

Notes: May 11, 2019

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tov
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
11. Oneg

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: *The Balanced Believer - Study*

Artificial Intelligence - the theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.

In other words – teaching computers how to learn as we have been created to do.

All of these things we have been given the capacity to learn.

To learn is to gain or acquire knowledge of or skill in and is the direct result of being taught through either by study or through experience.

How many have heard the phrase “life is the best teacher”?

Human intelligence is the intellectual prowess of humans, which is marked by complex cognitive feats and high levels of motivation and self-awareness. [1] Through their intelligence, humans possess the cognitive abilities to learn, form concepts, understand, apply logic, and reason, including the capacities to recognize patterns, comprehend ideas, plan, solve problems, make decisions, retain information, and use language to communicate.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_intelligence

Human intelligence, mental quality that **consists of** the abilities to learn from experience, adapt to new situations, understand and handle abstract concepts, and use knowledge to manipulate one's environment.

<https://www.britannica.com/science/human-intelligence-psychology>

The second definition comes from the [ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA](#) web site where this article includes several theories regarding the dynamics of human intelligence such as psychometric theories, attempt to understand the very structure of intelligence itself.

Many theories deduced by the power of the mind comprising elaborate conclusions, all of which lack one thing. The source of our ability. The source being our Creator. In all of these elaborate theories, Adonai is not even included in any of these theories.

And yet, right from the beginning we were created with what is identified by science as human intelligence.

Gen 2:19 So from the ground Adonai, God, formed every wild animal and every bird that flies in the air, and he brought them to the person to see what he would call them. Whatever the person would call each living creature, that was to be its name.

Gen 2:20 So the person gave names to all the livestock, to the birds in the air and to every wild animal. But for Adam there was not found a companion suitable for helping him.

How did Adam know what to name each animal?

We are anything but artificial - made or produced by human beings rather than occurring naturally, especially as a copy of something natural.

We are most certainly not man made.

Consider Genesis 11:

Gen 11:1 The whole earth used the same language, the same words.

Gen 11:2 It came about that as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shin`ar and lived there.

Gen 11:3 They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them in the fire." So they had bricks for building-stone and clay for mortar.

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city with a tower that has its top reaching up into heaven, so that we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered all over the earth."

Gen 11:5 Adonai came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

Gen 11:6 Adonai said, "Look, the people are united, they all have a single language, and see what they're starting to do! At this rate, nothing they set out to accomplish will be impossible for them!

Gen 11:7 Come, let's go down and confuse their language, so that they won't understand each other's speech."

Consider the second definition I gave you for human intelligence...

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Genesis 11 is sometime after the flood, yet we do not know how long. All we know is that there were a multitude of people who travelled from the east. We see them adapting to a new situation based on the place they had come to and use knowledge to manipulate their environment - "let's make bricks and build a city" "let's make a tower reaching up to heaven"

There is no origin that conveys any of these aspects – how did they know how to make bricks through baking them in fire? Were they given a blueprint for building a city? Was there a planning commission?

The point that I am trying to make here, is that we were equipped with the ability to learn. What science calls human

intelligence is none other than the mind of Adonai.

Adonai not only breathed life into Adam, but in so doing transmitted His wisdom into Adam as well.

And yet, human history conveys that over time, our knowledge expanded.

It wasn't until the 19th century when [Michael Faraday](#) reported that the resistance of specimens of [silver sulfide](#) decreases when they are heated. What does this mean?

This is the origin of the semiconductor. In other words the beginning of the electronic age.

Thousands of years after Adam, we learn something that ultimate leads to something much greater.

And yet, many quest to acquire wisdom and knowledge, yet not the wisdom and the knowledge that comes from the one who brought forth life.

Throughout Scripture there is an underlying theme. In order to know Adonai and His salvation, you must first seek Him

Adonai has equipped us with the ability to know Him, to learn about Him and in essence to realise that when we know Him and have a relationship with Him, it is ultimately Him who provides us with life, life after death.

He commands parents to teach our children. Once children themselves, they were taught about Adonai by their parents. Now as parents they are commanded to do the same.

[Deu 6:4](#) "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad [*Hear, Isra'el! Adonai our God, Adonai is one*];

[Deu 6:5](#) and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.

[Deu 6:6](#) These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart;

[Deu 6:7](#) and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

The relationship Adonai established with Israel is both generational and eternal. The knowledge of Adonai is to be passed on, from generation to generation. The covenants are generational, passed on from generation to generation.

Yet, simply having the dna does not rubber stamp your future. A head knowledge does not secure your future.

[Joh 8:39](#) They answered him, "Our father is Avraham." Yeshua replied, "If you are the children of Avraham, then do the things Avraham did!

[Mat 3:9](#) And don't suppose you can comfort yourselves by saying, 'Avraham is our father!' For I tell you that God can raise up for Avraham sons from these stones!

The DNA actually constitutes a greater responsibility

[Isa 49:5](#) So now Adonai says — he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya`akov back to him, to have Isra'el gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of Adonai, my God having become my strength —

[Isa 49:6](#) he has said, "It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya`akov and restore the offspring of Isra'el. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth."

The head knowledge provides you with information.

Yet, the question is – what are you to do with that knowledge?

Ultimately, you are to act upon that knowledge.

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

Take what you know and teach others. Before you can teach, you must first become a student, a talmid. Adonai has equipped you with the tools, that is the ability to learn, not just acquiring knowledge but being able to take that knowledge and apply it. Again, I reiterate this definition of human intelligence...

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And yet this is something that once you begin this journey, it will be continuous, ongoing.

2Ti 2:14 Keep reminding people of this, and charge them solemnly before the Lord not to engage in word-battles. They accomplish nothing useful and are a catastrophe for the hearers!

What is the this that Sha'ul instructs Timothy to remind people of...

2Ti 2:11 Here is a statement you can trust: If we have died with him, we will also live with him.

2Ti 2:12 If we persevere, we will also rule with him If we disown him, he will also disown us.

2Ti 2:13 If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2Ti 2:15 Do all you can to present yourself to God as someone worthy of his approval, as a worker with no need to be ashamed, because he deals straightforwardly with the Word of the Truth.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

It is here that Sha'ul is encouraging Timothy to pursue Adonai through His Word.

What is study...as a noun:

- the devotion of time and attention to acquiring knowledge on an academic subject, especially by means of books
- a detailed investigation and analysis of a subject or situation.

What is study...as a verb:

- devote time and attention to acquiring knowledge on (an academic subject), especially by means of books.

The use of time is both seen as a verb requiring action and a noun in that something that is either tangible or intangible is being acquired.

Sha'ul is building upon a foundation that Timothy already has and has had from His youth...likely instilled in Him by His parents who were acting upon the command to teach their children.

2Ti 3:14 But you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, recalling the people from whom you learned it;

2Ti 3:15 and recalling too how from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which can give you the wisdom that leads to deliverance through trusting in Yeshua the Messiah.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;

2Ti 3:17 thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work.

2Ti 4:1 I solemnly charge you before God and the Messiah Yeshua, who will judge the living and the dead when he appears and establishes his Kingdom:

2Ti 4:2 proclaim the Word! Be on hand with it whether the time seems right or not. Convict, censure and exhort with unfailing patience and with teaching.

2Ti 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not have patience for sound teaching, but will cater to their passions and gather around themselves teachers who say whatever their ears itch to hear.

2Ti 4:4 Yes, they will stop listening to the truth, but will turn aside to follow myths.

2Ti 4:5 But you, remain steady in every situation, endure suffering, do the work that a proclaimer of the Good News should, and do everything your service to God requires.

What is the Truth?

How many times I have heard people saying I am searching for truth is countless.

All they want to know is truth.

In some instances this is some “new age” pursuit of enlightenment.

For believers, they seek “the Truth” yet are missing the mark.

Psa 119:142 Your righteousness is eternal righteousness, and your Torah is truth.

In Romans 7, Sha'ul conveys this very dynamic by first asking the question – “Is Torah sinful?”

Rom 7:7 Therefore, what are we to say? That the Torah is sinful? Heaven forbid! Rather, the function of the Torah was that without it, I would not have known what sin is. For example, I would not have become conscious of what greed is if the Torah had not said, "Thou shalt not covet."

In essence looking to establish a negative, but focusing rather on the result of the transgression of Torah...

Rom 7:8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, worked in me all kinds of evil desires — for apart from Torah, sin is dead.

Rom 7:9 I was once alive outside the framework of Torah. But when the commandment really encountered me, sin sprang to life,

Rom 7:10 and I died. The commandment that was intended to bring me life was found to be bringing me death!

Rom 7:11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me; and through the commandment, sin killed me.

Yet, what does Sha'ul conclude...

Rom 7:12 So the **Torah is holy**; that is, the commandment is holy, **just and good**.

Rom 7:13 Then did something good become for me the source of death? Heaven forbid! Rather, it was sin working death in me through something good, so that sin might be clearly exposed as sin, so that sin through the commandment might come to be experienced as sinful beyond measure.

Rom 7:14 For we know that the **Torah is of the Spirit**; but as for me, I am bound to the old nature, sold to sin as a slave.

Now that you know Torah is Holy and of the Spirit. That it is Adonai's truth, what is it. For some of you this will be a review because this is part of my introduction to the Parsha when we start at Genesis 1. For others this may be new so you will want to pay attention to this very Truth that is Adonai...

What is Torah?

The word originates from 'yarah' meaning to shoot an arrow or hit the mark. In its proper context, Torah means teaching or instruction.

Torah is the foundation for all scripture.

What Comprises Torah?

Because the word translates to mean law, it is construed that all Torah is are laws and instructions. This is a rather short sighted and incorrect view of Torah. Furthermore, it is construed as the "old covenant", but yet constitutes so much more.

Instructions / Laws – Instructions given by Adonai

History – Adonai's relationship with a people He would call His own and who would become the nation of Israel.

Covenants – universal and non-universal

Israel's constitution -

Prophecy – future promises

Types of commandments:

- Chukkim – statutes given without a reason (dietary laws, family purity)
- Mishpatim – laws given for a clearly specified reason. Rational – laws against theft and murder
- Eiduyot – testimonials intended to commemorate / represent something (Passover, eating matzah)

Maimonides, a Jewish sage during the times of the first crusades categorized Torah into 613 mitzvot

There are 248 positive commandments (thou shalt do)

There are 365 negative commandments (thou shalt not do)

A mitzvah means divine commandment, but is also used within rabbinic law to mean good deed.

Yeshua conveys to the woman from Shomron...

Joh 4:22 You people don't know what you are worshipping; we worship what we do know, because salvation comes from the Jews.

Joh 4:23 But the time is coming — indeed, it's here now — when the true worshippers will worship the Father spiritually and truly, for these are the kind of people the Father wants worshipping him.

Joh 4:24 God is spirit; and worshippers must worship him spiritually and truly."

Joh 4:25 The woman replied, "I know that Mashiach is coming" (that is, "the one who has been anointed"). "When he comes, he will tell us everything."

This was the common expectation of the time and even to this day. The expectation of the coming of Messiah will lead to greater clarity in that He will resolve all issues.

Joh 4:26 Yeshua said to her, "I, the person speaking to you, am he."

And let me conclude with the following Psalms.

Psa 25:1 *[By David:]* I lift my inner being to you, Adonai;

Psa 25:2 I trust you, my God. Don't let me be disgraced, don't let my enemies gloat over me.

Psa 25:3 No one waiting for you will be disgraced; disgrace awaits those who break faith for no reason.

Psa 25:4 Make me know your ways, Adonai, teach me your paths.

Psa 25:5 **Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God who saves me, my hope is in you all day long.**

His truth leads to Salvation

Psa 27:10 Even though my father and mother have left me, Adonai will care for me.

Psa 27:11 Teach me your way, Adonai; lead me on a level path because of my enemies -

Psa 27:12 don't give me up to the whims of my foes; for false witnesses have risen against me, also those who are breathing violence.

Psa 27:13 If I hadn't believed that I would see Adonai's goodness in the land of the living, . . .

Psa 27:14 Put your hope in Adonai, be strong, and let your heart take courage! Yes, put your hope in Adonai!

10 times in Psalm 119 the writer hungers for Adonai to teach him His laws and rulings.

Psalm 119: 12, 26, 33, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135, 171

Psa 143:9 Adonai, rescue me from my enemies; I have hidden myself with you.

Psa 143:10 Teach me to do your will, because you are my God. Let your good Spirit guide me on ground that is level.

Psa 143:11 For your name's sake, Adonai, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of distress.

Psa 143:12 In your grace, cut off my enemies; destroy all those harassing me; because I am your servant.

Psa 119:165 Those who love your Torah have great peace; nothing makes them stumble.

Does your life reflect these Psalms?

Does your heart reflect these Psalms?