



Meru Foundation eTORUS Newsletter

From The Editor



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Welcome to new subscribers

I want to thank all of you who are sharing information on Meru's research via social media: since the publication of *The Alphabet That Changed the World*, we've seen a gradual steady increase in traffic to Meru Foundation's website, "likes" on [Meru's facebook page](#), and even better, new subscribers to the eTORUS. Stan and I encourage everyone new to this work to browse Meru's website at www.meru.org, and get a taste of our video presentations by viewing the clips on [Meru's YouTube site](#)—and email us your comments and questions.

Comment Threads on *The Alphabet That Changed the World*

If you've read *The Alphabet That Changed the World*, please check out the comment thread that's begun [HERE](#) on Amazon, and add your own comments if you like—or if you prefer, post your comments as an Amazon review by going [HERE](#). (We also re-post Amazon customer reviews to the Reader Review section on our own alphabet-that-changed-the-world.com website.) Reader comments encourage others to take a look, so please join in!

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This Month's Feature: An Outline/Flow Chart of *The Alphabet That Changed the World*

Rather than our usual *Essay by Stan Tenen*, this month we're featuring his new graphic "flow chart" of the key ideas in *The Alphabet That Changed the World*, and an accompanying descriptive outline.

Stan, Bill, and I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

—Levanah Tenen, ed.



The Alphabet That Changed the World - An Outline

BET, House: The First Distinction: BETWEEN INSIDE and OUTSIDE



Free Will
Choice; InFORMation; Evolution

Wheel of Karma
The Cycles of life and cosmos

INSIDE

FORM

The Sh'ma: Hashem-Elokim = Echad

The Golden Rule
As Above, So Below

Ps: 84, 12
"Hashem Elokim is a sun and a shield"

SUN
SHIELD

Halevi's Inyan

to the Nth-degree - Final NUN ↑

"A DEVICE" - INYAN

Connecting - NUN

a Point - YOD

Circle; Spring - AYIN

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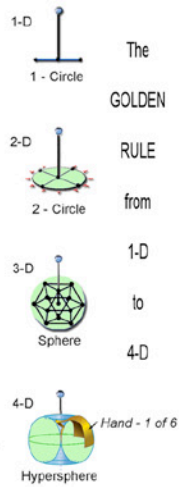
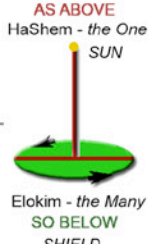
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HAND

Wind-up and Pitch



OUTSIDE

FUNCTION

Gen: 1, 11: "...fruit tree yielding fruit whose seed is inside itself.."

SEED

SHUSHON

POINT Seed

LINE Stem

SURFACE Leaf

Geometric Embryology

FRUIT with NEW SEED

Genesis 1, 1

1. Cube

2. Tetrahedron

3. Icosahedron

4. Octahedron

5. Dodecahedron

6. Cube-Octahedron

7. Alef-bet

"Snake that eats its Tail"

What Goes Around Comes Around

J Tet Complete

H cHet Enclose

G Zayin Project

F Vav Multiply

He E Connect

N ALL Aleph A

Break Open Bet B

Act Gimel C

Divide Dalet D

Young's Theory of Process assigns Names and Functions to the Letters

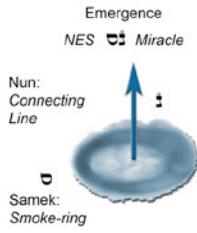
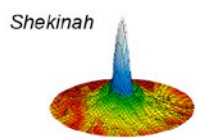
SHAPE MEANING

27 - GESTURES

Making the universal GESTURE for the MEANING of each letter while wearing the Model Hand displays the letter's SHAPE.

		א ב ג ד א "Ox"; "Master" ALL	א ALEF		
		ב ב ב ב "House" BREAK OUT	ב BET		
		ג ג ג ג "Camel" COME and GO	ג GIMEL		
		ד ד ד ד "Door" DIVIDE pour, pour	ד DALET		

FUNCTION Recapitulates FORM



Gestures coordinate Minyan



The Alphabet That Changed The World: Description of Graphic Outline

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Everything starts with the first letter of B'reshit, *Bet*. Bet tells us to make distinctions. (*Bet*=house. A house distinguishes inside from outside.)



ON THE RIGHT—*Outside: Wheel of Karma; The Cycles of Life and Cosmos*

The meanings of the names of the letters come from an understanding of the alphabet as forming three “embryological” cycles. These match the work of mathematical philosopher Arthur M. Young. The idea is that B'reshit 1:11 tells us to expect “a fruit tree yielding fruit whose seed is in itself.” This is an *ouroboros*. The *ouroboros* cycles from seed to tree to fruit, to fruit with new seed—and the cycle starts over.

This produces a chart of functional or operational meanings for the twenty-seven letters.

ON THE LEFT—*Inside: Consciousness; Free Will, inFORMation, Evolution*

The shape of the letters comes from fashioning a model hand that embodies:


- 1) The proclamation of the *Sh'ma: Hashem-Elokim = Echad (One)*
- 2) The Golden Rule: *As Above, So Below*
- 3) Ps. 84:12: “*Hashem-Elokim is a sun and a shield*”



These three lead to the inverted-T diagram, with the vertical line representing the One, the Transcendent, and Hashem; and the horizontal line representing the All, the Immanent, and Elokim.

As the inverted-T shape in two dimensions is brought into higher dimensions, it transforms itself (via established mathematical principles) into the shape of the model hand (the tefillin strap) whose 2-D outlines generate the letter-shapes in gesture.

Yehuda HaLevi's “device” confirms this geometry:

“The shapes of the letters are not the result of accident, but of a device  which is in accord with the intention of each letter. . . .”ⁱ

The inner and outer streams of development converge on the gestures. The embryological development, the *ouroboros*, the fruit tree yielding fruit whose seed is in itself, generates the sequence of twenty-seven meanings; while the idealized model hand—when gestured—generates the shape of each letter.

The purpose of generating these gesture-letters is so as to be able to record physical and mental exercises, dances, and meditations. I speculate that when particular passages are gestured in unison by a loving minyan, new real properties can emerge. This process is comparable to the emergence of superconductivity from a Bose-Einstein condensate in physics.

Here is a description of the ideal minyan:

Before worshipping in the synagogue, an individual had to commit himself to the *mitsva* of loving one's fellow, so that all of the prayers of Israel would be combined together. *Especially important, writes Hayyim Vital, was “the love of companions who study Torah together; each of them must regard himself as though he were one part of the body of the group of his companions, especially if he has the knowledge and understanding to know his fellow's soul. . . . [sic] And my teacher cautioned me greatly about the need for love to prevail among the companions in our group.” The source of this requirement for love in connection with prayer is the mystical conception of the minyan of ten worshippers in the synagogue as one body, symbolizing the sefirot or the bodily parts of the Shekhina . . .*ⁱⁱ

The key to understanding this process is in the word for “assembly,” *knesset*, which literally means “to hold miracles.” (*Kaf*=hold; *Nes*=miracle; *Tav*=plural.)

All of this taken together implies that the Abrahamic traditions carry a true science of consciousness (in the modern sense) that is still active today. All we need do is recover the alphabet, and the exercises and experiences that come from it.



ⁱ Yehuda HaLevi, *Al Kuzari*, Sec. 4, Lesson 25, as translated by Hartwig Hirschfeld (1905).

ⁱⁱ Yehuda Liebes, *Studies in the Zohar*, Arnold Schwartz, Stephanie Nakache, Penina Peli, tr. (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1993), 40–41.



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www.meruonline.info/common/MeruIntroPacket.a.20oct08.pdf A basic introductory packet on Meru Foundation and its research, suitable for printing. Includes a research summary, endorsements, a sample eTORUS, and bio information.

www.alphabet-that-changed-the-world.com Site dedicated to Stan Tenen's book, *The Alphabet That Changed the World*, where reviews and supplementary materials will be posted. Also a portal to amazon.com.

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