

Kabbalah Academy In Europe

Course: "Kabbalah Fundamentals"

3. Lesson: The spiritual power of Kabbalah



What do I expect in general from the Kabbalah study, and especially from the lesson today?



"Thus, there is not an element of reality or an occurrence of reality in a lower world that you will not find its likeness in the world above it, as identical as two drops in a pond. And they are called "root and branch..."



...That means that the item in the lower world is deemed a branch of its pattern found in the higher world, which is the root of the lower element, as this is where that item in the lower world has been imprinted and made to be...



That was the intention of our sages when they said, "You have not a blade of grass below that has not a fortune and a guard above that strike it and tell it, 'Grow'!" (Omissions of The Zohar, p 251a [source in Hebrew], Beresheet Rabbah, Chapter 10). It follows that the root, called "fortune," compels it to grow and assume its attribute in quantity and quality, as with the seal and its imprint...



...This is the law of root and branch that applies to every detail and occurrence in reality, in every single world, in relation to the world above it!"



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"Thus, Kabbalists have found a set and annotated vocabulary sufficient to create an excellent spoken language. It enables them to converse with one another of the dealings in the spiritual roots in the upper worlds...



...by merely mentioning the lower, tangible branch in this world, which is well defined to our corporeal senses.

The listeners understand the upper root to which this corporeal branch points because it is related to it, being its imprint...



...Thus, all the beings of the tangible creation and all their instances have become to them like well-defined words and names, indicating the high spiritual roots!"



Woe unto one who says that the Torah comes to tell literal tales and the uneducated words of such as Esau and Laban. If this is so, even today we can turn the words of an uneducated person into a law, and even nicer than theirs...



... And if the Torah indicates to mundane matters, even the rulers of the world have among them better things, so let us follow them and turn them into a law in the same way. However, all the words of the Torah have the uppermost meaning

Zohar, BeHaalotcha, Item 58



Therefore we must ask, why then, did the Kabbalists obligate each person to study the wisdom of Kabbalah?



Indeed, there is a great thing in it, worthy of being publicized: There is a wonderful, invaluable remedy to those who engage in the wisdom of Kabbalah. Although they do not understand what they are learning, through the yearning and the great desire to understand what they are learning, they awaken upon themselves the Lights that surround their souls.



This means that every person from Israel is guaranteed to finally attain all the wonderful attainments that the Creator had contemplated in the Thought of Creation to delight every creature. And one who has not been awarded in this life will be granted in the next life, etc., until one is awarded completing His Thought, which He had planned for him.



And while one has not attained perfection, the Lights that are destined to reach him are considered Surrounding Lights. That means that they stand ready for him, but are waiting for him to purify his vessels of reception, at which time these Lights will clothe the able vessels.



Hence, even when he does not have the vessels, when he engages in this wisdom, mentioning the names of the Lights and the vessels related to his soul, they immediately shine upon him to a certain extent. However, they shine for him without clothing the interior of his soul, for lack of able vessels to receive them.



Yet, the illumination one receives time after time during the engagement draws upon him grace from Above, imparting him with abundance of sanctity and purity, which bring him much closer to achieving perfection.



What is the benefit you would like to learn from Kabbalah?



How can we increase our craving for spirituality?
How can the workshop help us with this?





With what I am leaving today's lesson? What did I understand and feel?



Behold, that before the emanations were emanated and the creatures were created, The upper simple light had filled the whole existence.

And there was no vacancy, such as an empty atmosphere, a hollow, or a pit, But all was filled with simple, boundless light. And there was no such part as head, or tail, But everything was simple, smooth light, balanced evenly and equally, And it was called the Endless Light.