

Society Rosicruciana in Anglia

Province of the Home Counties

Thomas á Beckett College's 30th Anniversary of Service

Awareness Day

To be held at Wokingham Masonic Centre

The Musings of a Past Celebrant No 10

The Language of Numbers – Part 5

No. 7 is called the Perfect number - also termed the most venerable, since it refers to the creation of the world according to the Mosaic Cosmology. I think of seven as the 'Birth Day' not the conception day. Chickens hatch in 21 days, Ducks in 28 days, Geese in 35 days. Mammals use multiple weeks for gestation.

Understanding of this number was the primary motivation of my joining this Society. It was the doorway which revealed the secret path of knowledge: Having spent many fruitless hours bemoaning my ignorance to my maker a stranger turned up and gave me some homework.

The task was to inscribe a circle with a 7 metre diameter on my lawn, and then place 22 candles equidistant around the circumference. Having recovered from the shock, my friends and I decided to carry out the task.

Drawing the circle was simple. Using the Masonic 'skirit' of 3.5 meters we marked out the circle. The intended lesson became clear in the next process. The circumference of a circle can be resolved by schoolboy maths. $\pi \times \text{diameter}$ will provide the circumference. All we need to do is to evaluate the circle length and divide this by 22 units. Thus we have: $22/7 \times 7/22$ which = 1.

The Kabala tradition declares that the manipulation of these alphabet letters creates material manifestations. The lesson highlights the concept that the Hebrew alphabet has only 22 letters. When all these powers associated with the 22 letters are used in harmony with 7, the powers of creation are evoked. Thus 7 is the number or proportion on which material enters into our three dimensional world. The Royal Arch ritual declares that : "Those who knew how to talk to God (that which was on the circle) could access other powers."

No. 8 Designates the primitive law of nature - being the first cube, and points out that men are all born equal. It is also the number most to be desired, being the number of justice. This is also the number of conception.

A soul's Karma could be described as justice. This is where the curriculum of your education is preparing your next venture. Some describe this as the Equilibrium, the realm of the Masters. Justice reveals that your karma is fitting and suitable and is designed to help reveal the correct path for your enlightenment.

The eightfold path is taught by Buddha, it is also in the Kabbalistic Tree of Life. It could be said that the Masonic Craftsman works under the No.5, his public life. The Mark Man under No.6, the introduction of spiritual awareness, the Worshipful Master under the No 7, is the teacher and inspirer.

Within the No 8, the Royal Arch, represents the autumn of your life: The contemplation of God.