

God Is Like A Magician

אֱלֹהִים כְּמוֹ קוֹסֵם שְׁעוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂי קֶסֶם
בְּתַחבּוּלוֹת רֵאשִׁיתוֹ, שְׂמַפְרִיחַ יוֹנִים מִכִּיסָיו
וְשׁוֹלֵף שְׂפָנִים מִשְׂרוּוּלָיו וּמְנַסֵּר אִשָּׁה לְשָׁנִים
וּמְבַקֵּיעַ ים-סוּף לְשָׁנִים וְעוֹשֶׂה עֶשֶׂר מִכּוֹת
וְעֹשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרוֹת בְּאֵשׁ וְתַמְרוֹת עֶשֶׂן
וּמְרַחֵף מֵעַל לַמַּיִם וְנֹעֵלֵם בְּקִיר.
וְכֻלָּם רוֹצִים לְתַפֵּשׂ אוֹתוֹ בְּרִגְעַ שֵׁל טְעוֹת
וּלְגַלוֹת אֵיךְ הוּא עוֹשֶׂה הַכֹּל בְּלִי לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּאַמֶּת,
וְכֻלָּם לֹא רוֹצִים לְדַעַת וּלְגַלוֹת
אֵיךְ הוּא עוֹשֶׂה הַכֹּל, רוֹצִים לְהֶאֱמִין
כָּלֵם כְּנִגְדַּ כָּלֵם. כָּלֵם נִגְדַּ כָּלֵם.

God is like a magician who does magic tricks
with the wiles of his creation, who conjures doves from his pockets
who pulls rabbits from his sleeves and saws a woman in half
and splits the Red Sea in half and makes ten plagues
and ten commandments with fire and plumes of smoke
and who hovers above the water and disappears into the wall.
And everyone wants to catch him in a mistake
revealing how he does it all without really doing it,
and no one wants to know or to reveal
how he does it all, they want to believe
everyone versus everyone. Nothing to nothing.

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