

all the other letters, and all the other letters with Aleph (א). He²⁴ predetermined, and by speaking created every creature and every word by one name. For an illustration may serve the twenty-two elementary substances by the primitive substance of Aleph²⁵ (א).

CHAPTER III.

SECTION 1.

The three first elements, א"מ"ש are typified by a balance, in one scale the merit and in the other the criminality, which are placed in equilibrium by the tongue. These three mothers, א"מ"ש are a great, wonderful and unknown mystery, and are sealed by six²⁶ rings, or elementary circles, namely: air, water and fire emanated from them, which gave birth to progenitors, and these progenitors gave birth again to some offspring.

SECTION 2.

God appointed and established the three mothers א"מ"ש combined, weighed and changed them, and formed by them three mothers א"מ"ש in the world, in the year and in man, male and female.

SECTION 3.

The three mothers א"מ"ש in the world are: air, water and fire. Heaven was created from fire or ether; the earth (comprising sea and land) from the elementary water; and the atmospheric air from the elementary air, or spirit, which establishes the balance among them.