Sepher ha Zohar ("Book of Splendor")

Matot ("Tribes")

(1) The world is maintained by two colors only

וח"וו, פתיב אָבַּוּרְחִי עוֹלָם ווְסֵד יְבְּנָה. מֵאי וְוֹסַד. הֹוֹא ווֹד מִכּתְרִי עֹלְאִי דִּמַלְכָּא, דְנַשְּׁמָתְא דִּישִּׂרְאֵל קָרְא לְהֹ קִּוֹדְשָׂא בּרִיךְ הוֹא ווֹסִד. עַלְאִי דְּיִמְבְּנִי, וְלָא יְשִׁׁתִּיצִי ווֹסֵד מעַלְמָא. מַשְּׂמַע דְּכְתִיב יְבְּנָה. בֹנִינְן, מַאְ דְשִׁצִי ווֹסֶד מעַלמָא, אְשֹּׁחִיצִי הוֹא לעַלמִא דְאָתִי. בֹנִינְן, מַאְ דְשִׁצִי ווֹסֶד מעַלמָא, אְשֹּׁחִיצִי הוֹא לעַלמְא דְאָתִי. וְעַל דְא כְּתִיב, לֹא תָהִיה אֲשִׂת הַבּּוֹת הַווֹוֹצְה, בְּנִין לְמְעַבְּד ווֹסֵד עָם מִיתָא. וְאַתעָבִיד בְּנִיינִא, דְּכַתִּיב עוֹלָם ווֹסֵד יְבְנָה.

6. Come and behold. It is written: "for I have said, 'The world is built by Chesed" (Tehilim 89:3). What is Chesed? It is one of the King's supernal Sfirot. For the Holy One, blessed be He, named the soul of Yisrael Chesed, on the condition that it would build. Thus, Chesed will never cease. This is derived from the phrase, "is built." We have therefore learned that he who causes Chesed to cease in the world will perish in the world to come. Hence, it is written: "the wife of the dead shall not marry abroad to a stranger" (Devarim 25:5), in order to do kindness (Chesed) with the dead man, so that he will be built and established, as it is written, "the world is built by Chesed" (Tehilim 89:3).