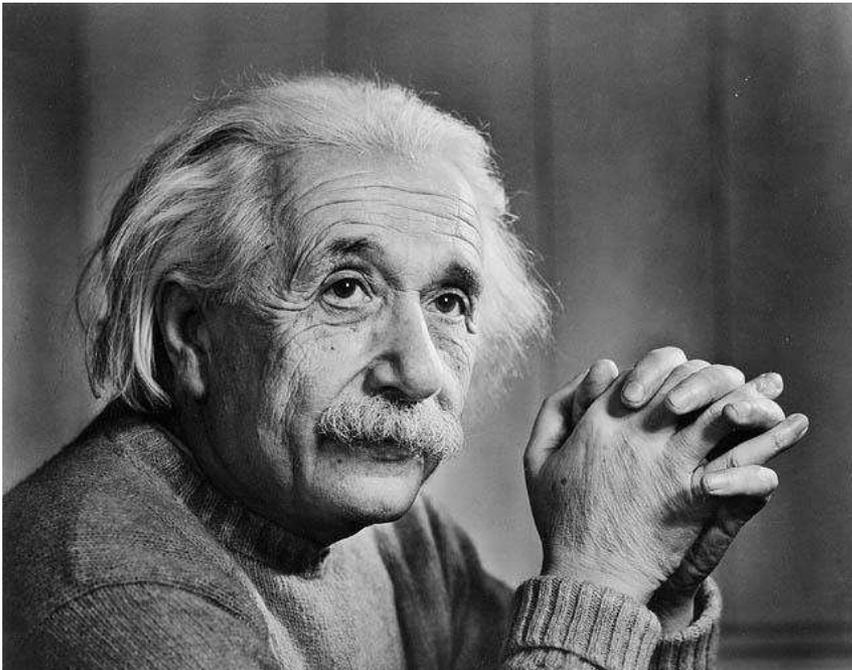


Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is **not to stop questioning.**

Albert Einstein



PaRDeS (Jewish exegesis)

- **Peshat** - Simple or the direct meaning.
- **Remez** – "hints" or the deep (allegoric: hidden or symbolic) meaning beyond just the literal sense..
- **Derash** - from Hebrew *darash*: "inquire" ("seek") — the comparative ([midrashic](#)) meaning, as given through similar occurrences..
- **Sod** - "secret" ("mystery") or the esoteric/mystical meaning, as given through inspiration or revelation.

Worldview – What is really real?

- Where did I come from?
- What's wrong with the world?
- Is there a solution?
- What is my purpose?



1 Corin 3:9 For we are God's **fellow workers**.
You are God's field, God's building. ESV

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Psalms 139:14 I praise you, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Eph 1:2-6 be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Summary: We are pre-destined by God FOR GOOD works.

Rom 8:16, 17 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **provided we suffer with him in order** that we may also be glorified with him.

Summary: This path to fulfillment isn't strewn with roses. It requires we join Christ on the cross.

Gen 3:26 Then God said, ^o“Let us make man^g in our image, ^pafter our likeness. And ^qlet them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; ^rmale and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, ^s“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over

- World view question:
What is my purpose?
- Prerequisite question:
Is God in Control or in Charge?

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Rom 8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the **sons of God**.

John 14: ¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[c] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Col 1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**