six of the Sephirot. The serpent then disappeared through *Daath*, to emerge out of *Kether* to leave the tree and unite and swallow its tail, which was connected to a small Tree of Life in the distance. (Craig's depictions of my vision below help put it into context.)

