Kabbalah, Genesis & Exodus Part Two

Karma and Consciousness

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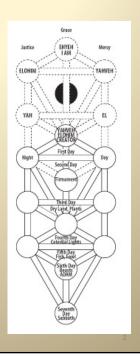


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First, Let's recap...

The Book of Genesis presents, in allegorical terms, the process of Creation.

- Day/Eon One: Light a metaphor for love, clarity and spiritual order.
- Eon Two: Duality and, therefore, conflict and tension. without which there would be no invention or creativity.
- Eon Three: Boundaries that can contain duality.
- Eons Four to Six: Diversity.
- Eon seven: Detachment the opportunity to contemplate everything.



Who Did What?

The Elohim created the Heavens and the Earth.

Yahweh Elohim created humanity, tested us and sent us down to the physical Earth once we had learnt that choice leads to consequence.

Eve's choice to eat the fruit was the first ever use of free will but to mystics it was *not* the disobedience but what happened afterwards that mattered.



From now on, Yahweh alone leads the way with twice as many references throughout the whole Testament.

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How the Testament is Made Up

Five sources:

- E Text
- Y Text

(Jean Astruc 1684-1766)

- Deuteronomist
- Priestly
- Septuagint



Ketef Hinnom Scroll

7th C. BCE

The First Temple



Solomon's First Temple had:

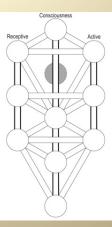
Two pillars outside the one Holy of Holies. One black and one white.

Offerings of grain and wine.

Four Angelic presences – Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, Uriel/Raziel.

Acceptance of other gods - as lesser than the Hebrew God.

Source: Dr. Margaret Barker/Enoch



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The End of the First Temple 623 BCE

2 Kings 25:

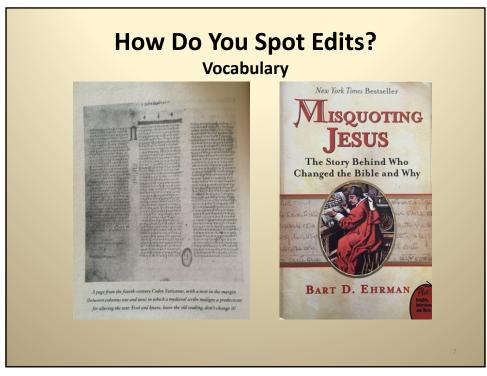
The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the LORD all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts/hosts of heaven langes. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel.

He did away with the pagan priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem-- those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the hosts of heaven.

He took the Asherah/Grove from the temple of the LORD to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people.

He also tore down the quarters of the **male shrine prostitutes/sodomites***, which were in the temple of the LORD and where women did weaving for Asherah.

*Q'dosim – holy angels. Q'dosim – male prostitutes or sodomites



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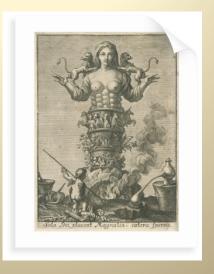
We Have To Work With What We've Got

Literal

Allegorical

Metaphysical

Mystical



Back to the plot ... On Earth

Eve gives birth to Cain "I have gotten a man from the LORD" (first mention of Yahweh alone)

From then on, it is *all* the LORD until Eve gives birth to Seth, to replace Abel ... Seth comes from God not the LORD. And the dance begins...

Yahweh Elohim does not return until the time of Moses

Scholars: 'Yahweh is a divine name, while "God" is a title'



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Cain & Abel, Genesis Chapter 4

- Abel kept flocks, Cain worked the soil.
- Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.
- Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.
- The LORD preferred Abel's offering
- · Cain was jealous and killed Abel



Note the colours of the men

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The 'Original' Story

- This is an edited story on many fronts.
- English translations say: And Cain said unto the LORD, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear.' Hebrew says 'my iniquity/guilt is greater than I can bear.'



[READ from Margaret Barker]

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The Mark of Cain

'Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book. (**Job** 31:35 – KJV)

Oh that I had some to heare me! **beholde my signe** that the Almightie will witnesse for me: though mine aduersary should write a booke against me, (**Job** 31:35 – Geneva Bible 1587)



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To understand this we have to look at Karma

It's not all about Cain. Why does Abel get killed?

And Yahweh Elohim said, "you shall eat the herb of the field." (Genesis 3:18). We were not permitted to eat meat until after the Flood.

Abel kills beasts for food. Therefore, he disobeys and, in the simplest form of Karma, he too will be killed.

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Why does the LORD approve?

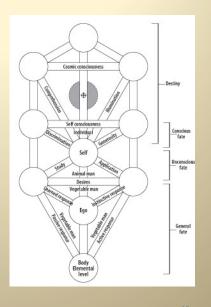
- **Literal:** Someone needs to be the agent of Abel's Karma.
- Allegorical: Everyone is always challenged.
 Abel fell at the first hurdle; this is Cain's challenge.
- Metaphysical: The Prodigal Son.
- **Mystical:** Humanity is very young and forgets to trust God.

Cain represents Vegetable Soul.

Abel represents Animal Soul.

Vegetable Soul reacts.

Animal Soul initiates.



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The Death of Cain (Midrash)

Lamech was a seventh generation descendant of Cain. He was blind, and he would go out hunting with his son, [Tuval-Kayin]. [His son] would lead him by the hand, and when he would see an animal, he would inform his father, [who would proceed to hunt it]. One day, [Tuval Kayin] cried out to his father: "I see something like an animal over there." Lamech pulled back on his bow and shot. ... The child peered from afar at the dead body... and said to Lamech: "What we killed bears the figure of a man, but it has a horn protruding from its forehead." Lamech then exclaimed in anguish: "Woe unto me! It is my ancestor, Cain!" and he clapped his hands together in grief. In doing so, though, he unintentionally struck Tuval-Kayin and killed him, too. (Tanchuma to Genesis, 11)

Cain is the Father of Enoch

The first fully-realised man — one who works entirely from the soul level and above.

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." (Gen 5:24).

Enoch became Metatron.



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Noah in a Nutshell

Yahweh decides to destroy humanity which has become corrupt.

Elohim concurs and tells Noah what is going to happen and how to build the Ark.

Elohim says take two of each beast. Yahweh says take seven of the kosher ones (cloven hoofed).



Elohim brought the wind to clear the waters and told Noah when it was safe to come out of the Ark.

Noah sacrifices to Yahweh.

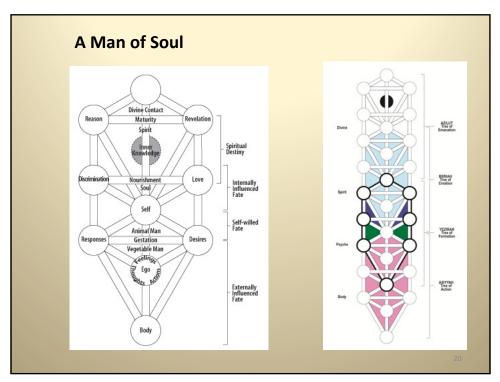
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Noah is fully human

- He walks with God (s did Enoch) which means he lives at the soul level.
- He is obedient to the Divine.
- As a 'full human' he can ride above the waters of tribal fate (though he does need a boat!)



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The Raven & the Dove

Raven — eats carrion. When there are bodies, it does not return.

Dove — eats grains, seeds, berries. Brings back leaf and when there is vegetation to eat does not return.

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The Rainbow

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Gen 9:13)

This covenant is between all life and the Elohim – the Great Mother.

Not with Yahweh.



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Food (Gen 9:1)

Then Elohim blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

The fear and reverence of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands.

Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

But you must not eat meat that has its life [Nefesh] still in it, that is, its blood.

And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.

 Most indigenous cultures such as North American Indians would understand this as returning the blood to the ground in honour of the beast and as a gift to the Earth.

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Drunken Noah

And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers ouside.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.
24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. (Gen 9)



James Jacques Joseph Tissot, ca. 1896/1902 - Jewish Museum, New York

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Four Levels

- **Literal:** First mention of wine. Noah is human, probably exhausted.
- Allegorical: Noah is unworthy. Ham is disrespectful; he could have covered his father's nakedness without telling the others (Midrash suggests he did worse!)
 Metaphysical: Repeating pattern of betrayal and resurrection.
- Mystical: Wine represents spirit. This is 'effervescence' not wine. Noah has stripped himself of Earthly desires, revealed himself to the Lord/Tabernacle/Shekhinah and his second two sons recognise this and clothe him in new garments.

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Next week

The Calling.

A mystical interpretation of the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac and their place on the Tree of Life. We also look at the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah and the cult of sacrifice of the first-born.