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**The Knowledge  
of  
Good and Evil**

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- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 2:8-9

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וַיִּצְמַח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִן־הָאֲדָמָה כָּל־עֵץ נֹחֵמַד לְמַרְאֵה וְטוֹב לְמַאֲכָל וְעֵץ הַחַיִּים בְּתוֹךְ הַגֵּן וְעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרָע:

Vayats'mach Yahuah Elohiym min-ha'adamah cal-ets nechmad l'mareh v'tov  
l'ma'acal v'**ets ha'chayim** b'tok ha'gan v'**ets ha'da'ath tov va'ra**

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15 And Yahuah Elohiym took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to guard it. 16 And Yahuah Elohiym commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: 17 But of **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 2:15-17

**A'dam could have freely eaten from the tree of life!**

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## No Dah!

Da'ath (דַּעַת)(H1847), meaning *knowledge*; from H3045. **Note:** This may be a feminine plural form of the verb da (דָּעַ), meaning *knowings*.

Yada (יָדָע)(H3045), a primitive root; meaning *to know*, (properly, *to ascertain by seeing*); **Note:** This may be a yiqtol verb form of the verb da (דָּעַ), meaning *know*, and means *he knows*. But see the inference: **Yah knows.**

**Yada, yada, yada!**



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## **But what is knowledge?**

The use of the word da'ath in scripture describes observation, recognition, instruction, designation, awareness, comprehension, consideration, diligence, discernment, discoverance, perception, prognostication, and understanding.

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## But what is good?

tov (טוב) is a word meaning good (as an adjective) in the widest sense; used likewise as a noun, both in the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural, also as an adverb (well):—beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, × fair (word), (be in) favor, fine, glad, good, graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, loving, merry, pleasant, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare.





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**Tet:** The whole world

**Vav:** The joining nail

**Beit:** The tent

**The tent is joined to the world.**

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The four corners of the earth →



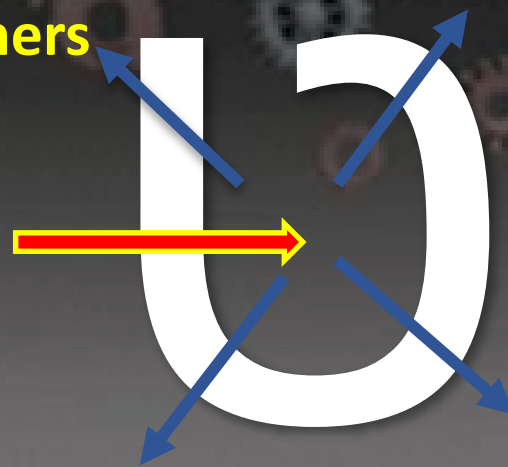
Tet: The whole world



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Dispersion from the four corners

The four corners of the earth



*And it shall come to pass in that day, that Adonai shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Ashshur, and from Mitsrayim, and from Pathroc, and from Kush, and from Eylam, and from Shin`ar, and from Chamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the out-casts of Yashar`el, and gather together the dispersed of Yahudah from the four corners of the earth.*

- Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 11:11-12

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*And Elohiym said: Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And Elohiym saw the light, that it was good: and Elohiym divided the light from the darkness. 5 And Elohiym called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:3-5

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*And Elohiym said: Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and **Elohiym saw that it was good.***

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:11-12

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*And Elohiym said: Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for appointed feasts, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And Elohiym made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And Elohiym set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the dark-ness: **and Elohiym saw that it was good.***

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:14-18

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*And Elohiym said: Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that has life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven. 21 And Elohiym created great dragons, and אֲנָשִׁים every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and אֲנָשִׁים every winged fowl after his kind: and Elohiym saw that it was good.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:20-21

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*And Elohiym said: Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25 And Elohiym made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and אֵל everything that creeps upon the earth after his kind: and Elohiym saw that it was good.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:24-25



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*And Elohiym said: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. 27 So Elohiym created man in his own image, in the image of Elohiym created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And Elohiym blessed them, and Elohiym said unto them: Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:26-28

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*29 And Elohiym said: Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and אֵלֶּךָ every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given אֵלֶּךָ every green herb for food: and it was so. 31 And Elohiym saw everything that he had made, and behold, **it was very good (טוב מאד)**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 1:29-31

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## But what is evil?

The word evil found in the Ivriyth is ra' (רָע) is an adjective or noun, which comes from the root verb râ'a (רָעָה), and means bad or (as noun) evil (whether naturally or morally): It is adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, displeasure, distress, evil, man, thing), exceedingly grievous, harmful, hurtful, ill-favored, great misery, sorrow, trouble, vexation, wickedness, wretchedness, wrong. The word includes the feminine raaah; as adjective or noun.)

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Resh: The human head

Ayin: The eye

Ra

רַע

The eye of Ra



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Ra 

The eye of Ra was the symbol of the omnipotence of the creator-god Ra. This eye was one of the most important emblems of ancient Egypt. It represented for the ancient Egyptians one of the key elements in the creation of the world and of the order's maintenance in the kingdom of Egypt.



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Ra רַע

Ra is always depicted with a hawk's head, wearing the Sun disk on his head, a gold disk surrounded by a serpent: the cobra Uræus.

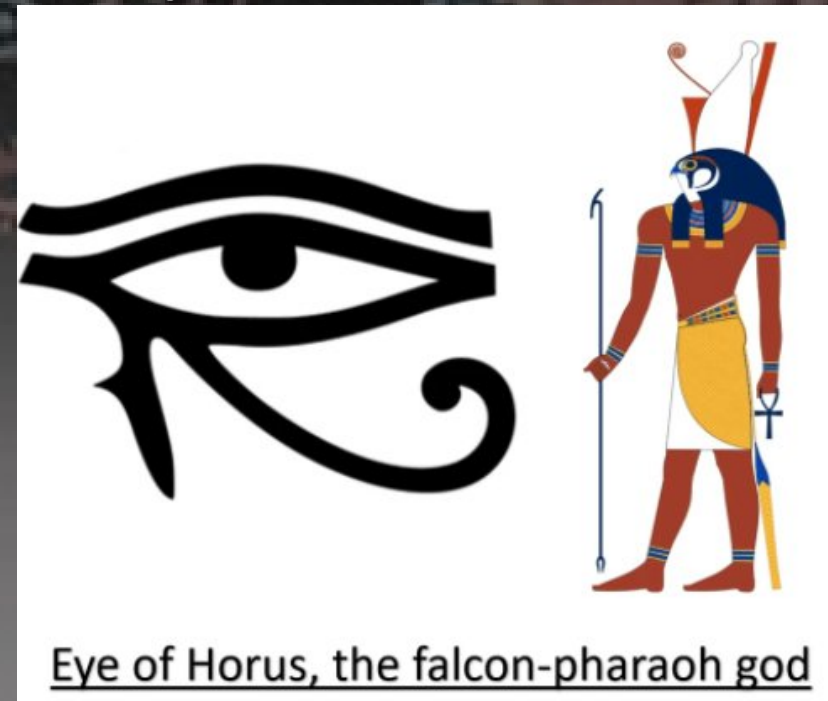


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The eye of Ra versus the eye of Horus.

- The eye of Ra is the right eye

- The eye of Horus is the left eye



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But consider that the root of the word Ra has an additional ayin:

Resh: The human head (or mind)

Ayin: The eye (or vision)

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**The mind is its vision of two eyes!**

Worse, the feminine is raaah; **The mind and the soul are fixed on the eyes!**

*And Yahuah saw that the wickedness (רַעַת) of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil (רַע) continually.*

-Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 6:5



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Resh/Ayin - **The mind is on its vision!**

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-Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 6:5

Compare with **ra'ah** (רָאָה) (H7200) which is a primitive root meaning, to see, to appear, approve, behold, consider, discern, enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, perceive, regard, to think, view, or have visions.

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רָאָה vs. רָעָה

What's the difference?

(רָעָה) The eye (or zero) is in the mind and the soul

(רָאָה) Elohiym is in the mind and the soul

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רַעַת

*And the remnant thereof he makes an el, even his graven image: he falls down unto it, and worships it, and prays unto it, and says: Deliver me; for you are my el. 18 They have not known nor understood: for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.*

- Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 44:17

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רַעַת

*3 Yahusha answered and said unto him: Amein, Amein, I say unto you: Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of Elohiym.*

*- Yochanon (John) 3:3*

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רָאָה

We see that the word Ra'ah (רָאָה) is a verb, meaning primarily, to see.

Now consider the noun (or so we are told) yirah (יִרְאָה) which means to fear with moral reverence.

יִרְאָה

This can also be construed as the yiqtal form of the verb meaning *he sees*.

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רָאָה

*Elohiym understands the way thereof, and he knows the place thereof. 24 For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees under the whole heaven; 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weighs the waters by measure. 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: 27 **Then did he see (רָאָה) it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. 28 And unto man he said: Behold, the fear (יִרְאָה) of Adonai, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.***

- Iyov (Job) 28:23-28

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עָנִי vs. אָנִי

Aniy (אָנִי)(H589) contracted from H595 (אֲנִי ankîy), meaning I, or as for me, mine, myself.

Aniy (עָנִי)(H6041) contracted from H6031 (עָנָה anâh), meaning depressed in mind or circumstances:—afflicted, humble, lowly, needy, poor.

**To be without the aleph is to be depressed, afflicted, humble, lowly, needy or poor.**



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The knowledge of evil  
is the knowledge of a way of  
existence without Yahuah.

*To teach such a way is per se evil.*



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וְעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרָע

And tree – the knowledge of good – and evil

*And Yahuah Elohiym said: Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:*

*- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 3:22*

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*Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the Torah, are of Yahuah: love, and the way of good works, are from him. 16 Error and darkness had their beginning together with sinners: and evil shall wax old with them that glory therein. 17 The gift of Yahuah remains with the qodeshiym, and his favor brings prosperity forever.*

- Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 11:15-17

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*Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? 12 For who knows what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spends as a shadow? For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?*

*- Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes) 6:11-12*

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*But withdraw ye not from the way of the Torah, but guard and admonish the people which remain; lest they withdraw from the commandments of El Elohiym. 4 For ye see that he whom we serve is just, and our Creator is no respecter of persons. 5 And see ye what has befallen Tsiyon and what has happened to Yerushalayim. 6 For the judgment of El Elohiym shall thereby be made known and his ways, which though past finding out, are right. 7 For if ye endure and persevere in his fear and do not forget his Torah, the times shall change over you for good. And ye shall see the consolation of Tsiyon.*

- Baruch Sheniy (2 Baruch) 44:3-7

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*Wherewith shall I come before Yahuah, and bow myself before the high Elohiym? Shall I come before him with ascending smoke offerings, with calves of a year old? 7 Will Yahuah be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, **what is good**; and what Yahuah requires of you, **but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your Elohiym?** 9 Yahuah's voice cries unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see your name: hear ye the rod, and who has appointed it.*

- Miykah (Micah) 6:6-9