## Believe it!

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In the book Kochvei Ohr (p.129), <u>Rav Avraham Chazan</u> brings from the Talmud (Sukkah 52a) that the Yetzer Hara (the evil inclination) has seven names. These seven attributes of the *Evil One* contend with the seven attributes of of the seven shepherds, (Chessed, Gevurah, Tiferes etc. known as <u>Z'er</u> <u>Anpin</u>). Until the birth of Rebbe Nachman, says Rav Chazan, there were only these seven attributes. But with the revelation of Rebbe Nachman there is now an eighth attribute called *Binah Ila'ah* (higher understanding), so the opposing force has to fight back with a new name, the DDDDDDDDDDDD.

I'm sure if you're not the *fabrente* Breslover that I am, you're probably rolling your eyes. Rebbe Nachman, the 19th century chassidic master from the Ukraine is the eighth attribute? So, hold on a minute and let me explain something.

Everything the Rebbe taught can be summarized in two words – **simple faith**. He foresaw the atheism that was starting to spread and he taught like no other to believe in ones self, believe in the tzaddikim and believe in Hashem.

By renaming the yetzer hara I think Rebbe Nachman taught us something amazingly unique about faith. We must use our imagination to believe. We have to paint pictures in our minds and hearts and dream with certainty. Believing in Moshiach, in world peace, and in our personal salvation seems impossible. And you know what? With mere cerebral faith it is. It's incumbent upon us to see past what we can understand and believe in our imagination as if it is reality. Because once we do, it will be the reality.

This is the faith of Rebbe Nachman and the belief in miracles, which he spoke about often. Chanukah is all about miracles. How did the maccabees go out and fight with the Greeks? Are they nuts? Why were they relying on a miracle? They must have imagined they could win. They weren't relying on miracles, they were living in a different reality, the eighth reality, the eight candles, the higher understanding of the Rebbe.

Why now? Why did Rebbe Nachman appear on the scene now? Because we all feel so stuck. We're stuck in our jobs, in our bad behaviors, in our unhealthy relationships and in our poverty. But we're really only stuck in our limited minds. We're so pessimistic that even the optimists have to cover up their enthusiasm with negativity, in fear that they'll be wrote off as irrational. Miracles. Believe in the miracles of your imagination. Strongly believe in it and that changes everything. With that belief, the fire will burn for eight days against all odds. That's just one example. These miracles are happening all the time. Let go of your hangups, start dreaming and begin living in the eight dimension.

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