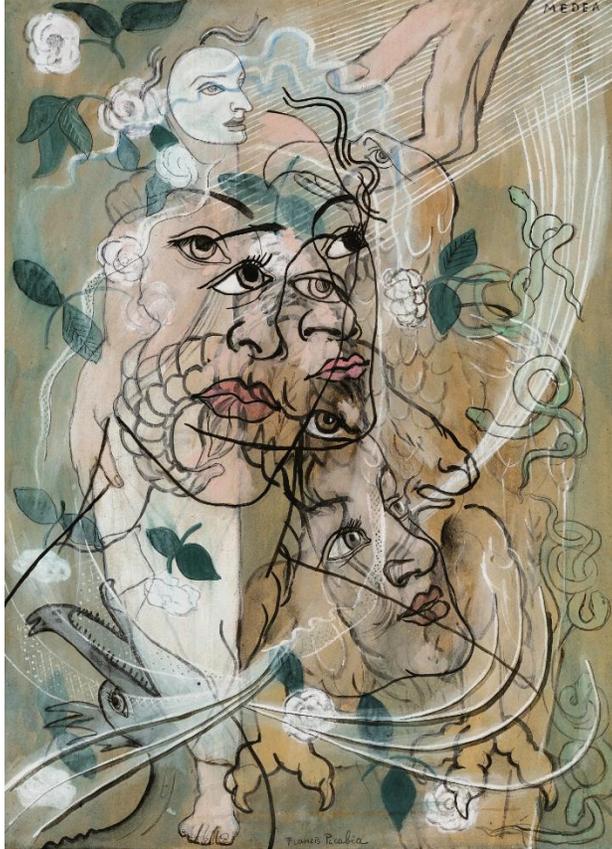


PARSHAT VAYERA
GENESIS 18:1-22:24
HAFTARAH II KINGS 4:1-37
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THE POWER OF APPEARANCES

1. וַיֵּרָא / “God appeared” (Genesis 18:1). Verb “to see” in niphil form.
2. יֵרָא / “God will appear” (Genesis 22:14). Verb “to see” in niphil form.
3. מִי אֵל כְּמוֹךָ (Micah 7:18)
Who is God like Y/you...

It is proper that these Thirteen Attributes, which we will now explain, should also be found in each human being. (*Tomer Devorah*, Rabbi Moshe Cordovero)

4. Rabbi Shimon said: When God was about to create Adam, the ministering angels split into contending groups. Some said, Let Adam be created. Others said, Let him not be created. That is why it is written: “Mercy and truth collided, righteousness and peace clashed” (Psalm 85:11). The Holy Blessed One took truth and threw it to the ground. The angels said, Sovereign of the Universe, why do You do this? Let truth arise from the ground. Thus it is written “Let truth spring up from the earth” (Psalm 85:12). (Midrash, B’reishit Rabbah 8:5)

5. Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it, and embrace them. (Rumi)