

### Notes about the Tetragrammaton:

1. The name has a relationship with "DNA," the make-up of life. Consider the "X" and "Y" chromosome of the male: the "X" chromosome is like a long "vav" (vav) and the "Y" chromosome with the shortened "yod". The female has two identical chromosomes: (Two X's) similar to the two "heh" identical letters for the female in the Tetragrammaton. The "tree of life" of the Kabbalists (which spirals upward similarly to the Kundalini) is itself indicative of the strands of DNA.
2. Rabbi Kaplan (pg. 156-7) indicates how the male and female creation forces are portrayed by the first letter "yod" (yod) and second letter "heh" (heh) of the Tetragrammaton. "The Hebrew word for man is *iysh* (איש), while the word for woman is *ishah* (אשה). If one looks at the words, one sees that the word *iysh* contains a *yod* (י), while *ishah* contains a *heh* (ה). The Talmud says that these are the *yod* and the *heh* of the Tetragrammaton." Rabbi Kaplan goes on to explain that if the *yod* and the *heh* are removed from the words, *iysh* and *ishah*, the remaining letters form the word *esh* (אש) which means *fire* in Hebrew. Man and woman come together through fire (passion-love) to create life.
3. The Hebrew word for life is "חַי." This consists of a "ch" ("ch" sound like Scottish "loch") and a "y" which is the father of the Tetragrammaton. The "ch" is slightly different than the female letter in the Tetragrammaton "heh." While bearing a resemblance in shape with the female "heh" (ה), it has a breathier, fiery sound. I contend that the word for life in Hebrew "חַי" (pronounced "CHAI") is a summation of the Tetragrammaton, in that it has the male letter and a female attribute shaped letter with the passion/fire sound.
4. It can be found in Kabbalistic writing that all comes from the mother. (As quoted in "The Hebrew Goddess" by Raphael Patai citing "Tiqqune haZohar," "In the Beginning God created...This God is the Supernal Mother who rides and rises with a triumphant shout.") In the Tetragrammaton, one can see that the male letters are part of the female letter, but not the inverse. The "yod" and "vav" (male letters) are part of the female "heh" letter. Rabbi Berg in "Miracles, Mysteries and Prayer" (Pg. 185) indicates how Rabbi Shimon states in the Zohar that "only with the appearance of the Age of Aquarius will the information concerning the Holy Names and other secret matters be revealed."
5. All other Hebrew letters are made up of parts of the Tetragrammaton letters (since all comes from the word). For instance, Perle Epstein describes how the aleph (א) is made up of two yods (י) and a vav (ו) (Pg. 105 of "Kabbalah, The Way of the Jewish Mystic").