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MEDAMEH/FANTASY VS. HAVAYAH/REALITY

In the external dimension of reality, the power of fantasy allows the mind to compare two similarities together. But in the *pnimiyus*, in the inner dimension of reality, there is just the *Havayah*, the Only True Reality (*of Hashem*) which necessitates that there is nothing comparable to Him: “*Who can compare to Him?*” There is nothing that compares or resembles Hashem.

And so also in the dimension of our souls, in its depths where the Yechidah is, she is alone with nothing else besides her¹, and fantasy cannot exist there.

¹ This This highest part of the soul, Yechidah, is the container for the Yachid [individual one] of the world, a “masculine” term for Hashem, and the part of our soul that “receives” His Presence to dwell within us is therefore referred to in the feminine: Yechidah. At the giving of the Torah, Hashem went out to greet Klal Yisrael as a choson [groom] goes out to greet his kallah [bride], hence Hashem is referred to as the masculine while we, Klal Yisrael, the “bride”, are regarded as “feminine” by our role of being receivers of His Presence. Hashem is also called “One, Individual, and Unique” – He is called Yachid, meaning that He reveals Himself to us by way of his Individuality - and the container that receives His revelation of Yachid is called the Yechidah aspect of our soul.

When Hashem said “Let us make man in our image and in our resemblance”, this was true for the external layer of our reality, in which we can come to resemble Him. But in the inner dimension, He has no resemblance. In the inner dimensions of our souls as well, there is no room for comparing, resembling, fantasy – there is only one single reality.

Simply speaking, imagination takes two similar things and compares them. But the deeper and truer use of imagination is to mirror and reflect the original that it is trying to imitate, and the mirror image is not exactly like the source. For example, when you look in mirror, whatever you see in the mirror is not exactly what’s looking at the mirror. It is turned around. The mirror is merely reflecting what’s in the environment but it isn’t the actual version of the observer looking into it.

Hashem made only one single Reality, His *Havayah*. He also created a reality that reflects His very reality, but that reflection isn’t completely like Him, since He only has One Reality that nothing else compares to. The mirror version of reality that reflects His is merely a reflection that gives us a glimpse of His Reality, but it is not a total resemblance of Him.

MALCHIYOS OF ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh HaShanah is mainly about *Malchiyos*: declaring Hashem as King. There are kings in the Jewish people and kings among the nations, but they are two different kinds of kings. The

purpose of the king in the Jewish people, when they sought one, was to remind them of the true King, the Creator. The king is merely a reflection to the true King. But the kings among the nations

of the world seek their own independent reality from G-d.

Thus, if you would have a mirror whose role is to reflect its own independent reality instead of merely mirroring that which it is reflecting, this is actually the most evil thing there is in Creation, it is the total antithesis to the true Reality, the *Havayah* of Hashem. It is the utter contradiction to the Kingdom of Hashem. A king in the Jewish people only has a right to be king if he is reflecting to them the true Kingdom, Hashem's Kingdom, but not if he seeks to be his own independent reality. It is only the Jewish people who can declare Hashem as King, and not the other nations, because the nations do not have the true understanding of what a king is supposed to be and therefore they do not know how to declare Hashem as King, it is only the Jewish people who can declare Hashem as King since they understand what the role of a king is, which is to be a reflection of the true Reality,

Hashem, and nothing else.

On Rosh HaShanah, every individual is judged as to what his true nature is – if he lives as a reality that is trying to mirror Hashem's, or if he wants to be his own independent reality. This is true for the judgment of every human being, even for the nations, but it is not revealed to them, it is only revealed among the Jewish people. *Malchiyos* is therefore about clarifying our very existence – if we are living as a mirror that reflects the Creator's Reality, which is how we come to resemble Him on our level.

The purpose that the imagination serves, then, is to show that the human being is merely a reflection of the Creator's Reality and that he is not his own reality. “Whoever denies idol worship is called a Jew”², it is denying other-realities which make a person be called a Jew.

2 Talmud Bavli Megillah 3a

THE FINAL EVIL - WHEN MEDAMEH/FANTASY BECOMES TOTAL

Hashem created an equal counterbalance between good and evil, and therefore just as Hashem has His own Reality, the *Havayah*, He allowed for the creations to conceptualize and imagine a reality of their own in which they are not reflecting and mirroring Him but declaring themselves as their own independent reality from Him. There is only one true Reality, of course – Hashem. But He created two powers in Creation, the power of *Havayah*-Reality and the power of Fantasy (*Medameh*, which also means comparing and resembling), and on the side of evil, the power of Fantasy compares itself to Reality itself and

perceives of itself as its own independent Reality.

Esav is called *Edom*, from the root word *Medameh*. The nations of the world contain the evil power of fantasy. The true level of man is called Adam, and this is the Jew, who is the repaired use of Fantasy (*by seeking to resemble Hashem*). In the future Redemption, it will be revealed retroactively that anything we thought of as an independent reality was nothing but a fantasy. This is the meaning of the verse, “*Then, we were like dreamers*”, which will we declare after the Redemption and we will look back at our

current reality as nothing but a dream, a fantasy. That is the holy light of the future, but as of now, this power is currently manifest in the side of evil, in which Fantasy seeks to compare itself to the Creator.

This is actually the final *kelipah* (evil) before the

Redemption, when “the saviors (*the two Messiahs*) will go up on the mount of Esav and judge the nations”. It is the total, absolute level of Fantasy, in which Fantasy is trying to make itself into its own independent reality.

THE YEARLY CLARIFICATION PROCESS ON ROSH HASHANAH

Fantasy has always been at the source of evil, the main power of the evil inclination. The Sforno and Gra said that the *Eitz HaDaas* (*Tree of Knowledge*) was a connection to an imagined reality, and ever since the first sin, all evil is rooted in Fantasy overtaking the person. Every year, we have the task on Rosh HaShanah of *Malchiyos*, to declare Hashem as King, which is really a yearly

stage in the cosmic sorting of the imagination which needs to be sorted out ever since the first sin. One who accepts the Kingship of Hashem upon him on Rosh HaShanah elevates his fantasies and sorts it out, and one who doesn't accept Hashem's Kingship on Rosh HaShanah falls further into the evils of fantasy – and every year, fantasy continues to grow more evil.

THE END OF DAYS – THE LIFESTYLE OF FANTASY

The further away we are from our roots, and the further in we get into the End of Days in this final generation, the power of fantasy grows into more and more areas, taking up more space on the earth. In a “generation entirely guilty” which is the situation now in the End of Days, fantasy becomes a way of life, a belief of man to live life with. The exceptions to this are a few individuals who are not part of this generation's lifestyle, and these are the *tzaddikim* that Hashem has spread over the many generations of mankind to ensure that each generation will have *tzaddikim*.) The majority of the generation is entirely guilty, meaning that they are entirely found in the perception of fantasy. And Fantasy perceives itself as Reality itself.

The depth of the Redemption will be that we will leave behind all fantasy perception, “*we were like dreamers*”, and we will enter the true reality, *Havayah*, in which we see ourselves as nothing but a reflection of the Creator's Reality – and that indeed is the only true use of our imagination.

In the last generation, people perceive Fantasy as the entire reality, to the point that people even view fantasy as reality itself. The problem starts with the eyes, which view what it shouldn't, which gives rise to the imagination. “The evil inclination only has control in what the eyes see.” In the final generation, a “generation entirely guilty”, Fantasy perceives itself to be a Reality unto itself. The power of vision then becomes completely subjugated to fantasy, and then not

only will one's thoughts lead to fantasy, but one enters into a fantasy-reality which perceives itself to be its own Reality. That is the situation of the last generation, in which not only will vision of improper sights lead to impurity, but where his very vision connects him to Fantasy.

When that is the case, he is not only fantasizing at night in his dreams, but he is also fantasizing during the day – and this leads to impurity during the day. Until the last generation, impurity only was experienced at night, through the fantasies

of dreams. But in the last generation, fantasy is experienced even during the day, bringing the person into acts of impurity.

The evil and the impurity of the End of Days is the complete antithesis to *Malchiyos*, declaring Hashem as King. In the End of Days, the power of vision becomes entirely turned into a way to experience fantasy, and it is a way to have a total, absolute sense of the Fantasy that perceives itself to be the actual Reality.

THE EVIL FANTASY-REALITY ENABLED THROUGH MODERN 3D GLASSES

Any sensible person understands that we are not far from this. We are there already. We aren't there completely of course, but we are basically there. It is being manifest today in the device known as 3D glasses.

From a superficial attitude, this is simply an interesting new piece of technology that provides an immersive experience. But any sensible person who thinks even a little about it can understand, that this is the great entranceway to incomparable levels of impurity.

This is not merely something that causes a person to be immersed in it and waste time with it. That is but the superficial perspective towards it, and with such blissful ignorance, a person simply doesn't see where this is heading.

From a more internal perspective, we can realize that it is the power of absolute Fantasy in which fantasy becomes reality. If a person is wise, he sees the outcomes, and he needs to understand that this is going to envelope the entire world, the entire lifestyle of humanity, in everything

that's done. It is only a matter of time. Some of it is already taking place today (*without getting into all of the details*).

The power of vision today brings a person into Fantasy. At the moment that this fills the world, it necessitates that Mashiach has to come. Within the set preordained time of Mashiach's arrival, his arrival can be sped up and happen sooner. If fantasy is out of control with no boundaries to it, that is the end of humanity, Creation cannot go on any more like this. It is the transition of our world into the next stage of reality, to say it precisely. Only a few individuals understand this, but even what they grasp is only a sliver of it and they don't yet see the full picture.

People are asking: Why be against this? Why fight this? Why view it in such a negative way? And they have all kinds of reactions like this. But this is being childish. It is like a child playing with dangerous weapons because he thinks they are toys, and when we want to take it away from him, he protests and he doesn't understand why

we want to take it away from him, because as far as the child is concerned, he thinks: “These are my toys! Why are you taking away my toys??”

The 3D glasses are being used to see 3D images of the Beis HaMikdash, and other uses. It seems merely like a useful form of entertainment. The problem it is creating is that the person experiences the fantasy as if it's the reality. It is only a matter of time before the problem worsens and it's going to be used for sinful purposes.

It won't lead to unaccountable behavior that forces people to sin (*which would absolve the person from punishment, since he was forced into the sin*), rather, it will lead one into entering a fantasy-

reality in which he removes himself from reality and he lives instead in Fantasy. He will make himself into a part of that fantasy world, and that essentially is *Gehinnom*, which the *Maharal* describes as the “absence of reality”. *Gehinnom* is led by the angel Dumah, from the word *Medameh*/Fantasy, since *Gehinnom* is for those who lived in their fantasies. The person's reality becomes turned into being part of an imagined reality, and he isn't found in the true reality, so he cannot enter Gan Eden, and he will only know of *Gehinnom* – the absence of reality which he has made himself into a part of.

MALCHIYOS – LEAVING BEHIND FANTASY

We have an *avodah* of *Malchiyos* every year on Rosh HaShanah, which is really about sorting out our power of fantasy. The Satan gets confused every year by the shofar because it thinks that the final clarifying between good and evil has arrived. Rosh HaShanah is the time to clarify the imagination. In the very place of total darkness which is complete Fantasy, Hashem says to us

“Declare Me as King over you”. In this darkness of the total level of Fantasy that is overtaking the world in the last generation, we have the light of Rosh HaShanah, for Rosh Hashanah is called “My Light”, essentially the Light of *Havayah*, which will dispel all this darkness.

OUR OUTER AND INNER AVODAH

There are two levels to reality, an outer level and an inner level, the *chitzoniyus* and the *pnimiyus*. Outwardly, our *avodah* is to separate ourselves from this new technology. Inwardly, our *avodah* is to become connected to the depths of our soul, the *Yechidah*, and that is the light which we can access in the End of Days: the light of the *Yechidah* that shines more strongly with the

closer we get to the end, the power to live in one single reality alone and no other, and from there to connect ourselves with the Creator. There is no fantasy there, there is only One Individual there, and that is the depth of “Declare Me as King over you.”

On Rosh HaShanah, each person is being judged if he is an individual or not – if he is connected

with fantasy, or if he is connected with reality. When one is connected to the individual aspect

within him, he is removed from fantasy.

OUR FINAL AVODAH BEFORE MASHIACH

These are fundamental concepts that were always applicable throughout history, but especially in the last generation, where fantasy is unleashed with no boundaries: It is a new evil that has come into Creation, it wants to be king and take away the Crown from Hashem. Being clear about this will enable a person to become totally removed from the power of fantasy that is taking over the world today, and even more so, on the inward level, these words are what bring a person to the place where he is entirely individual, where there is only Hashem's Reality and nothing else.

On the day of Rosh HaShanah, we have a spark of the ability to become entirely individualized

and reflect the Reality of the Creator, Who is the Individual One who rules over the lower realms as well that we are in – He is the Only Reality that rules.

This will be our *avodah* until Mashiach comes. May we be *zocheh* to an imminent arrival Mashiach. But if *chas v'shalom* Mashiach is delayed, these words shall be the total clarity for us in the End of Days until the coming of Mashiach, may he come quickly. Amen.

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THIS DERASHAH IS AN EXPANSIVE EXPLANATION OF A RECENT MESSAGE FROM THE RAV WRITTEN IN ELUL 5783:

The main thrust of the “50th Gate of Impurity” revealed in the Final Days is the power of being the “head” as in the sense of Amalek being “head” of the nations.

The head is comprised of the skull and the brain within it, which contains the mental faculties of Chochmah, Binah, and Daas. Therefore, the power of evil is divided into these three parts. We shall explain each of them.

Evil Chochmah today is the power of media-technology use which contains an incredible amount of information about everything in mankind. This is especially the case ever since the Web, which connects the whole world together within it.

Evil Binah is A.I. (Artificial Intelligence), whose development has accelerated extremely fast in recent years. It is entering more and more into all areas of life, such as the medical field, art, music, computers, warfare, etc..

Evil Daas is the new products formed by Artificial Intelligence, in which technology can 'give birth' to all kinds of new things with endless possibilities. This is something that is going to change the entire way the world lives.

Evil Keser is the power of fantasy which modern technology allows. Keser begins with the Hebrew letter Kaf, which means "resembling". Until recently, it was only the human mind that could fantasize, but now viewing new technologies has stimulated human fantasy further. And recently, an ability has been produced for one to sensually experience what one imagines primarily, through 3D virtual reality glasses that are available worldwide. This is a way to totally experience what one imagines, and it is the complete antithesis to the holy Havayah (the reality of sensing Hashem's Presence).

This new technology increases the imaginative faculty, which counters the soul's inner state of balance leading to spiritual contamination. Imagination not only propels a person to visualize something inappropriate but stimulates the experience just like in a dream.

Understand this very, very, very well- this power of experiential fantasy is the complete antithesis to Havayah. It is the most difficult kelipah (evil force) of all, since it obscures Havayah, by obscuring both the reality of people as well as obscuring the Root of all Reality: the Infinite, Blessed Is He.

When this power of experiential fantasy completely spreads all over the world (may Hashem save us from it), it absolutely necessitates the end of the period of Galus (Exile).

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