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## **Why is G-d a He?**

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Throughout the Bible, Jewish literature and common usage, G-d is always referred to in the masculine gender as "He."

Yet, the Bible teaches us that mankind was created in the image of G-d, "male and female" (Gen. 1:27). The Bible clearly implies that G-d is as feminine as "He" is masculine.

Rabbinic and Kabbalistic literature is full of references to G-d's Divine Presence, the Shekhina, who is always referred to in the feminine. Last but not least, the Kabbalah speaks of the numerous sefirotic Faces (Partzufim) through which G-d is manifest within creation. Of these "Faces", half of them are feminine. Within the sefirotic Tree of Life, half of the Divine attributes are feminine. How is it then the right and correct thing to always refer to G-d exclusively in the masculine form? The answer to this also comes to us from the secrets of the Kabbalah.

G-d is the ultimate Giver to creation. Creation is the ultimate receiver. This is a relationship that cannot be denied. Granted giver and receiver both have essential roles to perform, nonetheless, great damage is caused if these roles or functions become confused. For if the receiver wishes to give to the giver, the receiver must not forget its natural state of receiving, or it will not only not receive, it will not have anything to give. Also if we were to look upon the Giver as receiver, we are in essence saying that what is being given is not welcome, and we wish to rise above our status and give. But what could we possibly give that did not originally come from the supernal Giver?

G-d is thus the ultimate Giver, and we (and creation) are the ultimate receivers. G-d gives to each level of creation in accordance to its needs. What G-d gives to one level of creation might be too much for a lower level of creation. Therefore, what G-d gives is filtered down through the levels until the lowest levels can receive their share in proper proportion and dosage.

Metaphorically speaking, learning from human anatomy (created in the image of G-d), the male of the species is the giver to the female. The female receives the male organ, which he gives to her. Thus, the giver is always referred to metaphorically in the masculine tense, whereas the receiver is always referred to in the feminine tense. This is true in any and all relationships. Male and Female become archetypes and have nothing to do with men, women and social issues. G-d, the Giver of the universe and to the universe, in relationship to us, His creation, will always be referred to in the masculine tense, even though within "Him" there is both "male" and "female."