Do you have any idea how hard it is to find a Jewish zebra?



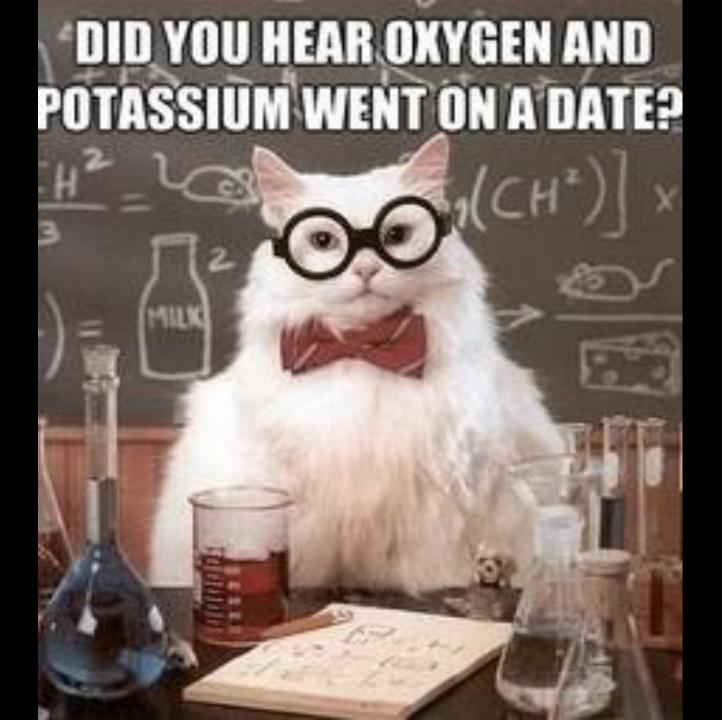
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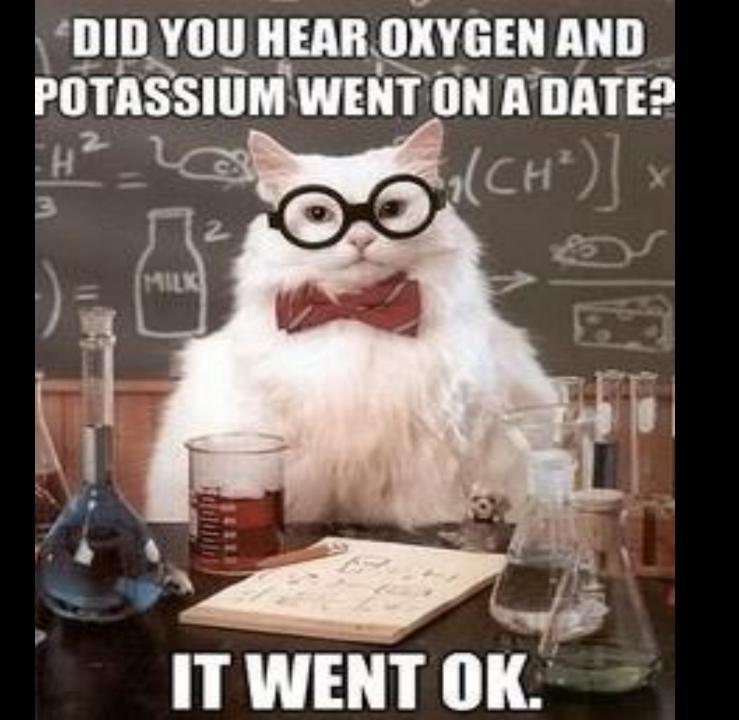
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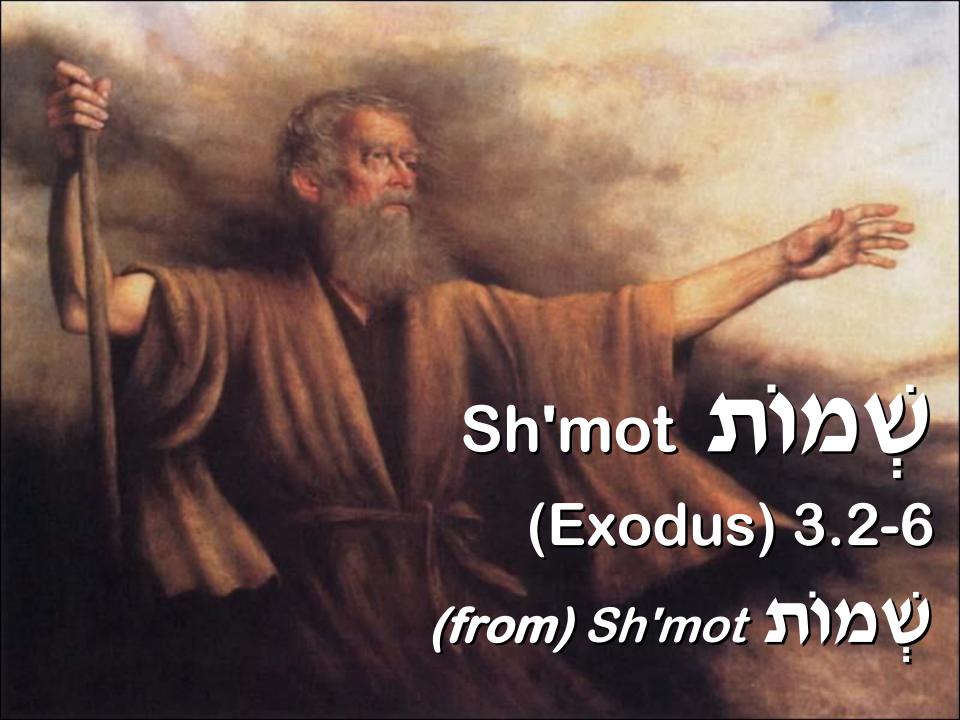


I was hunting big game deep in Kruger National Park in the wilds of South Africa. This was a one-in-amillion photo shop.

Ooops. I meant photo op.







Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.2a

בוּלְאַך בּירָא בּירְא בּירְייבּיב בּירְא בּירְייבּירְא בּירְא בּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּירְייבּיר בּירְייבּי

אַלִּיר בְּלַבַת אַשׁ fire in a flame of unto him

בְּרֵרְאָּ and he looked, a bush: out of the midst of

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.2b

רְהָנֵה בֹּאָשׁ בַּאָשׁ with fire, burned the bush and, behold,

:אָכַל אָכַל was and the bush

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.3

ניאמר משה אָסָרָה־ בָּא now I will turn aside, Moses And said,

וְאָרְאָה אָת־ הַמַּרְאָה הַגְּדֹל הַזָּה this great sight, and see

> ַמַדּרִעַ לֹא יִבְעַר הַּסְנָה: the bush is burnt. not why

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.4a

רֵיִּרְא ֶבֵּי בְּר בְּיִרְא וְיִּרְא וְיִּרְא בְּר בְּיִר בְּר בְּיִר בְּיִר בְּיִר בְּיִר בְּיִר בְּיִר בְּיר he turned aside that ADONI when saw

לִרְאוֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֵלִיוּ אֲלֹהִים G–d unto him And called to see,

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.4b

בְּתְּרֵךְ הַלְּאָמֶר and said, the bush, out of the midst of

מֹשֶׁה מֹשֶׁה רַיּאמֶר הַנִּנִי:

Here am I. And he said, Moses. Moses,

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.5a

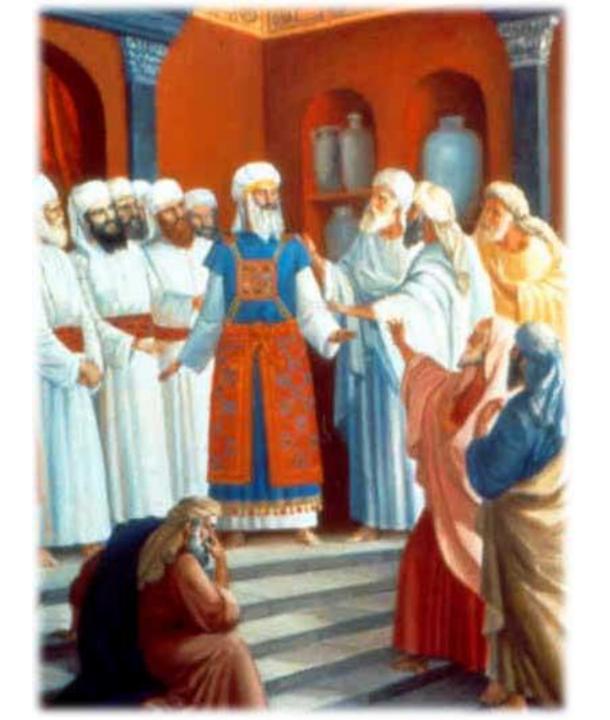
הַלְּחֵר אַל[−] תִּקְרֵב הֲלֹם ⁵ hither: Draw nigh not And he said,

שׁל בְּעָלֶיךְ מִעַל רַבְּלֶיךְ כִּי for thy feet, from off thy shoes put off

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.5b

הַמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַתְּה עוֹמֵד standest thou whereon the place

עַלִיו אַדְמַת לֹקוֹשׁ הרא: holy ^{is} ground, whereon







Pulse ups





Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.6a

אַל הי אָל הי אָל הי אָל הי אָל הי אָל הי אַנְבי אָל הי ל the G–d of ^{am} I Moreover he said,

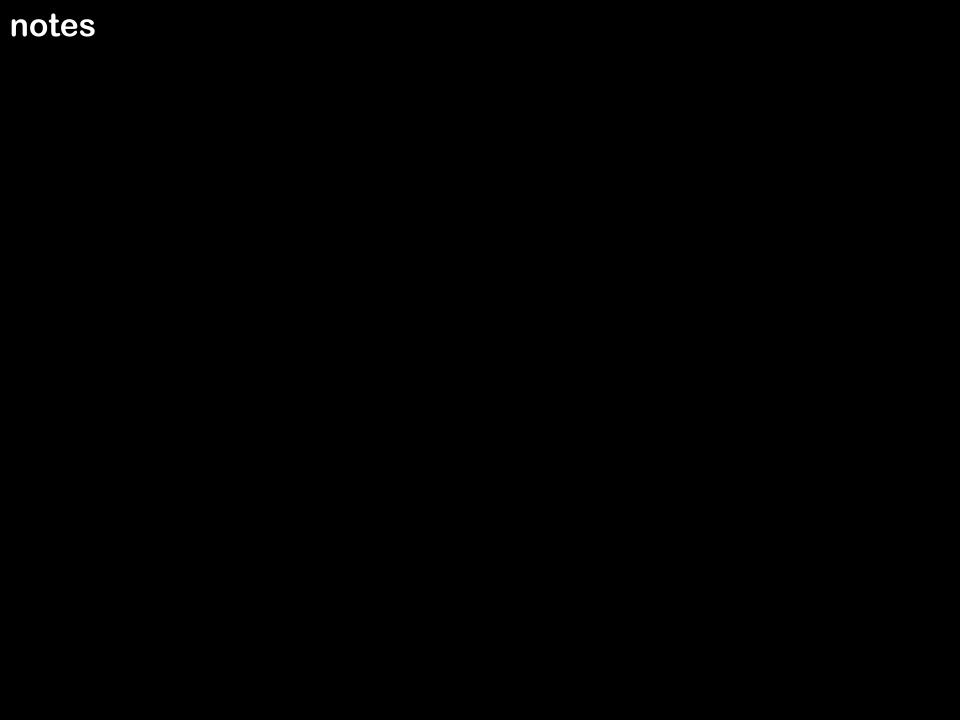
אָלהי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהִי the G–d of Abraham, the G–d of thy father,

יִצְחָק וַיִּמְלְהֵי יַזְעַקְב וַיַּסְחֵּר And hid Jacob. and the G–d of Isaac,

Sh'mot (Exodus) 3.6b

בוֹשֶׁה פָּנְיוּ כִּי יְרֵאּ he was afraid for his face; Moses

> מַהַבִּיט אֶל־ הָאֵלֹהִים: G–d. upon to look



Ultimately, it's NOT about us and our needs. It's about the mystery of the Holy One, and our barefoot (self abandoning) surrender to HIM.

Messiah say about such absolute surrender?

Mtt 10.29-32 Aren't sparrows sold for next to nothing, two for an assarion? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, every hair on your head has been counted. So do not be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows. Whoever acknowledges me in the presence of others I will also acknowledge in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Ro 8.28-29 Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with His purpose; because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers

Yn 16.33 "I have said these things to you so that, united with me, you may have shalom. In the world, you have tsuris. But be brave! I have conquered the world!"

T'hillim Ps 25.4-5 Make me know your ways, ADONI, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God who saves me, my hope is in you all day long.

T'hillim Ps 73.21-25 When I had a sour attitude and felt stung by pained emotions, I was too stupid to understand; I was like a brute beast with you. Nevertheless, I am always with you; you hold my right hand. You will guide me with your advice; and afterwards, you will receive me with honor. Whom do I have in heaven but you? And with you, I lack nothing on earth.

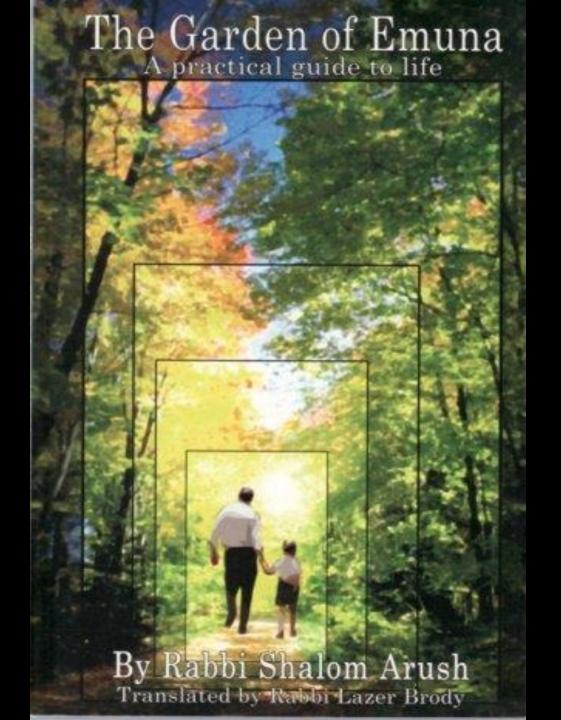
Forms of doubt

- 1. Doubt that the minutest details of our lives are the providence of a loving G-d and for our redemption.
- 2. Doubt that we can speak effectively to G-d about every circumstance, in surrender → praise, and prayer.
- 3. Doubt that He loves us, and desires to help us, especially when we talk to Him

Forms of doubt

4. Doubt that G-d has power, mercy, and compassion that are limitless to work wonders.

T'hillim Ps 147.10-12 He takes no delight in the strength of a horse, no pleasure in a runner's speed. ADONI takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who wait for his grace. Glorify Adoni, Yerushalayim! Praise your God, Tziyon!



Levels of living faith.

אַמוּנְה Emunah אֵמוּנְה

faith, trust, confidence Active faith.

- 1. Basic level Emuna: firm belief that EVERYTHING comes from Adoni by way of perfect Divine providence. No secondary causes.
- 2. Intermediate level: belief that everything that comes from Adoni is for the very best. All troubles have their purpose. Therefore PRAISE. Without understanding the purpose.

3. Upper level: Belief that our joyful task is to discern the message to us in EVERY trouble.

Dvarim 28.45-46 "All these curses will come on you, pursuing you and overtaking you until you are destroyed, because you didn't pay attention to what ADONI your God said, observing his mitzvot and regulations that he gave you. These curses will be on you and your descendants as a sign and a wonder forever. WHY sooo intense??

D'varim (Deuteronomy) 28.47a













D'varim (Deuteronomy) 28.47b

רְבְּנוֹרֵב רְּנְיֹנְהְ heart, and with gladness of with joyfulness,

מֵרב כֹל:

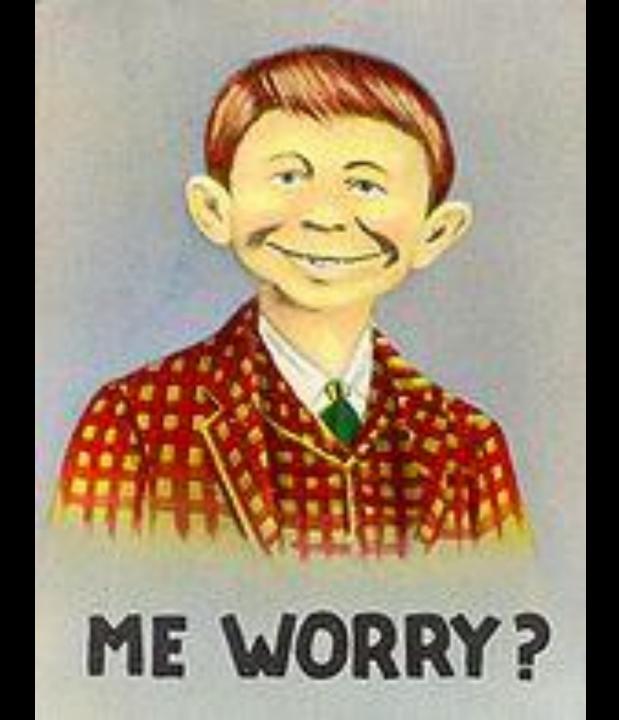
things; all for the abundance of

T'hillim/Ps 32.9-11 Don't be like a horse or mule that has no understanding, that has to be curbed with bit and bridle, or else it won't come near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but grace surrounds those who trust in ADONI. Be glad in ADONI; rejoice, you righteous! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Phil. 3.8-10 Because of Him...I gave up everything and regard it all as garbage, in order to gain the Messiah, and be found in union with Him, not having any righteousness of my own based on legalism, but having that righteousness which comes through the Messiah's faithfulness, the righteousness from God based on trust.

Phil. 3.8-10 Yes, I gave it all up in order to know him, that is, to know the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings as I am being conformed to his death,

1 Thes. 5. 16-22 Always be joyful. Pray regularly. In everything give thanks, for this is what God wants from you who are united with the Messiah Yeshua. Don't quench the Spirit... May the God of shalom make you completely holy - may your entire spirit, soul and body be kept blameless for the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.



Two Notes By Asher Intrater

Rabbi Menahem Mendel Morgenstern of Kutsk (1787 - 1859) is known to have said, "Every man should have a note in one pocket saying, 'The whole world was created for me,' and a note in the other pocket saying, 'I'm nothing but dirt and ashes." Let's compare verses from Genesis 1, 2, and 3. Genesis 1:26 – And God said,

"Let us make man in our image, as our likeness, he will rule over the fish of the sea... and all the earth. "In a certain way, we are "like" God. He created the earth for us and commanded us to take dominion over it. All the world was indeed created for us. On the other hand we are simply created beings. He created us out of the dirt. Mankind dies and goes back to being simply dirt. Genesis 3:19 until you return to the earth for from it you were taken, for you are dust and to the dust you will return.

This is a paradox, a double truth that seems contradictory. It takes great faith to see ourselves "like God" and sharing in His divine nature (II Peter 1:4). It takes great humility to see ourselves as mere dirt. We are a combination of the creator and the created. We are "half-God" and "half-mud."

Genesis 2:7 - YHVH God formed man, dust from the earth, and blew into his nostrils the breath of life.God blew into us of His own spirit to give us life. (Yeshua blows into us the Holy Spirit again to give us eternal life – John 20:22) By revelation, we need to be aware of our lowliness and our highness. In years of walking with the Lord, we understand more and more how lowly we are without Him,

and how high He wants to bring us.II Corinthians 4:7 – This treasure is given to us in vessels of clay in order that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. Discipleship is a process of being both humbled down low and lifted up high.

Messianic Jew/Heb 13.12-15 Through him, therefore, let us offer God a sacrifice of praise continually. For this is the natural product of lips that acknowledge his name.