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## **Parashat Bereishit** **27 Tishri 5783 – October 22, 2022**

The midrash teaches us that G-d created the Torah as the blueprint for everything else. On the first day of creation light and darkness are differentiated. Perhaps both spiritual and physical light were created on the first day (alshich).

The Torah teaches that light is not the absence of darkness, but much more. Light is an active independent force. Darkness desired to attach itself to the force of light and G-d separated them and each one remained its own force.

Light is described as “good” and it was not followed immediately by total darkness. Original darkness which had been due to a total absence of light was not the same as the darkness the Torah now called “night”. Today only parts of the world are covered by darkness at any one time, as compared prior to the creation of light the whole world was covered in total darkness.

G-d distinguishes between the original darkness and the new darkness known as “night”. The thick pure original darkness was not done away with. G-d hid it until it was needed as the plague for Egypt.

As we think about light and darkness, think of the feelings in your soul with each. There is space for both in order to create balance.

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Nathan W. Langer

