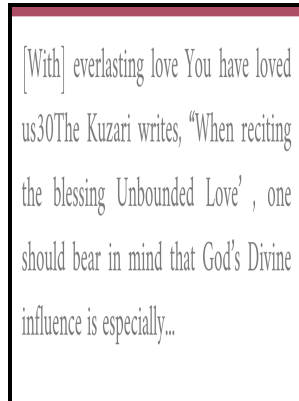


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It is rather an ultimate link in a chain of divine manifestation that directly emerges from the divine source of life.

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It is a primary manifestation of divine revelation.

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The very same secrets that are concealed within the quintessential sacred text may be learned through directly contemplating aspects of nature. For the kabbalist, nature is neither a source to be exploited for utilitarian benefits nor a sentimental vestige of the past to be romanticized by poets and naturalists.

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Although each world is characterized by an increasing degree of opacity that veils its divine root, all worlds share a common underlying structure.

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This approach to nature is in marked contrast to those that have become typical of the modern period. .

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Nevertheless, this seder is a pure kabbalistic text of the Lurianic school, despite its inclusion in the controversial anthology Hemdat Yamim. The Kabbalistic View of Nature The Tu Bishvat seder celebrates an important moment in the yearly cycle of nature, the appearance of fruit on trees.

## **Kabbalistic Tu Bishvat Seder**

In general, the kabbalistic view shared many traits that were typical of other pre-modern cosmological systems, which tended to regard nature as in some sense sacred. According to the author, this is due to the fact that in the Ashkenazic community, the eminent halakhic authority Jacob Emden 1697-1776 attributed Peri Eitz Hadar to Nathan of Gaza, a theologian who considered himself a prophet of Shabbetai Tzvi, the 17th-century pseudo-Messiah. This material, therefore, was condemned by Emden as a heretical Sabbatean text.

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While Emden was eager to discover Sabbatean influences in many works, modern scholarship does support his contention regarding Hemdat Yamim, the Sabbatean anthology that contains Peri Eitz Hadar. Indeed, nature along with the human body is, in a sense, the most available arena of divine revelation, since the higher worlds are not apparent to the senses.

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