

PARDES RIMONIM

This painting is based on a drawing by the holy Kabbalist Rabbi Moshe Cordovero, in his holy work *Pardes Rimonim* / Pomegranate Orchard.

The Kabbalah discusses 10 aspects of consciousness called the Tree of Life or 10 *Sefirot*. This painting contains the 1st letters of each of the 10 *Sefirot* of the Tree of Life, painted within each other. The 10 *Sefirot* and one way of translating their meanings is:

<i>Keter</i>	Purpose of Creation / Infinite Goodness
<i>Chochma</i>	Experience of Oneness
<i>Bina</i>	State of Unconditional Love
<i>Chesed</i>	Loving Kindness
<i>Pachad</i>	Humility [This <i>Sefira</i> is more commonly called <i>Gevurah</i>]
<i>Tiferet</i>	Harmony
<i>Netzach</i>	Eternity
<i>Hod</i>	Thankfulness
<i>Tzadeek</i>	Unity [This <i>Sefira</i> is more commonly called <i>Yesod</i>]
<i>Malchut</i>	Central Point in the Heart

There is a chapter in *Pardes Rimonim* that discusses color associations with the *Sefirot*. The *Sefirot* do not have physical properties such as color or sound, but rather represent the spiritual roots of physical emanations. There are many different color associations with each of the *Sefirot*, with each color association describing various aspects of each *Sefira*. The colors in this painting correspond to one of the various color associations with the *Sefirot*.

The inner mappings of the 10 *Sefirot* describe how the infinite unconditional love at the root of all creation becomes manifest in our present experience. The 10 *Sefirot* also describe our spiritual work towards experiencing our Divine source in the realization of unconditional love and oneness.

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