

E.T., Torah & The Red Heifer

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The Biblical Torah portion called Hukat (Number 19), begins by enumerating to us the commandment of the Red Heifer sacrifice and the mysterious powers of ritual cleanliness and uncleanness that it bestowed. While many commentaries try to unravel the baffling contradictions that are apparent in this commandment, many more are resigned to the fact that just how the ashes of the Red Heifer make one person ritually unclean and yet another person ritually clean is beyond their comprehension. They simply conclude that this commandment is what we call a Hok, an edict of the Torah whose rational intelligent explanation eludes us.

In my opinion, the fact that there is present information beyond our capacity to understand is not an issue. Knowledge is ever-growing. What we do not understand today, after further research we will understand tomorrow. Is this not right? Is this not how we think? Yet, greater Torah Scholars than we have tried to unravel this mystery of the Red Heifer and could not. Why should we think that we will fare any better?

Is there not a limit to human intelligence? When it comes to the commandment of the Red Heifer, have we reached the limits of human intellectual understanding? Is there indeed such a limit or is human intellectual understanding an open frontier without borders or limits? Ultimately, humanity must come to realize that it is impossible to grasp all the knowledge that there is to know in the universe. Unfortunately, in our present arrogant state of delusional aggrandizement, we may never come face to face with our intellectual limitations that indeed do bind us and blind us from seeing just how small and limited our present thinking abilities really are.

Rather than ask what it is that we do not understand, we should rather ask why is it that we cannot understand everything we wish. What is it that places limits on our abilities of understanding? In order to understand this, we must first place human intellect in its greater context.

One of the greatest expressions of human arrogance is that somehow our rational intelligence is the highest form known and available for receiving and interpreting information. We convince ourselves that if it's out there, then we can find it, we can study it and ultimately we can understand it. We believe that nothing is beyond our grasp. Yet, such beliefs are nothing more than illusions of grandeur. There are now and forever more will be realities that human beings will never be able to fathom and even many others of which we will never perceive existing. True, human intellect has helped our species grow. Yet, just because we have an advantage over many of the other species that we know of here on our Earth does not mean that what we have is the best there is. This is the arrogance and unfortunately, all too many suffer from it.

We may consider ourselves all we want to be masters of our world and masters of our own fate. Yet, this belief is almost laughable. We control next to nothing on our planet. We cannot even

control the physical bodies which house our conscious minds. True, human intellect has discovered aspirin and many other medications and we can indeed influence much more. But can we compare that which we can influence and control to that which we cannot? Can we compare that we do understand to that which we do not? Certainly, we cannot make any such comparisons. For the little that we know with all our modern sciences is insignificant in comparison to that which we do not know and what we may never know. Human intellect has its limitations. This may be a sad fact for some, but it is a definite fact nonetheless.

Even more laughable is the arrogant idea that humanity is the most intelligent species. No one here on Earth can compare our species to the numerous other forms of life in the universe. Rather than try, the arrogant intellectuals blindly proclaims that there is no other intelligent life out there, at least not like ours. They offer as proof for this alleged loneliness of ours in the universe that if there really were extraterrestrials out there, with all the efforts we have been making to contact them, don't you think we would have heard from somebody by now? This argument in and of itself speaks of the arrogance and ignorance of those who would think it.

Why would we think that a species of higher intelligence and expanded consciousness would be interested in contacting us? Maybe there are those out there so advanced that in their eyes humanity is nothing more than cattle or less, like insects. When was the last time our scientists went to an ant hill and tried to contact the worker ants? Even if such contact had been made, would the ants understand, or would they even care. Let's turn this question around; let's say the ants want to contact us. How would we recognize that the ants were trying to speak to us. Would we even recognize their desire to speak with us or their means of communication? So much for the enlightened and expanded levels of human intellect and consciousness. We cannot even speak to an ant or recognize their desire or lack of it to communicate with us.

If E.T. (extraterrestrials) actually did make contact with us, either in recent or in ancient times, would we recognize the true nature of such a communication? If E.T. truly is of a higher species than we are today, then how would they communicate with us? How could they get their message across to what in their eyes is a species not too much more advanced than ants are in our eyes. E.T. would have to find some bridge of communication that enabled them to speak to us and for us to hear and comprehend. Knowing that our rational intellects are severely limited in the communication department, E.T. would have to choose a form of communication of a type different from the standard rational approach that we might expect and be waiting for. Such a form of communication would certainly make contact between our two radically different species, but at the same time not face the limitations of the rational intellect.

In order to accomplish this, E.T. would require a decent understanding of how human consciousness operates. Maybe E.T. himself is a being of higher consciousness and therefore can understand variant and multiple simultaneous streams of consciousness better than can we humans. After all, our human minds are split between the conscious and unconscious parts. There is a tremendous part of our reality that is stored away from our conscious minds in that cloudy and mysterious place called the unconscious. No one can say for sure what resides in the unconscious because it is not conscious. And in spite of whatever attempts we make to explore unconscious content, we always come face to face with the reality that the unconscious contains unreachable depths and thus many unknown secrets.

Now, maybe E.T. suffers from no such split mind. Maybe E.T. has a fully integrated consciousness containing everything that we know, everything that we do not know and maybe even many things that we are, in our present state, incapable of knowing. If E.T. has these faculties then certainly E.T. would be able to communicate with us at both the conscious and at the unconscious levels.

Maybe this is so. Maybe this has already happened. Maybe what we refer to as religious revelations from some place called Heaven are actually a form of communication from E.T.? Maybe E.T. are the angels referred to in religious literature. Then again, they may just as easily be the demons religiously referred to. Maybe angels and demons are actually E.T.? Then again, we must pause to ask ourselves, what are we even able to understand about the true nature of a real E.T.? After all, what we know about E.T. or what we think we know about them comes almost entirely from fictional portrayals in the entertainment media. Everything that we know or think we know has been made up in someone's imagination for the sole purpose of entertainment! How close could such fantasies be then to a truth so far beyond human imagination?

Angels and E.Ts., is there a connection? And if there is, how would we know it? If they are one and the same, what does that mean? Are angels nothing more than "little green men from Mars," or is E.T. maybe a trans-dimensional entity outside the scope of being a life form as we understand and define life? Religious literature throughout the centuries report vast numbers of visitations from such trans-dimensional beings. Are these then in fact "close encounters of the third kind" or maybe even the "fourth" or "fifth kind"? If there indeed is such a connection, what light does this shed upon the supreme E.T. encounter of the giving of the Torah on Mt Sinai?

Religious literature surely describes the events of Sinai in the most supernatural of ways. But do we really understand what happened at Sinai? Torah Sages go to great length to describe the bizarre, mysterious nature of the moment. No one knows for sure exactly what happened beyond the printed word edition that records the event. But what really happened there? And more so, being that we have a vibrant living remnant from that experience, just what is this Torah from Heaven that we have in our possession?

Human intellect and arrogance wants to proclaim mastery and knowledge of the Torah. However there is a select group of Sages who have passed down from Biblical times a body of secrets known as the "Reception," Kabbalah, in Hebrew. They claim that human intellect alone is never enough to understand the Torah and that indeed Torah is a form of communication that speaks to both the conscious and unconscious components in the human psyche.

These Sages teach that we were given specific techniques how to train our minds to actively access the hidden unconscious realms within us and how to integrate them and the Torah concealed therein into an expanded consciousness. Those who could accomplish this expansion of human consciousness were called prophets and receivers (kabbalists) of "Divine" inspiration, Ruah HaKodesh. The prophets and the later prophetic Kabbalists who accomplish this shift in human thinking patterns were said to be connected to that place which we call Heaven. Thus, the human prophets were trained to speak directly to E.T. who they referred to as Heaven's messengers, Malakhim in Hebrew, who we refer to today as angels. This connection is not lost to this day; it still exists, but only amongst the practitioners of the Prophetic Kabbalah and not amongst the dominant theoretical Kabbalists.

What do people today know about angels? Almost nothing! They know only "theory" but they have no practice or experience to bring validation to anything they say or believe. They read about what others have written in books and their knowledge stops there at the end of the written page. Only those properly trained and who have made use of their training to make actual contact have real experience and personal interaction with those who we can either call angels or E.T.

Whatever it is that one calls them, one with experience looks upon those with only book knowledge as bearing a serious lack of awareness, limited information and a very narrow comprehension of reality. No book can explain to us the reality of angels and their real connection or identity as E.T.

No book can explain to us the mysteries of the intricate rituals of the Red Heifer. Only one with connection can understand both.

Torah came from beyond our world. Its source is from a place that even E.T. angles themselves cannot fathom. Nonetheless they served as the conduits (vessels, merkava) for its transmission to Earth. Although they are not the source, they are still the channel to the source. As beings not of this Earth, their natural form encompasses a consciousness which includes both human conscious and unconscious faculties. As such their communication of Torah is equally transmitted to both our human conscious and unconscious minds. The conscious side we see and recognize as words on the page of a book. But the unconscious side which resides deep within us sees and knows Torah from within and beyond the limitations of intellect and sensory experience. Although its wisdom and awareness may be unconscious, it is the extra sensory perception of Torah that keeps us connected to the Source.

Of course the conscious mind cannot understand the mysteries of the Red Heifer. It was never designed to. Yet, deep within the collective Jewish unconscious our connection to Torah is forever strong. Those who penetrate beyond the intellect delve into the deep unknowns and resurface back into consciousness with wisdom and pearls of insight. The intellect cannot know this, nor understand it. But the spirit knows! And spirit is always higher than intellect. This is the secret technique of Sekhel Tenudah (oscillating consciousness) referred to in the Sefer Yetzirah.

One who closes the book and opens the spirit stands a chance to look within. This was the way of the prophet and the true Kabbalists after them. E.T. is watching, as they always do (Daniel 4:14). And like with Rabbi Yosef Karo, the famous author of the Shulkhan Arukh and Magid Mesharim, E.T. (angel) is waiting to teach Torah to anyone who makes contact in the proper prophetic way. The intellect does not understand this, nor will it, ever! Intellect alone will never understand the Red Heifer or for that matter any other portion of the Torah (Gaon of Vilna, Even Shleyma 8:21). But, then again, since the beginning this was the way it was meant to be. For intellect alone is what the Torah referred to as the Tree of Knowledge, Good and Evil (ref. Kitvei HaArizal).

Only when we fully integrate our minds, will we discover our souls. Then we will also become actually aware that the angels, or E.T. are there too and have always been there watching. We will then be able to expand our gaze and look from one end of the universe all the way to the other, just as Adam did before the fall.

So, in order to help shake us out of our present collective human slumber, Torah gave us the Red Heifer. Not only will it purify the unclean, it will also show those who eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, Good and Evil, just how unclean they are in the limited rational minds. They approach the Red Heifer in the arrogance of intellect, not recognizing its unclean limitations. They walk away well aware that their intellect cannot take them where they think it can. The Red Heifer makes clean and unclean, internally and externally. It is a mystery that only the connected soul will ever fathom, not with intellect, but rather in the spirit.

Only the inside eye can see that which the outside eye cannot. One without inner vision is blind in both the seen and unseen worlds. The ashes of the Red Heifer gave sight to the internally blind. But this is not seen with the physical eye, nor can it be. "Understand with wisdom and be wise with understanding" (S.Y. 1:4). Learn to see and you will penetrate beyond with extra sensory perception to know the secret of the Red Heifer and to know within how and where its ashes are to be found and used even today.