שבינה She Who Dwells Within:

Shechinah: The Feminine Face Of God in Torah, Kabbalah, and in Our World



Ageless Wisdom

Chochmah
"God formed me from the beginning, before
anything else was created. I was appointed in ages
past, at the very first,
before the earth began." —Proverbs 8



and Divine Consort

... was by G-d's side, architect and artisan, G-d's daily delight, rejoicing always in His presence. Delighting with the world newly created, my special joy was (Bnei Adam) humanity. And so my children, listen to me, for all who follow My ways are joyful!

-Proverbs
8:30-32



Talmud: Shechinah as the Space Between Us

Rabbi Chanania b. Teradion said: 'If two sit together with words of Torah between them, the Shekhinah is in their midst.

-Mishna Avot 3:3

When two or three sit together in the marketplace and words of Torah are between them, there the Shekhinah resides.

Avot de Rabi Natan B. chptr 34

Shechinah as Muse

"The Shekhinah rests among humans, but not in gloom, or sloth, or scoffing laughter, or idle chatter. She resides among us when we have joy at doing mitzvot. She is like the minstrel who played, evoking God's prophecy from the prophet Elisha."

B.Talmud Shabbat 30b

שבינה Shechinah as Comforter

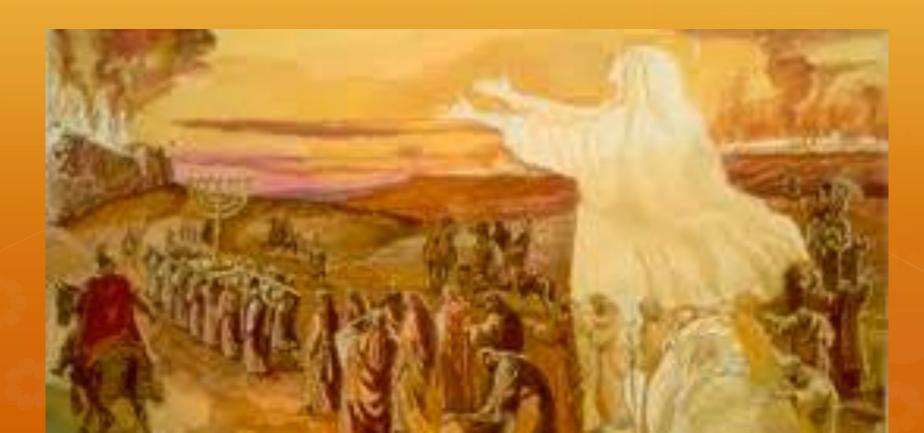
"Shechinah resides at the head of a person's sick bed."





Shechinah as the People's Protector

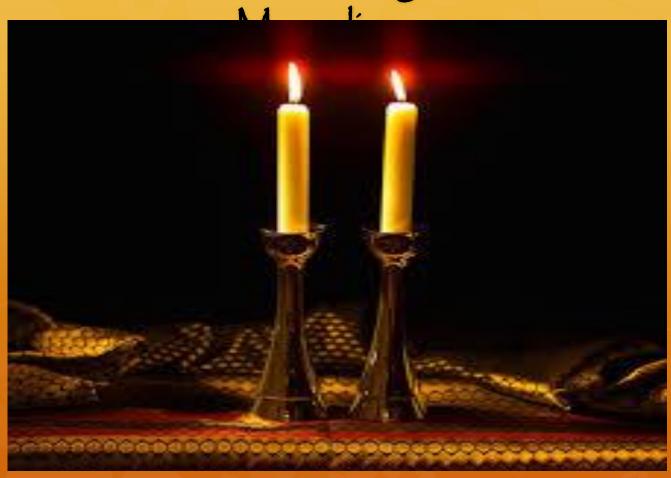
"Wherever the People of Israel went in exile, the Shechinah went with them."



שבינה As the Shabbat Bride



On Shabbat: The Marriage of Feminine &





As the Everchanging Moon

As the Perfect Rose



As the Great Ocean



As the Apple Orchard



The Gazelle, called: Ayala

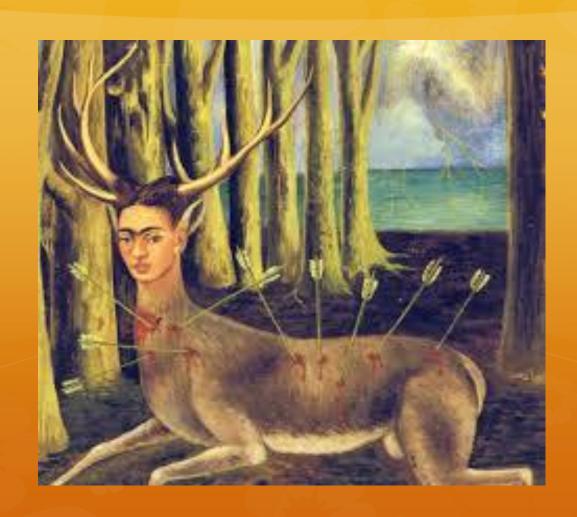


Oh sleeping ones, who among you transforms darkness into light, bitterness into sweetness, and awaits each day the light that shines when God visits the Doe (Shechinah) and is glorified.

-Zohar, Hakdamah, 1:4a









שבינה As Mother Earth



Every leaf, every stone, is a camouflage of divine mystery.

Reb Nachman of Braslov













I he light of the moon shall be equal to the light of the sun, and both will be sevenfold in brightness.

Isaiah 30:26

At Creation, the Sun and Moon were equal powers, masculine and feminine energies in balance.





