
Moses did everything right except...

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It's the details that trip us up.

Even the slightest slip up can have devastating repercussions, especially so, the higher up you are on your spiritual path.

When Moses retrieved Joseph's bones from the Nile in order to fulfill the pledge to Joseph and to help split the Red Sea, as per our blog on "Why are you crying out to me?" he used a golden plate inscribed with G-d's Name and with the words "Ascend, O ox!"

And when he tossed that plate into the Nile, Joseph's coffin rose up. (*Midrash Tanchuma, Ki Tisa* 19). As the Arizal explains, we know Moses associated Joseph with the Ox because in his farewell blessing to the Jews in Devarim 33:17, the second to last chapter in the Torah, Moses described Joseph as an "ox": "His glory is like a first-born ox...."

Next the Arizal juxtaposes this with the second to last chapter in Genesis, and in Jacob's blessing to Joseph in Genesis 49:22, the same word for "ox" appears, although in this case it meant wall (*ShVR*) "wall": "Joseph is a fruitful son, a fruitful vine by the fountain with branches running over the wall." The words for "over the wall" in Hebrew are "*alei shur*", which can be pronounced, "Ascend, O' ox!" ("*aleh*" "*shor*").

Wherever the golden plate came from it was known to possess great power, and had Moses held retrieved it all might have been well, but Moses had his counterparts who were nearly as powerful and used the dark side of the Names. It's a spiritual axiom that where there's light, there are also shadows.

From Jacob's nemesis Laban, came his son Beor, who was the father to Balaam, who *chazal* tell us was nearly Moses' equal, to his sons Yunus and Yumbruce, who according to the *Zohar* were the leaders of the *Erev Rav*. the Mixed Multitude that accompanied Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses had thought he could convert them and thus capture a huge amount of holy sparks for the sake of the Lord, but it wasn't their time.

According to the Arizal, Yunus and Yumbruce planned to extricate the soul of their grandfather Beor from the vegetable Kingdom to which he had been relegated upon death by making Aaron and the Israelites sin, and thus Moses as well.

This plan was not unlike the snake's plan to cause Eve and thus Adam to sin by utilizing the fruit of the tree (from the vegetable kingdom).

And somehow they had gotten a hold of the golden plate inscribed with the words, "Ascend, O ox!" We can be pretty sure who had a hand in that. Nevertheless, the Golden Calf, of numerical value **108**, is also called an "ox," and by the magic embedded in the golden plate and the spiritual support of a reluctant Aaron's hands, the Golden Calf came to life imbued with the soul of their grandfather Beor.

Now Moses was very busy, moving **600,000** Jews and **2.4** million *erev rav* toward the edge of the Red Sea (Endless Sea), yet had Moses recovered the powerful plate, instead of leaving it to fate, those **600,000** at least would have been able to ascend once and for all back in **2448 HC**. Instead only **408** Jews ascended and stayed within the tree-of-life reality. One for every **6** years of the **2448** that passed from the sin of Adam to the 10 utterances.

Though Moses was high upon Sinai and nowhere near the sinful dealing below, he knew of the

inadvertent part that he had played in their downfall and took responsibility for it when he pleaded on their behalf and asked G-d to remove him from His Book. There's much controversy about which book he meant; after all, there are **6** Torah portions that Moses' name is not mentioned in after this incident, 1 for each of the **6** days of creation and 1 for each 100,000 of the **600,000** souls not permanently elevated that day. Since Creation occurred for the sole purpose of providing a platform for that elevation, each day had been sinned against separately. And since Moses' name is not mentioned in the 12 portions of Genesis (*Bereshit*) his name is not included in a total of **18** portions, or exactly **1/3** of the **54 (3 x 18)** portions in the Torah. This, of course means that he is mentioned, in **2/3** or **66.6%** of the portions.

The golden calf has a numerical value of **2 x 54**, or **108**, or **18 x 6**, which is **(6+6+6) x 6**, and it's also the numerical value of **chai, life (18) x 6**, so it's telling that the Torah hints to the Book of **Life** as to the Book that Moses was referring to be removed from. And even more so that the "Book of Life" (*Sefer Chaim, SPR ChYYM*) has the numerical value of **408**, which is also **68 x 6** or **chaim (life) x 6**.

And it's for the sake of the **6** days of creation that all the rest of the souls that would have to wait another **66.6** jubilee years from **2448** to **5778** for another opportunity to ascend to the tree-of-life reality.

The **6** portions that Moses' name isn't mentioned in after the Book of Genesis (*Bereshit*) are **Balak, Re'eh, Ekev, Shoftim Ki Thetze, and Tetzaveh**, whose initials which spell out 4 of the **6** (or 2/3) letters in *Bereshit* (**BREShYT**). The other 2 initials (**C** and **A**) add up to **90**, the numerical value of *melech*, king, or **5 x 18**. And the letters they couldn't replace *Alef* (**E**) and *Yud* (**Y**) stand for *Anochi* (**E**) *YHVH* (**Y**), I am G-d, the first two words of the 10 Utterances.

And we know that G-d didn't remove or erase Moses' name from the Book of Life, but from the **6** portions of the Torah instead. And how do we know that? Because the *gematria sofot* of the final letters in the **11** words of Exodus 32:32 where Moses makes this request is **3666**, when the *kolel* of the letters and words in the verse are added, and **3666/6 = 611**, the numerical value of "Torah."

And we know Moses is still in the Book of Life, even today, because when He took Moses name out of **6** portions He also took the letter *vav* of numerical value **6** out of **6** of the **248** columns in the Torah and replaced it with the letters *BYHShMV* of numerical 363, which is that of **Moshe Chai, "Moses lives"** and also of *H'Mashiach*, "the Messiah." And the *Shin* (*Sh*) of *BYHShMV* and also of *MOShe* and *MoShaich* is found in the portion Ki Thisa of the golden calf.

Of course, the golden calf was just the final manifestation of the doubts raised during the 10 Utterances. Spiritually, the seed was planted when Moses left behind the golden plate with G-d's Name inscribed upon it, which allowed let the tree-of-knowledge to grow anew. The golden calf was just the fruits that were eaten from it when the Israelites couldn't wait another **6** hours for Moses return with G-d Tablets.

For 3 full chapters after the 10 Utterances, Moses' name wasn't mentioned. And of the **616** times that *Moshe* (*MShH*) appears in the Torah, the **173rd** time, corresponding to the **173** keys of Moses and the small *gematria* of the **42**-Letter Name, is at the end of the 10 Utterances in Exodus **20:19**, which is in the **156th** paragraph of the Torah, the **65th** in Exodus. Does this hint at **2019 CE**, the year after **5778 HC**, as also hinted at in **PI** (as explained in *There's Nothing Random About the Universe*)?

It might, considering that **616** is the value of *H'Torah* (the Torah), **65** is the value of *Adonai*, and **156** is the value of Zion and of Joseph, whose bones Moses had retrieved.

It's a funny way to tell a story through numbers, but while our Biblical interpretations change with our consciousness, the quantitative numbers never change; they haven't in **66.6** jubilee

years. And the sum of the gematria of the names of the **6** portions that Moses' name is not mentioned in after the **50** chapters of the Book of Genesis is **1968**, as in both **1968 HC** and **1968 CE**. If we add the **50** chapters of Genesis (as in the **50**-year length of the jubilee year) to this, we get **1968 + 50 = 2018**, as in the year **5778 HC** and as in **2018 HC**, the year of G-d Covenant with Abraham. (see our blog on **1968**, the year of revolution).

Regardless, of the simple math, the importance of this lesson is that we must pay attention to the *details* in our spiritual quests, that we don't forget about G-d's Name. Moses had his name removed when he forgot about G-d's Name (even though it only happened once and during very pressing circumstances). Moses' name was also removed from the Pesach Haggadah because it was there in Egypt, during the Exodus that Moses slipped up. And G-d was so angry at him, knowing what would happen, that He even stated that He wanted to kill Moses.

Moses' case is an extreme one because of his exalted spiritual level, but we all want to reach that place of *keter*, which our forefathers were at back at the 10 Utterances (Commandments) and thus we're all going to have to be much more careful, much more diligent in our spiritual actions. Why did only **408** people make it to the tree-of-life last time? Because all it takes is one slip of consciousness. Adam only slipped up once. Moses slipped up only once. The snake doesn't slip; he slithers.