



General considerations on Judaic esotericism (III)

Josephus

The sephirotic synthesis, *Adam ilaa*, is the metaphysical expression of *Ein-Sof*. For a maximum strictness, the Infinite lies beyond Silence, for even if this name is used to symbolize that Supreme Mystery, what It designates is only an imperfect allusion. Even if we apprehend Silence in its depth and elevate Its meaning beyond any rational-discursive understanding, which requires a counter-balance in Sound, It would still not succeed to point the Infinite, for It would only sublimate itself into a Unity that truly transcends duality, but for this very reason it would mean nothing more than this. Otherwise, pushing these considerations to the limit, even the metaphysical Zero in Itself, seen as the Hidden Kernel of the Unity, and thus as Silence fathomed beyond Unity, is still not the Supreme Infinite. This is the teaching of *Kabbalah*.

Adam ilaa, although the mysterious grain of duality, is veiled in the depths of Non-Being (*Ayin*). Yet, *Ayin* is hidden into an Infinite Mystery that goes beyond cosmos, beyond the metaphysical One and Zero, beyond *the All* understood as formed by parts.

Veiled by *Ayin*, *Ein-Sof* composes Itself an Unutterable and Mysterious Name, whose exteriorization, as the first *Sephirah*, occults It. This essence is pronounced *Keter Elyon*. This primeval and highest Name, *Ehyeh*, is Metatron. *Ehyeh* is the Face of Silence. *Kether Elyon* (Supreme Crown) is the name of the Non-Being and It is identical with Nothingness (*Ayin*). This is the root of the hidden grain of manifestation. And yet, this root is not everything that *Ayin* means, but only the non-manifested aspect of the grain of manifestation. Nothingness spreads inconceivably beyond this root, which does not mean that this extension is able to exhaust the Infinite (*Ein-Sof*).

Bereshit bara Elohim is the metaphysical Holy Family, having as Supernal Queen the *Sefirah Binah* (Elohim), *Hokhmah* as The Holy King (*reshit*), and *bara* as *ha-Elyon*, the Supreme Child of Silence, union of Queen and King, the hidden Messiah.