Homeopathy and Kabalah: Highlights

THE STATUS OF HOMEOPATHY IN THE BIBLICAL TRADITION

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The underlying principle of homeopathy is the "law of similars," whereby one paradoxically uses either the disease itself or something similar to the disease to affect a cure. This principle, well known in biblical times, finds its explicit expression in the idiom employed by the sages in reference to healing, where a condition is cured by applying the rule of "like to like." Furthermore, our sages teach that this is the method employed by G-d Himself, Who sweetens (heals) "bitter with bitter." The 'law of similars" shows that the cure lies within the disease itself. The ailment is a foreign "shell" that always conceals within itself a kernel of good...

GOD'S PREFERED METHOD OF HEALING

MEKHILTA (120 CE) which includes in its pages eye-witness accounts of the Exodus, that were passed down by word of mouth through the Oral

Tradition.

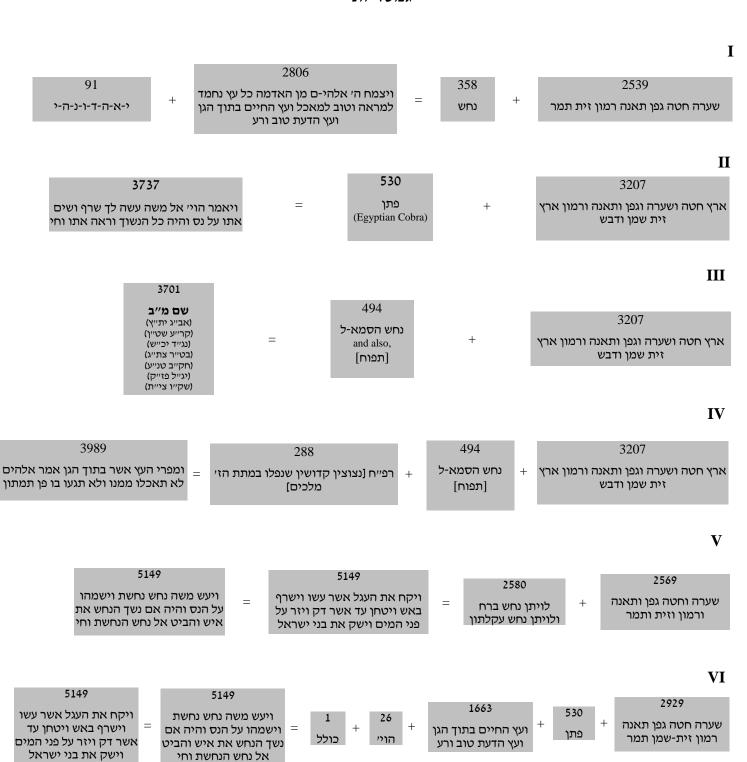
"When the Israelites finally encountered a water source in the desert they panicked upon discovering that the water was too bitter to drink (Exodus 15:22-25). Moses thought to add honey or something sweet to counteract its bitter taste. Instead God taught Moses the principle of bitter cures bitter [like cures like], God's preferred method of healing. God instructed Moses to take a tree distinguished by its especially bitter wood, and cast it into the bitter waters, promising that they would be sweetened thereby.

How wondrous are the ways of G-d, beyond the ways of man. People counter bitter with sweet. Not so the Holy One, who adds bitter to bitter, and in so doing makes it sweet...The Holy One heals with the very same thing with which he smites."

LIKE CURES LIKE, ALSO BY GAZE EVEN WITHOUT INGESTION Numbers 21:4-9

"...And poisonous serpents came among the people...and many of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned...pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And God said to Moses, Sculpt a venomous serpent, and set it upon a pole;...when whoever is bitten looks upon it, he [or she] shall live. And Moses made a copper serpent, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any person, that individual looked at the copper serpent and lived."

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