Sepher ha Zohar ("Book of Splendor") Acharei Mot ("After the death") (12) "The tongue of the learned"

פתח ר חָזְקְיָה וְאָמָר, יִיָּ אֱלֹהִים נָתַן לִי לְשׁוֹן לְמּוּדִים לְדַעַת לְעוּת אָת יָעַף דְּבָר וְגוֹּ. זַכָּאִין אִינּוּן יְשׁרָאַל, דְּקוּדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא אָתְרְעַי בְּהוּ מִכָּל שְׁאָר עַמִין, וּקְרָאָן, קֹן שׁ. דְּכָתִיב, קֹן שׁ ישְׂרָאַל לְיִיָּ. וְיָהִיב עַמִין, וּקְרָאָן, קֹן שׁ. דְּכָתִיב, קֹן שׁ ישְׂרָאַל לְיִיָּ. וְיָהִיב לְהוּ חוּלְק, לְאָתְאָחָדְא בִּשְׁמָא קַדִּישָׁא. וּבְמָה אָחִידוּ ישְׂרָאַל בִּשְׁמָא קַדִּישָׁא. בְּגִין דְּזְכוּ בְּאוֹרְיִיתָא, דְּכָל מָאן דְּזְכִי בָּאוֹרְיִיתָא זָכִי בַּיה בְּקוּדְשָׁא בַּרִיךְ הוּא.

86. Rabbi Chizkiyah opened the discussion saying, "Hashem Elohim has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know to sustain him that weary" (Yeshayah 50:4). How fortunate are Yisrael that the Holy One, blessed be He, chose them from among all nations and called them "holy," as is written, "Yisrael is holy to Hashem" (Yirmeyah 2:3). He gave them a share to maintain the Holy Name. With what right can they hold on to the Holy Name? It is because they merited the Torah, as anyone who merits Torah merits his portion in the Holy One, blessed be He.

10 וְתָנֵינָן קָמֵיה דְּמֵר, מאי קֹדְשׁ. שְׁלֵימוּתָא דְּכֹלְּא דְּאַקְרֵי חָכְמָה עִלְּאָה, וּמַהָאי אָתַר נְגִיד מְשְׁח דְבוּת קַדְּשׁא בִּשְׁבִילִין יִדִיעָן, לְאָתַר דְּאָקְרֵי בִּינָה עַלְאָה, וּמְתָּמוֹן נְפָקִין מְבוּעִין וְנָחְלִין לְכָל עַבָר, עַד דְמְטוּ לְהָאִי זֹאת. וְהָאִי זֹאת כָּד מְתְבָּרְכָא, אָקְרֵי קֹדְשׁ, וְאָקְרֵי חָכְמָה, וּקְרָאן לֵיה רוּחַ הַקֹּדְשׁ. כְּלוֹמֵר, רוּחַ, מַהַהוּא קֹדְשׁ דְּלְעֵילָא. וְכָד נְפָּקִין וּמְתְעַרִין מְנָה רְזַי אוֹרִייִתָא, כְּדִין אָתְקְרֵי לְשׁוֹן הַקֹּדְשׁ.

87. We have learned before my master what is Holiness. It is perfection of all called the highly sublime Chochmah. From this place flows the holy anointing oil through known paths to the place called supernal Binah. From there flow streams and fountains in every direction, until they reach this *zot* (Eng. 'this'). When blessed, this * *zot* is called holiness and is called Chochmah, we call her the Spirit of the Holiness, meaning spirit from this holiness of higher above. When the secrets of Torah exit and stir from her, she is then called 'the holy tongue'.