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# Faith, the Final Frontier

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*Faith, the final frontier.*

*This is a voyage of the mind.*

Its never-ending mission is to seek out new hope, and new opportunities, so as to boldly go where no one has gone before!

This is a proper, spiritually-based rendition of the famous introduction into Star Trek. Today, we are not explorers of outer space. Today, we are, and always have been, explorers of inner space. What there is to explore, and discover in inner space will always far outshine any discoveries made in outer space.



Throughout the centuries the human race has been graced with the presence of unique individuals who have been able to delve into the deepest reaches of inner space, and to return from there, bringing to the rest of us glimpses of the wonders, and the powers that reside latent within each of us.

Inside our minds, we discover access to an entire universe of possibilities not limited to the confines of the time, and space that forever shackle down our bodies. Our minds grant us access to a universe no less real than the physical one perceived by our senses. The universe of the mind is real. It is not just imagination, although the perception of this inner realm is filtered through the imaginative faculty of human thought.

Once one learns how to sift through the psychological filters, and properly understand imaginative imagery, one can then peek behind the mental metaphors, and gain a glimpse of the true other-side of reality. Although this process of learning is a life-long endeavor, the one Force that drives the process forward is an individual's unyielding faith that one can indeed change the world!

Faith is a power of the mind, but it is much more than just a conscious acknowledgment of beliefs. Faith requires the commitment of the heart. When we refer to "heart," we are not referring to the blood-pumping organ within one's chest. Rather, we are referring to the deeper emotional content within one's mind/soul. The heart is actually the essence of one's mind, where conscious thought merges with unconscious content, and motivates the individual beyond the confines of rational logic.

Rational logic makes sense in the physical, external world. Indeed, we cannot live in the physical, external world other than by the strict rules of rational logic. However, as has been shown on so many numerous occasions, there comes a time when rational logic is not enough to overcome life's adversities. When such circumstances arise, as they always do, it behooves us to delve within ourselves to extract hidden, unrealized strengths, and abilities. We unleash these latent powers, and they become the Force that transforms our world. Yet, nothing can be released from within the mind/soul, unless one firmly believes that the unseen can be seen, and that the unknown can be known. One's faith will define one's success or one's failure.

The Hebrew word for faith is Emunah. The word itself reveals to us a hidden power underlying the concept that the word itself represents. When subjecting this word Emunah to Hebraic forms of numerology (gematria), we can extract from it some interesting metaphysical concepts. The word Emunah has within it the word Amen, with two additional letters Vav (W), and Hey (H). Anyone with knowledge of Hebrew recognizes these two letters as being the foundational letters of God's Name YHWH, which in common vernacular is referred to as HaShem (the Name).

The numerical value of the word Amen is also curiously revealing here. Amen is equal in value to ninety-one (91), which is the same numerical value of the Names of God, YHWH/HaShem (26), and Adonai (65). This is most pertinent here because the Name YHWH is associated with the letter Vav (W) of the Name, and Adonai is associated with the letter Hey (Hey) of the Name YHWH.

The two general letters Vav and Hey, reflect the specific Names that each letter represents (YHWH and Adonai). All this is found in the numerical value of the word Emunah. Indeed, this numeric revelation reveals to us exactly what Emunah (faith) is supposed to mean.

When we consider the two letters Vav (W), and Hey (H) of God's Name, we contemplate God in a general, generic way. When, however, we contemplate the specific two Names, YHWH and Adonai, we contemplate upon God in a more personal, interactive way. Emunah suggests to us that God is both far, and near, both abstract and real, both general and personal.

***While God is the Active Force of the far-flung universe, we also understand how God is personal, and interactive with each of us individually. The embrace of this concept, and the living in awareness of the Divine Presence is what we call faith, Emunah.***

It is fine to believe in God, but for many such belief is merely an intellectual acknowledgment, void of any personal relevance. In the heart, these intellectually-based believers feel that God is far-away, and not personally involved in one's life. This is not faith. One has to live in a state of consciousness knowing that the Active Force of the universe is also personally active within one's life, and one can rely on that Force to guide one's life, intervening, and even manifesting miracles. This is living in faith.

The prophet Habakkuk (2:4) said, "the righteous lives by his faith." So important is this concept, that the Talmud (Macot 24a) says that this one principle of the prophet sums up all the commandments of the Torah.

***We must know in our minds, and take it to heart, that in spite of however rigid and unyielding life, and the world around us looks, there is always the greater Power of the Active Being of God, YHWH, that can and does intervene in a moment's notice, shifting and altering what appear to be an unmovable reality, and replacing it with another.***

This does not happen magically, but rather it happens because we live in a quantum universe where the laws of cause and effect are not so tightly bound as we think they are. Those who see God both close and far, know that however insurmountable some barriers may appear, their appearances, and the reality behind them, can be changed in an instant by the Higher Force that underlies all reality. Embracing this, and living by it, this is faith!

On a practical note, one can use the word Emunah, and the meanings suggested in its numerical values as positive affirmations that one can recite as a meditation. It is always best to recite an affirmation three times. It helps to psychologically reinforce its message within our minds, and hearts. Here are a selection of different affirmations. One may recite the one of one's choosing, or one may recite them all.

***I live Emunah, Amen! God is with me!***  
(3x)

***God (YHWH) is inside me, God (Adonai) surrounds me.  
God (YHWH Adonai) is the only One true reality!***  
(3x)

***God (YHWH) can change anything in an instant,  
no prison can hold me!***  
(3x)

***God is with me, and I am with God.  
All blessings, miracles and salvation are open to me!***  
(3x)

***God (YHWH) resolves all my problems.  
Hodu LaShem Ki Tov, Ki L'olam Hasdo!  
I give thanks to God (YHWH/Adonai) for He is good,  
for His mercy endures forever!***  
(3x)

When one realizes that the reality around us does not have to be the way it is, this is when we crack open the beginnings of change. Granted, sometimes change occurs gradually. Then again, it can also come suddenly. One must never allow self-doubt to hinder the manifestation of God's Presence in one's life.

Although we do not sit round, and wait for miracles to occur, this does not mean that they will not occur. We should pray for miracles, and in faith, await the blessings of their coming.

More than we want to see the revelation of a miracle, does God want to reveal that miracle to us. We must open our hearts and minds, and let them remain opened, never again to doubt, or to loose hope. God is with us! Now, we must be with God.

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