THE SECRET REVEALED!

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Author’s Introduction

You & I & each one of us came here, or better yet - were sent here to the globe upon which we live our lives for the length of a few decades.

In actuality, they did not ask any of us or our advice as to whether at all to come here… And certainly when to come here… Just like they will not ask anyone of us and our advice if the time has come to leave here…

King David\(^1\) the singer\(^2\) already said in his songs,

“The days of our years are seventy years, and if by strength eighty years” (Tehilim 90:10).

The saying of the sages is brought in the compilation of the Mishnah:

“You were formed against your will & against your will you are born.

You live against your will & against you shall you die.

Against your will shall you have to give account & reckoning before the King of King of Kings, the Holy Source of all Blessing.”\(^3\)

There are those whose decades - or some of them, fall out to be in fine periods, pleasant & serene. They pass through them like through somewhat tranquil waters… There are those whose years – or some of them, fall out in difficult periods of war, of suffering & poverty…

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\(^1\) 720-790
\(^2\) 970-1040 BCE
\(^3\) Avot 4:29
At certain times, life on the globe revolves around a secure pivot. Most of the people whose portion was to be born and live during those periods live their lives pleasantly in contentment… But there are other portions upon the face of the earth. Times when it appears that all the people who are born and live in them bear a life of suffering, war & lack…

So is apparent in our individual lives. Some of us came here set up in content pleasant peaceful living – in almost all areas of life. As opposed to those who seem to come here only to pass through some process of pain and suffering. Their whole lives they have almost not one good day…

Is this all there is to reality and nothing else? Is there anything that can be done to counter this trend of the flow of Life? Just like nothing can be done about our having at all to come to the world… And just like nothing can be done relative to our having to leave the world?!

Is this our fate? And it rests upon us to close the lips be quiet and accept the harsh occurrences that constantly come upon us. Or despite this at most strive to find a way to shift life-expectation to ‘however it may be’, by the side of those negative things that happen day by day?!

Or not. Perhaps from time to time there is chance to change our difficult reality - not to just deal with circumstances and live on the negative side of things?!

This compilation, ‘The Secret Revealed’ that has now fallen into your hands, comes to claim that absolutely - for at least a great amount of such occurrences, there is quite a bit that can be done to change things. Even the global reality, spanning the whole extent of time & space. And certainly, a great amount of happenings can be adjusted. You do always have the ability to do a lot to alter your
specific circumstances, throughout all the decades that you need to pass here. All the days of your stay upon planet earth, along with all the people found with you & around you in that point of time & space…

This book was mostly written during the years 2007-2010. This period was extremely difficult. Primarily from the aspect of the economic crash that hit the entire world. The public went through many things, and the individual was also pushed into uneasy circumstances of losing support and security relative to all that is bound to sustenance and nourishment.

There were those who lost all of the wealth that they amassed for themselves over a long period by work of hand and toil of long years. Some lost a fortune - all the assets that they were only recently successful to acquire and profit by investing in lucrative prospects.

Some lost riches but were left with a staff of bread. But there were also others who not only lost a staff of bread but overnight fell into staggering debt. Until their whole ability to bear every day life – running a family, raising children in a serious framework and the like, rest in great doubt.

Financial depreciation throughout the whole world also drew with it tremendous collapse of educational bodies and institutions for the public benefit. Almost all of them were primarily based upon charity and support of philanthropists. In one moment they found themselves destitute, without ability to continue being active in the blessed arrangements which they had set up with much labor.
In the chapters of ‘The Revealed Secret’, although they were written during this choice period, and they do spread before you a path in Life for that time - but their main purpose is not to give advice and solution concerning this face of reality that ‘presently’ rages in the world.

Rather, you will be able to find in the chapters of this book a path in Life for the general kinds of difficulties that are stacked up in your way - in every day living, throughout the whole extent of time and every point of place.

My heart is filled with hope that from amidst reading this book you should be able to discover the power & potential hidden inside of yourself. To learn in coming chapters how to hold on and deal with even such uncomfortable circumstances that presently go round the world…

There are many books whose purpose is to strengthen Faith & Trust. Most of them seek to guide readers to the direction of accepting the reality of Life in love – despite its trials and tribulations. From amidst deep thought and clear outlook that there is no 'chance' in the universe. Rather, everything is aligned in detailed Providence by the Source of All. And everything that He does is certainly true & righteous. Therefore, it rests upon a person to become accustomed to receive in humility all the decrees and rulings of the Source of All - from a feeling of accepting judgment in love. This even when a person is not as of yet ready to see such love and grasp how it could be possible that in such a means of running things is hidden the love of the Creator to him.
In these pages before you, it will become evident and you will see that even though this approach certainly has truth to it, but it is only one part of the Jewish perspective on Faith & Trust.

From amidst this book you will learn that from the depths of the true take on Faith & Trust surfaces and arises a clear line of thought and outlook that would seem to be the diametrical opposite...

The initial perspective involves accepting in love the whole reality of the way things are run with you, that it is true and proper. Believing with perfect faith that all that passes over you until this very day is most certainly completely for the best. It all comes from God’s great love to you. And from amidst this faith you are even prepared to accept whatever might be, to be subject to the scepter of the Creator and Ruler of all that is. And to be prepared to continue and accept in present & future… Despite all this – does it mean that the future also has to only be so? Does the difficulty have to go on? Is there no way that from now on you can merit to see God’s love to you with physical eyes too?!

In the book ‘The Revealed Secret’ the depths of Providence in Faith & Trust shall become manifest. There are amazing teachings that provide us with vessels to build a totally different future!

On one hand, the classic Jewish outlook does teach us to accept life with all of its tumult in love. But this attitude itself also teaches us that beyond accepting Life in love, **behold a person is obliged to accustom his thoughts to meditate upon the positive side that is buried in the future too**. Complete Faith & Trust bring a person to deep serenity, stemming from dependence upon the mercies of the Source of All. And this gives rise to a strong foundation for positive thinking about the future in every aspect of Life.
In the chapters of ‘The Revealed Secret’, you shall see that your relying upon His mercies & kindness shall give birth in you to the power of retaining continuous tranquility, thinking only positive thoughts, and to automatically experience positive feelings. These thoughts & feelings are the most incredible vessels which the Creator made and planted in you. For your personal benefit – spiritual & material. So that on one hand you should be able to ‘hold on’ in even the most difficult situations, while on the other hand ‘be successful’ in body & soul – with the most amazing achievements.

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Know for yourself! Chapters of ‘The Revealed Secret’ before you are built of many pieces of a puzzle. Do not let lose even one of them. Put them all together and build for yourself the whole picture.

These pieces of the puzzle can lead & guide you very quickly to that inner deep security – continual manifest feeling of Faith & Trust. To experience everything as dependent upon the Source of All. To completely depending upon God of the Universe. Until you will also be successful to create an atmosphere of peace & tranquility, from amidst clear recognition that you are not in the game alone!

You were never alone in the game and you will never be alone in the game!

There is a living God Who is King of the universe, Who was before you and is found together with you – and Who will be after you!
This experience of security & serenity is what will build underneath you a strong foundation. And it will continue to always provide you with fresh new energy to deal with all mixed uneasy situations. It is what will bring you to secure shores of incredible solution which will allow you to get out of hardship. Ending up in clarity and brilliance with extraordinary success in all corners of living.

Know my good friend the reader, it indeed rests upon one who believes & trusts to prevail over doubt and discouragement. But in general - especially at a time of trial and danger, generally and specifically, when it is natural to be concerned and worry. Especially by one who is extra prone to worry and assume a negative outlook on Life...

One of the points repeatedly mentioned in this book is to accustom your thought to such positive sayings. More & more, so that they should truly rest within the depths of feeling buried in your inner heart. So will they merit to fittingly accomplish their blessed effect.

Sages of kabalah and special people expressed this approach in many ways.

Concisely their words are:

The whole power of positive thinking flows from Faith & Trust. Your absolute dependency upon the Creator & Source of All – God of the Universe. It depends upon the measure of how much you succeed in bringing these thoughts into the depths of your experience!
If so, it rests upon you to bring yourself to a place & state within from which you live & breath such Faith & Trust. A state in which you begin to really feel peace & tranquility. Even while around you upheaval rages on…

When you merit to come there – you are successful to reach it all!

Remember this!

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Please know! From the time that I took upon myself the great task of writing ‘The Secret Revealed’, almost every day I am successful to be steadfast in its incredible journey. And more & more new ideas are added to me all the time - parts of the riddle and pieces of the puzzle of that encompassing picture. Beautiful & amazing - that are prone to change your life and the lives of those around you completely.

I stand before you, here by the doors of ‘The Secret Revealed’ and proclaim:

I imagine that you should be able to find other paths in the world – both technical and special charms, in quest of solving the problems that are presently found in your life.

But know! The best way to solve all types of life problems is the power of positive thought flowing from Faith & Trust. Your reliance upon the mercies & abundant kindness of the King of the Universe, the Source of All.

These chapters shall explain to you that faith in the righteousness & uprightness of the way the Creator runs
things will help you manifold. It will successfully activate in you the ability to hold on in even the most trying circumstances of every day life. Behold Faith & Trust – your absolute relying upon the Source of All, will give you amazing vessels by means of which you can ‘succeed’ in general and accomplish everything necessary.

This path essentially weaves within it not only your work, effort, and striving – but also your constant connection to that world outlook of Faith & Trust – your total dependence upon the Source of All.

You can also find place to enter into the journey! I hope that you enjoy each rung and each part of it.

Along the path of your expedition strive to collect in your consciousness the best pictures: The thoughts & feelings that will certainly be useful for the trip.

As you pass through the extents of the book, from preface to the chapters, from chapter to chapter - feel like that traveler who enjoys the tour…

But also begin to learn & understand to meditate on acquiring and receiving vessels and programs to concretize the matters in the every day life before you.

Fortify them for yourself and begin to use them! Actualize them well!

When you do this, you shall see Paradise in your lifetime!

Baruch Mordechei (Muta) Frank
The Only Solution – as foreseen by our Teacher the Chafest Chaim⁴ – when there is tremendous upheaval in the world – financial & national. Even in life-threatening times:

Trust in the Creator Who Rules All

This is the only refuge during the war of Gog & Magog!

King David in his songs praises & exults & supplicates:

“Not to us God give honor - to Your Name” (Teh.114:1).

The verse concludes:

“Israel trust in God! House of Aharon trust in God!
Those Who Revere God trust in God!
He is their Help & Shield” (Ibid 9-11).

The Sages say that this entire chapter is said about the time of the travails of Mashiach by the war of Gog & Magog war.⁵ For at that time there will great prevalence of the quality of judgment and it will not be easy to be saved from it.

Therefore, Scripture advises us & fortifies us & specifies to each individual whatever level he may be found at to strengthen himself very much in the quality of Trust at that time.

For only in its merit shall we all be saved from the difficult trials that will then rage in the world.

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⁴ R. Yisrael Meir the Kohen of Radhin, author of the ‘Chafest Chaim’, 1838-1933. Based on his words in the treatise ‘Remember Miriam’ Ch.20.
⁵ Pesachim 118a
Appreciation

Precious Reader! Already at the beginning of your path it is incumbent upon me to reveal some of my hidden feelings & to thank & show gratitude from the depths of my heart:

At very first, to all those true Sages and special people, the holy ones who are in the land who already went to their world, who left after them blessing – a sea of books. In the sea of this wisdom I strive to immerse & illuminate my soul. And to find and draw from there insightful solutions to the varied problems of Life. From amidst this sea of wisdom I also aspire to shine to those whom I stay in continuous contact with all these years. With words that ceaselessly shine Faith & Trust: Absolute dependence upon the Creator & Ruler of All.

As said, I draw the vessels to solve Life’s issues from the vast library of the Jewish world of generations. I am especially tied in bond of love to the world outlook & sea of wisdom left by R. Nachman of Breslov\(^6\) & his devoted disciple R. Nasan.\(^7\)

To part on good terms, I am obliged to express gratitude to all those true Sages & special people who are found with us among the living, whom I merited & further merit to delight in their shade and hear from their mouths Divine living words. There are like cool water on a weary soul. I have especial obligation of thanks to those two golden coins, of the prominent teachers of Breslov in Israel: The Rav R. Moshe Kremer Shlita & the Rav R. Yitschak Meir Morgenstein Shlita. Many of the principles of ‘The Revealed Secret’ and its manner of speaking were clarified & elucidated within their boundary, by means of deep soul dialogue.

\(^6\) 1772-1810
\(^7\) 1780-1844
Over the period of twenty-four months in which I arranged ‘The Revealed Secret’, I swallowed with thirst many compilations that explain the mitsvos of Faith & Trust. I derived great benefit from them. Among them foundational works:


Extra beloved to me are these books, written by their authors with great depth & knowledge:


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Particular Providence arranged that over the last two decades I have spoken to the hearts of many - both young & old, about life-
perspective. I sought to enlighten them with pure Faith. Recently it came out for me to hear from them much about delving into matters of thought & spirit that present ‘solutions’ to having a quality Life. At I first thought that it would be proper to disregard ideas which flow from sources of the sages of the nations. For according to my take stance, any solution presented must be a true solution, as will be evident in coming chapters. Quality solution must also include in it success for the soul. For the long run of Life – and not just for the decades that we occupy our globe with soul in body. Rather also for the Eternal Life of the Supernal Realm and the World-to-come – which is forever. That is - not only the ‘partial solution’ of material success for the short run. For material success – however necessary it may be, is only temporal. So what did the sages help by their fixing the body – while the soul within us they abandon and leave somewhere in the mountains of darkness.

However, my friends & beloved ones repeated their words. And I saw that such solutions at times turned by the masses into ‘beliefs’. Therefore did I seek counsel by special people & true sages. With their guidance, I sought to fathom in what context the ideas were said.

Behold, Wise Men say: “Believe that there is wisdom by the nations of the world.”

But as a Jewish believer it rests upon me to be weary of books on life perspective that are based upon and deny this the tradition of our Faith given over for generations. Despite this, directed by true Scholars who guided & taught me - this whole period of ‘The Revealed Secret’, I gazed at many contemporary books that are busy solving Life issues by the power of positive thinking. All these caused me to understand that among their words lie concepts that oppose my belief system. I understood that they contain a mixture of Truth & falsehood. Each

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8 Midrash Raba ‘Eichah’ 2:17
9 Look well at all that relates to this in Mishnah Torah ‘Avodah Zarah’ 2:1-3, Yorah Dei’ah 179:23, Shulchan Aruch HaRav ‘Talmud Torah’ 3:2
10 Primarily on the book, ‘The Secret’, which is built upon
time I read them a stronger impression was made that even though they have many interesting helpful matters, **but there is no doubt that their words are not at all apropos for a person who is a believer.**

I immediately came to the conclusion:

> In the eyes of one who believes with absolute Faith in the Creator & Ruler of All – God the Lord of the Universe, Who created existence and Who also continues to oversee every single detail of the expanse of existence, certainly a good portion of the ideology of ‘positive thinking’ and its genre are not at all appropriate...

> For such a believer, it is necessary to write a new book. That in it will be taught general essential principles. In it more than a few parts are absent... I felt that it a strong necessity to bring the matters according to how they are in their pure source. Behold they are kabalistic Sages, the elite of all generations, who also knew of such innovations. But since as of yet they have not been collected in one compilation not everyone has merited to their light.

> If so, ‘The Revealed Secret’ that is before you is a new take relative to contemporary lessons & books. For I placed ‘The Revealed Secret’ in a completely different plane. The moment I brought myself to inject your positive thinking with **knowledge of Faith in the rulership of the Creator and ruler of existence - God the Lord of the Universe.** The understanding that the whole power of positivity in the **long run** of all your positive thinking stands exclusively when you accept upon yourself subjugation to the Source of All. **Only when you accept upon yourself the desire to guard & execute & fulfill the will of the Creator and Ruler of Existence as was revealed to the Children of Israel by**
Mt. Sinai when He took them out of the land of Egypt. Only by their means will your positive thinking be successful to rely in absolute dependence upon His mercy and abundant kindness. Therefore, such Faith & Trust is imperative by every single step of your striving & action.

After it being that ‘The Revealed Secret’ stands in a completely different place from their treatises, therefore, even in those specific places where I used their advice & methodology, I only did it after changing their style relating to essential matters: Faith, Providence & Free Choice, Reward & Recompense. And so by matters that relate to sentiment: Accepted codes & systems. For it was not possible to only make cosmetic alterations. I had to build text from anew and change from on end to the other the whole approach. Because of their incongruency with the lifestyle of millions of people who live their lives in the path of Faith.

Hence from here will come out benefit also for those who have met up with those books that speak of ‘the power of positive thinking’. One who wants to know if their approach is apropos for a person who believes:

Besides that the general the style of things mentioned there does not parallel Jewish outlook concerning the importance of delicate care in matters relating to modest pure wording. But mainly, their words contain more than a few parameters that bear possibility of disagreement:

Especially from the aspect of the inner seed of the perspective that they flow from. Because they profess to grant total power without differentiating solely to the positive thinking of each individual whoever he may be. Even when his thoughts stem not from Faith & Trust and complete reliance upon the mercy & kindness of the Creator & Ruler of All Existence.
Besides this, in many places the ideology and presentation are inappropriate for a believer.

For a believer lives his life based on pure bright Faith:

Creation of all existence was only by the hand of one Deity – God lord of the Universe.

That Singular Deity stands now too and oversees in exact Providence over every particular detail over what happens within existence.

That Deity, Unique & Singular, also revealed His will by the event at Mt. Sinai.

There by that historic milestone, the Children of Israel accepted upon themselves Torah & Mitsvot. From them comes out Faith in the reality of reward & recompense.

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Behold, I know that millions live their live in Faith in the existence of the One God Lord of the Universe - that He stands behind management of all reality down to very minute detail. And that He gave the Torah to His people Israel on Mt. Sinai after having taken them out of Egypt. And it being that also by them stands an inner push to find to solution for their plight and healing to their wound. And that they are willing to do whatever is necessary to cause their lives to be as good and productive as possible. And it being that I imagine that if there would be a book in the world that claims it has the potential to vessels and solutions to achieve happy successful life many of those millions would be seek to read and learn it… to accomplish results!
Therefore did I come to the conclusion that it would be worthwhile to gird my loins and invest effort into this project. Many hours of day & night, sitting in my house & walking by the way – on trips & journeys – day & night not to cease from thinking & musing on the principles of ‘The Revealed Secret’, based on the ancient foundations of Faith. All in order to help those believers and bring them this compilation that is based upon Jewish Faith passed on through tradition for millennia.

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Baruch Mordechei (Motta) Frank

Why 'The Revealed Secret'? 

If this is a 'Secret' it is not 'Revealed'?...
If this is 'Revealed' it is a 'Secret'?!....

For even after the Sages revealed it, it stills remains a secret!

Because it is your life experience from an internal place - secret & unseen, to an external 'revealed' place!

For it is a combo: Your body - outside & 'revealed', Your soul - internal & 'secret'!

Because it is based on your 'revealed' actions, hand in hand with the control of the Creator & Ruler of Existence - which is essentially 'secret'!

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Preface

User’s Guide for a Believer to Grasp ‘The Secret Revealed’
My Faith

I am a believer! My faith is established upon the foundations of tradition, passed down over millennia from father to son. For already more than three thousand seven hundred years.

The point of my Faith:

All of existence was emanated & created, formed & made by the word of the mouth of the singular Source – Who is God of the Universe.

He and only He emanated & created, formed & made all of reality.

He continues even now to oversee all the specific details of all existence.

This my faith began to shine to the world almost six thousand years ago through Adam & Chavah, who were the last formations of the hands of the Creator. He created & made them on the Sixth Day of Genesis, before He rested on the Sabbath. This Faith was passed down from generation to generation to elite individuals, to Kayin, Hevel, & Sheis, the children of Adam & Chavah. To Chanoch, Mesushelach; Noach & his children.\(^\text{11}\)

This my Faith began to spread out in the world some four thousand years ago, through the head & first of believers Avraham, the Patriarch of the Jewish people. He was born in Mesopotamia and lived in Charan.\(^\text{12}\) As time went on he migrated to the land of Israel.

\(^{11}\) Based on Breishies 1:27; 4:1, 2, 25; 5:1, 2, 21-32
\(^{12}\) Ramban Breishies 11:28
Avraham taught and gave over that Faith to his son Yitschak. From him it was given over to his son Ya’akov, from him to the Twelve Tribes. Within a small amount of time they became a clan of seventy. Together they descended to Egypt. There they stayed for more than two hundred years. They multiplied and increased to millions.

Due to this, the rulers of Egypt enslaved them. Decades of servitude and harsh labor passed over them. Until Moshe the Teacher of Israel came and as sent by the Source of All redeemed them and brought them to Mt. Sinai.13

The Event of Mt. Sinai

There by Mt. Sinai they all heard one voice, a tremendous voice:

“I am God your Lord Who took you out of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall not have any other dieites before Me. Do not make any molten image… do not bow down to them and do not worship them” (Shemos 20:2-5).

By that incredible magnificent event, the Children of Israel received by the hand of Moshe their Teacher from the Creator of All the Ten Sayings – ‘Ten Commandments’.

Based on our tradition, it comes out that there are 620 letters in the Ten Commandments – which equals ‘KTR/keser [crown]’.14

14 Some Hebrew words bear the possibility of being written with added or lacking letters. Based on the ‘Masores [Tradition of Scripture]’ passed down from Sinai of how to write the words of the Torah, it comes
The ‘Ten Commandments’ include within them the principles of the entire 613 precepts of the Torah. They are divided into two groups: Positive Precepts & Negative Precepts.\(^{15}\) There are 248 Positive Precepts, corresponding to the 248 limbs of the human body. And there are 365 Negative precepts corresponding to its 365 veins. Together they make up 613 Mitsvos [Guidelines]. On top of these, there are seven commandments added by the Rabbis of the generations, who were true sages special people. Altogether, this tallies 620 Mitsvos – equalling ‘keser’ - paralleling the 620 letters of the Ten Commandments.

Jewish tradition teaches that all Israel heard the Ten Commandments by Sinai. However, they only heard two directly from the mouth of the Mighty One. These two are the first two commandments mentioned at the beginning of our words. The positive commandment: “I am God your Lord”. The negative commandment: “You shall have no other deities…”\(^{16}\)

All of the other commandments are actually included in these two, with all their branches and all of the additions added by the Sages.\(^{17}\)

The entire point of the Giving of Torah & Mitsvos there at that incredible standing by Mt. Sinai was to bring them to the deep inner clear powerful Faith of:

“I am God your Lord”, “You shall have no other deities…”

\(^{15}\) Prohibitions.
\(^{16}\) These ideas are built on what is brought in the Babylonian Talmud Makkos 23. for an extensive clear understanding with all of the opinions said about this matter look at the amazing work, ‘The Event of Mt. Sinai’, especially chapters 38, 39, 43 from R. Shlomoh Rozner.
\(^{17}\) R. Sadya Gaon, etc.
For God the Lord of the Universe Who gave Torah & Mitsvos is the very One Who emanated & created, formed & made the Heavens and the Heavens of Heavens, the earth and all that is upon it, the seas and all that is in them.\textsuperscript{18} And He is the very One Who continues every single moment to run and oversee in detailed Providence everything that happens in all of creation – over each particular detail.

Know my friend what is before you! For by this that you accept upon yourself to listen to the voice of the Creator – to guard and practice and always fulfill the six hundred & thirteen mitsvos with all their branches your whole life. And likewise all that True Kabalists and elite people added and made its words shine – you so make the tremendous light of those mitsvos shine upon all of your 248 limbs and 365 veins – the physical & spiritual ones. Whose number together equals the amount of letters in the Ten Commandments, which as said equals keser – the light of that Supernal Attribute.

For in this that you accept upon yourself to always fulfill with full power & strength the will of the blessed Creator you constantly make to shine upon your nefesh, ruach, & neshamah\textsuperscript{19} the concealed light – the light of lofty keser. Which is the source & root of the hidden light of Faith & Trust, of absolute dependence upon the the kindness & great mercy of the God Who is Lord of the Universe Who gave the Torah by Mt. Sinai. And so you will be successful to draw upon yourself the tremendous power of the ability to always control thought. And so to constantly think only positive thoughts and always feel only positive feelings. All by means of connection to the force of the source & root of the Creator of All existence, which is this hidden light of

\textsuperscript{18} Tehilim 24:1
\textsuperscript{19} The three primary levels of the soul, as outlined throughout kabalah. From ‘nefesh [living-soul]’ comes functioning awareness, from ruach [air-soul] emotion, from neshamah [breath-soul] comes intellect…
**keser - the primal order of the revelation of the supernal will of the Creator of All.** From there you will draw upon yourself salvation & mercy, for whatever you need. Not only for your eternal life in the foreverafter the world of the end of days – but also now, your whole life here upon earth. For all the decades that your soul is to be clothed in your body.

### To Restore the Crown of Faith to its Heyday

Upon the foundation of this tradition of Faith is built all the chapters of, ‘The Revealed Secret’ that is before you. I know that some of the ideas which stand behind the coming explanations are deep concepts. In some places they are prone to be complex and even somewhat problematic… Therefore, it is difficult to tell just a little. Despite this, I strive in this preface to present the matters as concisely as possible, in order to alleviate the grasping of the foundations of our Faith and well clarify the depths of the coming concepts.

From amidst the matters in this preface you will understand well that even if most chapters of ‘The Revealed Secret’ bear known obvious ideas that just about every believer has met up with and spoken of, and some are even on the tip of his tongue – despite this they are left in the parameter of a ‘secret’. Due to their great depth, strength, and special power. This is an additional reason for calling the book by the name, ‘**The Revealed Secret**’.

It is incumbent upon me to note that the proper comprehension of the coming issues will serve you as a **key** to understand and as a **tool** to actualize ‘The Revealed Secret’. Without it Heaven forfend contradicting the pillars of your belief system.
From amidst the coming matters the feeling will be strengthened by you that this ‘secret’ is essentially a ‘revealed secret’. For you the reader will know that it is evident that anything bound to the tradition of our Faith, throughout the whole history of its having been handed down by the Sages from generation to generation, is so: The awesome awareness that the Creator established from the beginning of making reality the axioms of running all existence. In it He planted this tremendous power – that the positive thought of a believer can generally rule over what occurs in his life.

‘The Revealed Secret’ comes to restore the crown of Faith to its ancient greatness. It is completely built and founded upon its goal - to know and make known how strong & powerful is the will of the Creator of All, God the Lord of the universe. And that only by the force & desire of this Supernal Will endures all of the natural axiomatic forces & principles of creation - above all stars & constellations.20

For the Creator and Ruler of Existence so empowered the general axioms of the natural laws of creation until there is place to mistake and think that all natural matters of reality happen of their own volition – without a Creator and Master Who stands behind them.

The chapters of ‘The Revealed secret’ shall clarify for you deeply that the will of the Creator & Ruler of All - He Himself brought into you the intense power of thought & will. So that by their means you should be able to mold the atmosphere of your daily life. Because of this you should always remember:

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20 Even though Providence does use them to transmit its designs, It is not bound by them and at any given moment can completely override what was programmed into them (Derech Hashem)…
You entire power to cause that the force of thought & will draw what you want flows exclusively from the will of the Creator & Ruler of All. Without Him this power has no strength or substantiality.

Principles of Faith for a Believer

From here on, let us approach clarifying the essence of the idea of Faith & Trust.

It is the joint conclusion of most of the Sages of Israel that it rests upon each person to believe & trust in God and to completely rely upon the mercies of the Creator & Ruler of All. Even in face of all those daily matters that everyone needs help with – in body, soul, and finances.

In fulfilling this mitsvah of believing and trusting there are many decorations and levels, one above the other. In line with the wording of the verse, “Trust in God until eternity…” (Yeshaya 26:4).21

For Trust is a very profound matter. And it contains a great many rungs & levels.

Trust & Effort

There are many important points that you should know prior to undertaking to clarify the parameters of Faith & Trust:

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21 High upon high ad infinitum…
Many of the compilations that strive to clarify the subject of the power of Faith & Trust explain well that when a person stands on a high level of feeling security, especially when prophetic promise from the Creator of All accompanies this, such a person can accomplish above natural boundaries. Without at all having to mix in the work of natural effort. Because that great believer has the ability to rely solely upon the power of Trust – even when he wants that his matters should be run in marvelous miraculous manner.

Authors of these books add and explain that after it being that Trust contains levels upon levels, not every person can decide for himself that he is already on a high enough level to exempt himself completely from natural effort and rely upon miraculous means of doing things. Or to put himself in places of danger and the like.

Nevertheless, the chapters of ‘The Revealed Secret’ before you are not opposed to bring you to this amazing complete plateau of Trust, by virtue of which you will not need to be busy at all in your natural efforts. Rather – everything can be run with you by way of wonders.

On the contrary, from the chapters of this book it will become clear to you that every single person – even you the precious reader, always has the opportunity to bring himself to a state of feeling hope. From amidst those positive thoughts & feelings based upon powerful foundation of absolute Faith & Trust in the mercy of the Creator of All. It rests upon a person to always work bring himself to the highest level and the greatest depth by those positive thoughts relative to all those has to do with his future. Until these thoughts will empower all the more those feelings of Faith & Trust.
Reaching this extraordinary state will bring you to feel joy and tranquility. From there you will continue more and more to make all the effort in your power in order to advance progress in every area. For that entire time that you are busy in effort, your thoughts will rely & depend upon the Source of All that He will indeed bring blessing & prosperity to the work of your hands. You will be successful to actualize your desires & aspirations in all regions.

Even though all is from Providence for the Best – Everything will turn to be Good even according to Your Will!

Another matter that is important to know prior to attempting to elucidate the borders of Faith & Trust:

There are many books busy with elucidating the mitsvah of Faith & Trust. Most of them well explain the facet of:

Accepting the rulership of the blessed Creator from amidst utter subservience and from amidst realization that all that He does is certainly for the good. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to accept His dominion and not to harbor doubts.

The chapters of ‘The Revealed Secret’ will also explain to you the other facet of Faith & Trust:

Besides the clear truth of accepting the rulership of the Creator and Ruler of the Universe concerning the past, the present & also for the future – from amidst complete humility and absolute faith that certainly everything is for the best, there is another necessary factor.
The second facet of Faith & Trust reveals that in midst the matter of Trust stands another idea - a concept of hope, a concept of help & salvation… which is well worthwhile for you to integrate:

Together with your faith that everything is overseen by the detailed Providence of the Creator and Ruler of All, together with your realization that everything that He does is certainly for your good and so you accept the way He runs things in humility, you still have in your hand the all the power & merit to trust & rely & lean on the mercies and great kindness of the Source of All. and to believe that from now on He will make you into the creator of your choice & desire and nullify from you all pain & fulfill your requests for good.

It is important for you to know that within these positive thoughts is also buried hidden power. For the more you merit to perfect yourself with such positive thinking, so will you cause yourself to experience more intensely the elite feelings of Faith & Trust.

Faith & Trust will cause your positive thinking to be stronger – and it goes it around. Until Faith & Trust coupled with positive thinking will bring you to continuous amazing experience of peace & tranquility. From amidst this you will certainly merit to draw to yourself the help & aid from the Creator & Ruler of All and to be saved in the place that you need.

So the ‘Revealed Secret’ does not come to clarify for you the parameter of the mitsvah of Trust. It comes to make shine to you

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22 The opposite of a vicious cycle…
beyond the mitsvah and obligation that rests upon you to believe & trust, you also have here a matter that is very valuable!...

**It is worthwhile for you to believe! It is worthwhile for you to Trust!...**

The Revealed Secret comes to convince you that it is worth it for you to invest mental effort into Faith & Trust. In order to merit more & more to those lofty feelings of Faith & Trust. Until so you will bring yourself at the end of the process to completely get out of pain & sadness and be completely saved – in body, soul, & finances. **For the power of your trust & dependence upon the Creator & Ruler of the Universe in truth & simplicity will make tremendous blessing rest upon all the work of your natural effort. And so you will be saved with salvation & mercy in all necessary matters.**

**Do not Test God your Lord!**

Here is the place to add a vital point that will come to your aid in the matters of this book that you presently hold in your hands:

You need to know & integrate that the principles of ‘The Revealed Secret’ were not said & written to bring you to a state of as if **testing** the Creator & Ruler of Universe. For if you do this, it will thwart the goal.

Remember!
A Believer does not Stand when he has a stopper in hand.

A believer does not test his God and does not make conditions to his Faith & Trust!

Besides the actuality that such an approach could have halachic ramifications, based on the verse, “Do not test God your Lord” (Devarim 6:10), behold this approach is the diametrical opposite of the essence of the quality of Trust. For the depths of Faith & Trust are:

Absolute nullification to the will of our Merciful Father in Heaven – the Creator & Ruler of the Universe.

And dependence & reliance & leaning on the mercies & abundant kindness of the Source of All that He will speedily turn your reality into good.

The Limited Reach of Our Mind to Grasp the Extents of the Ways of the Creator & Ruler of the Universe

In addition to this, being someone who believes & trusts, you do not have even a smidgeon of feeling that they owe you something. But if you think that you will be helped because of your Faith & Trust - your thought & outlook are not dependent solely upon the mercies of the Creator. Because you mixed with your reliance & dependence the feeling of, "my strength & the power of my hand" (Devarim 8:17) in this that you feel that your salvation shall certainly come: After it being that "I deserve it" & "it comes to me".
Not so are the thoughts of & sensitivities of one who really believes & trusts. Such a person is completely immersed solely in dependence & reliance upon the mercy & abundant kindness of the Creator and Ruler of Existence.

This & more. One who truly believes & trusts knows how short mind falls from grasping even a bit of the ways of the Creator. He also knows that the true mercy is eternal mercy. Therefore, at times material salvation tarries. Because Hashem Yisbarach knows that at this time this material salvation is not as of yet in synch with his spiritual salvation.

Most certainly God's main mercy upon man is not just to grant him sustenance & health for the length of his life here in this world for those decades that he goes around in body & soul. For what does it help a person if he merits to all these gifts and he doesn't also merit through them to eternal life after soul parts from body?!...

It would certainly not be called mercy upon a person if he would be given a gift of millions of bills but due to this he ends up being afflicted many years (in the afterlife) - is this called good?!...

Therefore, one who truly believes & trusts knows that the main good & mercy is that from this material good should also sprout eternal spiritual salvation.23

Trust & Prayer - as if a Paradox

23 Likutei Halachot 'Nesius Kapayim' 4:7
Despite all this, one who truly believes & trusts knows that the thoughts of the Creator & Ruler of all are way above our thoughts. So there are certainly certain ways that He runs creation which are so profound & subtle & delicate that they are utterly impossible for us to understand. By virtue of Faith and absolute depending upon His mercies & kindness, power & aptitude flow in the heart. To believe & hope that even when harsh trying times pass over you in body soul and finances, you still have the ability to change any decree and difficult treatment from the Creator.

Although all of the suffering & pain that Hashem Yisbarach sends upon a person are geared to bring benefit to the soul foreverafter, it could be that for the most part they come only because he did not yet pray to be saved from this problem that he is stuck in. Or he did not increase enough in prayer & supplication about it.

But when he fortifies himself even within the problem to present his prayer & supplication before Hashem Yisbarach, through his prayer incredible tikunim [repair] manifests. Until it will cause him to be a fitting receptacle to receive from Hashem Yisbarach His tremendous kindness & mercy in such a way that material success will not harm spiritual success!

For even though prior to prayer material & spiritual success were opposites in the mind of Hashem Yisbarach - behold, by virtue of prayer & supplication, Faith & Trust circumstances shifted, until he was enabled to receive both: According to the tikunim that he accomplished in prayer.

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24 Indeed, according to the exalted loftiness of the Supernal Emanator it is so befitting that we not fathom His ways... (R. Nachman of Breslov)...)
Even if after prayer one was not successful to receive what he wanted, one who believes & trusts knows that he should harbor no doubt about what the Creator does with him. Because everything is definitely for his eternal benefit. In the end he himself will say about this, "I thank you God that You caused me trouble" (Yeshaya 12:1).

A person always needs tremendous mercy to be saved from negative trust. It brings to the mistake of those who think that it is not necessary to pray and increase in supplication. Because this matter of 'Trust & Prayer' is also included in the paradox...

Because the entire matter of Trust & Faith is that on one hand one should always continue to believe & trust that even when there are spiritual & material difficulties, it rests upon us to be snug & secure that Hashem Yisbarach certainly hears our prayers & supplications. From amidst this we should certainty always give thanks & show gratitude for everything that He already helped us with until this very day - in all areas of Life, spiritual & material together. On the other hand, we always trust that He will certainly help us. As He already helped till today, giving knowledge and shining into us the light of Teshuvah & Forgiveness, drawing upon us Healing & Blessing. Despite this, we should always pray before Him. In order to merit more & more - in greater strength & power in all of these matters.²⁵

The View of the Chazon Ish & the View of the Chasidim

²⁵ R. Avraham b'Rav Nachman of Tultchin (1848-1912), based on his work, Kochvei Or 'Emes v'Emunah' 9, based on Likutei Halachos 'Milah' 5:7; 'Eruvei Techumin' 3:1, there Kochvei Or 'Tefilos' II
After these important clarifications, let us advance and clarify the essential parameters of the mitsvah & obligation of Faith & Trust. In this elucidation it will become evident that in our belief system there are at least two approaches as to the foundational nature of Faith & Trust.

It should be noted that even though upon delving into both approaches it becomes evident that they join to become one, at first glance they appear to be two opinions which have great distance between. The matter will be explained later.

1 - Faith & Trust means: Strong belief and clear knowing that everything that now happens to me - this moment and every single moment, goes according to the will of the Creator & Ruler of Existence. Therefore - what happens to me is certainly the best that could be upon earth at this time.

2 - Faith & Trust means: whatever I truly want - and automatically I seek to receive, I believe & trust that the Creator of All listens to my prayer & hears my request - I will so receive it. For it is clear to me and I am sure that I will receive the fulfillment of my aspiration.

My words later on will strive to concisely present the two approaches. I will also seek to clarify whether 'The Revealed Secret' is aligned with both approaches or only according to one of them.

First off I will explain the opinion of R. Avraham Yeshaya Korelits known by the title 'The Chazon Ish', based on his work 'Emunah & Bitachon'.

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27 1878-1959
R. Eliezer Yitscahk Papo\textsuperscript{28} also writes about such concepts in his work 'Pele Yo'ets', section 'Havtachah'.

This opinion is built & woven from the words of R. Bechyeh ben Yosef Ibn-Pekudah, known as the author of the 'Chovos HaLivavos'.\textsuperscript{29} Also from the words of R. Avraham son of the Rambam,\textsuperscript{30} author of 'Hamaspik l'Ovdei Hashem'. It is also possible to find support to the view of the Chazon Ish from the words of Rabeinu Yonah of Gerondi.\textsuperscript{31}

To summarize this view:

An old mistake has taken hold in the mind of many about the concept of Trust. Some think that whenever one encounters a future state that is undecided with two possibilities before him - one good one otherwise - a person who trusts should always think that it will certainly turn out good. And if he is in doubt and thinks otherwise he is lacking Trust.

This directive about Trust is not valid. For the future is not indeterminable. As long as Prophecy has not clarified the lot of the future, or at least before Divine inspiration rests upon a person - or at least as long as some strong spirit does not accompany him that indeed the Creator will aid. This matter varies according to the level of the one who trusts and the degree of is sanctity.

The meaning of Trust is clear certain Faith that nothing in the world happens by itself, by chance. Rather

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\item \textsuperscript{28} 1769-1827
\item \textsuperscript{29} 1050-1120
\item \textsuperscript{30} 1186-1237
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everything under the sun is by decree of the blessed Creator.

The depth of the quality of Trust causes tranquility to rest upon him. That certainly so it needs to be the way things are run by him. Especially after he prayed.

The believer clearly knows that chance & nature are not his masters. Automatically there is nothing holding the Creator from also helping now. This clear Faith removes fear of chance occurrences.

This clear Faith also grants every believer the power to have Faith even during fall that deliverance is possible.

Faith in deliverance is so strong that one has no tendency to think that things will turn out bad more than good. On the contrary, trust in the kindness of the blessed Creator adds to the heart of the one who trusts inner fortitude that it is more likely that he will receive aid.

It is easy to trust when the it is not the main job of Trust. But how hard it is to trust when it comes time for it to be put into action... It is easy to run through mouth & lip Trust that is in theory & not in action... For then it is like someone delighting over happy radiant imagination. Over much time he tricks himself and others into thinking that he has really gone over his comrades in Trust. But in truth he uses this trait to serve himself nice sweet dreams about the hidden future...

However, this is the test if his mouth & heart are in synch. One can test himself if he really trusts or if all in all he only succeeded to teach his tongue 'trust 'trust' - while his inner feelings are not there: When one meets up with
circumstance that requires Trust, at a time when Trust has the job of leading, fixing, & healing. At this trying time does he also truly turn to the Trust accustomed to his mouth. Or if specifically during such circumstance he ignores it and instead turns only to false means of support?

For one who really trusts turns precisely during his difficult times to the blessed Creator. He relies upon His mercy & abundant kindness and increases in prayer & supplication before Him. Because is a rod of power in the hands of each man. The more a person places his cards in prayer, the more he will ascend & achieve success. The eye of Creator raised upon him sends back salvation.

Now I will concisely present the second approach, in the words of the Chazon Ish coined 'view of the Chasidim'.

This approach comes to expression blatantly in the words of two great leaders of the last generations. Who are marked as appearing to be the two major divisions that stand today among the congregation of those who observe Torah & mitsvos. They are known as Chasidim & Lita'im.32

These two leaders are R. Levy Yitschak of Berditchev is known by the name of the beginner of Chasidus Rabeinu R. Yisrael Ba'al Shem Tov.

R. Yosef Yuzel Horowits known as the Saba of Nevardik33 and R. Yisrael Lifkin of Salant.34

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32 The Chasidim walk in the path of Rabeinu R. Yisrael Ba'al Shem Tov Z"YA (1698-17600), the Lita'im go in the path of Rabeinu R. Eliyah Kremer, known by the title, 'the Vilna Gaon' the Gra (1720-1797).
33 1850-1919
34 1810-1883
This view goes with **R. Moshe ben Nachman**, known as the *Ramban*.\(^{35}\)

First I will explain shortly the words of **R. Levy Yitschak of Berditchev**.\(^{36}\)

Nachman ben Aminadov jumped into sea and the water came until his neck. Because he trusted in the kindness of blessed Creator and His wonders - that He would do a miracle for him. It was no doubt by him.

Also by King David. He trusted so much in the Creator that he sung from amidst every problem that came upon him - before salvation actually came. Because he trusted in the kindness of the blessed Creator, that He would certainly save him.

For one who trusts that the Creator will certainly save him sings before being helped.\(^{37}\)

It is known that the way of the blessed Creator is to do good. There is good that comes from the will of the Creator alone. And there is good that comes Him only after a person below causes it to come.

Our Teacher R. Yisrael Ba'al Shem Tov so explains the verse, "God is your shadow" (*Tehilim* 121:5): Just like a shadow mimics you, so as if it were does the blessed Creator behave from Above with a person as he behaves beneath.

Therefore, a person has to be happy with his portion - then this will come to him from Above.

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\(^{35}\) 1194-1270

\(^{36}\) Based on his words of the *Kedushas Levy* portion *Beshalach*, 'Bamidrash Az Yashir'.

\(^{37}\) See at length elucidation of all the views about this matter of singing before the miracle in the amazing compilation *'Ashirah v'Azeirah Lashem'* 7:4
Hence, if one trusts that the blessed Creator will take care of all his needs - then all of his requests will be fulfilled from on High.

But if a person is always worried over his & his family's sustenance, then his sustenance will be made lacking from Above. Because, "God is your shadow" - according to how he trusts that the blessed Creator provides his needs, so indeed will be dished out to him.

Now I will explain concisely the words of the Elder of Novardick:  

The parameter of Trust is inner feeling in the heart - that one feels in absolute clarity that it will be good, without any doubt. It is a matter that supersedes intellect & nature.

This feeling flows from faith & recognition of the kindness of the blessed Creator.

This feeling is so strong that even when circumstances shift and say that there will not be success, nonetheless optimism & hope for good prevails. Until there will be no fear of lack of success - relative to the tremendous expectation of success.

One who trusts walks in his world securely. He rejoices in his portion without any worry & sadness whatsoever. Because nothing is lacking in the present, and he harbors no worry over the future. He experiences that if there is trust - there is already everything. All of Life's quandaries

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38 Based on his words in thirteen chapters of 'Darkei HaBitachon [The Ways of Trust]' in his book, 'Madreigos Ha'Adam [The Level of Man]'
which constantly come up are resolved by virtue of his Trust.

One who trusts knows that if he stumbles & falls this was only due to lack of Faith & Trust. He also knows that all of his success flows from his Trust & certainty. Even in place & time of danger when he still does not have what he wants, he continues to trust for good. Because he relies and trusts upon the way of the blessed Creator.

One who truly trusts - even when he is found in circumstances that he doesn't have what he wants - despite this he feels as if all he needs is set & ready for him. He doesn't compromise what he is accustomed to.

It is clear to one who truly trusts that he does not have to subsist on bare minimum. Rather, he knows that he is able to attain his sustenance according to what is natural to him. For the ability of the blessed Creator is unlimited. Therefore, after it being that one stands his ground and is strong in will, certainly the Creator will set him up according to what he is used to. Providing one is secure in his Trust more than he trusts in the money in his pocket.

By one who trusts, everything is built & established upon the words of the verse, "God is your shadow". As it is explained, "Just like a shadow - if you show a hand it shows you back a hand, if you show a finger it shows you back a finger". So is the Trust of a believer. Because the moment one believes & trusts in clear absolute knowledge that he will attain his needs will merit it - even through distant hidden causes in wondrous manner!
It is within the power of each individual to be strong in his mind and to rely on his Trust and satiate his soul with complete serenity. Whatever is lacking will come to him.

The main principle in the paths of one who truly trusts is that he does not worry over tomorrow's problems. For if he worries over tomorrow - besides not profiting he would also lose!

This principle is built on the teaching of the Gaon [elite genius] of Vilna:39

"So is the way of the matter: One who runs after causes in matters of materialism - causes run away from him. He requires much difficult toil and work to attain it. Those who are simple in the way attain their need in a sweet manner without work."

This matter is very subtle in the parameters of Trust. For the blessed Creator does not grant His blessing in supernatural means except for those who trust in Him and take refuge in His shade.

Therefore, one who worries over tomorrow cannot have such blessing rest with him. Since he does not throw all of his thoughts upon the Creator. He is left trapped in the snare of concern over the future. He sits in his folly and thinks in his iron-clad proofs that he did well in short-changing himself. The proof being that he did not have much success. His mistake has not become clear to him. It could continue until the end of all his generations...

But one who really believes & trusts does not hold back and short-change. He always eats to satiation and stays in

39 Even Shleimah 2
strong Trust. The blessed Creator indeed grants him great flow on a constant basis.

Behold before you, precious reader, concise presentation of the views that well explain the principles of Faith & Trust. It appears that they disagree with each other. However, it will be explained later that this is not so.40

In any case, these two views express clearly & unambiguously the path to deal with all of Life's questions that are before you. And this is founded upon the foundation of Faith, given over for almost four thousand years. The substance of this Faith is:

All of reality was created ex nehilo by the word of the mouth of the Creator & Ruler of Existence - God the Lord of the Universe. Who stands even now and runs and oversees all of the minute details that occur throughout all existence.

40 It is advisable to enrich knowledge and delve into another consideration, which comes out anew relative to both views together. From the words of R. Azriel Tauber in his book 'Pirkei Machshavah - Emunah & Betachelon' 1-4. In short, these two outlooks in practice of Faith & Trust essentially include two general of ways that the Creator runs His world. On one hand, there is a way which is described in the words of the Sages as, 'Someone who is righteous - and it goes well for him'. This was the main way in the generation of the Master of all Prophets Moshe our Teacher A"H. And so afterwards for almost the entire two millennia of Scripture, until the exile and the destruction of the Holy Temple. Subsequently, we entered into another facet, described in the words of the Sages as, 'Someone who is righteous - yet it goes bad for him' (Brachot). Like in the generation of R. Akiva, who was killed for the sanctification of the Divine Name.

According to his line of reasoning, they are two separate means of executing the paths of Trust. Each generation needs to know to be in sync with the main way that relates to it.

Similarly, it is very advisable to anyone who wants to satisfy his thirst for all the treasure of outlooks & views buried in matters of Faith & Trust to look into the amazing book recently published, 'Ben Melech - Betachen' by R. Leib Mitsberg. In short, what comes out of his wise words: The quality of Trust is inclusive of many parts, all included underneath the umbrella of 'Trust' - even though they differ from each other. Upon reflecting upon all the types of Trust one notices that there are three views of the Rishonim [Earlier Rabbis]: 'Hamaspik' of R. Avraham son of the Rambam, R. Yosef Ibn Pakudah author of the 'Chovos HaLivavos', Rabeinu Yonah of Gerondi. After elaborating there he adds and says: It is self-evident that these views do not disagree about the essence of the matter. And everyone agrees that it is a great thing and a mitsvah to trust and be busy with all kinds of Trust. But each view grabs a certain part of the main principle of Trust.
That Creator & Ruler is the one Who placed & planted in you the power of free choice, which allows you to utilize the power of positive thinking and positive feeling and walk in the path of Faith & Trust until all of your aspirations will be actualized.

Once you empower yourself with that awesome energy of your choice - to choose, to always think & feel positive thoughts & feelings. This relying upon faith & trust in the compassion of the Creator. "Close to with certainty"... Also, "with absolute certainty without any aspect of doubt" - according to the view of the Chasidim... The result being that the Creator rolls around and moves with power all the wheels of specific Providence, so that all of your requests should indeed be concretized & fulfilled.

How do These Matters Settle with 'Reward & Recompense'?

One of the principles of Faith is belief in 'Reward & Recompense'. Verses in Scripture are full of this axiom. In essence, when a person does the will of the blessed God, he can expect to receive good reward. When he does not do the will of God, the Creator causes that he is disciplined.

The question is asked: Based upon what can a believer continue to trust & believe in the fulfillment of his wishes, when he knows that he is not at all in the ball-park of those who do only the will of God?
This question becomes especially strong if this believer also knows that he is among those who transgress the Divine will. In such a state he is set to be chastised for his actions - based on what can he continue to believe & trust?!

It would seem that the matters are elaborated by the *Chovos HaLivavos*. In short:

**When person does not do the will of the blessed Creator, it is impossible to call him by the name 'one who trusts in God'.** After it being that he demonstrates in his behavior how foolish he is. His approach & recognition are weak. This itself will become a strong cause to make withheld what he is trusting for. How much more so one who transgresses the statutes of the Providence of the blessed Creator. Behold his hope is false in principle because he turns against the command of his Maker.

In order to remove your reservations and demonstrate that the axioms of 'The Revealed Secret' do not *chalilah* contradict faith in Reward & Recompense. It rests upon me to first concisely present to you some of the words of great leaders who lived in these last two millenniums. It is self-understood that they too believed whole-heartedly in our tradition of faith of so many years. Despite this, they expressed unambiguously their ideas about our subject.

In the *Midrash*:41

**R. Eliezer & R. Tanchum said in the name of R. Yirmiyah,**42 **on the verse, "One who trusts in God is surrounded by kindness"** (*Tehilim* 32:10) - even someone who is wicked but trusts in God will be surrounded by kindness!

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41 *Vayikra Raba* 15:5
42 The fourth generation of *Amora'im* [Rabbis of the Talmud], around 340 C.E.
So also writes the Ramban:\(^{43}\)

King David says, "Trust in God and do good" (*Tehilim* 37:3) - even though you have no good deeds, and you yourself know that you are wicked - despite all this - "trust in God"! For He is the Master of Mercy and He will have compassion upon you.

Because if a person is only in the category of a believer in God, it could be that he is concerned that sin might cause things to not go well for him. But one who is on the level of trusting in God is not afraid that sin might cause a problem.

So Rabeinu Yonah of Gerondi writes explicitly and at length,\(^{44}\) when he enters into explaining many of the parameters of Trust. Here is a summary of his words:

**Know that Trust is clear Faith.** Because no doubt mixes with Trust. By way of parable, Trust is like a hired worker who trusts in the King. Therefore does he work with all of his strength before him with joy & a good heart. This due to his tremendous trust in the King and his knowing that he will give him full reward.

Therefore, one who trusts in the blessed Creator will continue to trust in truth - even when many difficult problems befall him. For his reward is just thereby doubled.

Behold - besides what the believer trusts that his suffering is a means to remove his sin and grant him good reward.

\(^{43}\) In the work attributed to him, 'Emunah & Betachon' 2:3.

\(^{44}\) In his commentary on *Mishlei* 3:26.
in the world that is forever, he knows that the fruit of his reward is also guarded for this world. Hence he hopes and expects dividends here in this world too.

Because one who trusts knows that permission is given to the living to choose good. He so has this hope while still alive. After it being that he trusts and hopes for the blessed Creator - however much he is concerned over sin, despite this hope is strong in his heart. Therefore his heart shall not melt.

For fear itself is itself a sin... It makes trouble and empowers the enemy and draws problem close. But one who trusts in the blessed Creator will be lifted above problem in the merit of Trust! Even though it was fitting to come upon him.

Because even if his sins are intense and many, despite this he will hope for the mercy of the blessed Creator. For even if sins soar above head - despite all this there is much deliverance by Him!

It goes so far that even when problem draws close and one fears his sins, despite this fear shall not outweigh hope. Hope will be strong in heart and it will become stronger. Because the kindness of the Creator is greater than any sin. And He has mercy upon anyone who is contrite and seeks His compassion.

Behold precious reader - your answer lies before you. Even when you know the depths of your heart, even when it is clear to you as day that your deeds are not as of yet proper. Regardless of this, you have the power to decide in complete certainty that you will continue to cleave to your faith & trust in the Creator & Ruler of Existence. For He is merciful & gracious, patient & abundant in
kindness. Based on this you are able to continue to strengthen your thoughts and feelings that your requests shall be fulfilled for good. Indeed they will not be forsaken. They will certainly come - not too late.

Come & see the matters written by the Chasid R. Eliyahu of Vilna in his commentary on the book of Mishlei. Here is a summary of his words:

Behold they say, "Your mercies helped us until now and Your kindness has not abandoned us. Please God our Lord never desert us".  

Meaning to say, this that until now "You did not abandon us" is due to "Your kindness". Therefore, we trust that from now on will also be fulfilled, "God our Lord our Lord will never desert us".

For were it that this was only because of us, we would fear that sin might cause problem. But once we rely upon, "for the sake of Your kindness" we have no fear whatsoever. Because Your kindness always endures.

This is also what they say in the book of the Zohar, "He (Avraham) believed in God" (Breishies 15:6) - he was not even afraid that sin might make problems. Which is because, "it was counted to him for Charity" (Ibid). Meaning to say, all that the blessed Creator gives him is only in the manner of charity & kindness, not because he deserves it.

This is also the meaning of the verse, "Behold AL [God] is my salvation - I shall trust and not be afraid" (Yeshaya

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45 'Nishmas'
46 Zoh.I Breishies 90a
12:2). When I am dealt with from the aspect of AL, which is kindness & mercy,\textsuperscript{47} then "my salvation" is in the parameter of "I trust" always. "I am not afraid" at all - because then I am not concerned that maybe sin will cause problem.

I shall bring down before you more amazing things written by the Gaon of Vilna. They shall serve you as powerful paramount principles in the matter of being strong to always return to believe with perfect faith in detailed Providence. Even after chalila one slipped in all kinds of stumbling-blocks of mistake & sin.

However, R. Eliyahu of Vilna does warn a person to hold on to his righteousness when he comes to use the quality of Trust to trust in the mercies & tremendous compassion of the blessed Creator. Here is the idea of his words in his commentary on the book of Yeshaya 10:20:

Trust is indeed the greatest level, providing one stands in his righteousness. But a person should take care not to be like those who were by the destruction of the First Temple. About whom the Sages say, "They were wicked - but they placed their trust in the One Who spoke and brought the world to be".\textsuperscript{48}

For one should remember the penetrating words of the Prophet Yirmiyah:

"You should not trust in false words saying, 'The palace of God, the palace of God'. Rather - improve very well your ways & deeds. If you will certainly render justice

\textsuperscript{47} Each Divine Name is the medium through which a certain trait expresses. 'AL' is the transmitter of the right side of kindness... (Zoh.).

\textsuperscript{48} Shabbos 139, Yoma 9
between man and his friend: Do not afflict the convert, orphan, & widow, do not shed innocent blood in this place, do not go after other deities. I will cause you to dwell in the land that I gave to your forefathers, from then to eternity.

Behold, you are allowing yourselves to trust in the false matters that help not. The thief murders, is promiscuous, swears falsely & offers incense to 'ba’al', he goes after other deities that you knew not. And you come and stand before Me in this House that My Name is called upon and say, "Save us - so that we should be able to commit all of these abominations?!" (Yirmiyah 7:4-10).

However, even after these piercing words, tremendous fortification is found in the words of R. Eliyahu of Vilna himself. When he comes to explain the verse said by Kayin, "is my sin too great to bear?" (Breishies 4:13):

The Sages say, "There is no death without sin, there is no suffering without iniquity". Because the moment a person transgresses the will of the blessed Creator he immediately has 'sin' & 'iniquity'. His actions against God's will are called 'sin', causing death chalilah. The evil he does to himself - due to sin suffering comes upon him - is called 'iniquity'. Because his own bad brings pain upon himself.

The moment Kayin repented and said, "Behold today you expelled me from before You" (Breishies 4:14) he so began to return to the blessed Creator... He began to again believe in His providence upon him. Even though

49 A famous idol of that period. There is nothing left of it and its worshippers for already many many generations...
50 Shabbos 55
he was not yet purified from his sin, behold by virtue of this repentance that he came to believe in the detailed Providence of the Creator over every creature, he was successful to be among those that it says abut them: "The thief calls God at the mouth of the pit he dug (to break in and steal)."51

And so, as soon as Kayin said, "If Your Providence was upon me I would not worry at all. My whole concern was because You said to me, "you shall drift & wander in the land" (Ibid): Automatically there will be no protection and cover for me. Concerning this Hashem Yisbarach immediately answered him, "Hence, anyone who kills Kayin shall receive recompense sevenfold".52

In this vein are also the concise words of R. Moshe Sofer,53 known as, 'The Chasam Sofer'. In his saying that even a wicked person who did the worst things should strengthen himself to continue trusting in God his Lord. Providing that he accepts upon himself not to anymore stumble in offences against others. These his words were said in explanation of the verse, "Trust in God till eternity - for with YH did God form worlds" (Yeshaya 26:4).

Behold, even a sinner and a wicked person have the power to trust in God. Because He is great in kindness.

But on condition that he is not from those wicked people who steal and take unlawful gain and do not fulfill the mitsvos between man & his friend. Because by this he destroys the world...

For how shall this evil person be saved if he himself destroys the world that he lives in. After it being that he

51 Brachos 63, based on the text of the Ein Yaakov.
52 Aderes Eliyahu 'Breishies' 4:13
53 1763-1839
himself leaves himself no place here. By his defecting all that pertains to mitsvos between people, such as theft and taking advantage of the poor.

Does this wicked person want that Hashem should create for him something new out of nothing by virtue of is Trust? After it being that he himself destroys the world that he is found in?!

About this the verse says, "Trust in God till eternity" - always gravitate towards trusting in God. Even when someone wicked did extremely terrible things... But on condition, "until od [eternity]" - that he should not do such evil as theft and stealing and taking advantage of the poor. Which is hinted to in the word OD/od, an acronym for 'osheik dalim [taking advantage of the poor]'. Because through such actions he nixes the power of his trust.

If you will ask - how do all of these ideas coincide with the penetrating words of the Chovos haLivavos brought above? First off, R. Yisrael Meir the Kohen of Rodin already concluded in his work 'Nefutsos Yisrael' that the halachah [final decision] is not like the Chovos HaLivavos.

However, it is possible to add and sharpen matters. We can say that the power of hope & trust & absolute reliance upon the blessed Creator does not work only according to the views of the Sages & elite that I culled. In actuality the Chovos HaLivavos himself also so intended.

Because the whole meaning of his penetrating words is to say that one who has a little bit of brain in his head - and his mouth and

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54 These statement comes to hint to the fact that so great is the power of Trust that it can indeed do such a thing! But this would not be just so the Torah puts boundary on it...

mind are aligned, if his heart is truly set in trusting in the Creator & Ruler of Existence - how could it be that he disobeys His command?!... This two-facedness is self-contradictory. Hence, if someone does not listen to the Creator, his heart in general is not fixed in trusting in Him! In such a state, Trust is not able to bring a person his wants & aspirations. Because this is not strong Trust.

Due to this, the *Chovos HaLivavos* advises every mature person that it rests upon him to strengthen himself and advance further & further in the matter of utter Faith in the blessed Creator. *This work on self-improvement will certainly bring a person to the absolute resolution that he is obliged to always fulfill the will of the Creator & Ruler of Existence.* Automatically he will be more readily able to reach the level of strong powerful trust in the infinite ability of the Creator to fill his desires & wants.

But certainly - even according to the view of the *Chovos HaLivavos* it comes out: Even if prior to prevailing upon your inclination, when you still were not able to bring yourself to absolute clear Faith that it always rests upon you to completely fulfill the will of the Creator & Ruler of Existence. *Notwithstanding, if your able to also then strengthen yourself in powerful trust in the Creator - the great power of Trust will be revealed.* For even if as of yet you are not free from your habits, and the best of them violate the Divine will, *by virtue of your Trust you are certainly still able to be saved with everything you need.*

**Never Stop Asking for Mercy**

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56 Additional explanations of *Emunah & Betachon*
My comrade, you should know. If Heaven forefend a difficult decree is hovering over you - even it was already sealed\textsuperscript{57} and it appears that there is no hope. Despite this, the tradition is passed down from our Forefathers - an iron-clad principle:

"Even if a sharp sword rests on a person's neck, he should never refrain from requesting mercy!"\textsuperscript{58}

Because the obligation is \textbf{always} there to try. The main trying is:

\begin{quotation}
Continue your Faith, Trust, & Hope - as if no decree had been made. If you are stubborn from amidst a tranquil headset to be strong, powerful, & mighty in your faith & Trust, you can change the decree even after it is sealed.
\end{quotation}

For you need to know! Faith & Trust themselves will come to your help & aid even when you are found enveloped & buried underneath any type of decree, whatever it may be.

I am exacting in my words to say: "Whatever it may be." Because you should know that at times decree & hardship stirred are not caused by some bad act that you actually did in this lifetime. Sometimes you cannot know what mistake caused it, or you don't remember.

How does this work?

It being that our faith also includes belief in the reality of reincarnation,\textsuperscript{59} it could be that the decree which threatens you

\textsuperscript{57} Even in Heaven there are stages to the enacting of directives taking hold. After it is sealed on High it is not necessarily so easy to change...
\textsuperscript{58} Brachos
\textsuperscript{59} See the Zoh.\textit{Il Mishpatim Saba} about the \textit{mitsvah} of \textit{Yibum} [Levir-rite] and at length in \textit{Sha'ar HaGilgulim} of R. Yitschak Luria Z"L.
flows from Heavenly reckoning associated with you from past lifetimes.

You may ask: If so - what can I do in such circumstances? How can Faith & Trust & depending upon the mercies of the Creator help me?! Behold, the entire difficulty that I am presently going through is carried from past reincarnations. Apparently this tribulation is necessary, and there is no way to get out it?!

Know - in every case Faith & Trust have the power to alter the bad decree upon you. In coming lines I will sharpen for you the great power and charm of Faith & Trust and relying absolutely upon the kindness of the Creator. For you should know as clear as can be that even if a decree was made upon you chalilah - in midst its execution, your power of Faith & Trust have the ability to turn it away and even transform it into good.\textsuperscript{60}

These matters are mostly based upon what is told in the \textbf{Babylonian Talmud} about one of the great Sages of then, a disciple of R. Yochanan, \textbf{R. Elazar ben Pedas}.\textsuperscript{61}

R. Elazar ben Pedas was poor & destitute. He was so poor that he became weak and fainted and almost gave up his soul from hunger. When his senses darkened and he saw a Divine vision.

R. Elazar turned to God and asked, "Why do I have to bear such intense poverty?"

The Creator answered him: This circumstance was decreed upon you for the sake of fixing & cleansing your deeds of past lifetimes. If you want that I bring you to affluence, I will have to destroy your miniature world, with all the celestial stars &

\textsuperscript{60} Ta'anis 25a, based on what is explained about this in Tikunei Zohar pg.69, Likutei Moharan 14:9, Ma'amorei R. Shnuer Zalman of Liadi (1745-1812) Breishies pg.3, Ma'amorei R. Dov Ber (1773-1827) Breishies pg.67; Matos. See further Aderes Eliyahu 'Yonah' 4.

\textsuperscript{61} Lik.Moh.14:9 based on the mentioned Tikunei Zohar has the text stating, 'R. Pedas'. 
constellations associated with your lot. And to turn your small universe into chaos & void. All this might cause your state to improve and open for you mazel [set flow] of wealth.\textsuperscript{62}

The Talmud continues to tell that after R. Elazar understood from his dialogue with the Creator that most of his life had already passed over him and that he was close to departing from this world, he passed on desire to change is mazel.

In reward of this, he merited to be shown from heaven the abundant recompense hidden for him in the upper realm.

My friend, please think into this incredible story: Behold, even though it comes out that R. Elazar had to indeed bear poverty due to past lifetimes, despite this the Creator & Ruler of All basically said to him:

\textbf{Know for yourself - despite all this it still depends upon the strength of your will!}\textsuperscript{63}

It comes to say & make known that when a person makes strong the thoughts in his mind & the feelings in his heart, that despite it all he wants to get out of poverty - behold these essential thoughts have the power to cause that the Creator will indeed move & alter all the causes. He will destroy worlds & change constellations - all in order to open for this person a wealthy life.

For you should certainly know: Everything that passes over you is certainly from Heavenly calculations designed to cleanse from the bad that has become attached to you from negative things that you did - in this & past lifetimes. Notwithstanding, the Faith & Trust that you fortify in your soul have the power to be counted for

\textsuperscript{62} There in the \textit{Tikunei Zohar} it explains the word 'might' based on kabalistic concepts...

\textsuperscript{63} "If you want", in the wording of R. Nachman of Breslov, as found there in the text of the \textit{Tikunei Zohar}. Also, it is found in our Talmud later in the story tat R. Elazar said, "I don't want".
you as a purifying mikveh [ritual cistern]\(^{64}\) that has the power to fix every defect.

So are the radiant shining statements of one of the great kabalists of past generations. Here are his golden words:

A man who has hope always rests in a state of joy without pain. Even though he only has few good deeds - he is not ashamed!

"For there is hope the poor". Who is poor? One who is destitute of god deeds! But he still has hope. Because the blessed Creator is revealed to him and removes all of is sins.

For his hope is his purity - an actual mikveh of Israel! The power of hope stand him up on a high level - that there no impression of defect is apparent. "If you sinned - what do you do?" this is the secret of Teshuvah [Repentance], which is actually returning to one's Source.\(^{65}\)

Elisha ben Abuya also Had Hope!

Such ideas were already revealed by the Sages of the Talmud. As seen in all that relates to the story of Elisha ben Abuya,\(^ {66}\) who was called 'Acher [Another]'. About him a Heavenly voice came forth and proclaimed:\(^ {67}\)

"'Return ye backsliding children' (Hag.) - except for Acher!"

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\(^{64}\) Immersing removes ritual impurity, leaving purity (Vayikra 11:36; 15:5, 13, 16-18, 21, 22, 27; 22:6, 7).

\(^{65}\) 'Otsros HaRamchal' of R. Moshe Chaim Luzzato (1707-1744).

\(^{66}\) Of the third generation of Tana'im [Masters of the Mishnah], around 140 B.C.E.

\(^{67}\) Chagigah 15a
R. Yeshaya HaLevy Horowits, known as the holy Shla,\textsuperscript{68} goes at length to explain the matter. Here is a summary of his words:

About this the Sages hinted to in their saying, "Whatever the householder tells you to do - do, except to leave".\textsuperscript{69} That is, even if the Householder - the blessed Creator Who is the master of the house of the world, decrees upon you to be taken out of the world - despite this pay no attention.

For if Elisha ben Abuya had only been stubborn to repent even after the words of the Heavenly voice it certainly would have been accepted.

Precious reader, pay careful attention to these incredible matters and understand this well. Because the life of your body & soul in this world & the next depend upon understanding & discerning this subtlety.

It is Not Possible to Punish the Master of Trust as long as His Trait of Trust was not Taken Away from Him!

It is incumbent for you to know another important powerful principle.

\textsuperscript{68} 1558-1630, Sh"LA is an acronym for his famous work, 'Shnei Luchos HaBris'.
\textsuperscript{69} Pesachim 86b