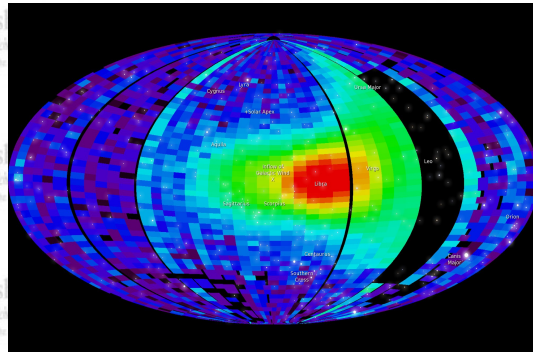


Teshuva, Rosh HaShana & Aligning With Libra's Passage

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The end is always the time of new beginnings. This is because after the end comes afresh the new. As it is above in the sublime, so too must it be below in the mundane. Life and movement is always cyclical. In this way, we all cycle and recycle.



The Hebrew month of Elul dawns upon us. We are thus one month away from the new year, Rosh HaShana. It has been known since ancient times, that Earth's orbit around the sun subjects it to influences from energies and "cosmic rays," that have significant, however subtle, affects upon humanities collective unconscious (and upon the unconscious minds of each individual).

As the Earth goes through the cycle of the renewal of the Libra moon, the scales of Heaven, weigh all in the balance. Therefore, Rosh HaShana is considered a Judgment Day, a day when the destinies of all are subject to supernal influences, influences that will direct their destinies and determine their fates over the coming orbit of the New Year. This is understood to be a natural event, and not one of any supernatural or necessarily spiritual origins. Everything on Earth is thus affected and influenced.

Those with psychic intuitive wisdom know that the individual soul can become properly aligned with Heaven to solicit the greatest of benefits. All the individual has to do is to return to the Source of psychic alignment and enable oneself to serve as a conduit for the Source Power here on Earth, so as to manifest and materialize good things.

In Hebrew this process is called "return." The actual Hebrew term, we all know so well. Return is Teshuva. But Teshuva is usually interpreted as repentance. In a way, to return is to repent, this is true, but originally, Teshuva was not a religious concept, and its true meaning was not understood within the context of repentance.

Teshuva means a return to God, and not necessarily a return to religion. Yes, God and religion can be and are often two different things. We very often find very religious individuals who are very ungodly in many aspects of their lives. Apparently, such an embrace of religion does not include an embrace of God and godly righteousness. This type of religion is no religion at all. This type of Teshuva is no Teshuva at all.

Teshuva is almost always understood as a religious action. Nevertheless, *Teshuva, in order to be a true return to God, as the word itself implies, essentially must be a state of psychological/psychic transformation.*

To return to God means that the individual must become more like God. To return to God means becoming more godly in one's behavior. To return to God means an inner transformation, wherein which the Divine Image within each of us is embraced and unleashed, enabling the best expressions of our humanity to shine forth. Returning to God means living up to the best definitions of what it means to be human.

Religion is supposed to be the vehicle used for people wanting to draw closer to God. However, as one draws closer to one's chosen form of religion, we see that such an embrace almost always includes within it an equal and opposite rejection of everyone else who does not walk one's chosen path. Instead of drawing one closer to God, the average embrace of religion often draws one further away from God, because such an embrace drives one further from one's fellow human beings and from one's embrace of the inner Divine image. How can such a path be a return to God, when essentially it is its opposite?

We are all beings created within and subject to natural forces. Any lack of clarity in this is an equal lack of clarity about God. God is the Creator of natural law and its forces. And we are subject to those natural laws and forces without any distinction. Our human minds are subject to influences at the psychic and unconscious level, just as our bodies are subject to influences and forces at the physical level.

One can believe all the religious dogmas that one wishes to convince oneself how this may not be so. But in the end, reality always reveals its face, this is the same reality created by the Living God and which clearly shows the Divine Hand.

Whether we like it or not, we are, in no way, masters of our own destinies. Whether we like it or not, we are, in no way, in control!

As the passage through Libra approaches, we again become subject to the cosmic influences around us, that will cling to us and guide our destinies, as the Earth makes its new passage around the Sun. *We cannot escape this natural course of event. Yet, while we cannot escape it, we can most definitely influence it.* We can

influence it by Teshuva, by our return to God, by our psychological/psychic internal transformations, that unleash our inherent godliness and thus realign us with both our Creator and with the creation itself.

As we pass through Libra's influences, we can either be blessed by them or cursed by them. God will not make this decision. We will! *Each individual has the opportunity to set oneself right with both Creator and creation, and to transit the passage in harmony with it, or in opposition to it.*

This is what religion symbolically refers to as God's "books of life and death." We often pray to be inscribed in the "book of life," but what steps do we take to actually embrace life? If all one does is to act like the walking dead, how can one embrace life and be embraced by the "book of life?" One cannot be both dead and alive.

One has to chose life in order to be alive. And we are commanded to chose life! Life is not defined by what we believe, it is defined by what we do, most specifically by how we unleash the Divine Image within us and express the highest goals of humanity.

We we fulfill our highest human potentials, we then acquire the ability to embrace what we rightfully call a Mazal Tov. Many interpret this as "good fortune," but it actually means being in alignment with one's own higher self, one's guardian angel.

Many forces rule over us from nearby and afar. We interact with them knowingly and unknowingly. We can contribute to our own betterment and sway the forces of fate and destiny in our favor. What we do is our choice. Return to God, return to the natural way, align, balance and restore, this is our privilege. Transform from within and see how the Light of God will transform that which is external.

Mazal Tov (good fortune) is never a gift. It is earned! Mazal Tov (good fortune) is never free. One pays for it its full price. It cannot be bought with the currency of this world, but only with that which comes from God.

When one aligns oneself with God, with oneself and with the natural way, the efforts therein are rewarded with Mazal Tov, the currency of God. Earn it and we become wealthy and blessed. This is the potential of our passage under the influence of the Libra moon, the end of the old cycle and the beginning of the new cycle.

The dawn of the new day will soon break upon us. May it bring to us the awakening of God's beauty (Tiferet/Zeir Anpin), the Light of the Rising Sun. The dawn of the new day brings the awakening (Shofar). Let us now arouse from our slumber (Dormitah) and be ready to greet and embrace the new "day."