

The Kabbalistic Secret of Transforming Keter into Malkhut and Back Again

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In the Supernal World, there is a great natural law that we all too often ignore here in these physical domains. In the language of the Kabbalah, we are taught that the relationship of the Divine emanations, the Sefirot are cyclical, that the highest one flows into the lowest one, and the lowest into the high.

It is this great cycle and cyclical flow that maintains the relationship of the parallel universes that we call the spiritual and the physical. In Kabbalah the original emanation is called the Keter, the Crown, it is the source of all. It is unknowable and in Hebrew, it is called the Ayn, the Nothing.



The final level of emanation receives from all above it. It is called Malkhut, the Kingdom of God. Malkhut is the ultimate receiver, for all above flows into it. As Malkhut receives all, it gives all, and the cycle is maintained. Malkhut is called in Hebrew Ani, the “I” that is aware, it is the “something” that is the opposite of the Nothing.

Thus God emanates Its highest manifestation, which we perceive as Nothing. Then as the process of Divine manifestation proceeds, Nothing turns into Something, and Something turns into Everything. Everything is received by “I,” who in turn must pass along Something, making it Nothing to me (“I”). In this way Ayn (Nothing) becomes Yesh (Something) and Something becomes Ani (Mine). “I” (Ani) in turn must revert the “I” (Ani) into Nothing (Ayn). In Hebrew this is expressed by a simple exchange of letters.

Ayn is spelled Alef, Yod, Nun. Ani is spelled Alef, Nun Yod. The letter Yod represents the revealed element of the Divine, whereas the Alef represents the concealed element. In Ayn, Nothing, the concealed element Alef, gives directly to the revealed element Yod, which is turn passes on to the Nun, which represents the Something, which turns into Everything. This is the proper order from Above to Below.

However, here in this physical domain, Malkhut, the Kingdom, the order gets stuck in reverse. The concealed Light of Alef, flow into the Nun of Something/Everything first, and only then flows into Yod, the Light of God's revealed Presence. This is why Ani is “I.” “I”

stand in place of God, and “I” receive the Divine Abundance, but “I” do not acknowledge it, and therefore, “I” do not pass it on.

When “I” do not pass on that which “I” receive, “I” become responsible for perverting the entire order of cyclical creation. When “I” become full and do not pass on, Ayn, the Nothing notices, and seeing a full house, cuts off the taps and gives nothing more. Nothing gives nothing to something or someone (“I”) that is full and does not pass on.

The secret of reception is therefore giving.

We must give below in order to receive from Above.

This is the natural order of things.

We must revert Ani, back to Ayn, and reunite Malkhut with Keter.

***In this way, the path of the Sefirot becomes complete,
and the cycle uniting Heaven and Earth flows in proper harmony and balance.***

We each have our parts to play in this great scenario. However much or however little, we each must give. I have long taught that giving is both a privilege and an obligation. Giving to another from what we receive from Heaven makes us like the great Ayn, who gives in the first place. When we transform Ani to Ayn, we are imitating God. When we become like God, we are enabling Its Divine Light to shine in the world, making it a better place, and bringing it closer to its original intended purpose.

Since ancient times, Torah knowledge has made us aware of the astronomical and astrological significance of the month of Tishrei, the time of the High Holidays, Rosh HaShana, “Judgment” Day. Not for naught is the astrological sign of this month, Libra, the Scales of Balance and Justice. Rosh HaShana is the day when the relationship of Ayn and Ani is measured.

Those found in balance, and who participate in maintaining the great cycle are entrusted to do more. They will continue to receive, simply because they pass on what they receive, and are thus open to receive more. Those who hoard and give nothing, or who do not give enough from what they receive, will receive less and less. Heaven sees them full of themselves and full of their possessions, and therefore deems them unable or unworthy to maintain the great flow of give and take.

Heaven therefore gives such people, who are full of themselves, less and less, until ultimately Heaven gives them nothing anymore. When Heaven cuts off the flow because there is no room within the selfish self to receive, that person is cut off from Heaven. Eventually that person uses up what there is and is then left with nothing. Heaven no longer gives to such a person because the person has shown him/herself to be unwilling to maintain the balance and flow required.

For us to receive the blessings of Heaven, each of us in turn must give to others. This is not the role, the job or the responsibility of government, it is instead the role, job and responsibility of each and every human being towards, and for, one another. Ayn becomes Ani, and Ani must become Ayn. No organization made by man can do this, only each individual can do this. And do this, we must!

In this special, sacred time, I turn to all my readers to solicit their support and their cooperation. As I give to you, please in turn remember to give back, in return. Together we complete the great cycle and influence far more in the Supernal Realms, that we would think a financial donation in this world could accomplish.

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May we all be blessed with a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year, amen!