

## T

The letter T derives from the ancient cross form, which has, in Phoenician, Babylonian and ancient semitic cultures been the symbol used as a mark, a stamp, a seal, and used as an autograph by people that couldn't write, as is still in custom till today. This cross was called a 'Tav' and adapted as Tau in the Greek alphabeth where it lost it upper leg and took on the T form as we know it now. In ancient times, would someone write a letter they would seal it with wax; an official document would receive an 'impression', a stamp, a seal in wax. This manoeuvre became part of the meaning of the letter T, the Tav; the letter on itself became the final stamp, the definition, the summation of what was contained in the letter. Hence this specific letter became the signification of the completion of a work, as well as that of 'the work'; the work of a human being: an entire life span.

Tav is the last letter of the Hebrew Alphabet. When we reach the end, the completion of our life, we receive a Tav, a seal, a stamp, a mark, a judgement. That seal, Tav, is the mathematical completion of every action we took. Every thought, every feeling, every movement of energy that has moved through us is summarized, calculated, and upon that final calculation is put a Tav, a mark; it is the synthesis of our life. From that mathematical equation we proceed to the next step, based upon that mark.

The letter Tav consists out of two letters: the dalet and the nun. (11) Daleth-Nun spell 'Dan' in Hebrew. 'Dan' means judgment. In mystic (Gnostic, Kabbalist) traditions, it is said that at the end of any cycle of evolution, our consciousness receives a ך Tav, a mark. When we complete the period of time in any given form, we receive a Tav. When we complete a Manvantara or a Mahamanvantara, we receive a Tav, a summation of every action, of every movement we did. That summary is what propels us to the next stage. Humanity, in the many cycles through which it passes, receives mark after mark as it passes from age to age, from stage to stage. In addition, every cosmic initiation is a ךTav. When our innermost receives an initiation, it receives a Tav, a mark.

In the Kabbala we see the Tree of Life, the Sephirot, which has three main points that are also indicated in or coincide with that of the human body. These points are called the three 'brains' and are the most important places where initiations and marks (Tavs) take place: the head (Kether, with Tav in the middle), the heart (Tiphereth, which begins and ends with Tav) and the bottom or root (Malkuth, completed by Tav). Through this Tree of Life every human being is able to find initiation, purification, understanding and allumination, and is able to become closer to the mystery of Life (some call this Love or God).

Tav is the last letter of the Hebrew Alphabet. It represents completion. However, as soon as the Tav is reached, we start again immediately by going back to the Aleph, the one source of everything. The end is never really the end, but the beginning of something new.

By ordering and drinking your consumption from the T-Bar you maybe thought you were doing nothing special except sustaining our artist's collective while having a good time. Nothing exceptional. As you now might realise, not any of this is true. You, by ordering and devouring, consuming, you are with every fun sip becoming more and more part of this timeless Mystery, this apparatus that is the Tree of Life. With each gulp you are being awakened from within your body that is recognising the T, as it descends, the Tav, through the mere form your drink took on, in the course of things; the form of a T. This ancient and at the same time modern form lets your body communicate and be part of eternal cycles of Life.

The T that we drink shows us that the end was set from the beginning. (Tav is the final letter of ךשׁאׁר Beresheet, "In the Beginning", the first word of the Torah and Christian Bible.) Everything was already there in this beginning.

Hence, by drinking your consumption from this Bar, it is a great start of the evening!!

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