

*Deut. 6' 4:*

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord Our God is one Lord."

Literal Translation of the Hebrew Text:

"Audi, Israel, Jehovah Dii nostri Jehovah unus: Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our Gods is one Jehovah." That is to say "God (Jehovah), is the Trinity (our Gods), in one God (one Jehovah)."

Commentary of Rabbi Aaron the Great in his book On Punctuation:

"No man, even with the greatest efforts, can ever arrive at a true idea of *the Triple Number* subsisting in the Mode of being, in the essence of God" (Drach: *Harmonie*, vol. 1, p. 311).

Commentary of the Zohar (fol. 1, col. 10), on the same verse:—

"Jehova, Elohenu, Jehovah: these *Three Degrees* correspond to the celestial Mystery of this verse, 'In the Beginning God created, etc.' (Drach: *ibid.*, p. 313). Speaking of the same verse the Zohar, on the book of Numbers fol. 77, col. 307, says:

"There be Two to whom Another unites himself, and they are *Three*; and, being *Three*, they are but *One*...and they are so united together that they are *One* in the unique Unity" (Drach, *ibid.*, p. 314).

[41] Again: the Zohar (2nd part, fol. 19, col. 74, 75) says:

"The Perfect Unity is expressed by this verse which the Synagogue recites *every day*: 'Hear, O Israel,' etc. The First 'Jehovah' and 'Our Gods' and the Second 'Jehovah' all Three are *One*...three Modes of being that are *One*" (Drach: *Harmonie*, vol. 1, pp. 414-15).

The reader will recall the Hebrew text, which reads: "Hear O Israel, Jehovah Our Gods is one Jehovah." Hence the Zohar's mention of the *first* and of the *second* Jehovah, and also of "Our Gods."

Psalm 63' 2: Vulgate, 62' 2:

"O God my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day."

Commentary of the Zohar (part second, fol. 62, col. 248):

"We have in this verse the *Three Degrees*, viz. (1) God, (2) My God, (3) Thee."

The ancient Synagogue as remarked by Dr. Drach, called the three divine Persons, the Degrees of the Deity. Thus the Zohar, in its paraphrase of the 100th Psalm, "The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at my right hand"—says: "The First Degree said to the Second Degree, Sit Thou at my right hand:" i.e., the First Person said to the Second Person, etc. (Drach: *Harmonie*, vol. 1, p. 417).