LESSONS IN OTOTIP

A TREATISE ON AHAVAS YISRAEL BY THE REBBE RASHAB

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How do we wish a maamar "happy anniversary"?

Starting this foreword in such a manner may be a little bit informal, but so was the manner in which the Rebbe Rashab delivered the *maamar* entitled *Heichaltzu* 122 years ago. He first delivered the *maamar* on Simchas Torah, 5659 [1898]. He had begun the delivery of a series of *maamarim* on Rosh Hashanah of that year which he would continue until *Shabbos Parshas Vayeira*. Nevertheless, in the midst of this series, he delivered this *maamar*, which does not relate at all to the theme of that series. And, on *Shabbos Parshas Noach* of that year, he entered a *farbrengen* of chassidim at the home of the Rebbe Rayatz unannounced and delivered the *maamar Heichaltzu* a second time.

As we proceed from the heightened spiritual awareness of Tishrei holidays, returning to the ongoing routine of our lives, it is important to recall the theme of this *maamar*, that difference need not lead to division and that opposites can function together in synergistic harmony.

That concept is particularly reflected in the present chapter which explains how *Chochmah* and *Binah*, though different and even opposite tendencies, incorporate each other and function as one.

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כה) רוקן הבן בחכ' וחכם בבינה, דהבן בחכ', הו"ע התכללות הבינה בחכ', והוא שיש בחכ׳ כח הבינה לבוא לידי השגה והבנה, דהגם שבעצם הוא בבחי׳ הביטול והעדר ההתפשטות, וזהו מה שהיא בבחי' נקודה א' לבד כו', ומ"מ תבוא

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In this chapter, the Rebbe Rashab continues the explanation of the terms havein beChochmah ("understand through wisdom") and chacham beBinah ("become wise through understanding") begun in the previous chapters, explaining that they represent the inclusion of Binah within Chochmah and Chochmah within Binah, respectively.

The inclusion of these Sefiros within each other enables each one to go beyond its natural tendency. The inclusion of Binah within Chochmah enables Chochmah to go beyond its natural tendency for abstraction and allow for a concept's development and comprehension through the power of *Binah*. The inclusion of *Chochmah* within Binah enables a person to go beyond the perception of a concept in all its particulars and see it in the abstract, perceiving how all its details can be crystallized into one concentrated point that reflects the essence of the idea.

On this basis, we can understand the meaning of ,וְחַכֵּם בְּבִינַה, havein beChochmah ("understand through wisdom") and chacham beBinah ("become wise through understanding").

דהבן בּחַכְמַה הוּא עִניַן Havein beChochmah refers to the inclusion of הַתְּכֵּלְלוּת הַבְּינֵה בְּחַכְמֵה Binah within Chochmah.

This inclusion endows Chochmah with the power יבֵי לָבוֹא לִיבִי of \emph{Binah} , enabling the abstract point of $\emph{Chochmah}$ to be developed through comprehension and understanding.

וָהַעְדֵּר הַהָתְפַּשִּׁטוּת,

True, the essential nature of Chochmah is bittul and a lack of expansion and development.

נקודה א' לבד כו',

This is why it is only a single point.

לידי ההתפשטות ההשגה בבינה כו׳. וחכם בבינה, הוא התכללות החכ׳ בבינה, והוא, הגם שבינה היא בבחי׳ התפשטות בריבוי פרטים וריבוי הסברים כו׳, מ״מ יש בה כח החכ׳ לעשות מיש אין, והוא שכל ההשגה נכללת אח״כ בנקודה א׳, והיא נקודת

ומבל מקום חבוא Nevertheless, because Chochmah includes Binah, לידי ההתפשטות Chochmah also allows for the possibility that the abstract point of the concept be expanded, developed, and understood through Binah.

Were there not to be an inclusion of *Binah* within *Chochmah*, a concept perceived by Chochmah would never be able to be developed beyond the abstract. It would remain a mere seminal point. It is the inclusion of Binah within Chochmah, havein beChochmah in the terminology of Sefer Yetzirah, that endows Chochmah with the tendency to take a concept beyond its abstract core, thus enabling it to be developed by Binah.

Having explained the expression *havein beChochmah*, the Rebbe Rashab proceeds to explain the expression chacham beBinah.

נְחֲכֵם בְּבִינָה הוֹא הָתְכַּלְלוֹת Chacham beBinah refers to the inclusion of הַחְכְמָה בְּבִינָה, Chochmah within Binah.

Even though the nature of Binah is expansion and amplification, developing a concept to the extent that it can be grasped through a multitude of details and explanations,

מַכָּל מָקוֹם יֵשׁ בָּה כֹחַ nevertheless, it possesses the power of Chochmah that endows it with the potential to transform yesh into ayin.

In this context, *yesh* refers to the comprehension of the specific details of a concept. When a person grasps a concept in its details, he feels "I have it." The concept thus becomes a *yesh*, a defined something.

Ayin refers to the abstract conception of the idea. As the Rebbe Rashab proceeds to explain, chacham beBinah, the inclusion of Chochmah within Binah, enables a person to appreciate an abstract conception of the concept as it arises from all its details. After seeing the entire picture with all its components, he gains an insight into its fundamental motivating point.

התמצית: מכל ההשגה כו׳, והוא שלילת כל הפרטים וההסברים, כ״א תופס עצם הענין השכלי, והוא עצם המושכל (בנקודה א׳) כמו שהבין אותו מתוך ריבוי הפרטים וההסברים כו׳, וכמ״ש מזה במ״א. וזהו מה שביו״ד יש בו ב׳ קוצין ועצם היו״ד,

א וּכְמוּ שֶׁבְּתוּב מְזֶּה As is discussed regarding this matter in another בְּמֶקוֹם אַחֵר. source.¹

Thus *chacham beBinah*, the inclusion of *Chochmah* within *Binah*, endows a person with the potential to see how all the particular details of a concept jell together and be grasped as a single abstract point.

Thus, the point of *Chochmah* represents the concept *before* it is analyzed, while the point within *Binah* comes as the *result* of the analytical process.

The Rebbe Rashab now returns to explaining the concept begun in ch. 23 – that the form of the letter *yud* reflects the function of the *Sefirah* of *Chochmah*. He shows how there are three aspects to the form of the letter *yud* and explains how they correspond to three dimensions of the functioning of *Chochmah*.

^{1.} The explanations in the main text are sourced in *Toras Chayim*, beginning of *Parshas Noach*; also in the *maamarim* entitled *HaShamayim Mesaprim*, 5666, the series of *maamarim* entitled *Yom Tov shel Rosh HaShanah*, 5666, p. 336; *U'Bayom HaShemini Atzeres*, 5667, the series of *maamarim* entitled *Yom Tov shel Rosh HaShanah*, 5666, p. 490; *Ani LeDodi*, 5669 Sefer *HaMaamarim* 5669, p. 11; *VeChol HaAm Ro'im*, 5699 Sefer *HaMaamarim* 5669, p. 188.

^{2. &}quot;Looks beyond" is being used as a translation of the Hebrew term shelilas, which literally means "negation."

דהקוץ התחתון הוא הבן בחכימ, שהוא הנטי׳ אל הבינה כו׳. ובד״כ הוא בחי׳ כח״ב

It has been previously mentioned that the yud is ב' קוֹצִין וְעֵצֵם הֵיּוּ״ד, comprised of two protrusions and the body of the yud itself.

דהַקוֹץ הַתַּחְתוֹן הוא The lower

protrusion represents havein עניַן הָבֶן בָּחָכְמַה beChochmah,3

הַבִּינַה כוּ׳.

i.e., the tendency of Chochmah towards Binah.

הוא בְּחִינַת Generally speaking, the three levels of the yud refer to the levels of Kesser, Chochmah and Binah, as they are included within Chochmah.

As explained in Tanya,4 each one of the Ten Sefiros includes all the ten. Thus, it is appropriate to speak of Kesser, Chochmah and Binah within Chochmah. The inclusion of Kesser (- rather than Daas -) as one of the Ten Sefiros is discussed at length in Kabbalah⁵ and Chassidus.⁶

^{3.} In this footnote, the Rebbe attempts to reconcile the explanation of havein beChochmah and chacham beBinah stated in the main text with the explanation of those expressions in other sources in Chassidus.

That havein beChochmah is represented by the lower protrusion of the letter yud is also stated in Pardes 19:2 and 27:13; Pri Etz Chayim, Shaar HaTefillin, beginning of ch. 16; Shaar HaKavanos on tefillin, at end of the second exposition; Shaar Maamarei Rashbi, beginning of Parshas Vayikra. It is similarly stated in Torah Or and Toras Chayim at the beginning of Parshas Lech Lecha, and likewise in other sources in Chassidus. However, in many places it is explained that havein beChochmah refers to the letters vav and daled which follow the letter yud and make up the word yud as it is spelled out yud (1), vav (1), daled (7). Note Pri Etz Chayim, loc. cit.; Etz Chayim 15:4; Mevo She'arim, Shaar 4, 2:7; Shaar HaHakdamos, the second exposition on the four letters of the name Havayah; and other places. See also Mishnas Chassidim, Tractate Tikkun Tefillin 2:1-2, which cites both allusions.

It is possible that the resolution of this seeming contradiction is dependent on the two interpretations found in Chassidus, as to whether the concept of havein beChochmah and chacham beBinah relates to the inner aspects of Chochmah and Binah (as stated in Shaarei Orah, in the maamar entitled Yaviu Levush Malchus, ch. 64 p. 148: Shaar HaYichud, ch. 26 p. 21a,b; also note Imrei Binah, Shaar HaKerias Shema, beginning of ch. 60, p. 56c, the maamar entitled Behaalos'cha, 5673 the series of maamarim entitled BeShaah Shehikdimu, 5672, Vol. 1, p. 269), or if it relates only to their external aspects (note the maamar entitled Bayom HaShemini Atzeres, 5667, the series of maamarim entitled Yom Tov shel Rosh HaShanah, 5666, p. 373). However, the resolution of this seeming contradiction does not appear to be understood in this manner in Toras Chayim, beginning of Parshas Noach. It may be suggested that the different sources each refer to a different aspect of the interrelation of *Chochmah* and *Binah*: one refers to the inclusion of Chochmah and Binah within each other, while the other refers to the tendency of Chochmah itself to be drawn down into Binah. Note the maamar entitled Amar R. Yehoshua ben Levi: BeChol Yom, 5688, ch. 4, Sefer HaMaamarim 5688, p. 124. This matter requires further study.

^{4.} Tanya, ch. 3.

^{5.} Etz Chayim, Shaar 23, ch. 8, Shaar 27, ch. 1; Kehilas Yaakov, erech da; et al.

^{6.} Likkutei Torah, Vayikra, pp. 39d, 46c, Bamidbar, pp. 49c, 50a, et al.

רחכ׳, דהקוץ העליון הוא בחי׳ כתר שבחכ׳, והיא הנקודה שבלי תמונת אות כלל כו׳ כנ״ל. ועצם היו״ר, היינו בחי׳ הרוחב שבו, הוא בחי׳ חכ׳ שבחכ׳, והיינו נקודת החכ׳ כמו שבא לכלל שכל גלוי עכ״פ בציור מוגבל כו׳. והקוץ התחתון הוא בינה שבחכ׳, והוא הכח להביא נקודת החכ׳ לידי התפשטות בבינה בהשגה והבנה כו׳. (וענין וחכם בבינה י״ל שהוא היו״דיי שבאות ה׳ ברגלה השמאלי שבו, די״ל בד״א שהוא נקודה

בּחִינַת כַּתָר שֵׁבַּחַכְמַה Chochmah.

The upper protrusion represents the Kesser of

יהיא הַנְקוּדֵה שֶׁבְּלִי תִּמוּנַת This is a point without the form of a letter at all, אות כְּלֵל כוּ׳ כְּנִזְכֵּר לְעֵיל. as mentioned previously (ch. 23).

וְעֵצֵם הַיּוּ״ד הַיִינוּ בִּחִינַת הרוחב שבו הוא בחינת חַכְמַה שֵׁבְּחַכְמַה

The body of the *yud*, its wide portion, represents the level of "Chochmah within Chochmah,"

. כַל פַנִים בְּצִיוּר מוּגְבֵּל כוּ׳. what defined.

i.e., the point of Chochmah as it is contained שׁבֵּא לְכַלְל שֵׁכֵל בֵּלוּי עֵל within revealed intellect, in a form that is some-

בִּינָה שֵׁבְּחַכִמַה

יַהַקּוֹץ הַתַּחְתּוֹן הוּא The lower protrusion is the "Binah of Chochmah,"

i.e., the power to conduct the point of Chochmah to an expanded and amplified state within Binah, enabling its comprehension and understanding.

Having explained that the three aspects of the form of the yud correspond to three dimensions within *Chochmah*, in the lines that follow in the parentheses, the Rebbe Rashab proceeds to explain that the attribute of chacham beBinah, the inclusion of Chochmah in Binah is also reflected in the form of the letter hei, which is identified with the Sefirah of Binah.

ה׳ בַּרגַלָה הַשְּׁמֵאלִי שֵׁבּוֹ letter hei.

(וְעְנַיֵן וַחֲכֵם בְּבִינָה יֵשׁ (It could be said that chacham beBinah is represented by the yud which forms the left leg of the

^{7.} Note Torah Or, at the end of the explanation appended to the maamar entitled HaMagbihi (Parshas Mikeitz, p. 40).

התמצית שבא לאחר האורך ורוחב כו׳. גם י״ליג דבתמונת אות ה״א דשם הוי׳ צריכים לעשות תחלה יו"ד ואח"כ להמשיך הגג כו', אפשר שהיו"ד שבתחלה זהו בחי' וחכם בבינה כו').

קיצור. הבן בחכמה, נטית החכמה לבוא בהשגה, חכם בבינה, נטית הבינה להכלל

This could be understood as representing the concentrated core point that follows after one's שֶׁהוּא נְקוּדָה הַתַּמְצִית שֵׁבָּא understanding of a concept in its length and breadth, which are represented by the vertical line on the right side of the letter *hei* and the horizontal line that forms its roof.

גם יש לומר דְבְתְמוּנֵת Alternatively, it is also possible to say⁸ that when אוֹת הֵ״א דְּשֵׁם הוי׳ writing the form of the hei of G-d's name Havayah,

ינּיים לַצַשׁוֹת תִּחַלַה יוּ״ר one must first write a yud and then extend it to יַבְּגָג כּרִי. form the "roof" of the letter hei.

וַחַכַם בִּבִינַה כוּ׳).

אַפִּשֶּׁר שֶׁהֵיּרִ״ד It is possible that this yud at the beginning of the letter hei represents chacham beBinah.)

קצור. Summary:

הַבֶּן בְּחָכְמָה נְטִיַת Havein beChochmah is the tendency of Chochmah to enable a concept to be developed and comprehended with thorough and amplified understanding.

הַבְּינָה נְטִיַת הַבְּינָה Chacham beBinah is the tendency of Binah to be . לְהַכַּלֵל בְּנְקוּדַת הַתַּמְצִית. crystalized in the abstract nekudas hatamtzis, the concentrated core point of the idea.

^{8.} This opinion is found in the writings of the AriZal cited in footnote 3. In Etz Chayim 19:8, however, it is stated that chacham beBinah is represented by the yud in the letter hei as it is spelled out (hei, yud). (See also Shemen Sasson on Etz Chayim 15:4.)

These two opinions may perhaps be reconciled in the same way as in footnote 3. That is, each refers to a different aspect of chacham beBinah: the incorporation of Chochmah within Binah (represented by the yud in the letter hei as it is spelled out); and the tendency of Binah towards inclusion in the concentrated core point (represented by the yud which begins the roof of the letter hei).

בנקודת התמצית. ב' קוצין ועצם היו"ד כח"ב דחכמה (וחכם בבינה בצורת הה"א).

ב' קוֹצִין וְעֵצֵם הַיּוּ״ר The two protrusions and the body of the yud represent respectively the levels of Kesser, Chochmah, and Binah as they exist within Chochmah.

(וַחֲכֵם בְּבִינַה) (Just as the tendency of havein beChochmah finds expression in the actual form of the letter yud, i.e., in its lower point, the tendency of chacham beBinah finds expression in the actual form of the hei, either in the *yud* that represents the beginning of the "roof" of the hei or in its left foot.

- נקודת התמצית: ענינה נתבאר בתורת חיים ר"פ נח. בד"ה השמים מספרים תרס"ו [המשך תרס"ו ע' שלו וכל העם ע' יא ואילך], וכל העם הייל ע' תצא], אני לדודי תרס"ט [סה"מ תרס"ט ע' יא ואילך], וכל העם רואים תרצ"ט (סה"מ תרצ"ט ע' 188].
- נא) דהקוץ התחתון הוא הבן בחכמה ... בינה שבחכמה: כן הוא בפרדס שי"ט פ"ב. ושער כ"ז ספי"ג, בפע"ח שער התפילין רפט״ז, שער הכוונות ענין התפילין ד״ב בסופו, שער מאמרי רשב״י ר״פ ויקרא. וכ״כ בתו״א ר״פ לך לך, בתו״ח שם ובכ״מ בדא״ח. — אבל בכ״מ מבואר דהבן בחכמה זהו ו׳ ד׳ דמילוי היו״ד. ראה פע״ח שם רפט"ז, ע"ח שט"ו פ"ד, מבוא שערים שער ד' ח"ב פ"ז, שער ההקדמות ד"ב בד' אותיות ההוי'. ועוד. וראה במ״ח מס׳ תיקון תפילין פ״ב מ״א, ב׳ שהביא ב׳ הרמזים. עיי״ש. — ואולי אפ״ל דתלוי בשני הפי׳ שנמצאו בדא״ח במאמר הבז בחכ׳ וחכם בבינה אם זהו בפנימי׳ חו״ב (שערי אורה ד״ה יביאו לבוש מלכות פס״ד. שער היחוד פכ״ו. ועייג״כ אמרי בינה שער הק״ש רפ״ס וד״ה בהעלותך תרע״ג [המשך תער״ב ח״א ע׳ רסט]), או רק בחיצוניות (ע' ד"ה ביום השמע"צ תרס"ז [המשך תרס"ו ע' תצא]). ולכאורה ל"מ כן בתו"ח ר"פ נח. ואולי יש לומר דמתאים לשני הענינים דישנם בהבן בחכמה וחכם בבינה: התכללות ויחוד חו"ב או זה שיהי' בחכמה . גופא בחי׳ ההמשכה כו׳. וע׳ בד״ה אמר ריב״ל בכל יום תפר״ח פ״ד [סה״מ תרפ״ח ע׳ קכד]. ועצ״ע
 - נב) י"ל שהוא היו"ד: להעיר מתו"א ביאור לד"ה המגביהי בסופו ומ. א ואילד].
- גם י"ל: כז הוא בכתבי האריז"ל המובאים בהערה לעניז הבז בחכמה. אבל בע"ח שער י"ט פ"ח כתב שזהו י" שבמילוי ה״י (וע׳ מש״כ בזה השמ״ש בע״ח שער ט״ו פ״ד). ואולי יש לתווך עפמ״ש בהערה הנ״ל.

POINTS TO PONDER •

♦ Missing the Forest for the Trees

My speeches are always dramatic with deeply relevant messages for my audience. But I always get stuck in the closing remarks and I can never drive the point home. How can I recapture the vision with a poignant takeaway message?

♦ A Point With Some Flair

The letter *Yud* depicts the seminal point of discovery and creativity. But it's artistic shape is a lot more nuanced and dynamic than a point or dot. What is the full story of the *Yud*?

♦ What insight can you glean from Heichaltzu chapter 25?



