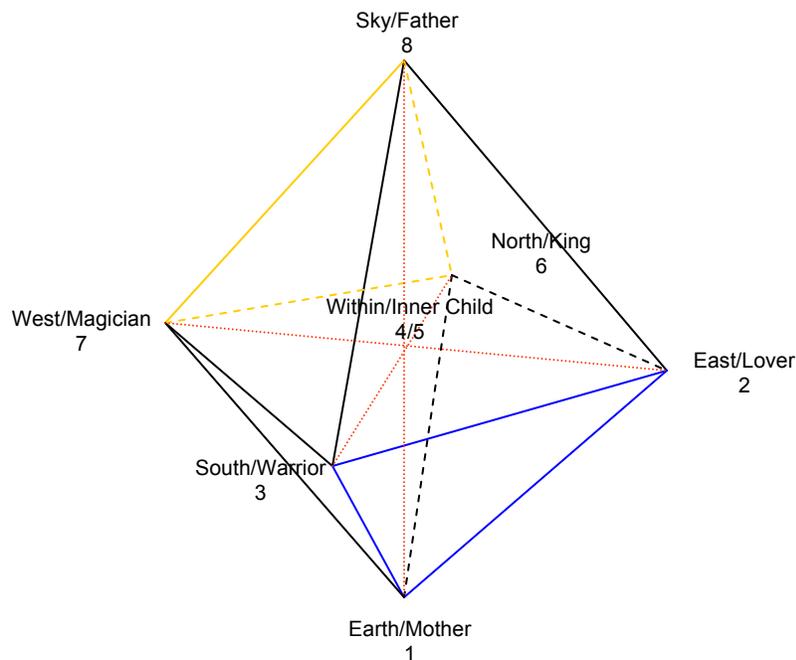


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THE PREMISE:

The geometry of the 7 directions can be viewed as an octahedron (2 pyramids base to base). The octahedron can be subdivided into 8 distorted tetrahedrons with their points meeting in the center. A Human Being's journey through the 8 step process can be illuminated by using this geometry to track their progress. An important aspect of this journey was described by the ancient Greek Philosophers. They saw each Human Being moving toward the future backwards, with only a view of the past. This would mean as we move from step to step in The Process and through the geometry we are only conscious of where we have been.

Step One—*Earth/Mother/The Womb*



Step One is geometrically a point—0 dimension, common ground, oneness. Zero dimension denotes no differentiation, no awareness.

Step Two—*East/Lover/Erection/Direction/Separation*



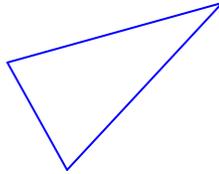
The geometry of Step Two is the line—1 dimension, separation from the known, penetration into chaos, the beginning of experience yet there is still no knowledge only passion, desire and drive. This explosion from the relative safety of oblivion into the maddening chaos of experience may explain the fear almost always accompanying Step Two.

I have polled hundreds of people in the last five years and have discovered an interesting phenomenon. Every person has a voice warning them to stop, to turn back they will never make it. When asked if that voice had ever proven to be true when the person had stayed the course and persisted the answer was

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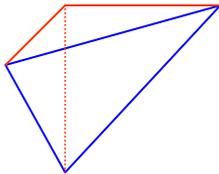
unanimously negative. The strange fact is that without a shred of proof and a 100% positive track record of success they all still believe the voice to one extent or another.

Step Three—*South/Warrior/Contraction/Partial Identity*



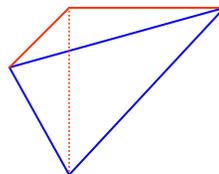
Closure, contraction and limited self awareness are the rewards of Step Three. The pronoun ME enters the consciousness. This is a recognition of 2 dimensions, the plain, the smallest geometry—the triangle. The needs of a newly conscious self and the limited awareness of only two dimensions. May help to explain the self-centered and destructive behavior that is associated with the shadow warrior. The flatland existence of the plain may drive a person stuck at this level to accumulate, to acquire.

Step Four—*Within/The Child/Expansion/Integrity of the Part*



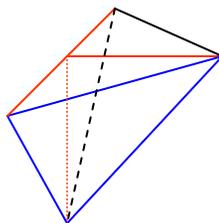
Step Four signals the arrival into three dimensional space, the hope of a place in the universe. The part moving towards integrity with its new-found fullness still has no awareness of anything outside its own identity—no feeling of belonging to anything bigger than itself. This isolation may give rise to fear and a certain amount of rigidity—very detailed oriented (parts) with no access to the big picture.

Step Five—*Within/The Golden Child/Contraction/Belonging/Turnaround*



Step Five marks the beginning of conscious, directed growth—a desire for self-knowledge. A 180 degree turn from the outside world to the inside world, from looking only at the past to greeting the future. We identify that there is something bigger than ourselves.

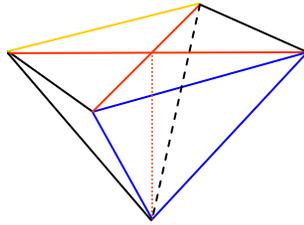
Step Six—*North/King/The end of expansion/Rational*



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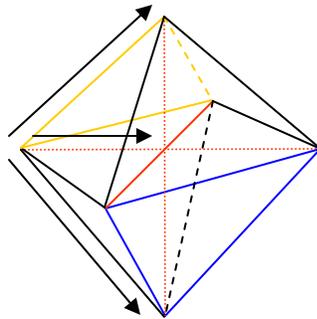
Step six is the end of the expanding masculine drive—the highest point attainable by the Human Being of today without the help of Spirit. There is a loss of belief in all outward authority—a recognition of different parts but no ability to see the whole to which the parts belong. A feeling of loss and deception can come from swimming in the endless sea of relativity.

Step Seven—*West/Magician/Feminine/Divine Sophia/Holy Spirit*



Step Seven is the marriage of masculine and feminine. The Ancients have always seen wisdom as feminine, the Divine Sophia. She has always approached those of Humanity who have prepared themselves in some form of Mystery Center or Spiritual practice. It is the feminine that must come to the aid of the thirsty masculine, the rational mind adrift in the arid desert of cynicism. This marriage spawns the synergy of the Creative force in all life—the Christ Force.

Step Eight—*Heaven/Father/Completion/Illumination*



Step Eight is the completion of initiation, The Father, Atman or God-man. The transcending and including of the small self by the new whole. The whole which is greater than the sum of its parts. The journey must proceed in three directions—up into Spirit, in toward the center, and down into the Soul—completely occupying the Axis Mundi. The octahedron becomes a point in the next octave of growth, connecting the new enlightened whole to the entire Kosmos through its fractal nature.