

# The Daily Page

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of Dr. Michael Laitman and Bnei Baruch*

## On The Thorny Path

**The Zohar, Chapter “The Rose (Shoshana)”:** Rabbi Hizkiya began [his speech]: “It is written, ‘As a rose among the thorns.’” ...

The rose is *Malchut* and it includes all the souls that desire to reject their egoism and unite. This is possible only with the help of the Light that Reforms. Every person who aspires to attain the Upper World, to reveal the Creator, essentially aspires to the general unification inside *Malchut*. She is the place where the Creator becomes revealed.

*The Book of Zohar* talks about how this place becomes built from desires that are aimed at revelation, from the spiritual aspirations of people who are ready to unite on the path to the goal. We understand that we are unable to do this. However, the Light acts inside *Malchut*, inside “the rose,” despite the thorns that stand in the way of unity. Whoever desires to reveal the Creator is willing to live with these “prickles” and to make his way through them towards “the rose.”

This is what our efforts should be aimed at in spite of the egoism that pushes us away from the goal over and over again. We must nevertheless overcome the thorns surrounding the rose and unite all our desires into one.

We will thereby evoke the Light that Reforms and reveal the Upper One.

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## Reason Or Desire: Who's In Charge?

**Question:** Is it correct to clarify your state with the help of the mind, using it to discern: Why did I receive this state, where did it come from, and what should I do with it?

**Dr. Laitman's Answer:** Nothing can be clarified with the mind because the desire is what makes the mind work. Don't think that the mind exists independently of desire, or that I can take the mind and use it as a device to measure my state or desire. The mind is controlled by the desire.

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Sometimes it tells you one thing and sometimes it tells you the exact opposite, depending on your desire. Knowing this, can you really rely on its conclusions?

How does our mind develop? It develops by virtue of my always wanting to do something, to attain something, or to receive something; that is how I have built my mind. Thus, the mind is an acquisition.

However, when then Light comes, it gives us the opportunity to ascend so we are not enslaved to the mind or the desire. The Light begins to rule over us instead, elevating us and giving us its power.

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