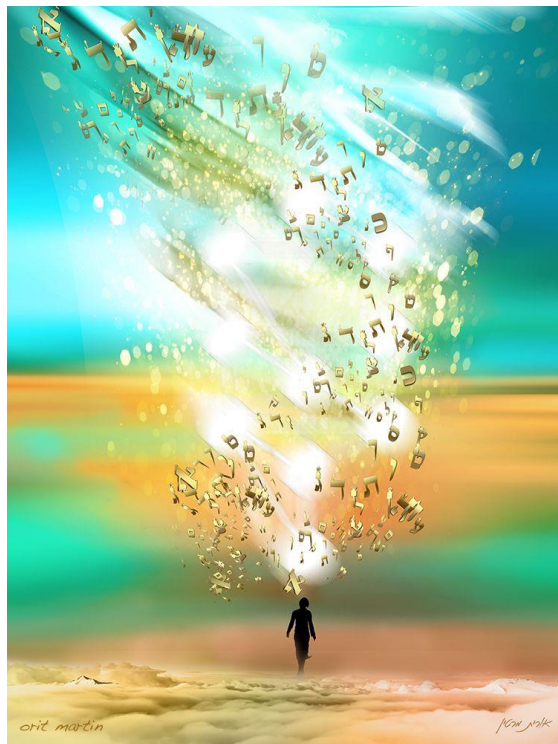


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Blessing

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Kabbalah refers to the Hebrew letters as tubes of abundance, through which spiritual light and life descends into the world, since the world was created through letters, in the speech of the Creator.

UNIQUENESS AND UNION

1. “I have endowed him [Bezalel] with a divine spirit of skill (הַחֵמָה), ability (תְּבוּנָה), and knowledge (דַּעַת).” (Exodus 31:3)
2. Bezalel knew how to join the letters with which heaven and earth were created....And it is written regarding Creation: “God founded the earth by wisdom (הַחֵמָה); God established the heavens with understanding (תְּבוּנָה); through God’s knowledge (דַּעַת) the depths were cleaved” (Proverbs 3:19-20). (Berachot 55a)
3. “See, God has called by name Bezalel” (Exodus 35:30). It is written, “Behold, I have created the smith” (Isaiah 54:16). This refers to Bezalel; “that blows the fire of coals.” When Israel sinned with fire, as it says, “And I cast it into the fire of coals, and there came out this calf.” Bezalel came and healed the wound. (Shemot Rabbah 48:7)

4. All things were created through *combinations* of the 22 Hebrew letters. (Baal Shem Tov)

5. Rules for writing a Torah. Not a fragment of a single letter may be omitted or distorted; nor may its individual character be compromised with any other letters. Every word must be spelled correctly; one extra, transposed or missing letter invalidates the whole scroll.