



# Kabbalah In The Wilderness

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## What is Evil?

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Evil is what we are taught to avoid with every fiber of our being. It has caused great harm and loss of life. Many associate it with a being that operates outside the authority of the Creator. What exactly is evil?

Have you notice that evil is live spelt backwards? During the Middle Ages, the average person believed that spells could be undone by being written backwards. I bring this up to show that evil is really not part of the Hebrew Bible<sup>1</sup>. I will clarify momentarily.

The Hebrew word that translate into evil is "RA" (Spelled Resh Ayin in Hebrew). Resh means first, beginning, and reasoning. AyIn means eyes, vanity, and nothingness, The eyes see but do not perceive. The eyes are misleading and lead to vanity. RA means putting the eyes first or putting man's perception first.

For example: We see something we like and we think we need it. Advertisers always have some kind of a sexy thing as part of the ad because they know we will use our eyes to drive our desires. We see and want it. Cain saw that Able's<sup>2</sup> offering was accepted and Able was murdered. Chava (Eve) saw that the fruit of the tree of good and evil looked good. Think to yourself, how often you and others had made choices by what was seen?

Good, in Hebrew TOV, is about the revealed essence of the Creator In a created thing. The tree of knowledge of good and evil is the knowledge of the essence in what is being seen by the eyes.<sup>3</sup>

We need to understand that TOV and RA meet via knowledge of the two. RA needs to submit to TOV and TOV needs to permit RA to be transformed by that

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning there is a lot lost in translation. The Biblical concept by no means matches the English translation.

<sup>2</sup> This is the first instance of the Ego causing a murder. Note that the "evil" was perpetrated by the RA, the eyes first perspective.

<sup>3</sup> This tree spans between the two and creates a contrast between TOV and RA.



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essence not destroy the eyes. Let's take another look at this. The eyes chase after vanity and emptiness, meaning it looks for value in what is of no spiritual good. But with TOV, those eye can see what is of spiritual good since it is looking into the essence of what it sees.

The Creator left it's revealed essence in everything. That is what we are looking for with our eyes. This is what Abraham did in the Wilderness.<sup>4</sup>

Sit back and contemplate what was just read. It should create a major paradigm shift in your thoughts and understanding of the beginning chapters of Genesis. This should make you question many preconceptions received through doctrines and layers of cultural influences.

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<sup>4</sup> This search starts a Genesis 12.