

These faulty patterns that casually take place in our intellect are the root of idolatry. From erroneous patterns such as these which in essence form an image of God in our intellect, we derive our faith. From a spiritual standpoint, there is no difference between designing a mental image of the One and Only true God and between designing wood or stone into a Canaanite (or other) god.

The mixing of light and darkness is actually chaos located in peace, within the human intellect and heart. Supposedly in the name of "love" and "peace" it eliminates the boundaries that God created in the world for the world's own good, and man in his blindness unites good and evil like the uniting of pure and impure. It is about this that Elijah the Prophet speaks in 1 Kings 18:2 *"How long will you keep wavering between two opinions? If Hashem is God, follow Him; and if it is Baal, follow him."* He, who thinks he is totally free of this chaos, proves that he is a captive in need of the redemption of his soul.

The first act that God did in the world He created is actually man's function and purpose. God separated between light and darkness, upper water and lower water, land and sea, the seventh day from the six days of work, pure from impure, etc., etc. The name of this action is called "**Melech Ha'Birurim**" (lit. the work of separating). What is this work of separation?

Linguistically, the word **BIRUR** denotes classification and sorting of species, or inspection; from the word **BORERUT**, which means judging, searching, and investigating; the ruling that separates between truth and falsehood, good and evil. BIRUR is like the word **BRERA**, which means alternative; the freedom to choose between different choices, between life and death. BIRUR is also like the word **BARUR**, which means clarity, the activity directed towards removing the world from the tumult within it, removing the world from chaos, turning the world over to a place of clarity and illumination. This is the goal of man and this is the purpose of Torah Ohr's mission.

The goal of Torah Ohr is the redemption of captives from their mental templates (false mindsets), by discarding the erroneous intellect that divides God from man, and man from his fellow man. This erroneous intellect is the "wall of enmity," which absurdly connects two hostile opposites and creates an enmity between the opposites that are intended to complete each other.