

PARSHAT RE'EH  
DEUTERONOMY 11:26-16:17  
HAFTARAH ISAIAH 54:11-55:5  
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*In England (Eugène Manet on the Isle of Wight)*  
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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

1. רָאָה אֲנֹכִי נָתַן לְפָנֶיכֶם הַיּוֹם בְּרָכָה וּקְלָלָה (Deuteronomy 11:26)

See, this day I set before you blessing and curse. (JPS, 1999)

2. The entire Torah is encompassed in the Ten Commandments; the Ten Commandments are all contained in the first two commandments; the first two commandments are contained in the first commandment; and the first commandment is reflected in the microcosm in the first word, *Anochi*. (Rebbe Yosef Yitzhak, 6<sup>th</sup> Rebbe of Lubavitch movement)

Rabbi Yohanan said that the word *anochi* that begins the Ten Commandments is an abbreviation for *ana nafshi ketivat yehavit*. (Shabbat 105a)

I Myself wrote [these words and] gave [them to you]/  
I wrote down My very soul and gave it to you/  
My soul is inscribed in these words that I gave you

3. Seeing the face of the other disrupts the self and introduces the ethical demand of the other; not just seeing with the eyes but recognizing the other's inner being which proclaims a call for responsibility...The encounter with the other disrupts our notion of self that believes it understands the world and can place everything within a neat intellectual bracket. The self encounters that which cannot be contained or totalized. (Based on Emmanuel Levinas)
  
4. The great hazard is that one will be filled with himself or herself, with conceit, with self-satisfaction, feelings which are nothing less than idol worship. (Teaching of Menachem Mendl of Kotz)
  
5. Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands\  
....  
Those who fashion them,  
all who trust in them,  
shall become like them.  
(Psalm 115:4, 8)
  
6. I held it truth, with him who sings  
To one clear harp in divers tones,  
That men may rise on stepping stones  
Of their dead selves to higher things.  
(“In Memoriam A.H.H.” by Alfred, Lord Tennyson)