

## MILA YOMIT 26: VA'YIQRAH (ELOHIM)

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים

Breishit 1:5

And ELOHIM Called (or Named)

### CONTEXT-

We are beginning verse 5 in Breisheet 1. The Creator just created light and divided between the light and the darkness.

### MILA CHADASHA:New Word-

OTIOT:Letters:

ו VAV :and

י YOD: Divine Spark

ק KUF: This is this letter's first appearance! It corresponds to the English letter 'Q'

Sefer Yetzira teaches that KUF is last of the 12 elemental-simple letters. It is dominant over laughter, and corresponds to Pisces in the Zodiac, Adar in the months (month of merriment) and the spleen in the 'being, male and female.'

Its meanings include: monkey (kuf), to surround or touch

(hakafa).It is formed by the letter REISH ך 'hovering' over a

ZAYIN-ז. It is

kabbalistically related to "Omnipresence (Qadosh): Redemption of Falling Sparks

Its numeric value is 100, which represents perfection and completion, the 'interinclusion' of ten sefirot-each one reflecting all the others.

Halachically, we are encouraged to recite 100 blessings daily, (the path to Holiness).  
On Tree of Life it connects Bina-Understanding to Chesed-Love.

ר REISH-Consciousness

א ALEPH-Unity

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The letters may suggest that calling or naming something is only possible when it is complete and finished.

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#### MEANING and RELATED WORDS:

The root verb 'קרא QaRA' means 'to read, to call or cry out, to proclaim ,to pronounce, to name, call by name'.

To read something implies to see it and then to think out or call out that which is seen.

The Torah is referred to in Talmudic and Rabbinic parlance as

"קרא QeRA" -'the read'

Interestingly the Karaites, an 8th century Jewish sect which rejected the Oral Torah, were named after this word.

קר QaR is an adjective that means 'cold'.

Also worthwhile is noting that the Aleph Bet natural order is Kuf, Reish.

Related to English words :cry (out), the town 'crier'-calling out-,  
(also to word;'occur'-to purposely happen)

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### MILA CHOZERET-Repeating Word

**אלהים** ELOHIM: This is the 6th appearance of this Divine Name. Sefer Yetzira explains that this corresponds to the manifestation of the letter **ז** ZAYIN which is the third of the 12 elemental-simple letters.

Interestingly, the Zayin has not yet appeared on it own.

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### CONTEXTUAL MEANING:

The Talmud renders **וַיִּקְרָא**-VaYiQRA' as 'Summoned', as a sovereign summons and directs. The Creator is summoning and directing through expression of consciousness

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch explains that 'called' can not mean simply that the name was given to something. This is because the two words that are about to be spoken -AUR:Light is about to be called something else- are not identical.

(As we will see in the next Mila). God calls the light in order to appoint it to its task. To call it to its function.

The Zohar speaks of the Creator summoning the light to issue forth in a particular way, to a particular direction. It describes this process as the Divine designing and forming the various parts of the Tree of Life and creating the foundations of this world. Each utterance a different branch, another pathway.

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### VA'YIQRAH ELOHIM

And the Divine Called all that was to its function, to its purpose.

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Excerpts from QRIYAH-Summons to Higher Contemplation by Rav Kook (Orot HaKodesh , 1: 83,84)

“...Let us ascend towards the heights, because we are of mighty prowess, we have wings of spirit, wings of mighty eagles. Let us not fail them, lest they fail us;

Let us seek for them and they will at once be ready for us...

And we are -**קְרוּעִים** QRUEEM- summoned to share in the heavenly delight...from which all the proliferations of life have emerged.”

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