

SEFER YETZIRAH 4.6



משנה ו': שבע כפולות בג"ד כפר"ת יסוד חקקן חצבן צרפן
שקלן והמירן וצר בהם שבעה כוכבים בעולם שבעה ימים בשנה
שבעה שערים בנפש זכר ונקבה:

4.6: Seven Doubles: BGD KPRT of Foundation He engraved them, He carved them, He permuted them, He weighed them, He transformed them, And with them He formed, Seven planets in the Universe, Seven days in the Year, Seven gates in the Soul, male and female.
(Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation)

4:6 Seven doubles bet-gimmel-dalet-kaf-peh-resh-tav of foundation. IT decreed them, shaped them, combined them, weighed them, and exchanged them, and IT formed with them seven planets in the world, seven days in the year, seven gates in the person, male and female.
(Doc Benton translation)

Once again, the text wants us to know that a successful pattern may be used over and over again in different contexts. In this case we find the pattern of seven appearing in space as the seven planets and in time as the seven days. It also appears in a person as the seven gates, and that is what will be described in detail by the next passage. Additionally, below is a table showing the planetary correspondences that I use versus those that are found in other texts.

Again, my choices are made to make this text correspond more closely with what is found on the *Sefirotic Tree of Life*. These correspondences will be explained in more detail in my chapter on the *Astrology and the Tree of Life*. However, what is most important is simply the notion that a pattern is repeated in the triad of space, time, and person where space and time are seen as opposites and it is the consciousness of the person that mediates between the two.

THE SEVEN PLANETS

<i>Letters</i>	<i>Assembler</i>	<i>GRA</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Saadia</i>
Bet	Jupiter	Moon	Saturn	Saturn	Saturn
Gimmel	Mars	Mars	Jupiter	Jupiter	Jupiter
Dalet	Sun	Sun	Mars	Mars	Mars
Kaf	Venus	Venus	Sun	Sun	Sun
Peh	Mercury	Mercury	Venus	Venus	Venus
Resh	Moon	Saturn	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury
Tav	Saturn	Jupiter	Moon	Moon	Moon