

כז וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ,
בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ: זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה, בָּרָא
אֹתָם. **27** And God created man in His own image, in the image
of God created He him; male and female created He them.

ב דַּבֵּר אֶל-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמַרְתָּ
אֲלֵהֶם--קְדוֹשִׁים תְּהִיוּ: כִּי קְדוֹשׁ, אֲנִי
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם. **2** Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel,
and say unto them: Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your
God am holy.

יח עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוֹם, וְאֶלְמָנָה; וְאֶהֱבֶה
גֵר, לְתֵת לוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה. **18** He doth execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and
loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

יט וְאֶהֱבַתֶּם, אֶת-הַגֵּר: כִּי-גֵרִים
הֵייתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם. **19** Love ye therefore the stranger; for ye were strangers in the
land of Egypt.

ז זְכוֹר אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת, לְקַדְּשׁוֹ. **7** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

ח שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד, וְעָשִׂיתָ כָּל-מְלַאכְתֶּךָ. **8** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work;

ט וַיּוֹם, הַשְּׁבִיעִי--שַׁבָּת, לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ : לֹא-תַעֲשֶׂה כָל-מְלָאכָה אֹתָהּ וּבְנֶךָ וּבִתֶּךָ, עַבְדֶּךָ וְאִמָּתֶךָ וּבְהֵמָתֶךָ, וְגֵרְךָ, אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ. 9 but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God, in it thou shalt not do any manner of work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates;

י כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת-יָמִים עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֶת-הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת-הָאָרֶץ, אֶת-הַיָּם וְאֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-בָּם, וַיִּנַּח, בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי ; עַל-כֵּן, בֵּרַךְ יְהוָה אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת--וַיְקַדְּשֵׁהוּ. {ס} 10 for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. {S}

R. Hama son of R. Hanina further said: What does the text **“You shall walk after the Lord your God”** (Devarim 13:5) mean?

Is it possible for a human being to walk after the Shechinah? For hasn't it been said, **“For the Lord your God is a devouring fire?”** (Devarim 4:24) But the meaning is to walk after the attributes of the Holy One, blessed is God.

As God clothes the naked, for it is written, **“And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife coats of skin, and clothed them.”** (Bereshet 3:21), so do you clothe the naked.

The Holy One, blessed is God, visited the sick, for it is written, **“And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre.”** (Bereshet 18:1) so you should visit the sick.

The Holy One, blessed be God, comforted mourners, for it is written, **“And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son.”** (Bereshet 15:11) so you should also comfort mourners.

The Holy One, blessed is God, buried the dead, for it is written, **“And God buried him in the valley.”** (Devarim 24:6) so you should also bury the dead.

Partners, Does God Have A Big Toe? Rabbi Marc Gellman

Before there was anything, there was God, a few angels, and a huge swirling glob of rocks and water with no place to go. The angels asked God, "Why don't you clean up this mess?"

So God collected rocks from the huge swirling glob and put them together in clumps and said, "Some of these clumps of rocks will be planets, and some will be stars, and some will be...just rocks."

Then God collected water from the huge swirling glob and put it together in pools of water and said, "Some of these pools of water will be oceans and some will become clouds, and some of the water will be...just water."

Then the angels said, Well God, it's neater now, but is it finished? And God answered...

"NOPE!"

On some of the rocks God placed growing things, and creeping things, and things only God knows what they are, and when God had done all this, the angels asked God, "Is the world finished now" and God answered:

"NOPE!"

God made a man and a woman from some of the water and dust and said to them, "I am tired now. Please finish up the world for me....really it's almost done." But the man and woman said, "We can't finish the world alone! You have the plans and we are too little."

"You are big enough," God answered them. "But I agree to this. If you keep trying to finish the world, I will be your partner."

The man and the woman asked, "What's a partner?" And God answered, "A partner is someone you work with on a big thing that neither of you can do alone. If you have a partner, it means you can never give up, because your partner is depending on you. On the days you think I am not doing enough and on the days I think you're not doing enough, even on those days we are still partners and we must not stop trying to finish the world. That's the deal." And they all agreed to that deal.

Then the angels asked God, "Is the world finished yet" and God answered, "I don't know. Go ask my ---."

