

Ask The Rabbi – January 4, 2022

Question:

If we are made in the image of God, where is it located?

Is God ingrained in our unconsciousness?

Response:

These questions are on a parallel path with "What is the meaning of life?"

On the sixth day, the animals and man are created yet not in the same manner.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth."

Gen 1:27 So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

Gen 1:28 God blessed them: God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living creature that crawls on the earth."

Yet there is a difference in terms of how animals were created in relation to our creation...

Gen 1:24 God said, "Let the earth bring forth each kind of living creature—each kind of livestock, crawling animal and wild beast"; and that is how it was.

Gen 1:25 God made each kind of wild beast, each kind of livestock and every kind of animal that crawls along the ground; and God saw that it was good.

Notice the difference? Verse 26 is not complete thus there is more to the account of our creation. Yet in verses 24 and 25 we do see a conclusion to their creation.

In my sermon on Yom Kippur I conveyed the very aspect, the very essence in how Adonai brought forth life.

http://www.shalommaine.com/sermon_notes_pdf/Life_Blood_and_Torah.pdf

Thus I will be sharing some references from this sermon as it pertains to this study.

To start, let's look at these two very important and intentional words that are spoken by Adonai and thus should be understood.

What does that mean?

The word translated for Image is...

צֶלֶם

tselem

tseh'-lem

From an unused root meaning to *shade*; a *phantom*, that is, (figuratively) *illusion*, **resemblance**; hence a **representative figure**, especially an *idol*: - image, vain shew.

What is the English definition of Image - a representation of the external form of a person

The word translated for likeness is...

דְמוּת

d^emûth

dem-ooth'

From [H1819](#); **resemblance**; concretely *model, shape*; adverbially *like*: - fashion, like (-ness, as), manner, similitude.

What is the English definition for Likeness - the fact or quality of being alike; a resemblance.

Thus our image is like that of Adonai and we resemble Him in.

I have used this representation before. "When you look in the mirror who do you see?" If we are created in the image and likeness of Adonai then we should see him. In that we are a representation of Him. Yet the majority of people never realize this nor embrace such a simple premise.

The typical response..."How can I be like God? He doesn't sin yet I am a sinner"

That is true, He didn't sin, yet we have been born into sin, having acquired it not at the time Adam was created, but after, during Havah's (Eve's) encounter with the Adversary.

The responsibility was on Adam's shoulders in that he was the one whom Adonai had instructed.

[Gen 3:17](#) To Adam he said, "Because you listened to what your wife said and ate from the tree about which I gave you the order, 'You are not to eat from it,' the ground cursed on your account; you will work hard to eat from it as long as you live.

It was his action that led to the result that would lead to his expulsion from the Garden and the presence of Adonai and thus impact his offspring and descendants.

[Rom 5:12](#) Here is how it works: it was through one individual that sin entered the world, and through sin, death; and in this way death passed through to the whole human race, inasmuch as everyone sinned.

The unfortunate part when it comes to B'reshet (Genesis) 1:26 is that most do not focus on both aspects that are revealed to us. We focus on our current state of being, rather than the time of our creation.

Two words meaning roughly the same thing, conveying an emphasis to the resemblance to whose image we are created in.

In the sense of Image, it is pertaining more to appearance.

In the sense of Likeness, it is pertaining to a sense of attributes.

When we have children, they are created in our image and likeness. They possess the DNA of both of their parents, thus they are not replicas, but representations and thus resemble their parents.

Likewise, we are representations of Adonai because we possess the breath of life as represented in two aspects.

1. Adonai breathed life into us

Gen 2:6 Rather, a mist went up from the earth which watered the entire surface of the ground.

Gen 2:7 Then Adonai, God, formed a person [*Hebrew: adam*] from the dust of the ground [*Hebrew: adamah*] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.

And thus Adonai's breath, that is His Ruach Ha Kodesh transformed that which was mud into flesh and blood. Thus the breath of life is now present in Adonai's creation, who were instructed to reproduce. That is the Mitzvah is empowered by the Ruach's presence, that is life residing in us is to be brought forth.

2. The Breath of Life created the Blood where His breath resides.

Lev 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for yourselves; for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life.'

Returning to the difference of the animals and humans created on the sixth day. The difference was that Adonai spoke the animals into existence through the Breath of Life, yet with us He breathed life into us. Thus, the breath of God residing in us still remains to this day because it is captured by the blood that flows through your bodies.

Thus being His Image and Likeness. Every word in Scripture is God Breathed therefore every Word offers life to those who believe and equally receive.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;

2Ti 3:17 thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work.

Thus everything I share with you from Scripture is from God Himself. To say that it is God-breathed conveys that He is the source as if He actually spoke these very words. To be inspired by God to convey these very words is a representation of God Speaking. Thus Scripture inspired by God is no different than us being created in His image and likeness. Scripture whether directly spoken by Adonai "Thus says the Lord" is equally as powerful as "It is written" Therefore God's Word is His image and likeness.

Yet, we do have an actual representation of who God is and what He looks like though we do not possess any specific evidence other than what is recorded in His Word. From Genesis to Revelation we have sufficient evidence to establish the image and likeness of Adonai and that we are that image and likeness.

Adonai conveyed to Moshe, you cannot see my face during this exchange as Moshe is interceding on behalf of the Children of Yisrael for their transgression of the Golden Calf...

Exo 33:18 But Moshe said, "I beg you to show me your glory!"

Exo 33:19 He replied, "I will cause all my goodness to pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce the name of Adonai. Moreover, I show favor to whomever I will, and I display mercy to whomever I will.

Exo 33:20 But my face," he continued, "you cannot see, because a human being cannot look at me and remain alive.

Exo 33:21 Here," he said, "is a place near me; stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 When my glory passes by, I will put you inside a crevice in the rock and cover you with my hand, until I have passed by.

Exo 33:23 Then I will remove my hand, and you will see my back, but my face is not to be seen."

You cannot see my face and thus live. The visual presence of Adonai could not reside in His fullness without consuming His creation that had acquired sin.

1Ti 6:15 His appearing will be brought about in its own time by the blessed and sole Sovereign, who is King of kings and Lord of lords,

1Ti 6:16 who alone is immortal, who dwells in unapproachable light that no human being has ever seen or can see—to him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

Yet, Adonai has given us His image and likeness in the form of His son. The difference between what I had shared previously where we are a representation of our parents is that it was through the same breath we received that Adonai would manifest Himself in human form, a third and distinct manner by which His Breath would appear.

The very Spirit that breathed into us was present in the voice of Adonai, speaking them into life. For we see the Angel appear to Miryam...

Luk 1:30 The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Miryam, for you have found favor with God.

Luk 1:31 Look! You will become pregnant, you will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua.

Luk 1:32 He will be great, he will be called Son of Ha`Elyon. Adonai, God, will give him the throne of his forefather David;

Luk 1:33 and he will rule the House of Ya`akov forever—there will be no end to his Kingdom."

Luk 1:34 "How can this be," asked Miryam of the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Luk 1:35 The angel answered her, "The Ruach HaKodesh will come over you, the power of Ha`Elyon will cover you. Therefore the holy child born to you will be called the Son of God.

Luk 1:36 "You have a relative, Elisheva, who is an old woman; and everyone says she is barren. But she has conceived a son and is six months pregnant!

Luk 1:37 For with God, nothing is impossible."

- This is the very same Ruach that was breathed into us and our blood was created
- This is the very same Ruach that spoke the animals and thus their blood began flowing.

Yet the blood of Yeshua is not the same as ours or even that of the animals. For the Ruach of Adonai came upon Miryam and brought forth life within her womb. The seed of Adam was not present thus the defilement that has been passed down from generation to generation through the seed of the man, Adam was not present within Yeshua.

And thus we receive confirmation of the connection between us and Yeshua as also being created in the image and likeness of Adonai, yet differently. The common denominator in everything here is simply this. The Ruach Ha Kodesh – The Breath that Brings Forth Life.

Gen 2:7 Then Adonai, God, formed a person [*Hebrew: adam*] from the dust of the ground [*Hebrew: adamah*] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being.

Gen 7:21 All living beings that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, other animals, insects, and every human being,

Gen 7:22 everything in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life; whatever was on dry land died.

Job 33:1 "So, Iyov, please, hear my speech; listen to all my words.

Job 33:2 Look, I am opening my mouth; the words are on the tip of my tongue.

Job 33:3 I will say exactly what is on my mind; what my lips know, they will speak sincerely.

Job 33:4 It is the Spirit of God that made me, the breath of Shaddai that gives me life.

The Breath of Life is witnessed to, yet that is the past, what about the future. Will we be witnesses to such a profound and extraordinary move of Adonai again?

Rev 11:1 I was given a measuring rod like a stick and told, "Get up, and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count how many people are worshipping there!

Rev 11:2 But the court outside the Temple, leave that out; don't measure it; because it has been given to the Goyim, and they will trample over the holy city for forty-two months.

Rev 11:3 "Also I will give power to my two witnesses; and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth."

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs standing before the Lord of the earth.

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to do them harm, fire comes out of their mouth and consumes their enemies—yes, if anyone tries to harm them, that is how he must die.

Rev 11:6 They have the authority to shut up the sky, so that no rain falls during the period of their prophesying; also they have the authority to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Rev 11:7 When they finish their witnessing, the beast coming up out of the Abyss will fight against them, overcome them and kill them;

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies will lie in the main street of the great city whose name, to reflect its spiritual condition, is "S'dom" and "Egypt"—the city where their Lord was executed on a stake.

Rev 11:9 Some from the nations, tribes, languages and peoples see their bodies for three-and-a-half days and do not permit the corpses to be placed in a tomb.

Rev 11:10 The people living in the Land rejoice over them, they celebrate and send each other gifts, because these two prophets tormented them so.

Rev 11:11 But after the three-and-a-half days a breath of life from God entered them, they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Rev 11:12 Then the two heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.

Rev 11:13 In that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were awestruck and gave glory to the God of heaven.

For which I conclude with 1 Timothy 6:13 – 16 as Sha'ul proclaims...

1Ti 6:13 I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before the Messiah Yeshua, who in his witness to Pontius Pilate gave the same good testimony,

1Ti 6:14 to obey your commission spotlessly and irreproachably until our Lord Yeshua the Messiah appears.

1Ti 6:15 His appearing will be brought about in its own time by the blessed and sole Sovereign, who is King of kings and Lord of lords,

1Ti 6:16 who alone is immortal, who dwells in unapproachable light that no human being has ever seen or can see—to him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

Adonai is the giver of life and thus has established it through His command to be fruitful and multiply. Thus He resides in us through His breath and that which His breath created, our blood. The issues and challenges are not His but ours, because He also testifies as follows...

Deu 32:1 "Hear, oh heavens, as I speak! Listen, earth, to the words from my mouth!

Deu 32:2 May my teaching fall like rain. May my speech condense like dew, like light rain on blades of grass, or showers on growing plants.

Deu 32:3 "For I will proclaim the name of Adonai. Come, declare the greatness of our God!

Deu 32:4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A trustworthy God who does no wrong, he is righteous and straight.

Deu 32:5 "He is not corrupt; the defect is in his children, a crooked and perverted generation.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

Rom 1:17 For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust—as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

Rom 1:18 What is revealed is God's anger from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness keep suppressing the truth;

Rom 1:19 because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them.

Rom 1:20 For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities—both his eternal power and his divine nature—have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made. Therefore, they have no excuse;

Rom 1:21 because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they have become fools!

Thus the challenge is not for Adonai to validate His presence for us, because He already has. The challenge for us is to embrace what He has already revealed to us.

Deu 29:28 "Things which are hidden belong to Adonai our God. But the things that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever, so that we can observe all the words of this Torah.

Notice Adonai does not state, so we can observe all the commandments, but rather all His Words in Torah. Genesis 1:1 – Deuteronomy 34:12