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## **Marital Meanderings**

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**Marital Mission:** Co-creating our Common Divine Identity (CDI) whereby we are experiencing our life activities with a core sense of shared togetherness and purpose.

**Shabbos:** Fulfilling our marital mission is an avoda spanning a full seven day week. For six days, we are cultivating the new creative potential for our CDI - becoming mode. On day seven, we are drawing down the actualized true expression of our CDI - being mode.

**Three Weeks:** Marital growth is not linear and cannot be scripted with simple logic. Often, spousal disagreements turn into conflict resulting in distancing from one another in physical and/or emotional forms. These temporary fallouts can be used to fortify the CDI. How? By awakening a yearning for returning. Acknowledge humbly that your life blessings originate from your marital bond. Be courageous. Return with resolve to rebuild anew!

**Starry Eyes:** Month-AV. Aleph-Edom and Beis-Bavel are an acronym for the two nations that destroyed the two holy temples. Aleph and Beis also form the word Av Harachamim, our merciful father who is looking for us to return full heartedly to rebuild the third/final holy temple. Right NOW, we can actively chose to restore the divine dignity in our marriage and allow Hashem's presence to dwell uniquely in our homes or G-d forbid its opposite. Choose wisely. Act boldly.

**Marital Dating**: To know is to love. Increasing knowledge of your spouse deepens your love for them. This knowledge must include their life difficulties-character blemishes and the ways it may negatively impact your marriage. Work on preserving your spouse's core value and love within their limitations. Remember – Hashem created us perfectly imperfect!

Just Remember: Close or distant from each other - Always Connecting to one another

Visit site: BecomingDivine.com - Three Week Lecture - Elevating Distance into Ultimate Closeness.

**Newsletter Dedication** 

Iluyi Nishmas - Avraham ben Yechezkel and Tova bas Leizer Mordechai Refuah-Shelaima - Aliza Mira Bas Rochel Leah Hatzlacha - Rochel Leah bas Avraham and Perel bas Zev

**Growing Through Marriage - Becoming Divine Together**