

Kabbalah and the Secret of Bereshit

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“Bereshit, [the individual letters spell out the phrase] **S**horesh **B**riyat **A**dam **Y**ahkor **R**azi **T**orah (the purpose of man’s creation is that he investigate the secrets of the Torah).

*This hints to what is written in the holy Zohar and in the words of the Ari’zal that **the essential [reason] for creating the man of Israel is for him to know the secrets of the Torah** so that thereby he may recognize the Creator and His Kingdom.*

That he may stand, serve, and bless His Name for each and every thing in the proper manner. This is essential.

[As for the] one who does not make the effort to know His blessed Divinity, it would be better for him has he not be born, [for this holy study] maintains the universe and establishes it.

When one spells out the words “Sod HaShem” (the secrets of G-d) like so: Samekh Vav Dalet (Sod), Yod Key Vav Key (of MAH, the gematria of 45) one has the numerical value of the word Brit (covenant).

This hints to the essential covenant upon which the world stands which is the Sod HaShem (secret of HaShem), the numerical value of the word Brit, as stated.

It is possible that this is [also] hinted to in the verse, “Thus says HaShem, if not for the covenant of day and night, I would not have placed the laws of the Heavens and the earth” (Jer. 33:25).

This means that if it were not for the secrets of HaShem, the gematria of Brit, by which the days and nights are directed G-d would not have established the laws of the Heavens and the earth. For the essence of their upkeep is the secret[s] of the Torah].

Therefore, the hint comes right at the beginning of the Torah in the word Bereshit, to teach us that it is for the sake of our investigations into the secrets of the Torah that G-d created the Heavens and the earth.”