

SEFER YETZIRAH 4.12



משנה י"ב: (בבא ה') המליך אות פ' בממשלה וקשר לו
כתר וצרפן זה בזה וצר בהם כוכב בעולם יום חמישי בשנה ואזן
שמאל בנפש זכר ונקבה:

4.12: He made the letter Peh king over Dominance And He bound a crown to it And He combined one with another And with them He formed Mercury in the Universe Thursday in the Year The left ear in the Soul, male and female.

(Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation)

4:12 IT made ruler the letter peh in dominance and connected to it a surrounding circle and combined this with this and formed with them Mercury in the world, day five (Thursday) in the year, and left ear in the person, male and female.

(Doc Benton translation)

The letter *peh* literally means “*mouth*” in Hebrew even though none of the standard versions of the *Sefer Yetzirah* associate it with that body part. Nonetheless, it is well known in rabbinic literature that the *mouth* always needs to be controlled and disciplined, and that is what takes us to the next level. In astrology, *Mercury* rules the *mind* and *communication*, and in the context of this passage, the world of *peh* is connected with *Mercury* in *space*, *Thursday* in *time*, and the *left ear* in the *person*. Thus, for me, *Thursday* is a good time to refocus my efforts on *mental activities*.