

## MILA YOMIT 12: AAL



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Meaning: ON

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### OTIOT-Letters

-AYIN- - first appearance in Torah

- 16th letter of alef bet
- became Omicron in Greek, then 'O' in English
- 10th of the 12 simple or elemental letters
- In Sefer Yetzira, which introduces the letters and their deeper significances, it says of AYIN:

Its foundation is anger (temper or aggressiveness)

In the year it is related to Tevet, Zodiac-Gedi:the Kid  
(Capricorn)

Its astrological house (one of the twelve angular divisions in sky) is government (p. 198 Sefer Yetzira).

It corresponds to the Liver in the Soul, Male and Female

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-AYIN means Eye,(English word eye was preceded and sourced by the Hebrew word for eye, which is 'עין -Ayin' )

-It is also related also related to fountain (מעין-Mayaan, which can be read 'meh-ayin'-from the eye')

-Perhaps the connection is seen in that drops of water flow from a fountain as tears flow from the eye.

-Kabbalistically represents the Eye of the Creator-Divine Providence

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-Its numeric value is 70- representing multiplicity, plurality

-the singularity ALEPH (the One) is transformed/transmuted into the multiplicity of 70.

There are a number of significant '70's' in the tradition:

- 70 archetypal nations and languages (the numerical value of ADAM VE'CHAVA-Adam and Eve is 70)
- seventy Jewish souls that descended to Egypt
- seventy elders chosen by Moses, 70 sages of Sanhedrin-the Law Court
- 70 years of Babylonian exile
- 70 faces of Torah
- 70 names of God
- 70 birth pangs of Messiaich (Ginsburgh. p. 249)

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In form, ע - is a Vov enwedged into an elongated 'Nun, it resembles two eyes with connecting 'optic nerves' entering the brain

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ל LAMED- (L) - learning  
Lamed's numeric is 30.

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על - AAL 's numeric is 100.

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### MEANING and RELATED/SIMILAR WORDS:

על is a preposition meaning 'on, upon, above', also 'at, beside;towards; against; concerning; because of, on account of'.

על אֵל EL AL-Israel's Air Line, means 'to the heights'.  
And it also means 'God (EL) is above'.

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על -OL- (ayin, lamed) -yoke, burden

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CONCEPTUAL MEANING:

דע מה למ-על-ה ממד: עין רואה -Dah Mah

Lem-AAL-a Meemcha: Ayin Roe'eh:

Know what is above you -the eye that sees:(Pirkei Avot, 2:1)

Through our eyes we learn, perhaps when we gaze from the perspective of height.

Our physical eyes see the multiplicity before us, our spiritual eyes gaze from the heights.

Seeing the Oneness.

In each case learning is the act of opening our eyes to what is.

Our spiritual work is ל-על-ות -Le-AAL -ot: to elevate.

To see with the Divine Eye.

Rabbi Avraham Itzchak HaCohen Kook (1865-1935) is the major sage and mystic of the modern era. He teaches in העין

העליונה -Ha-Ayin ha ELYona: The Divine Eye (lit.-The Highest Eye):

"It is an art of great enlightenment to pure anger from the heart entirely, to look at all with a benevolent eye, with compassionate concern, without reservation. It is to emulate the eye of God that focuses only on the good."

(Orot HaKodesh 3: 326)

- על - above; the elevation out of which the One unfolds into

the many

-the direction we reach as we elevate, ascending closer and closer to the One

“The one that is occupied in the learning of Torah is

מת-על-ה Meet-AAL-eh-Elevated". (Pirkei Avot 6,2)

May we be so blessed

