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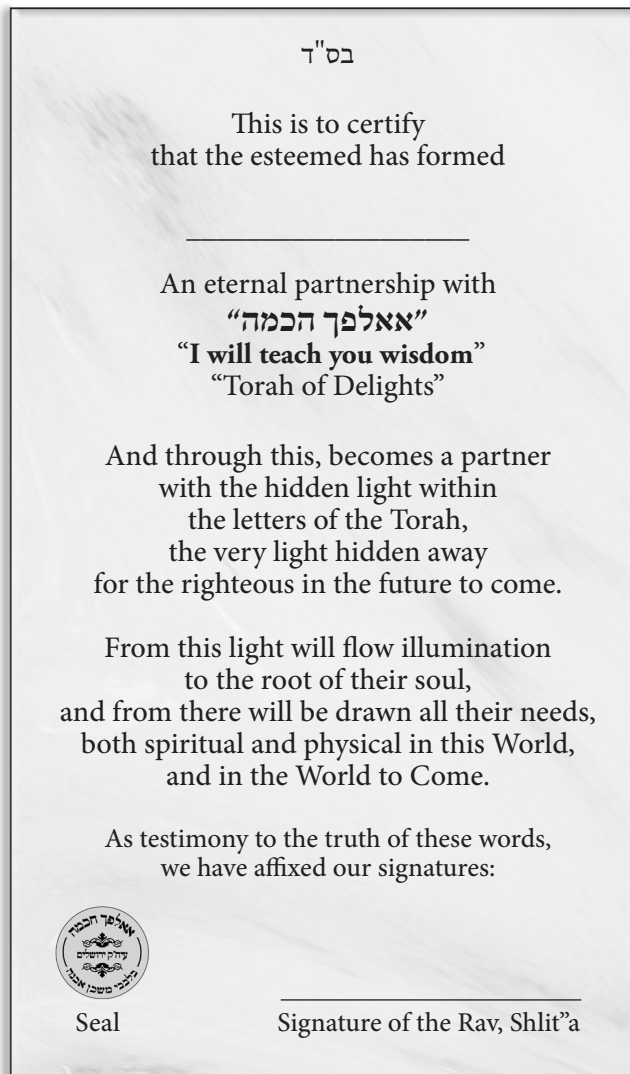
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Foundation of the Sefer

This sefer reveals how everything in the world, whether physical, emotional, intellectual, or spiritual, is rooted in the letters of Lashon HaKodesh-the Holy Tongue.

Through the 231 gates (permutation of letters, and their combinations), we are given insight into the deep structure of reality, and even more so, a method to return to the root- to reconnect the branches of creation to their spiritual source.

For man himself is created from these same letters. And by learning their structure, understanding their arrangement, and contemplating their meanings, a person begins to align with the true inner reality that sustains all existence.

This is “אאלפך הכמה” - “I will teach you wisdom” (Tehillim 51:8): To teach the wisdom that is embedded in the Alef, the wisdom that is embedded in the alphabet, the wisdom through which Hashem formed the universe and continues to animate it at every moment.

Explanation of the Sefer's Concept

(Bezalel knew how to combine the letters with which the heavens and the earth were created.) (Berachot 55a”

The root of the creation of the heavens and the earth lies in the letters. That is, everything visible to our eyes in creation is merely the end of a long chain of descent from its source. What we perceive is the external layer, the final stage in a process, while the inner essence of every created thing is comprised of letters, the very letters with which the heavens and the earth were created.

The Sefer Yetzirah (2:5) explains that there are 231 Gates (permutations) of the Hebrew alef- bet. As a hint, the verse “Everything that G-d created to do” [Genesis 2:3] has final letters that spell 231 (אל"א) (see Sefer Gematriot by Rabbi Yehudah HaChassid, Bereshit 10), indicating that within these 231 gates lies the potential for all of creation and everything within it.

This is how the Baal Shem Tov explains (Baal Shem Tov al HaTorah, Bereshit 48; see also Tanya, Shaar HaYichud VeHaEmunah, Chapter 1) what Chazal said (Midrash Shocher Tov, Tehillim 119:36) on the verse: “Forever, Hashem, Your word stands firm in the heavens” - that the Holy One, Blessed be He, declared: “Upon what do the heavens stand? Upon the word I spoke: ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters...’”

That very word by which He created the heavens continues to exist within the heavens and sustains them constantly. The letters and words of creation are permanently embedded within all the heavenly realms, giving them life. If, Heaven forbid, those letters were to be removed and return to their spiritual source for even a moment, the heavens would immediately revert to nothingness- as if they had never existed, just like before the utterance “Let there be a firmament.” This principle applies to all created beings, in all the upper and lower worlds.

The Arizal (see Etz Chaim, Shaar 50, Chapter 2) writes that even in the most inanimate elements of the world- stones, dust- there is a dimension of soul and spiritual vitality. A spark of life-force and soul exists even within the simplest matter. ... This is what the Arizal, of blessed memory, wrote (see Etz Chaim, Gate 50, Chapter 2): That even in the truly inanimate- such as stones and dust- there exists a level of soul and spiritual life-force. This means that even in the most material aspects of creation, there is a hidden vitality- a spark of life- referred to as “nefesh” (soul) and “ruach” (spirit).

This is because the letters of Divine speech through which they were created and continue to exist are constantly invested within them. These letters serve as conduits for the Divine will, and through them, spiritual energy flows into every part of creation, keeping it in existence and granting it vitality.

All aspects of reality- whether seen or unseen- are continually being recreated every moment through these Divine utterances, composed of the Hebrew letters. Without this constant input of Divine speech, even the most basic and physical of creations would cease to exist, instantly returning to nothingness.

The physical world as we know it is thus not “solid” or independent. Rather, it is completely dependent upon the spiritual root- a living flow of Divine speech encoded in Hebrew letters, which originate in the upper worlds and descend, level after level, into this world.

Volume One of this series elucidated
the letter combinations of the hebrew words

אב - אבד - אבה - אבוי - אבוס - אבטיח - אביב - אביון

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