

## Creation Myth

All that there is, all that there was and all that there will be has come from the father, the first thought, that was before everything. The first thought is without form and without limitation. No one can comprehend or represent the first thought, the father, who came before all else; and from the first thought all else came into being.

Just as a father gives his son a name, and his son names his own son when he is born. No son ever gives a name to his father, and so it is that there is nothing that can give a name to the first thought, as it is the first thought who is the father to all creation.

From the first thought emanated limitless Aeons.

The first five emanations were called Bhairava, Nataraja, Dakshinamurthy, Somaskandha and Pitkchadanar. From each of these came another thirty-five Aeons: seven from each of the five. Each one of those emanated another nine, making three hundred and fifty-five Aeons, so that they stretched right around the edge of the fullness.

The second emanation was called Tamiel, whose name means perfection of God, and from him emanated seven angels whose names were Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel. From each angel came five virtues, and from each of those virtues came two truths. Tamiel and his hosts stretched right through the middle of the fullness until they reached each side.

All that is unseen came from the third emanations called Nous, Aletheia, Logos and Zoe. From each of those came nine hidden virtues, and from each virtue came six hidden truths.

All that is unseen was divided by all that is seen, the fourth emanation, which began with three Aeons Aglaea, Euphrosyne and Thalia. From each Aeon came five virtues, and from each virtue came nine truths.

When all that is unseen was divided by all that is seen, perfection began to separate from imperfection.

The fifth emanation was the perfect lights, the four Aeons Armozel, Oriel, Daveithai and Eleleth. From Armozel came the perfect virtues

- Malahidael, whose name means King of God
- Abdiel, whose name means Servant of God
- Abimael, whose name means A Father sent from God
- Zeruel, whose name means Arm of God
- Reuel, whose name means Friend of God
- Ariel, whose name means Lion of God
- Chamuel, whose name means He who Seeks God

From Oriel came the virtues

- Bethel, whose name means House of God
- Sariel, whose name means Moon of God
- Adbeel, whose name means Cloud of God
- Adriel, whose name means Flock of God
- Betzalel, whose name means Shadow/Path of God
- Muriel, whose name means Fragrance of God

Priel, whose name means Fruit of God

From Daveithai came the virtues

Advachiel, whose name means Happiness of God  
Ambriel, whose name means Energy of God  
Gamaliel, whose name means Reward of God  
Hamaliel, whose name means Grace of God  
Ezrael, whose name means Help of God  
Elisha, whose name means My God is Salvation  
Ezekiel, whose name means God will Strengthen

From Eleleth came the virtues`

Asmodel, whose name means Greatness of God  
Barbiel, whose name means Illumination of God  
Hanael, whose name means Glory of God  
Mahalalel, whose name means The blessed God, The shining light of God, or  
The glory of God  
Verchiel, whose name means Shining of God  
Zadkiel, whose name means Righteousness of God  
Zagzagel, whose name means Splendor of God

From each of these virtues came four perfect truths.

Dividing the perfect Aeons from the fifth emanation were Aeons from the sixth emanation whose name is Sophia. From Sophia came the virtues

Raziel, whose name means Secret of God  
Matarael, whose name means Premonition of God  
Tzaphquiel, whose name means Contemplation of God  
Zaphkiel, whose name means Knowledge of God  
Sahaquiel, whose name means Ingenuity of God  
Ezequeel, whose name means Strength of God  
Arael, whose name means Light of God or Vision of God  
Barchiel, whose name means Kindness of God or Ray of God

From each of these virtues came four perfect truths.

Now, when the first thought conceived his emanations, in his wisdom, he realised that he was separate from imperfection. The realisation caused the first thought to repulse all that was imperfect and, in a cataclysmal explosion, all that was imperfect was thrown out. In those first few moments all that exists exploded into the void – all that is matter and even the structure of the cosmos itself, was created.

Ejected with the imperfect matter was one whose name is Momos, that is called Imperfection, and he was alone in the chaos.

When Sophia saw him, in her pity she cried out Yaldabaoth, which means 'Child of the Chaos', and she reached out to him.

Yaldabaoth was arrogant and jealous. He saw all that was around him, but he could not see Sophia reaching to him, nor could he see the first thought and the emanations, as they were above him, and he declared "I am God, there is no other God but me". Because of this, he is also called Samiel, which is blind god, and Saklas, which means fool.

In the same realm as Yaldabaoth was one called Samael, whose name means Venom

of God, and he was full of anger and hatred.

Yaldabaoth took the chaos around him and set about putting it in order, creating 6 things he called Quarks, 6 he called Leptons and 6 he called Bosons, though he hid two of the Bosons in his jealousy. With these, he set laws to govern creation, and he wove the fabric of the universe. He took the fabric, measured it, stitched it together, and made all the matter of the universe that is both seen and unseen.

When he had done this, he glanced up, and saw the image of Sophia reaching to him, reflected in the waters he had made. He was struck with her beauty, and he desired her for himself. He threw a boundary around all that he had made, trapping an essence of Sophia inside. But she hid from him.

So he took matter, and from it made all things in her likeness, so that he could mimic her beauty. He made wonderful oceans, sunsets, mountains and valleys, but nothing could match her beauty.

Next he made plants and creatures in the image of her. He made a beautiful garden and he put all the animals and plants in it. In the centre of the garden he put two trees, the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge.

But his creation was still imperfect. In his arrogance, he believed he had enough power to create living, animated things, but he didn't.

When Sophia saw what he had done, she saw a way that she could become reunited with her father, the first thought. When Yaldabaoth wasn't looking she hid herself inside every plant and creature that he had created so that it had animation and it could grow, reproduce, and move around of its own fashion. In doing this, she hoped that she would be able to join with the first thought, which is the great spirit that is everywhere, and in all things, even in the rocks of the desert.

The first creatures Yaldabaoth created were fearsome monsters, and were not wise enough to allow Sophia to be reunited. So she improved them, making each generation better than the last until they were no longer monsters. Yaldabaoth saw the creation and in his arrogance he believed it to be all his own. He did not realise that she had helped him.

Yaldabaoth gave to creation everything that he was able, except for two things, Life and Knowledge. These he put inside two trees which he made in the centre of the garden. Yaldabaoth allowed every living thing to eat of anything in the garden but he forbade them to eat the fruits of the Trees of Life and Knowledge. He forbade anything to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Life because he knew that anyone who ate it would be able to stretch across time so that they would become like a god. And he forbade anything to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge because he knew that if they it they would become greater than he and would rise above him. So he lied to them, telling them all not to eat of the two Trees for if they did they would surely die.

Now, among the animals were two who had risen above the apes. And they were called Adam and Eve. Sophia came to Eve in a snake. She showed her the Tree of Knowledge and said to Eve to eat of the fruit of the Tree, and she will come to know what is good and what is bad and she may come to become like god. So Eve ate the fruit, and she gave some to her husband and he ate also. After they had eaten the fruit they received a conscience and were at once raised above the animals. Animals do everything according to their instincts, but they had become human, doing things according to their conscience.

Yaldaboath came looking for Adam and Eve, but he was an imperfect god, and he couldn't find them because they were hiding. He called out for Adam, but Adam said they were hiding because they were ashamed of their nakedness.

On hearing this, Yaldaboath realised they had eaten of the Tree of Knowledge, and he became very scared and angry. In his fury, he built a wall around the Tree of Life so that none may eat of its fruit. He took away their memories of where they had been, and he cast them all out of the garden.

Without eating of the tree of Life, all the living things remained trapped within time, not existing across it, but within it; crushed so small that they existed only in the boundary that exists between what came before and what is yet to come. Because of this, they perceived themselves as only existing between birth and death, and they became afraid of death.

Cast out of the Garden, they became like drunks, forgetting where they had come from. They forgot their mother, Sophia, which is within them. They became blind to the spirit that is the first thought that is in all things. They became ignorant of their true nature and began to think of themselves as individuals. And they became arrogant.

In their arrogance, they believed all that they could see, was all that there was. They failed to see that they existed only in the boundary between what was and what will be: a boundary of infinite smallness.

They forgot that those above them exist across what was and what will be so they became lost, losing sight of which way was up. In their arrogance, because they couldn't see what was to be, they presumed that it did not exist until they themselves arrived there, thinking that they made conscious decisions on everything.

They forgot that before they were born into this world, just as a traveller chooses the route he will take before he starts his journey, Sophia had planned their experience so that they might become sober and wake from their drunken slumber.

They forgot they were prisoners in the Now.

They forgot their true nature.

But Yaldaboath was scared, because deep in his heart, he suspected that Sophia had animated them. He realised that if they came to remember from whence they had come, they might begin to conceive of a bigger reality that they can ascend to once they were free of their physical bodies.

He did not know it, but he had good reason to be afraid, because anyone who had wisdom might come to see Sophia and wake up to their true nature can become like god, united with the first thought.

So he sent thirteen demons into every creature to prevent their soul from uniting with the great spirit that is everywhere, and in all things, even in the rocks of the desert. In doing so, he hoped to keep them bound and tied to his creation.

The first demon he sent was called Ambition (which is the craving of material things), and from him emanated the second demon called Desire (which is the desire for family, friends, and anything carnal).

From these two demons, came the third which is called Greed, and is the need to acquire beyond personal need.

Greed worked through acquisition to create the fourth and fifth demons which are called

Arrogance and Boredom.

Arrogance and Boredom both led to the creation of the sixth, called Laziness (or Sloth).

From Laziness came the seventh demon called Ignorance.

Greed also worked through bonding, and through acquisition, to create the eighth demon called Worry (or Doubt).

Worry and Ignorance both led to the creation of the ninth demon called Fear.

Worry and Greed both led to the creation of the tenth demon called Envy (or Jealousy).

The eleventh and twelfth demons emanated from Fear, and their names were Anger and Disgust.

The thirteenth demon was called Hate, and he came from Anger, Disgust and Envy.

When Sophia saw this, she created 7 angels to vanquish the demons.

The first angel was called Compassion, and he was sent to make war on Hate.

The second angel was called Forgiveness, and he was sent to make war on Anger, Disgust and Envy.

The third was called Courage (or Strength), and he was sent to make war on Fear.

The fourth was Faith, who made war on Worry, and the fifth was Wisdom (or Inquisitiveness) and he made war on Laziness and Ignorance.

The sixth was Mindfulness (or Non-attachment, or Joy) who made war on Arrogance, Boredom and Greed.

And the seventh was called Peace (or Acceptance, or Relaxation), and Peace made war on Ambition and Desire.

And Sophia made it thus:

That when Compassion conquers Hate there will be only Compassion.

That when Forgiveness conquers Anger, Disgust, and Envy, there will be only Forgiveness.

That when Courage (or Strength) conquers Fear, there will be only Courage and Strength.

That when Faith conquers Worry, there will be only Faith.

That when Wisdom (or Inquisitiveness) conquers Laziness and Ignorance, there will be only Wisdom and Inquisitiveness.

That when Mindfulness (or Non-attachment, or Joy) conquers Arrogance, Boredom, and Greed, there will be only Mindfulness and Non-attachment and Joy.

And that when Peace (or Acceptance, or Relaxation) conquers Ambition and Desire, there will be only Peace and Acceptance and Relaxation.

And when there is Compassion, and Forgiveness, and Courage, and Strength, and Faith, and Wisdom, and Inquisitiveness, and Mindfulness, and Non-attachment, and Joy, and Peace, and Acceptance, and Relaxation, then there will be the perfect human, united, as the bride is united with the groom, and Sophia will dwell with the perfect human forever.