

Discernment

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE WHO HAS CREATED ALL SEASONS AND TIMES, WHO HAS CREATED EVERY OBJECT, EVERY ANIMAL, EVERY CHEMICAL AND EVERY SUBSTANCE IN ORDER TO AID MAN IN LIVING THE GOOD, THE MORAL, THE JUST AND WELL BALANCED LIFE, GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL ONLY USE THE THINGS THAT THOU HAST CREATED IN ORDER TO ENRICH, PRESERVE, SANCTIFY, AND GIVE DIGNITY TO LIFE AND NEVER TO DESTROY, CHEAPEN, OR BLUR LIFE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US OR OUR CHILDREN WILL EVER USE THE SUBSTANCES WHICH THOU HAST CREATED IN ORDER TO ESCAPE LIFE AND DESTROY OUR DIGNITY AND POWER TO CHOSE GOOD AND BE HUMAN. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT IN HEBREW THE WORD "SAHM" MEANS BOTH MEDICINE AND POISON. GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL BE GIVEN THE DISCERNMENT TO TELL WHEN WE ARE USING ANY OF THY SUBSTANCES AS A POISON OR AS A MEDICINE. GRANT THAT OUR VISION WILL ALWAYS BE CLEAR AND THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR BALANCE AND NEVER BECOME ADDICTED TO OUTSIDE AGENTS AND, THUS, BE ABLE TO BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.