

Sepher ha Zohar ("Book of Splendor") – Trumah ("Offering")
(88) "I will praise Hashem with my whole heart"

883. אודה יי בכל לבב: ביצרא טבא וביצרא בישא דאיהו שרי
בעיה. דהא על כלא אית לאדאה ליה לקודשא ברין הוא, ביצרא
טבא וביצרא בישא. דהא מסטרא דיצרא טבא אתי טוב לבר נש,
ואית לברכא ליה לקודשא ברין הוא הטוב והמטיב. ובסטרא
דיצרא בישא, אתי קטרוגא לבר נש, ואית לאדאה לקודשא ברין
הוא, בכל מה דאתי על בר נש, מסטרא דא ובסטרא דא.

883. "I will praise Hashem with my whole heart," meaning with the Good Inclination and Evil Inclination that dwell in him. We must thank the Holy One, blessed be He, for everything, both with the Good Inclination and the Evil Inclination. Good comes for the person from the side of the Good Inclination, and it behooves us to bless the Holy One, blessed be He, with the blessing of 'who is good and does good.' From the side of evil come accusations against the person, and it behooves one to thank the Holy One, blessed be He, for everything that may come unto a person from either side.

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Here, Zohar is taking us more deeply into a teaching that has been slowly but steadily intensifying throughout 'Trumah' - the nature of evil. When we are told that we should give thanks for evil, we probably feel a shock wave of protest run through us. Are we not here to defeat and overcome evil? How can we give thanks for such blackness? In each act of victory over evil, man achieves a state of divinity. He unleashes the Godly spark of Light flickering in his soul. This truth can be seen in our physical world. Muscle tissue requires resistance and strain in order to grow stronger. A lit candle requires darkness to give it value and worth. Likewise, the soul of man requires burden and darkness in order to realize its full splendor.

When evil has run its course, and man has fully triumphed over the darkness, the soul will be strengthened to its maximum potential. We will have evolved to the highest level - the state of God. This has been the journey of over 5761 years, thus far. Two paths to this ultimate divine place have always existed, the path of torment and the softhearted path of spirituality. Both paths strengthen the soul and achieve the same outcome. But the path of torment is known all too well, while the path of spirituality remains the least traveled, until now. By utilizing the awesome spiritual influence of the Zohar, we now choose the path of Light. We fully correct our souls and complete the spiritual evolution of all mankind in a compassionate way, so there is no further need of darkness and challenge.

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