

Readings from the Word of God

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Exodus 3:1-7, 10-12 (Kempton Project Translation)

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bramble. So he looked, and behold, the bramble was burning with fire, but the bramble was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bramble does not burn.”

⁴ So when Jehovah saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bramble and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

⁵ Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” ⁶ Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

⁷ And Jehovah said: “Seeing I have seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ¹⁰ Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

¹² So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Secrets of Heaven §6832

...when the Lord appears to people He does so in a way suited to the kind of people they are, for a person cannot receive the Divine in any way other than that which is a way suited to the kind of person he is....

Secrets of Heaven §10225:5

The [stage of adulthood] is called a state in which understanding exists because the person now thinks for themselves, drawing distinctions and arriving at conclusions; and the conclusions are theirs, not another's. At this time belief begins; for belief is not a person's own until they have confirmed what they believe with ideas that are the product of their own thinking. Till then the belief is not theirs but another's within them; for till then they trust in the person, not in the matter of belief.

[T]he state in which understanding exists begins with a person when not their teacher's but their own ideas constitute what they think, which does not happen until the inner levels of the mind are opened towards heaven. ... [A]nd how far they are open depends on how far the person leads a life looking to heaven and not to the world.

Exodus 4:1-5, 10-17, 29-31 (Kempton Project Translation)

¹ Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'Jehovah has not appeared to you.'"

² So Jehovah said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

He said, "A rod."

³ And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. ⁴ Then

Jehovah said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), ⁵ “that they may believe that Jehovah God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

¹⁰ Then Moses said to Jehovah, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

¹¹ So Jehovah said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, Jehovah? ¹² Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

¹³ But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.”

¹⁴ So the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. ¹⁷ And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”

²⁹ Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. ³⁰ And Aaron spoke all the words which Jehovah had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹ So the people believed; and when they heard that Jehovah had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.