
Why the year 2018? Look to the Beginning.

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To find the secret of why **5778 HC** or **2018 CE**, we can look to the sky and see the sun lording over us, burning away at **5778 K**, or look under our noses to the very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, to the seed of creation.

First we should note that just as the *tzaddikim* were able to calculate **5778** based on iterations of **2/3** or **666** years, so too can we calculate the year **2018 CE**.

$$2018 \text{ CE} = (666 \times 3) + (6.66 \times 3)$$

The Hebrew letter *alef* (*E*) has a numerical value of **1** and when spelled out (*ELP*) it is equivalent to **111**, so:

$$2018 \text{ CE} = (111 \times 6 \times 3) + (111 \times 6.66 \times 3/100) =$$

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$$111 \times 18 + 111 \times 18/100 =$$

$$\mathbf{alef \times 18.18}$$

Everyone knows **18** is the numerical value of *Chai*, life, but when we spell out the letter *alef* for **4** generations, we get

E

ELP

ELP LMD PE

ELP LMD PE, LMD, MM, DLT, PE, ELP

which equals **1 + 111 + 266 + 1046 = 1424**, which breaks down to **1000 + 424**, and we know **1000** is *alef* again as the word for **1000** is *elef* (*ELP*), spelled the same as *alef* (*ELP*), but more

significant is that **424** is the numerical value of *Moshiach Ben David*.

But, if we substitute the value of *Mem sofit* for the standard *mem (M)* in the 4th iteration, the total value becomes **1984**, and if we add the **33** letters in the 4 iterations we get **1984 + 33 = 2017** and we can choose to add the *kolel* of **1** and voila: **2018 CE**.

We should note that **666 x 3 = 1998** and that the Jewish and Hebrew Calendars so divinely intertwined, as illustrated time and again in *The Divine Calendar*, align the same through their holidays (fall on the same dates) in **1998** and again in **2018**.

Nevertheless, if we consider only the 1st **3** iterations as Rabbi Avraham Azulai of blessed memory instructed us to do in *Chesed L'Avraham*, and use the gematria *sofit* valuation, we get:

$$1 + 831 + 831 + 74 + 81 = 1818$$

as in **18.18 alefs = 2018 CE**

and from *There's Nothing Random About the Universe*, we know that **Phi**, the primordial mathematical constant that controls the natural spiraling growth from in the universe from our seashells to the Milky Way raised to the power of **18**, or

$$\text{Phi}^{18} = 5778$$

Understanding the schematic of the universe and G-d's designs is critical to understanding how we can breach the tree-of-life reality, how we can go from *alef*, the starting point to the finish line in a single leap of faith, without having to go through the grueling process. We'll soon be learning how the Torah shows us that some of those in our past already did that, and how we are the souls of those who didn't. Yet, we still can. That reality never changed, only our perception. For **66.6** jubilee years we had to earn the right again. Now it's time. But we still have to learn how it's done.

Now, if you recall that **5778** = the sum of all the positive integers through **107**, and also that **5778 = 107 x 54**, we should like to draw your attention to the fact that not only is the Torah divided in **54** *parashot* (portions) and this is the **18th** Knesset of Israel, but **54 = 18 x 3** and also that **54 = 216/4 = (6 x 6 x 6)/4**, making **5778 = 107 x (6 x 6 x 6)/4**

We know that **216** is the numerical value of the *sefira* (dimension) of *gevurah*, representing the aspect of judgment, and also that **216** is representative of the **216** letters in the **72** Names used

to split the Red (Endless) Sea, but **54**, a sum of three **18**'s or nine **6**'s is also the paragraph in Exodus (*Shmot*/names) where we reach **kefer**, the crowning, highest dimension, when we received the **10** Utterances (Commandments) from G-d, but that's the topic of our next blog, when we last had the opportunity to really choose.