

The Confrontation of the *Yetzer Ha-ra*

*The yetzer ha-ra
Knows you from afar
It plays with your senses
It doesn't like fences
It's earthy, material, imagination enhancing
It teases and tempts, emotions are dancing
Provoking fulfilment with short-term illusions
Promising pleasant, indulging conclusions
Working to stimulate body and mind
With all sorts of images of its own kind.*

*The yetzer ha-ra
Is a creature of night
It thrives in darkness
Avoiding the light
In the deepest recesses
Of your living soul
It plays out its mischief
For grief is its goal.*

*An explosion of colour
A sight to delight
Sounds most symphonic
Such sweet perfumed fragrance*

*Enhances the sight
With touch, erotic, sublime yet so slight.*

*The subtle scent permeates
The touch which electrifies
The mellow, soothing sound
The taste more delectable
The sight to ignite
The thoughts which stir and arouse
The passions of the soul
In the beating of the heart
No finish – just start!*

*Lurking in the dark recesses of the mind
Never out in front but always from behind
Stalking vulnerability, feasting on deceit
The yetzer ha-ra is plotting your defeat.*

*Always there to help you,
Especially when you're down
Cloaked in darkness through and true
Disguised as friend, adorned with crown.*

*I'm with you but you're not there
I'm next to you, you're unaware
I move closer but you don't see
Your world does not include me
The void of despair
The emptiness, depressingly bare.*

*No affection, no feeling, no one to share
Living in darkness, an absence of light
The blindness of sight in the darkness of night
Emotionless sadness everywhere
And your yetzer ha-ra is lurking there.*

*Outpouring of heart
Parched, sad soul
The darkness is filled
By illusion, whole
Seduced by deception
The unfulfilled dream
Sucks dry the emptiness
Appealingly seen.*

*The yetzer ha-ra will make you feel good
With new beginnings, follow, you should
No thoughts of endings
Nor journey, nor face
Just race to the now, at your quickest pace
Your yetzer ha-ra
Draws near from afar
But the door is ajar
With the light of the night.*

*This is your moment
Your time to prevail
Gather your strength
And you shall not fail.*

*Let the light in
And open that door
You want to win
As the law gives you more for sure!*

*Your yetzer ha-tov will illuminate
All that you love and all that you hate
Bring in the light
With all of your might
You'll hear the roar*

*As your yetzer ha-ra
Is expelled out of the door
Your yetzer ha-ra can deceive you no more.*

*Its cloak of illusion
You ripped apart
Exposed of delusion
Before it could start
Its routine of deception
Its negative ways
You revealed your selection
The luminous rays.*

*Your yetzer ha-tov
Leads you forward, ahead
Nurtured through strength of
All being said
And considered and chosen
And not being led.*

*Your yetzer ha-tov rules and prevails.
Your yetzer ha-ra is exposed and it fails.*

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