The organization of the first three chapters of Orot Hateshuva also has a connection to a concept that is referenced frequently in Likute Torah. I’m referring to the description of the creation in terms of עולם שנה ונפש, (from Sefer Yetzirah).

The first chapter examines natural return, faith/belief return, and intellectual return. These are connected to נפש – one’s personality. The second chapter deals with repentance and its relationship to time. Repentance is either sudden or gradual (שנה). The third chapter speaks about a return motivated by a specific sin or motivated by a general malaise. This can possibly be associated with space/location (עולם); the sin is located outside of the person.

Here is a quote from R. Shenur Zalman of Liadi where he analyzes