



TOWARDS FULLER LOVE

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

The Shema

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Heart

Levav

לֵבָב

Emotions, affections
Life, mode of thinking and acting
Mind, will, memories
Intellect, wisdom, knowledge



Soul

Nefesh

נֶפֶשׁ

Breath of life
The mind
The seat of affections,
Senses, emotions
Animated life, purpose

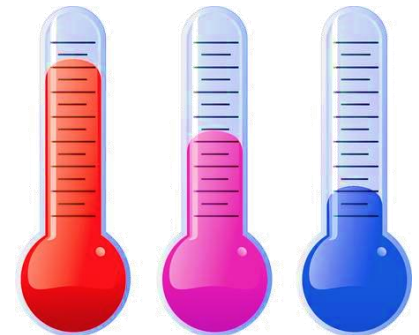


Might

M(e)od

מְאֹד

Strength, force
To the highest degree
Exceedingly, greatly



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Heart

Cardia

καρδία

Soul

Psychē

ψυχή

Mind

Dianoia

διάνοια

Strength

Ischys

ἰσχύς

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The Shema

Love Encompasses



Head



Heart



Hands



**THE SHEMA IS A CALL
TO LOVE IN FULLNESS**



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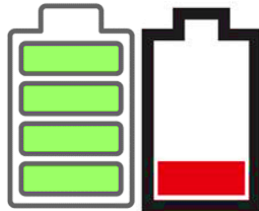
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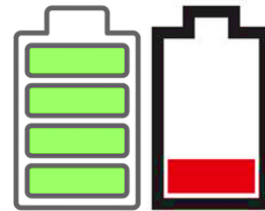
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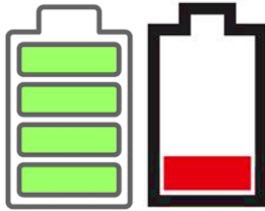
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Heart



Hands

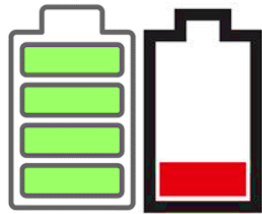


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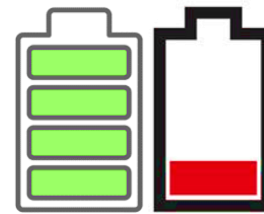
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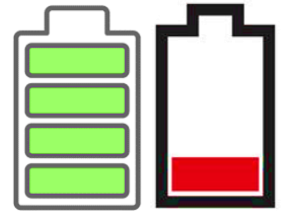
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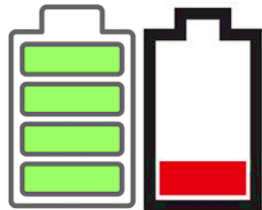


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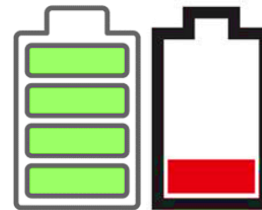
**We judge and negate rather than validate
another person's experience of God**



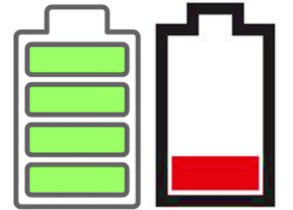
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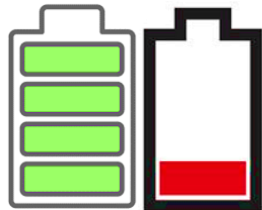


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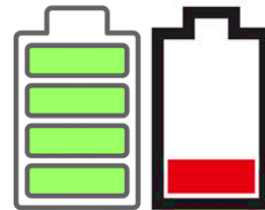
We alleviate and idolize our own preferred way



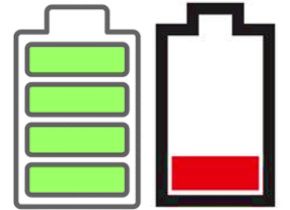
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LOVE IN FULLNESS



The Shema

**Love was never meant to be single-faceted.
It has all these facets and dimensions that make it whole.**



Head



Heart



Hands

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**That is the kind of Love God expresses because He is 'Echad.
He is One, He is Whole, He is Complete, He is Perfect.**

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**Perfect carries with it the sense of wholeness and completion.
We must grow in love till we love perfectly as God does.**

Matthew 5:48 Revised Standard Version

**48 You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly
Father is perfect.**

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The rest of the Shema

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Practicing The Shema This New Year

Heart

Levav



Might

M(e)od



Soul

Nefesh



**CARRYING LOVE INTO THE
DARKNESS OF OUR WORLD**



Practicing The Shema This New Year

Loving Our Neighbours As Ourselves

Heart

Levav



Might

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Soul

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