

# A Map of Hishtalshelus - The Great Chain of Being

← Ein Sof →

The paper itself symbolizes *Atzmut*, the Divine Essence which is beyond and within both the finite and the Infinite. The patterns of ink on this paper symbolize the Infinite One Manifesting into our awareness.

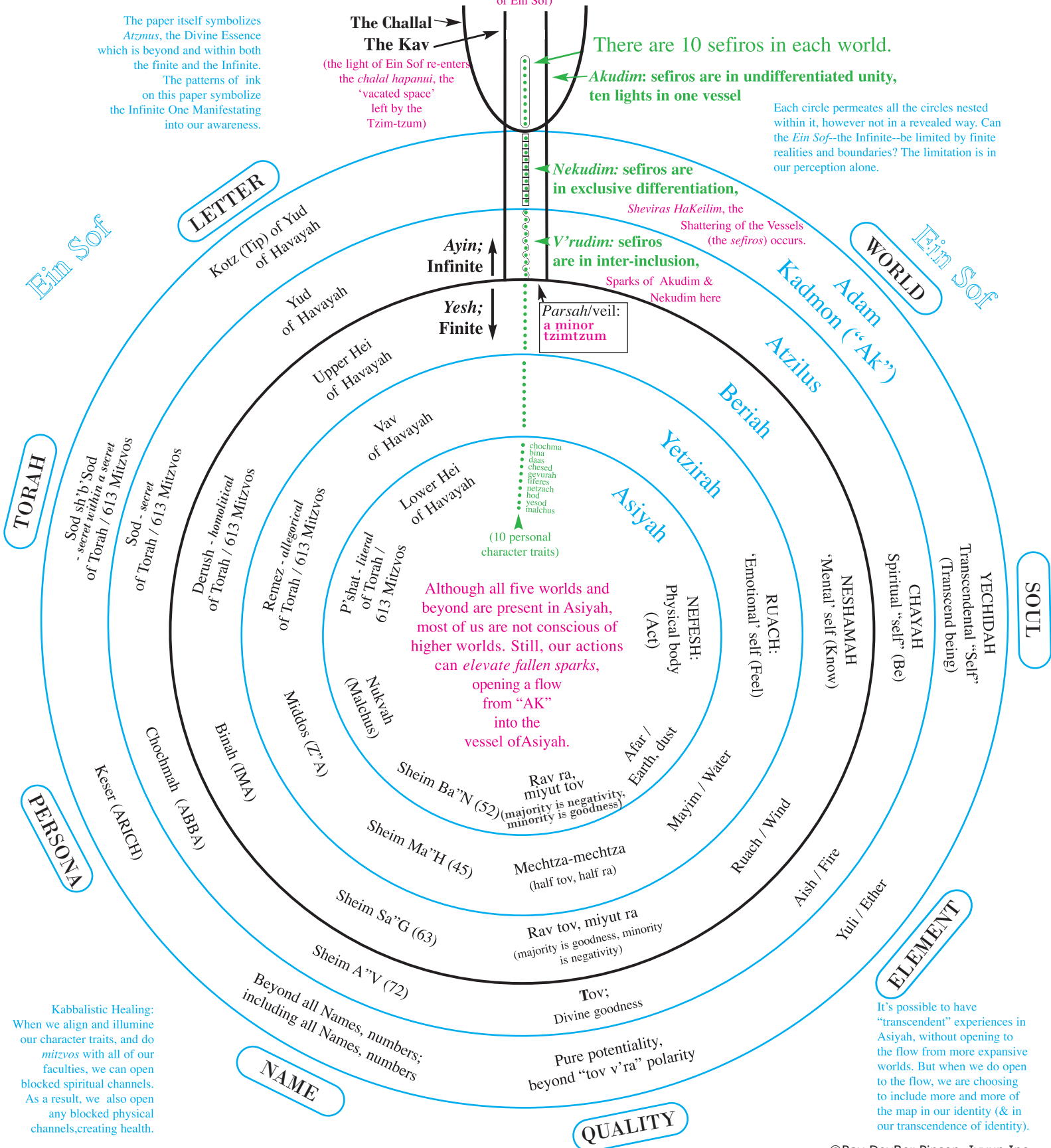
**Tzim-tzum**  
(perceptual contraction of Ein Sof)

**The Challal**  
**The Kav**  
(the light of Ein Sof re-enters the *challal hapanui*, the 'vacated space' left by the Tzim-tzum)

There are 10 sefiros in each world.

**Akudim:** sefiros are in undifferentiated unity, ten lights in one vessel

Each circle permeates all the circles nested within it, however not in a revealed way. Can the *Ein Sof*—the Infinite—be limited by finite realities and boundaries? The limitation is in our perception alone.



**Kabbalistic Healing:**  
When we align and illumine our character traits, and do *mitzvos* with all of our faculties, we can open blocked spiritual channels. As a result, we also open any blocked physical channels, creating health.

It's possible to have "transcendent" experiences in Asiyah, without opening to the flow from more expansive worlds. But when we do open to the flow, we are choosing to include more and more of the map in our identity (& in our transcendence of identity).