

A SHEMA KIND OF LOVE



A BRAIDED PRAYER

SH'MA YISRA'EIL ADONAI ELOHEINU ADONAI ECHAD...

(SHEMA IN HEBREW)

***PADRE NUESTRO QUE ESTÁS EN LOS CIELOS, SANTIFICADO
SEA TU NOMBRE...***

(LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH)

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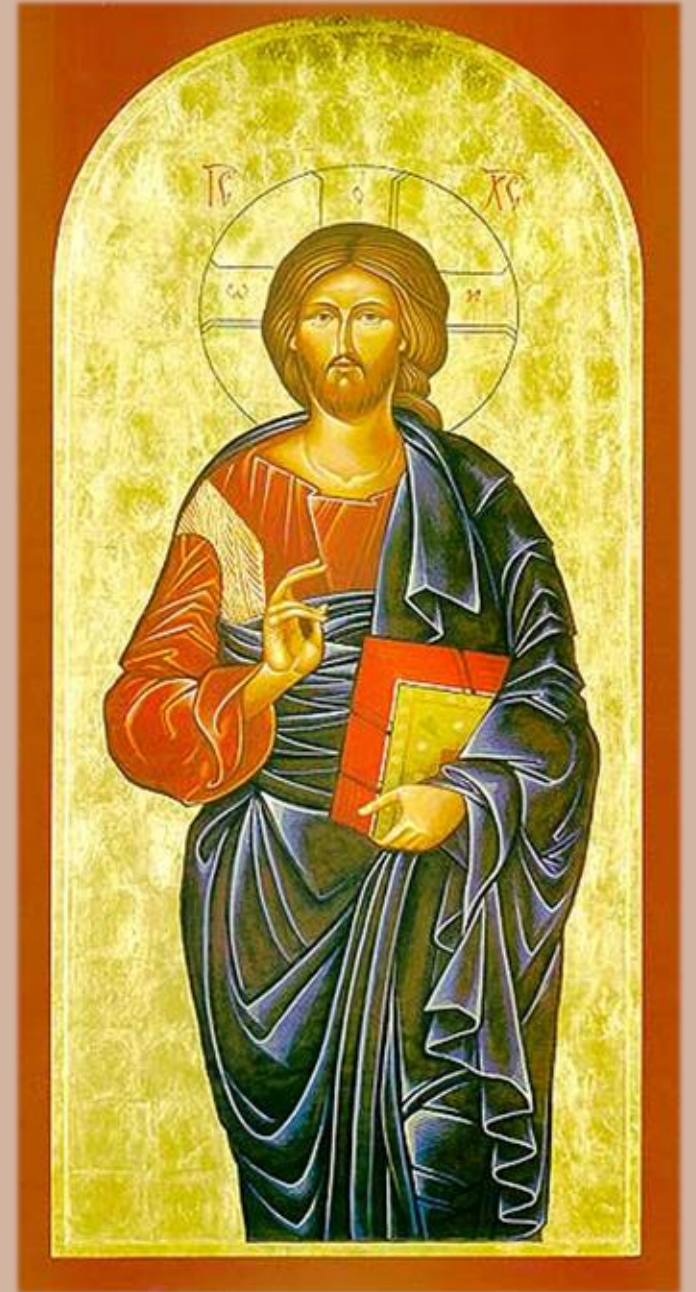
(ISLAMIC PRAYER AL-FATIHA)



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THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMANDMENT



**“AND YESHUA SAID TO THEM, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’
THIS IS THE GREAT AND FIRST COMMANDMENT.
AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: ‘LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR LIKE YOURSELF.’ ALL THE LAW AND
THE PROPHETS HANG ON THESE TWO
COMMANDMENTS.”**

MATTHEW 22:36-40

**“YOU SHALL NOT TAKE
VENGEANCE OR BEAR A
GRUDGE AGAINST ANY OF
YOUR PEOPLE, BUT YOU
SHALL LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF: I
AM THE LORD.”** LEVITICUS 19:18



WHY DID JESUS, IN HIS ANSWER TO THE LAWYER, ADD THE
LEVITICUS TEXT TO THE SACRED SHEMA TEXT? WHAT IS
“UNSAID” IN THE SHEMA THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID OUT LOUD
REGARDING OUR LOVE OF GOD? A LOVE OF GOD WHICH,
SHOULD NATURALLY LEAD TO A LOVE OF NEIGHBOR?

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS...THE SPIRITUAL
DIRECTIVE OF LOVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR IS A
“TOUCH STONE” SHARED BY JUDAISM,
CHRISTIANITY AND OTHER
MAJOR RELIGIONS





THE SHEMA

**"HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE
LORD ALONE. YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH
ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.
TAKE TO HEART THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH
WHICH I CHARGE YOU THIS DAY. IMPRESS
THEM UPON YOUR CHILDREN. RECITE THEM
WHEN YOU STAY AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE
AWAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU
GET UP."** DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7

LĀV = HEART = INEXPLICABLE, BURNING LOVE

NEPHESH = SOUL = SPIRITUAL ONENESS

M'OD = MUCHNESS = THE COMBINATION OF LĀV
AND NEPHESH, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ACQUIRE

WHEN WE SAY LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR IT'S LESS ABOUT
SMILING AT STRANGERS AND
MORE ABOUT **RESISTING**
DEHUMANIZATION
AND **PROTECTING**
THE VULNERABLE
AMONG
US

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It's a Question of Love

Why aren't we simply commanded to love God – full stop, nor more explanation needed?

Why the specificity of all your heart and soul and might?

Why is “loving neighbor as yourself” not understood instinctively as an implicit extension of loving God?

*Why must we be instructed to love God with our **whole** being?*

MORE LOVE

WRITTEN BY BILLY JONAS

DID YOU PUT MORE LOVE IN THE WORLD TODAY?

MORE LOVE ON YOUR WAY TO THE SETTING SUN,

THERE IS ONLY ONE MEASURE WHEN YOU CAN HONESTLY
SAY:

I PUT MORE LOVE

SIMU, SIMU AHAVATCHEM BA-OLAM

