

UNDERSTANDING GENESIS

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[01] When reading Genesis it is important to understand that Moses made use of the ancient language of correspondence (the original Cabala). This article is an attempt to explain the true meaning of the first chapter of Genesis. Contrary to general belief, Genesis has very little to do with the creation of the physical universe but is a description of the creation and re-creation of man by God. First as a pure spiritual entity and after the great fall also as a physical entity.

[02] The reason for the true meaning of Genesis to be disguised in alliterations is to protect its inner meaning from the selfish intent of man over time. If it would have been written in a manner as the explanation below, selfish man would have tampered with the script to such an extent that nobody could decipher its meaning after a few centuries. However, since it was written in pictures, selfish man did not understand its content and thus it was preserved until today and for everyone through the millennial who was knowledgeable about the true Cabala. In fact, in the 6th and 7th book, Moses gave a detailed explanation of the way the first five books of Genesis should be read and understood. The complete disfiguration and mystification of the 6th and 7th book over time is itself proof of the above statement.

[03] The objective question could be raised why it is necessary to understand Genesis. The simple answer to this rather important question is that the inner truth of Genesis is very useful to guide our everyday life behaviour. But before starting with the explanation of Genesis 1, it is necessary to say a few words about the creation as a whole, which will make the explanation of Genesis almost self explanatory.

[04] Infinite space is filled with intelligence. These intelligence particles are the thoughts and ideas of God, the basic building blocks of everything in existence - spiritually as well as physically. Every atom and thus matter is bound intelligence or spirit under judgment of God's will. This infinite existence of intelligence is God Itself. When the Apostle John wrote: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*, this is exactly what he was referring to. John could not have chosen a better analogy because a word is the culmination of intelligence. Just take note that the physical creation, although consisting of an almost infinitive number of unimaginable large universes, still forms only an insignificant tiniest little speck of God's infinity. But despite God's infinitive presence, it pleased the Godhead to express itself as a centralized entity in a human form (spiritually only) consisting of the Father (love), Son (wisdom) and Holy Spirit (power or will), with love forming the most inner essence of God.

[05] Only this perfect, all intelligent, most powerful, endless loving Godhead could generate the desire to reproduce Itself in a similar all intelligent, free willing being, which eventually would love its Creator out of its own free will. To create an image of Himself was the easy part but to

add the fullest free willingness to this image would take many eons to accomplish. But before God created man, He created God's order in which man could grow himself into a god-like entity, if he chose to do so or to the other extreme gradually lose his free-willingness. It was and still is God's intention to create man so free willing that man is able to even reject his own Creator and thereby also God's order for some self-imagined advantage. For this to be achieved, God had to present man with a tempting cross-order advantage and even instill in man the desire to choose this misguided advantage. Having presented man with the opportunity to choose wrongly and also the desire to do so, man had first to be educated about the advantages to choose right but also about the consequences if he chose to act against God's order. And this educational process which God began nearly an eternity ago, still continues until today and will continue for many eternities to come.

[06] It is this educational process and man's spiritual growth progress which Moses divided into days or epochs. Between a natural evening and a natural morning can only occur nighttime but never a day. So when Moses says that it was evening and it was morning, it means man progressed from a lower educational state to a higher more advanced state, thus a new day. Don't we have the saying "it dawned on me" when realizing something?

[07] Thus let's begin to explain Genesis. The biblical text is taken from the American Standard Bible.

[08] *1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

[09] In the beginning God created man in the spirit world. Out of the intelligence particles God created the soul of man and thereby giving him intelligence and a form. But God also implanted a reflection of Himself in man's soul called the spirit. 'Heaven' means the spirit of man and 'earth' means the soul of man. But the soul was still empty (no recognition of anything, no life experiences and no self-consciousness) and the perfect Spirit of God was already inside man's soul but still dormant ("hovering over the waters").

[10] *3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

[11] And God gave man the ability to distinguish between good and evil presented here by "let there be light". Thereby man was given the ability to distinguish between good and evil. 'Light' or 'day' means Good and 'darkness' or 'night' represents evil or the recognition what was outside God's order. In reality this means that God Himself educated man for many billions of years about God's order and what was inside and outside God's order. And from a state of unconsciousness (not having the ability to distinguish and recognize) in man (expressed by evening) and the state of full consciousness in man (expressed by morning), the first period (day) of man's free existence began.

[12] 6 And God said, *“Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.”* 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault *“sky.”* And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

[13] Now that man was educated about God's order, though still only a spiritual creation, man was given the ability to gather recognitions and experiences. The waters here mean the life experiences of man. The expression 'water' has been chosen by Moses because water means life. Recognitions and experiences lead to spiritual growth - life. Man started to gather recognitions and experiences regarding God's spirit in him but also recognitions regarding his soul and outer life's sphere. So God separated the 'waters' (pure spiritual recognitions and experiences regarding the spirit) from the 'waters' of man's soul and outer life. Since man was progressing from a lesser state to a more advanced state, this growth was indicated by Moses as a second day.

[14] 9 And God said, *“Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.”* And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground *“land,”* and the gathered waters he called *“seas.”* And God saw that it was good.

[15] And the 'waters under the sky', man's own choices, were again separated. And from making choices came recognitions and deeds. The actions carried out by man based on his choices, were called 'land' and the recognitions of man were called 'seas'.

[16] 11 Then God said, *“Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.”* And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

[17] And God allowed for man's own choices and actions to bear fruit from plants and trees growing on the land. By 'seed-bearing plants' are indicated the consequences resulting from choices we make while fruit bearing trees are the good deeds man is performing (neighbourly love, good for the community). And, man, God's prime creation, is growing from a lesser state (evening) to a more progressive state (morning), thus reaching the third day in his development.

[18] 14 And God said, *“Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.”* And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

[19] From recognitions, choices and actions man gained experiences. Life experiences lead to wisdom. Wisdom is analogous to light. As it was then it is still today. As we get older we grow in wisdom. But the wisdom is already in us. The greatest wisdom each person carries in himself is the divine spirit (perfect wisdom). It is the great light guiding us to spiritual awakening (spiritual day time, the recognition of his Creator). However, also our souls carry intelligence. This intelligence is sufficient for man to function as a human being and to start recognizing the great light in us before man's great spiritual awakening. This is when man still walks in the night through life. Thus the intelligence of the soul can be called the smaller light ruling the night. In essence, it is truly a great expression since also the soul's intelligence is sort of a reflection of the perfect wisdom of the spirit just like the moon's light is a reflection of the sun's light. The stars are man's own experiences given to him by God. Advancing from a lesser state to a more progressive state the fourth day in the creation of man arose.

[20] *20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.*

[21] Once man got to the point recognizing God in himself and through his actions gained experience, man was taught by God to think creatively. So man began to create just as his Creator created man. But before allowing man to create tangibly, man was taught to create inside himself with his thoughts. It is much the same what we do today. If we wanted to create something we first think it through within ourselves with our thoughts. Once satisfied with the imaged outcome we go over to put our imagined thoughts into reality. It is also similar to a child growing up to adulthood. We first send our children to college or university to learn to think creatively. Only after successfully acquiring the skill to think creatively are they allowed to put into practice what they have learned. We can only act in this way because we have been created in this very same manner many trillions of galactic years ago by God (1 galactic year = 223 million earth years). The process of learning to think creatively inside man himself is indicated by the 'flying birds' in the sky and the 'creatures of the sea' (not yet released onto the land). All our creations are first imagined, visualized and given life inside ourselves (still in the water). Once our creations begin to ripen we give them wings to fly in our thoughts. For man to learn to think creatively was marked as the fifth day.

[22] *24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.*

[24] During the following educational phase God allowed man to give his creations reality and place them outside of himself. It says "Let the land produce living creatures...", implying that man out of his soul was able to create. But man was still creating things indirectly with the power of God given to him. Because man created by means of the power of God in him, it is said that 'God created...'. 'Livestock' points to the more useful domestic creations of man while the perhaps more selfish creations of man are denoted by

'wild animals' and creatures that move along the ground implying creations based on our desires. And God blessed man's own creations.

[25] 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over the whole earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth. 27 And God created Man in his image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

[26] It is important to note here that in verse 26 God all of a sudden refers to Himself in the plural sense 'us'. Moses deliberately used the word 'us' in order to refer to the trinity of God, where God consists of the Father (love in God), the Son (wisdom in God) and the Holy Spirit (the power in God). After eons of preparing, educating and strengthening man's soul, man was now ready for the divine spirit in him to become active ("create man in our image"). Before the divine spirit was "hovering" above the waters but now God allowed the divine spirit to unite with or be born inside the soul. Thus man was given the full powers of God (free willingness) and to use this power to his own discretion. So man was given the power to control ("dominion") his thoughts, desires and creations. The expression that man was created as male and female indicates that man now had the power inside himself to create independently from God's will.

[27] The very reason why God created man, is that man out of his own free will, own experiences, his own choice and recognitions, starts to love God and in humility accepts and respects God as his Creator and God's order. For man to be able to conform to this creational goal of God, man had to be educated over many trillions of years, be exposed to exercising the power of God when creating, recognizing to use this power only to do good and in humility give this power back to God and only create with this power according to God's order and God's will and by doing so to finally make up his own mind to love God in all humility. But also to learn and gather experiences by means of consequences of his actions and creations.

[28] The process of creating a free choosing being is not that easy as one might think. Not even for God has this been an easy task. When deciding to create free willing beings, God recognized the possibility that these beings might reject Him as their Creator and try to set up their own order. Thus when creating spiritual man, God had to expose man to conforming to God's order but also to transgress God's order. This means God also had to implant in man the temptation (urge) to transgress God's order and follow his own reasoning for some short term advantage which man was allowed to create for himself. After that man had to be educated about the everlasting advantage of following God's order in exchange for giving up on some short lived advantages but also about the negative consequences when trying to transgress God's order to achieve the short term advantages.

[29] It is not very different from the way we raise our children. At first we keep an eye on them for 24 hours 7. We teach them the basic life skills like talking, walking, eating, etc. and we teach them what is right and what is wrong. We set up rules for them to live by. We find great joy that we can love our children and that they love us in turn. Then we send them to school for further education. At the same time giving them more freedom to be away from home and be exposed to external influences. We hope that our initial education was strong enough for our children to accept what is good and true and to reject the negative influences. As the children get older we give them more money, let them drive our cars, allow

them to buy their own clothes and again find great joy when we see that they act responsibly when exercising this new given freedom and power. But it is still our power which we can withdraw at any time by occasionally grounding them. Then we send them to college or let them learn some profession. Only after they proved themselves to live a responsible life we would entrust them to carry on the family business.

[30] *28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over every animal that moveth on the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb producing seed that is on the whole earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree producing seed: it shall be food for you; 30 and to every animal of the earth, and to every fowl of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth on the earth, in which is a living soul, every green herb for food. And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning -- the sixth day.*

[31] Again God says to man in as many words: "You have now been given the powers to create independently, use these powers wisely and make sure to always have control over your thoughts (fowl of heavens), desires (animals that moveth on the earth) and the things you want to create (fish of the sea). Everything you do will have consequences (seed) but at the same time the seed will feed you (make you grow spiritually). And everything you create from your desires and thoughts will have life in it too (in which is a living soul) and keep on growing/ripening (green herb for food)."

[32] So God left man to himself and purposely did not interfere with man's further development and actions (indicated by God 'rests' on the seventh day). And it is here where man failed to heed God's well meant advice. Man did not control his thoughts and desires. Because of the powers given to him by God, man gradually forgot about his Creator and began to imagine he did not need God any longer since he was created with equal powers as God Himself. But man forgot that according to God's order, he would gradually lose his freedom as man would move further and further away from God. And it this sinking of man into the abyss of selfishness and haughtiness which led man to imprison himself in matter. The total physical macro cosmos (not only the insignificant small part modern science is referring to), is thus an collective expression of man's own creations while exercising his God given free creative will as a spiritual creature. So God, by using man's own creations, created a new platform (matter) for man to re-create himself. The very reason why we love matter so much. This our love bondage for matter or for that what we have created outside of God's order given our free will and divine powers, has been in fact so strong that it necessitated the Lord to become Himself incarnated and free us from this misguided love bondage as explained below.

[33] Ever thought about why Jesus in His conversation with Nicodemus (John 3) about the rebirth of the spirit in the soul uses the term "rebirth"? If the term 're' is added to a verb it implies that the action described by the verb has taken place before and is now repeated. A space craft which leaves the atmosphere and returns to earth is referred to as its re-entry. Meaning, it was there before, leaves the atmosphere and re-enters the atmosphere when returning. Contrary to a meteorite which enters the atmosphere from space for the first time, it is not referred to as a re-entry because it was never inside the atmosphere before. Now, the same principle applies to

the term re-birth. The divine spirit was inside the soul before but was separated from the soul after the great fall of the spirits. Eons ago when we all were first created and educated, God gave us his divine spirit on the sixth day. But one third of the spirits failed their final examination of freedom (the seventh day) and had to be imprisoned in matter whereby the fallen spirit was separated from its soul (the creation of the physical macro and micro cosmos).

[34] Also recall that in Genesis 1 it says "*the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*" Now let's return to John 3,5 where Jesus says to Nicodemus "...*except one be born of water and the Spirit,*", and in verse 7 where Jesus says "*Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew.*" It is in this conversation where the term re-birth was coined for the first time by Jesus Himself and where Jesus makes reference to the re-birth of the spirit in the soul (water) as mentioned in Genesis 1. But there is a much, much deeper lying meaning in this remark by Jesus. When Jesus went to the cross for us and cleansed us from sin, it means He cleansed our originally fallen spirit from sin which we committed already eons ago, and which was the reason for the great fall in the first place. But we ourselves (referring now to the soul in us), still have to cleanse our souls by living a life of recognizing and loving our Creator, self-denial, humility, love, and forgiveness in order to strengthen our souls for again becoming one with the already cleansed divine spirit in us (the true re-birth).

[35] The above explanation is just a novice beginning while there are still many life secrets to be discovered in Genesis. Now let's take a look around ourselves and judge how well we have succeeded in controlling our thoughts, desires and creations. Have they grown over our heads? Are we growing spiritually?