

Prayer #17  
On the New Moon

Master of Mirrors,  
let me see with the unclear mirror, the dark images,  
the images that are only discerned at night,  
by moonlight.

God of the light and the dark,  
release me from distractions, bind me with invisible fibers of connection  
to the deep story, the right words, not the simple words, not the easy ones  
not even the sweet words, I want the true ones.

God of the right and the wrong,  
don't sweet talk me, draw me into the deep.  
Carry me not in your pocket but sling me like a satchel  
over your shoulder.

God of potential,  
let the truth plump like the moon,  
the dark moon, the dark candle,  
the candle at the hearth with all its shadows,

it's the moon, it's the moon, the dark candle,  
the reflected dark dark dark --  
light.

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Sources:

This, Abbaye's teaching, that the world is sustained by not less than thirty six righteous people in each generation who receive the face of the Shekhinah, refers to those who see the Shekhinah through a clear mirror [espaklaria]; this, Rava's teaching, that the world is sustained by a row of righteous persons sitting around the Holy One eighteen thousand Persian miles long, refers to those who see the Shekhinah through an unclear mirror.

-- B.T. Sanhedrin 97b

Make a tekia on the [new] moon with the shofar  
when it's hidden/bakesseh

-- to the [full moon] day of our chag/holiday -- Psalm 81:4

The moon receives its light  
from two sources

-- Zohar