

THE SEARCH FOR THE ESSENTIAL 'I'

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And the I is in the midst of the exile...

The inner, essential I.

-of the individual and of the community -

only reveals itself within one

to the extent of his holiness and purity,

to the extent of the higher courage

which is drenched with the pure light of higher radiance

which burns within him.

We, along with our forefathers, have sinned.

The First Man sinned:

he became alienated from his own personhood,

for he turned to the opinion of the snake

and lost himself;

he did not know to give a clear answer

to God's question "Where are you?"

for he did not know his own soul,

because his I-ness had perished in the sin of bowing down to a foreign god.

Israel sinned,

she whored after alien gods;

she deserted her true character:

Israel abandoned goodness.

The Earth sinned.

She contradicted her essential character,

she contracted her strength

and went after end-results and bottom lines.

She did not put forth all her hidden power

so that the taste of the tree would be the taste of its fruit.

She aimed her vision outside herself

inner face

אני - inner & private →

אני → אנו = ANI

is essential 'I' of the community

— ESSENTIAL NATURE (SELF, PRIVATE)

Golah / Golah
Resurrection
Exile

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All with
Ezekiel
→

to consider fortunes and careers.

The Moon made public accusations.
She lost the encompassment of her inwardness,
her joy in her role;
she dreamed about the outer regalia of sovereigns.

And so does the world grow darker
with the loss of the I of each,
the individual and the community.

Along come learned educators
and fasten their gaze on externalities;
they, too, dismiss the I from importance
and add fuel to the fire:
they give the thirsty vinegar to drink,
they cram minds and hearts with everything that is outside of them,
and the I is increasingly forgotten.

And when there is no I,
there is no He;
and certainly there is no thou.

"The breath of our nostrils, the Messiah of God."
This is the Messiah's power, the splendor of his greatness.
He is not outside us - he is the breath of our nostrils.
Let us search for God our Lord and for David our king;
Let us tremble towards God and his goodness.
Let us search for our own I,
Let us search for our self and we will find it.
Remove all alien gods;
strip away all that is inauthentic or bastardized
and you will know that I am the Lord your God
who has removed you from the land of Egypt
in order to be your God:
I am God.