

הלכות יסודי התורה • פרק שלישי

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CHAPTER PREVIEW

In this chapter, the Rambam takes us on a breathtaking journey through the physical structure of the cosmos, showing us the wondrous design of Hashem's creation. We learn about the nine great spheres that surround the world, starting from the sphere of the moon closest to us, all the way up to the ninth sphere which encompasses everything and rotates daily from east to west. The Rambam explains how these spheres are pure and refined, layered like the peels of an onion, and completely free of physical properties like weight, color, taste, or smell.

We also delve into the calculations of astronomy, the sizes of the celestial bodies—including how the sun and moon compare to the size of the Earth—and the twelve mazalos (constellations) mapped out by the early Sages. Most beautifully, the Rambam reveals the inner life of these creations, explaining that the stars and spheres are not dead matter, but are actually endowed with a neshama, knowledge, and intellect, standing in constant recognition and praise of their Creator.

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הליא

סדר תשעת הגלגלים ומערכת הכוכבים

Halacha 1 • The Order of the Nine Spheres and the Arrangement of the Stars

הגלגלים הם הנקראים שמים ורקיע וזבול וערבות. והם תשעה
are nine and they and skies and habitation and firmament heavens are called they The spheres
גלגלים. גלגל הקרוב ממנו הוא גלגל הירח. והשני שלמעלה ממנו
it which is above And the second the moon is the sphere of it to us the closest The sphere spheres
הוא גלגל שבו הפוכב הנקרא פוכב. וגלגל שלישי שלמעלה ממנו
it which is above the third And the sphere Kochav called the star in which is is the sphere it
שבו נגה. וגלגל רביעי שבו חמה. וגלגל חמישי שבו מאדים.
Ma'dim in which is the fifth And the sphere the sun in which is the fourth And the sphere Nogah in which is
וגלגל ששי שבו פוכב צדק. וגלגל שביעי שבו שבתאי. וגלגל
And the sphere Shabbtai in which is the seventh And the sphere Tzedek the star of in which is the sixth And the sphere
שמיני שבו שאר כל הכוכבים שנראים ברקיע. וגלגל תשיעי הוא
it the ninth And the sphere in the sky that are seen the stars all the rest of in which is the eighth
גלגל החזור בכל יום מן המזרח למערב והוא המקיף ומסבב את
— and surrounds encompasses and it to the west the east from day in every that revolves is the sphere
הכל. וזה שתראה כל הכוכבים כאלו הם כלם בגלגל אחד ואף על
· and even one are in a sphere all they as if the stars all that you see And this everything
פי שיש בהן זה למעלה מזה. מפני שהגלגלים טהורים וזכים
and clear are pure the spheres is because this one above this one among them there is though

כְּזִכּוּכִית וְכִסְפִּיר לְפִיכָה נִרְאִים הַכּוֹכָבִים שֶׁבְּגִלְגַּל הַשָּׁמַיִם מִתַּחַת

below the eighth that are in the sphere the stars are seen therefore and like sapphire like glass

גִּלְגַּל הָרִאשׁוֹן:

the first the sphere

This halacha describes the structure of the physical universe according to medieval cosmology, detailing the nine concentric spheres and their transparency.

ה'י ב

מְבַנֵּה הַגִּלְגָּלִים וְתַנוּעָתָם

Halacha 2 · The Structure and Movement of the Celestial Spheres

כָּל גִּלְגַּל וְגִלְגַּל מְשֻׁמוֹנָה הַגִּלְגָּלִים שֶׁבָּהֶן הַכּוֹכָבִים נִחְלָק לְגִלְגָּלִים הֶרְבֵּה

many into spheres is divided the stars that in them spheres of the eight and sphere sphere Every

זֶה לְמַעַלָּה מִזֶּה כְּמוֹ גִּלְדֵי בָצָלִים. מֵהֶן גִּלְגָּלִים סוֹבְבִים מִמַּעַרְב לְמִזְרָח.

to east from west revolve spheres of them onions the layers of like this above this

וּמֵהֶן סוֹבְבִים מִמִּזְרָח לְמַעַרְב כְּמוֹ הַגִּלְגָּל הַתְּשִׁיעִי הַחוּזֵר מִמִּזְרָח

from east that returns the ninth the sphere like to west from east revolve and of them

לְמַעַרְב. וְכָל אֵין בֵּינֵיהֶם מָקוֹם פָּנוּי:

empty space between them there is not and all of them to west

The Rambam describes the physical structure of the celestial spheres, comparing them to the layers of an onion.

ה'י ג

הַעֲדָר הַתְּכוּנוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם מִן הַגִּלְגָּלִים

Halacha 3 · The Absence of Physical Properties and Colors in the Celestial Spheres

כָּל הַגִּלְגָּלִים אֵינָן לֹא קָלִים וְלֹא כְבִדִּים וְאֵין לָהֶם לֹא עֵין אָדָם

red a color not to them and there is not heavy and not light not are not the spheres All

וְלֹא עֵין שָׁחַר וְלֹא שְׁאָר עֵינֹת. וְזֶה שֶׁאֵנָּה רֹאִין אוֹתָם כְּעֵין

like the color of them see that we and this colors other and not black a color and not

הַתְּכֵלֶת לְמִרְאִית הָעֵין בְּלִבָּד הוּא לְפִי גִבָּה הָאֵוִיר. וְכֵן אֵין

there is not and likewise the atmosphere the height of according to it is alone the eye to the sight of the blue

לָהֶם לֹא טַעַם וְלֹא רִיחַ לְפִי שֶׁאֵין אֵלֹה הַמֵּאֲרָעִין מִצִּוּיֵּן אֶלָּא

except found phenomena these that there are not according to smell and not taste not to them

בְּגוֹפּוֹת שְׁלִמְטָה מֵהֶן:

them that are below in the bodies

The Rambam explains that the celestial spheres do not possess physical qualities like weight, color, taste, or smell, as these properties only exist in lower earthly matter.

ה'י ד

צוּרַת הַגִּלְגָּלִים וּמַעַמַּד הָאָרֶץ בְּאֶמְצַע

Halacha 4 · The Spherical Shape of the Orbs and the Earth Suspended in Their Midst

כָּל הַגִּלְגָּלִים הָאֵלֶּה הֵמָּקִיפִין אֶת הָעוֹלָם הֵן עֲגֻלִּין כְּכדור וְהָאָרֶץ תְּלוּיָה

is suspended and the Earth like a ball spherical are the world — which surround these the spheres All

בְּאֶמְצֵעַ. וַיֵּשׁ לְמִקְצֵת מִן הַכּוֹכָבִים גִּלְגָּלִים קְטַנִּים שֶׁהֵן קְבוּעִים בָּהֶן
in them fixed that they are small spheres the stars of to some and there are in the middle
וְאֵין אוֹתָם הַגִּלְגָּלִים מְקִיפִין אֶת הָאָרֶץ אֶלָּא גִלְגָּל קָטָן שֶׁאֵינוֹ מְקִיף
surround which does not small a sphere but the Earth — surround spheres those and not
קְבוּעַ בְּגִלְגָּל הַגָּדוֹל הַמְקִיף:
which surrounds the large in the sphere is fixed

The Rambam describes the astronomical structure of the universe, explaining that the spheres are spherical and the Earth is positioned at the center.

ה'ה

מִסְפַּר הַגִּלְגָּלִים וְחֻקֵּי הַתְּקוּפוֹת וְהַמְּזֻלוֹת

Halacha 5: The Number of Spheres and the Science of Astronomy

מִסְפַּר כָּל הַגִּלְגָּלִים הַמְקִיפִין אֶת כָּל הָעוֹלָם שְׁמוֹנֶה עָשָׂר. וּמִסְפַּר
and the number of . is eighteen the world all — that surround the spheres all The number of
הַגִּלְגָּלִים הַקְּטַנִּים שֶׁאֵינוֹ מְקִיפִין שְׁמוֹנֶה. וּמִמֶּהֶלֶךְ הַכּוֹכָבִים
the stars And from the is eight surround that do not the small the spheres
movement of
וַיְדִיעַת שְׁעוֹר סְבִיבָתָן בְּכָל יוֹם וּבְכָל שָׁעָה וּמִנִּטְיָתָן
and the knowledge of the measure of and in every day in every their revolution and from their
inclination
מֵרוֹחַ דָּרוֹם לָרוֹחַ צָפוֹן וּמֵרוֹחַ צָפוֹן לָרוֹחַ דָּרוֹם
south to the direction of north and from the direction north to the direction of south from the direction of
of
וּמִגְבָּהֶן מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ וּקְרִיבָתָן יוֹדָע מִסְפַּר כָּל אֵלֵי הַגִּלְגָּלִים
spheres these all the number of will be known and their closeness the earth above and from their height
וְצוּרַת הַלִּיכָתָן וְדֶרֶךְ הַקֶּפֶתָן. וְזוֹ הִיא חֻקֵּי הַתְּקוּפוֹת
seasons calculating the science of is And this their orbit and the way of their path and the form of
וּמְזֻלוֹת. וְסִפְרִים רַבִּים חִבְּרוּ בָּהֶן חֲכָמֵי יוֹן:
Greece the wise men of about them composed many And books and constellations

The Rambam explains the total number of celestial spheres and how their movements form the basis of astronomical calculations.

ה'ו

חֲלֻקַּת הַגִּלְגָּל הַתְּשִׁיעִי לְשָׁנִים עָשָׂר מְזֻלוֹת

Halacha 6: The Division of the Ninth Sphere into Twelve Constellations

גִּלְגָּל הַתְּשִׁיעִי שֶׁהוּא מְקִיף אֶת כָּל חֲלָקוּהוּ הַחֲכָמִים הַקְּדָמוֹנִים
the early the Sages divided it everything — encompassing which is the ninth The sphere
לְשָׁנִים עָשָׂר חֲלָקִים. כָּל חֶלֶק וְחֶלֶק הָעֵלּוּ לוֹ שֵׁם עַל שֵׁם צוּרָה
a form the name of on a name to it they assigned and section section every sections . into twelve
זוֹ שֶׁתִּרְאָה בּוֹ מִן הַכּוֹכָבִים שֶׁלְּמַטָּה מִמֶּנּוּ שֶׁהֵם מְכוֹנָנִים תַּחְתָּיו. וְהֵם
and they underneath it are aligned which they it that are below the stars from in it that appeared this

הַמְזֻלוֹת שְׁשֵׁמוֹתֵם טָלָה. שׁוֹר. תְּאוּמִּים. סָרְטָן. אַרְיָה. בְּתוּלָה. מֵאֲזֻנִּים.

scales virgin lion crab twins ox lamb whose names are are the constellations

עֶקְרָב. קֶשֶׁת. גְּדִי. דָּלִי. דָּגִים:

fish bucket goat bow scorpion

The Rambam explains how the early Sages divided the outermost sphere into twelve sections named after the constellations.

ה'ל"ז

הַגִּלְגָּל הַתְּשִׁיעִי וְתַנוּעַת הַכּוֹכָבִים בְּגִלְגָּל הַשְּׁמִינִי

Halacha 7 • The Ninth Sphere and the Movement of Stars in the Eighth Sphere

גִּלְגָּל הַתְּשִׁיעִי עֲצָמוֹ אֵין בּוֹ לֹא חִלּוּקָה וְלֹא צוּרָה מִכָּל הַצּוּרוֹת

the shapes from any of shape and not division not in it there is not itself the ninth The sphere

הָאֵלוֹ וְלֹא כּוֹכָב. אֵלָא בְּחִבּוּר הַכּוֹכָבִים שֶׁבְּגִלְגָּל הַשְּׁמִינִי הוּא

it is the eighth that are in the sphere the stars by the connection of rather star and not these

שֶׁיֵּרָאָה בְּכּוֹכָבִים גְּדוֹלִים שָׁבוּ תִּבְנִית הַצּוּרוֹת הָאֵלוֹ אוֹ קְרוֹב מֶהֵן.

to them close or these the shapes the form of that are in it large in stars that there is seen

וְאֵלוֹ הַשְּׁנַיִם עֶשֶׂר צוּרוֹת לֹא הָיוּ מְכוֹנוֹת בְּנֶגֶד אוֹתָן הַחֲלָקִים אֵלָא

except the parts those opposite aligned were not shapes the twelve and these

בְּזִמְנָן הַמִּבּוּל שָׁאָז הָעָלוּ לָהֶן שְׁמוֹת אֵלֵינוּ. אֲבָל בְּזִמְנָן הַזֶּה כָּבֹד

already this at the time but these names to them they gave for then the flood at the time of

סָבְבוּ מְעַט. לְפִי שֶׁכָּל הַכּוֹכָבִים שֶׁבְּגִלְגָּל שְׁמִינִי כָּלָם סוֹבְבִים

turn all of them eighth that are in the sphere the stars that all of because a little they have turned

כְּמוֹ הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְהַיָּרֵחַ אֵלָא שֶׁהֵן סוֹבְבִין בְּכִבְדוֹת. וְחֵלֶק שִׁית־הַלֵּל הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ

the sun that travels and a portion with heaviness turn that they except and the moon the sun like

וְהַיָּרֵחַ בְּנֶגְדוֹ בַּיּוֹם אֶחָד יֵלֵךְ בְּנֶגְדוֹ כָּל כּוֹכָב מֶהֵן בְּקְרוֹב מֵשֶׁבַעַיִם

seventy approximately of them star every opposite it will travel one in a day opposite it and the moon

שָׁנָה:

years

This halacha explains that the ninth sphere has no stars or divisions, and that the constellations of the eighth sphere slowly shift over time.

ה'ל"ח

גִּדְלַת הַכּוֹכָבִים וְהַמְזֻלוֹת בִּיחס לָאָרֶץ וְלַשֶּׁמֶשׁ

Halacha 8 • The Relative Sizes of the Stars, the Earth, the Moon, and the Sun

כָּל הַכּוֹכָבִים הַנִּרְאִים יֵשׁ מֶהֵן כּוֹכָבִים קְטַנִּים שֶׁהָאָרֶץ גְּדוֹלָה מֵאֶחָד

than one is larger that the Earth small stars of them there are that are seen the stars All

מֵהֵן. וַיֵּשׁ מֵהֵן כּוֹכָבִים גְּדוֹלִים שֶׁכָּל אֶחָד מֵהֵן גְּדוֹל מִן הָאָרֶץ כַּמָּה

several the Earth than is larger of them one that each large stars of them and there are of them

פְּעָמִים. וְהָאָרֶץ גְּדוֹלָה מִן הַיָּרֵחַ כְּמוֹ אַרְבָּעִים פְּעָמִים. וְהַשֶּׁמֶשׁ גְּדוֹלָה

is larger and the sun times forty approximately the moon than is larger and the Earth times

מִן הָאָרֶץ כְּמוֹ מֵאָה וְשִׁבְעִים פַּעַמִּים. נִמְצָא הַיָּרֵחַ אֶחָד מִשֵּׁשׁ
of six is one the moon it turns out times and seventy one hundred approximately the Earth than
אֲלֵפִים וְשִׁמוֹנֶה מֵאוֹת מִן הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ בְּקֵרוֹב. וְאִין כָּכָל הַכּוֹכָבִים כּוֹכֵב
a star the stars among all and there is not approximately the sun of hundred and eight thousand
גָּדוֹל מִן הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְלֹא קָטָן מִכּוֹכֵב שֶׁבִּגְלָגַל הַשֵּׁנִי:
the second which is in the sphere than Kochav smaller and not the sun than larger

The Rambam describes the astronomical proportions of the celestial bodies, comparing the sizes of the Earth, moon, sun, and other stars.

ה'ל"ט

הַפֶּרֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים וְהַגְלָגָלִּים אֶת בּוֹרְאֵם

Halacha 9: The Intellect and Recognition of the Stars and Spheres

כָּל הַכּוֹכָבִים וְהַגְלָגָלִּים כָּלָן בְּעָלֵי נֶפֶשׁ וְיָדְעָה וְהַשֶּׁכֶּל הֵם. וְהֵם
and they are they are and intellect and knowledge a soul possess all of them and the spheres the stars All
חַיִּים וְעוֹמְדִים וּמְכִירִין אֶת מִי שֶׁאָמַר וְהָיָה הָעוֹלָם. כָּל אֶחָד וְאֶחָד
and one one every the world and became who spoke the One — and recognizing and standing alive
לְפִי גָדְלוֹ וּלְפִי מַעֲלָתוֹ מִשְׂבָּחִים וּמְפַאֲרִים לְיוֹצְרָם כְּמוֹ הַמַּלְאָכִים.
the angels like their Creator and glorify praise his level and according to his size according to
וּכְשֶׁם שֶׁמְכִירִין הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא כֹּה מְכִירִין אֶת עַצְמָן וּמְכִירִין
and they recognize themselves — they recognize so is He blessed the Holy One they recognize and just as
אֶת הַמַּלְאָכִים שֶׁלְמַעְלָה מֵהֶן. וְיָדְעַת הַכּוֹכָבִים וְהַגְלָגָלִּים מְעוּטָה
is less and the spheres the stars and the knowledge of them that are above the angels —
מִדַּעַת הַמַּלְאָכִים וְגָדוּלָה מִדַּעַת בְּנֵי אָדָם:
beings human than the knowledge of and greater the angels than the knowledge of

This halacha explains that the celestial spheres and stars possess intellect and soul, recognizing their Creator and praising Him according to their level.

ה'ל"י

אַרְבַּעַת הַיְסוּדוֹת וְהַגּוֹפִים שֶׁלְמַטָּה מִגְלָגַל הַיָּרֵחַ

Halacha 10: The Four Elements and Bodies Below the Sphere of the Moon

בָּרָא הָאֵל לְמַטָּה מִגְלָגַל הַיָּרֵחַ גֶּלֶם אֶחָד שְׂאִינוֹ כְּגֶלֶם הַגְלָגָלִּים.
the spheres like the matter of which is not one matter the moon the sphere of below God Created
וּבָרָא אַרְבַּע צוּרוֹת לְגֶלֶם זֶה וְאִינוֹ כְּצוּרַת הַגְלָגָלִּים וְנִקְבַּע
and was fixed the spheres like the form of and they are not this for matter forms four and He created
כָּל צוּרָה וְצוּרָה בְּמִקְצַת גֶּלֶם זֶה. צוּרָה רִאשׁוֹנָה צוּרַת הָאֵשׁ נִתְחַבְּרָה
connected the fire the form of first The form this matter in a portion of and form form every
בְּמִקְצַת גֶּלֶם זֶה וְנִהְיָה מִשְׁנִיָּהּ גּוֹף הָאֵשׁ. וְצוּרָה שְׁנִיָּה צוּרַת
the form of second and the form the fire a body of from both of them and became this matter with a portion of
הָרוּחַ נִתְחַבְּרָה בְּמִקְצַתוֹ וְנִהְיָה מִשְׁנִיָּהּ גּוֹף הָרוּחַ. וְצוּרָה
and the form the wind a body of from both of them and became with a portion of it connected the wind

שְׁלִישִׁית צוֹרֶת הַמַּיִם נִתְחַבְּרָה בְּמִקְצָתוֹ וְנִהְיָ מִשְׁנֵיהֶם גּוֹף הַמַּיִם.

the water a body of from both of them and became with a portion of it connected the water the form of third

וְצוּרָה רְבִיעִית צוֹרֶת הָאָרֶץ נִתְחַבְּרָה בְּמִקְצָתוֹ וְנִהְיָ מִשְׁנֵיהֶם גּוֹף

a body of from both of them and became with a portion of it connected the earth the form of fourth and the form

הָאָרֶץ. נִמְצָא לְמַטָּה מִן הָרָקִיעַ אַרְבָּעָה גּוֹפִין מַחֲלָקִין זֶה לְמַעַלָּה מִזֶּה

from this above this distinct bodies four the sky from below It is found the earth

וְכָל אֶחָד וְאֶחָד מִקִּיף אֶת שְׁלֹמֶטָהּ מִמֶּנּוּ מְכַל רוּחוֹתָיו כְּמוֹ גִּלְגָּל.

a sphere like its directions from all from it that which is below — encompasses and one one and each

הַגּוֹף הָרִאשׁוֹן הַסָּמוּךְ לְגִלְגָּל הַיָּרֵחַ הוּא גּוֹף הָאֵשׁ. לְמַטָּה מִמֶּנּוּ

from it below the fire is the body of it the moon to the sphere of the close first The body

גּוֹף הָרוּחַ. לְמַטָּה מִמֶּנּוּ גּוֹף הַמַּיִם. לְמַטָּה מִמֶּנּוּ גּוֹף הָאָרֶץ.

the earth is the body of from it below the water is the body of from it below the wind is the body of

וְאֵין בֵּינֵיהֶם מְקוֹם פָּנוּי בְּלֹא גּוֹף כָּלָל:

at all a body without empty a place between them and there is not

The Rambam explains the creation of the four physical elements—fire, wind, water, and earth—and how they are arranged in concentric spheres beneath the heavens.

ה'לי יא

חֹסֶר הַחִכּוּךָ שֶׁל אַרְבַּעַת הַיְסוּדוֹת

Halacha 11 · The Lack of Consciousness in the Four Elements

אַרְבָּעָה גּוֹפּוֹת הָאֵלֹהִים אֵינָם בְּעָלֵי נַפֶּשׁ וְאֵינָם יוֹדְעִים וְלֹא מַכִּירִים

recognize and do not know and they do not a soul possessors of are not these bodies Four

אֲלֹא כְּגוֹפִים מֵתִים. וַיֵּשׁ לְכָל אֶחָד וְאֶחָד מֵהֶם מִנְהָג שְׂאִינוֹ יוֹדְעוֹ

know it that it does not a nature of them and one one to every and there is dead like bodies but

וְלֹא מַשִּׁיגוֹ וְאֵינוֹ יָכוֹל לְשַׁנּוֹתוֹ. וְזֶה שֶׁאָמַר דָּוִד תְּהִלִּים קמח ז

7 148 Tehillim Dovid which said and this to change it able and it is not comprehend it and does not

"הִלְלוּ אֶת ה' מִן הָאָרֶץ תְּנִינִים וְכָל תְּהוֹמוֹת" תְּהִלִּים קמח ח "אֵשׁ

fire 8 148 Tehillim depths and all sea monsters the earth from Hashem — Praise

וּבָרַד שֶׁלֵּג וְקִיטוֹר". וּבִאֹר עֲנִין הַדְּבָרִים הִלְלוּהוּ בְּנֵי אָדָם

man children of praise Him the words the matter of and the explanation of and vapor snow and hail

מִגְבוּרוֹתָיו שֶׁתִּרְאוּ בָּאֵשׁ וּבְבָרַד וּבְשָׁאֵר בְּרוּאִים שֶׁתִּרְאוּ לְמַטָּה מִן

from below that you see creations and in the rest of and in the hail in the fire that you see from His mighty deeds

הָרָקִיעַ שֶׁגְּבוּרָתָם תָּמִיד נִפְתָּר לְקָטָן וּלְגָדוֹל:

and to the great to the small is recognizable always whose power the heaven

The Rambam explains that the four physical elements are inanimate and lack consciousness, and that scriptural calls for them to praise Hashem are actually directives for mankind to praise Him upon witnessing their power.

CHAPTER SUMMARY

The chapter begins by detailing the order and movement of the nine celestial spheres and the planets within them, explaining their physical properties and how their transparent nature allows us to see through them. The Rambam outlines the total number of major and minor spheres, noting that the science of these orbits was studied by the Sages of Israel and the wise men of Greece alike, with our acceptance of these truths relying on solid proof rather than the identity of the author. After describing the twelve mazalos of the ninth sphere and the slow movement of the stars in the eighth sphere, the Rambam compares the physical sizes of the Earth, moon, and sun. He concludes with the powerful yesod that all stars and spheres possess a soul and intellect, and they actively praise and glorify Hashem according to their high spiritual level.

למעשה WHAT TO TAKE HOME

When we look up at the night sky, we might see beautiful, silent, and cold spheres of light. But the Rambam reveals a breathtaking truth: these stars and spheres are not dead matter. They are alive, possessing a deep intellect and a profound awareness of Hashem. Each one, in its own unique orbit and according to its own stature, is constantly singing praises and glorifying its Creator, just like the holy angels.

Think about this for a moment. The sun, the moon, and the vast constellations are in a state of constant, conscious avodah. They know their Maker, and their very movement is a song of praise to Him. Yet, the Rambam notes that while their intellect is greater than ours, they have a fixed nature they cannot change. You, on the other hand, have something they will never possess: choice. When you choose to serve Hashem, your small whisper of praise carries a power that eclipses the grand song of the entire cosmos.

This changes how we look at the world around us. We are not living in a cold, mechanical universe. We are surrounded by a creation that is alive with the praise of Hashem. When you align your daily actions with the will of the Creator, you are not acting alone; you are joining the grand, cosmic choir of creation, bringing the ultimate purpose of the universe to its fulfillment.

Today, when you step outside and look at the sky, or even when you just feel the warmth of the sun, pause for ten seconds. Remind yourself that the creation around you is alive, knowing and praising Hashem, and make a conscious choice to join their song by doing your next mitzvah with joy and intention.