

The Secret of Souls & Their Connection to Torah

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These are the words of Rabbi Naftali Hertz ben Yaakov Elchanan (Bacharach) in his Sefer Emek HaMelekh (Valley of the King), Gate 16-Head of Zeir Anpin (2003 Yarid edition, Vol 2, page 843).

“You need to know that the general number of souls is 600,000. Each soul has the appearance of a tree with seven branches of light. These are the secret of the four foundations, fire, air water and earth. These are the four letters of Y-H-V-H itself according to the secret of Yehida, Haya, Neshama, Ruah and Nefesh. These are all included in the Name Y-H-V-H itself.

As is known the tip of the Yod is Yehida; the Yod itself is Abba, from which comes forth the secret of the Haya... The first Hey is the secret of Imma from which comes forth the Neshama. The Vav is Zeir from which comes forth the Ruah. The final Hey is Nefesh and the NOK. Each Sefirotic Face includes all the others.

In each and every world of A'Be'Y'A there are these five Sefirotic Faces according to the level of souls that is appropriate to come forth from them. Each one has a PaRDeS in accordance to the secret of the Name Y-H-V-H as is known. Therefore there are many different levels and categories of souls.

These four foundations are themselves the four letters of Y-H-V-H as it is said in the Zohar (Shemot 254b); from these come forth all of creation. Each one in accordance to foundation that is within each one. The name Y-H-V-H has 12 permutations and they are the source of the souls of the tribes of HaShem which are also twelve.

Then comes the Name Y-H-V-H that has 600,000 permutations. Each one contains an aspect of the foundations in accordance to their permutations and the souls which come forth from the four foundations. In each and every portion (organ) there resides the four foundations and all the Sefirotic Faces. Therefore the soul is divided into a number of different portions. In each portion there is a complete Sefirotic Face reaching out into infinity. This is the secret of reincarnation. However the general number of souls is still 600,000.

The Torah is the source of the souls of Israel; therefore corresponding to them there are 600,000 interpretations. Corresponding to each one of the 600,000 interpretations comes into being the source of the individual Israelite soul. In the future each and every soul will read and know the Torah in accordance to the specific interpretation that is connected to its individual source from which it was created. This is how it is in the Garden of Eden.

Some souls contain a number of interpretations and the soul of Moshe our teacher contains them all. Therefore at night when the soul travels after one falls asleep, if the soul merits to ascend above it will read from the interpretation that is connected to its source. There are many details to this. For on one night a specific verse may be illuminated and on another night a different verse. Everything occurs in accordance to one's behavior....

These 600,000 interpretations are in accordance to the Pshat and corresponding to them there are an equal number in Agadah and Kabbalah... each soul contains a portion of them all."

What we give is what we receive. Light is always Yashar (descending) and Hozer (ascending). What we give to HaShem is our free will offering (Terumah, Mayim Nokbin, Ohr Hozer). What we receive in return is amazing and defies words to describe it (Mayim Dukhrin, Ohr Yashar, Shefa Tal, Ohr HaGeulah). Think about this, contemplate it. Silence your mouth from speech and clear your mind of questions.

There is much revealed here. Herein contains the secret of souls, personalities and the resolution of conflicts. To everything there is its place; to everything there is its purpose.

Read and reread the above until you understand it in your heart (not your head). You'll know the difference once you achieve it. This is our Terumah to HaShem and my offering to you.