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From The Editor

In the past six months, Meru Foundation has been focused primarily on outreach and private briefings for new colleagues. However, we continue our research and writing, and are planning new products to make the Meru findings more widely accessible. For example: we are currently designing a *Meru Alphabet Explorer* app for tablet and smartphone: users will be able to learn the letter-gestures with visual feedback from the app, so they can then “step into” the Bible texts by gesturing along with the app as it plays them letter by letter, in gestures, on the screen. The app will include a database of information on the meanings, variations, and background of each letter; later versions will allow users to input other sacred texts (or any text), and convert these texts to letter-gestures for playback. The *Meru Alphabet Explorer* is in the early design stages, and we welcome your suggestions for features to add as the app is developed; please send your feedback to us at meru@meru.org.

Featured Essays

These three linked essays by Stan Tenen are our response to the social and political chaos in the Middle East (and now Europe).

- *The God of Abraham*—Everything in physics and everything in consciousness stands on the golden rules. (See also the extended discussion in *Political Science*, the featured essay in **eTORUS 63**.)
- *The Tree of Abraham: Islam is the Fruit That Protects Israel*—Our model of the three Western faiths in organic, cyclic relationship is demonstrated by the current upheaval in the Arab Muslim world, and the growing response by Muslims of “Not in my name.”
- *The Serious Implications of the Meru Findings*—The recovery of the prophetic tradition, independently rediscovered in all the world’s great religions, will transform antagonism into cooperation.

We want these three essays to be read by a wide audience. As long as they appear uncut and unedited, you may post them on Facebook and other social media, and/or submit them to magazines, journals, and newspapers as an op-ed or guest article. Make sure each essay is marked ©2015 Stan Tenen, and includes a link to www.meru.org. Please let us know where you submit them, and where they’re published—thank you.

—Levanah Tenen, Editor

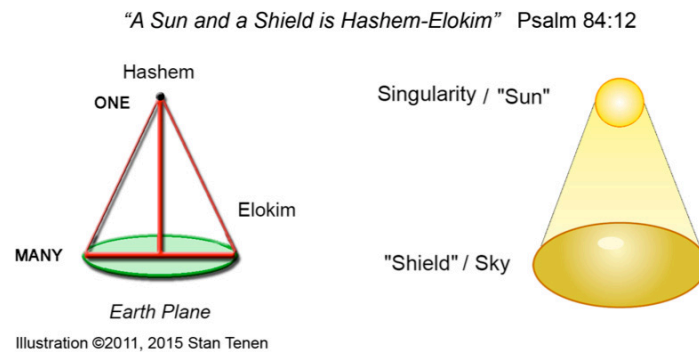


The God of Abraham

Choices are nourished by contrast.

An oil droplet floating on water in a maze chooses its way through the maze because of a contrast in surface tension provided between the entrance and the center of the maze.

Psalm 84 tells us that “a sun and a shield [is the] Lord God (Hashem-Elokim).” A sun is a powerful single source; a shield attracts, collects and absorbs all blows. (Psalm 84 provides a definition of “Lord God,” *whether or not* a person believes in God.)



This illustration is discussed on p. 270 of *The Alphabet That Changed the World: How Genesis Preserves a Science of Consciousness in Geometry and Gesture*, ©2011 Stan Tenen.

The *sun-like* Lord is the ultimate single source, and its complement, the *shield-like* God ultimately includes (absorbs) everything. The contrast between these complements—the *One source* and the *Whole sink* is infinite. This infinite contrast nourishes, and drives all-there-is in the physical universe and in consciousness.

Cosmologists tell us the universe exploded from a *singularity* called the Big Bang and it will ultimately dissipate into an all-inclusive big whimper (“heat death”; chaos). This tremendous—but not infinite—contrast-of-complements drives the entire physical universe over all time.

Biologists tell us that plants live, grow, and evolve by absorbing the nourishment they receive from the sun’s photons, returning the unused portion (via the Earth) to the all-absorbing night sky. The sun-sky contrast fuels plant life—and, in turn, all life.

Physicists call this nourishment *negentropy*. (“Entropy” is chaotic, thus *negative-entropy* carries the information that brings organization, growth, and change.)

Spiritual traditions know this negentropic, life-giving stream of nourishment, as *lovingkindness* because it fuels all choices and fills all sails without limit or judgment, and because it is “kind”—given in the form most like its recipient. (The sun shines on *plants and weeds, saints and sinners,*—the good and the bad—equally.)



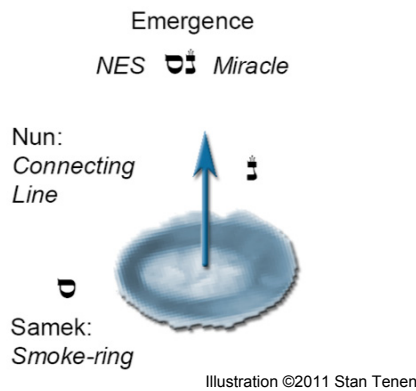
The Lord, being infinite and utterly novel, is neither an entity nor a personage, and God, being infinite and all-inclusive, is neither an entity nor a personage. The contrast between the infinite *Singularity* of the Lord and the infinite all-inclusive *Wholeness* of God is lovingkindness. Thus all we can know of the Lord God must be in the eternal flow of lovingkindness that permeates all-there-is: i.e. the Lord God *IS* Lovingkindness. The Lord is Singular; God is Whole; and we swim in the waterfall of lovingkindness between these complementary infinities.

Similarly moshiach (messiah) is an embodiment—a finite *child* of the community—that emerges from the lovingkindness of the community: a functional finite “chip-off-the-block-of-God” that acts in the world to nourish the community and heal the world.

Lovingkindness is the source of and is embodied in the Golden Rule: Don’t do to others what is hateful to yourself (a.k.a. “Hillel’s Golden Rule”); love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18).

The Golden Rule unites consciousness and physics, heaven and earth, and all loving and kind living beings of all species and faiths.

“Choose life.” (Deuteronomy 30:19.)



A miracle *Nes* נס emerges. The *Nun* of *nes*, “connecting line,” is illustrated by the vertical line. This is the *child* of the community. The *Samek* of *nes* is the horizontal smoke-ring. Together, they embody the circle-and-line geometry of emergence.

The emergence of a miracle from the entangled and superposed consciousnesses of a minyan can be thought of as a finite child of the community, in the sense of its being a finite “chip off the old block” of the infinite and eternal lovingkindness of Hashem-Elokim, brought into the community by each of its members.

Text and Illustration from *The Alphabet That Changed the World* pp. 258-9.



The Tree of Abraham: Islam Is the Fruit That Protects Israel

If civilizations are living things, then we can consider Judaism, Christianity, and Islam to be the Tree of Abraham.

First comes the seed, which carries the information necessary for the growth of the tree and continuation of the species. Its lifespan is open-ended.

The tree grows from the seed, and carries its life-force and organization into the world. A tree can be viable for millennia.

Fruit grows on the branches of the tree. The fruit forms a womb which carries and protects the new generation of seeds.

In the Autumn, when the fruit is mature, it falls to the ground. It provides initial sustenance for the seed it carries, and as it decomposes and dissolves into the earth, the new seed begins to grow a new tree with new roots and new fruit, and the cycle of life continues.

The process of a seed growing into a tree, growing into a fruit, parallels the process of conception, gestation, and birth. If this model is accurate, then we can identify the disorder and strife in the Arab Muslim world, and its current antipathy towards Israel, with the final phase of the fruit fulfilling its purpose to deliver the new seed to the earth, as it dissolves into the ground.

In the Spring, the new phase, the next phase after last season's fruit has passed, is the growth of new fruit: a new, unified and reborn Islam that sees and feels its connection to Judaism and Christianity, and comes to realize that one of its prime responsibilities as a vital part of the civilization of the Tree of Abraham is the protection and the nurturing of the new seed, Israel, within its midst. In the cycle of life, Christianity emerges from Judaism, Islam emerges from Christianity, and Judaism emerges from Islam: "Fruit tree bearing fruit whose seed is in itself" (Genesis 1:11), endlessly.

The Tree of Abraham: An Organic Model of Western Civilization

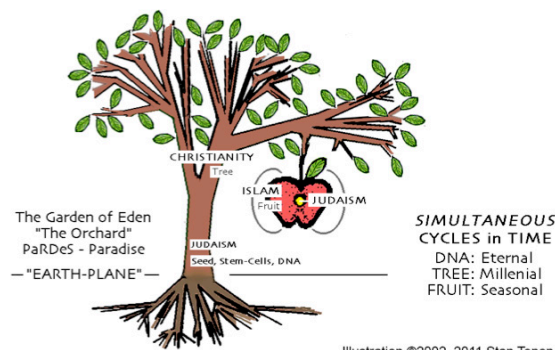


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An animation of *The Tree of Abraham* is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feYsbcU83HE>
Related images and accompanying text can be found at <http://www.meru.org/Posters/TreeofAbraham.html>



The Serious Implications of the Meru Findings

Recovery of the functional and operational meaning of the letters of the alphabet makes it possible to recover the deep (rather than idiomatic and/or common) meaning of Hebrew roots and words.

Recovery of the deep meaning of Torah Hebrew terminology—skipping many details—leads to the recovery of the prophetic tradition.

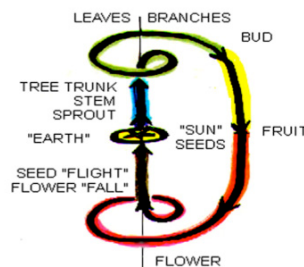
Recovery of the prophetic tradition leads to the protection of Am Israel, Eretz Israel, Torah, and Judaism, directly from Hashem-Elokim, via the techniques outlined in the stories in the Five Books. This means that while the IDF will always be important, the protection of Israel, *et al.*, will be guaranteed by Hashem-Elokim.

Recovery of the alphabet means recovery of the exercises that demonstrate the science of consciousness underlying Torah tradition. These objective demonstrations will not be the subject of controversy, because they will be actual demonstrations of objectively real science, not just statements of faith applicable only to believers.

Recovery of the prophetic tradition in Torah tradition will be infectious, in that it will also prompt the recovery of the prophetic tradition as it was understood and preserved in Christian and Muslim sources.

Ultimately, recovery of the prophetic tradition is collateral with Islam’s discovery that one of its foundational tenets is the protection of Israel.

- The Self-Embedded FRUIT-TREE -



The 3-Abrahamic Organs of Peace in the Body Politic of the *City-of-Peace* - The HEAVENLY JERUSALEM -

The 3 - Covenants and the FRUIT-TREE

Fold into the LIGHT in the MEETING TENT for the Heavenly Jerusalem.

MAP OF THE WORLD WITH JERUSALEM AT THE CENTER
Woodcut, 1581, Osher Map Library, University of Southern Maine
(Edited, Re-Lettered, and Colors added)

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www.meru.org Meru’s original website was created in 1996, and has a large selection of essays and posters on many different aspects of this work. This is a site for leisurely exploration; the home page also includes a PayPal button for contributions.

Our eTORUS Newsletters include the most recent essays and graphics; all issues are archived at www.meru.org/Newsletter/journalindex.html.

A basic introductory packet on Meru Foundation, including a research summary, endorsements, a sample eTORUS, and biographical information, is posted at www.meru.org/MeruIntroPacket.2013.pdf.

www.meetingtent.com Meru’s secure-server website for ordering our lecture DVD’s, books, and other materials, and for making contributions via credit card. This site also includes a Meru FAQ, sample videos, and contact information for the media.

www.tatctw.com Website focused on Stan Tenen’s 2011 book, *The Alphabet That Changed the World: How Genesis Preserves a Science of Consciousness in Geometry and Gesture*. Includes professional and reader reviews, and a portal for ordering from Amazon.

www.youtube.com/user/filmguy2121 Bill Haber’s YouTube channel, featuring our introductory video *First Light*, animations, and video excerpts from live lectures by Stan Tenen.



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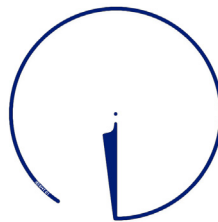
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