

בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

In the Beginning

When the King conceived ordaining
He engraved engravings in the luster on high.
A spark of impenetrable darkness flashed
within the Concealed of the Concealed
from the mystery of the Infinite,
a cluster of vapor in formlessness
set in a ring,
not white, not black, not red, not green,
no color at all.
As a cord surveyed, it yielded radiant colors.
Deep within the spark gushed a flow
imbuing colors below,
concealed within the concealed of the mystery of the Infinite.
The flow broke through and did not break through its aura.
It was not known at all
until, under the impact of breaking through,
one high and hidden point shone.
Beyond that point, nothing is known.
So it is called Beginning,
the first command of all.

“The enlightened will shine like the *zohar* of the sky,
and those who make the masses righteous
will shine like the stars forever and ever”
(Daniel 12:3).

Zohar, Radiance! Concealed of the Concealed, struck its aura.
The aura touched and did not touch this point.
Then the Beginning emanated
and made itself a palace worthy of glory and praise.
There it sowed the seed of holiness
to give birth
for the benefit of the universe.
The secret is:
“Her stock is a holy seed”
(Isaiah 6:13).

Zohar, Radiance! Sowing a seed for its glory
like the seed of fine purple silk.
The silkworm wraps itself within and makes itself a palace.
This palace is its praise and a benefit to all.

With this Beginning
the Concealed One who is not known created the palace.
The palace is called *Elohim*.
The secret is:
“With Beginning, _____ created *Elohim*”
(Genesis 1:1).

Zohar 1:15a