

Good & Evil

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.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS ENDOWED MAN WITH THE TWIN CAPACITIES TO DO GOOD AND TO DO EVIL, TO BE JOYFUL AND TO BE DEPRESSED, AND WHO HAS CREATED A WORLD IN WHICH GOOD AND EVIL, HOPE AND DESPAIR, ARE INEXTRICABLY INTERWOVEN. GRANT THAT DURING THE COMING YEAR EACH OF US WILL BE GRANTED THE ABILITY TO SEE THE GOOD, THE HOPEFUL, AND THE JOYFUL IN LIFE, IN OTHERS, AND IN OURSELVES. GRANT, O LORD, THAT EACH OF US WILL BE GIVEN THE COURAGE AND THE FORESIGHTEDNESS TO BE COUNTED AMONG THOSE WHO SEEK TO EXPAND THE REALM OF THE GOOD, THE GENTLE, AND THE COMPASSIONATE, AND NOT AMONG THOSE WHO ALWAYS SEEK THROUGH RIDICULE AND LAZINESS TO RUN DOWN IDEAL INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY AREN'T PERFECT. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THOSE JEWISH INSTITUTIONS AND MOVEMENTS WHICH ARE WORKING SO HARD TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF JEWRY WILL RECEIVE ALL THE SUPPORT THEY SO DESPARATELY NEED AND THAT EACH OF US WILL DO HIS SHARE EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT PERFECT, AND GRANT, O LORD, THAT BY SO DOING THE DAY SHALL SOON COME WHEN ISRAEL SHALL BECOME A BEACON TO ALL MANKIND AND WE AND ALL MANKIND SHALL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO THEE.

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O Lord Master of the Universe  
who has endowed man with  
the twin capacities to do good and  
to do evil to be joyful and to  
be depressed <sup>and</sup> who has ~~placed~~ <sup>created</sup>

~~man~~ a world in which good  
and evil have and began and

inevitably

interwoven Grant that during the

coming year each of us will be  
granted the ability to see the  
good the hopeful and the joyful  
in life in others and in ourselves.

Grant O Lord that each of us will be

