

after having been appointed and established by God, He combined, weighed and changed them, and formed by them all beings which are in existence, and all those which will be formed in all time to come.

SECTION 3.

He established twenty-two letters, stamina, by the voice, formed by the breath of air and fixed them on five places in the human mouth, namely: 1) gutturals, א ה ח ע 2) palatals, ק ג י כ 3) linguals, ט ל נ ת 4) dentals, צ ש ס ר ף 5) labials, ב ו מ פ

SECTION 4.

He fixed the twenty-two letters, stamina, on the sphere like a wall with two hundred and thirty-one gates,¹⁸ and turned the spheres forward and backward. For an illustration may serve the three letters, ע נ ג There is nothing better than joy, and nothing worse than sorrow or plague.¹⁹

SECTION 5.

But how was it done? He combined,²⁰ weighed and changed: the א with all the other letters in succession, and all the others again with א; ב with all, and all again with ב; and so the whole series of letters.²¹ Hence it follows that there are two hundred and thirty-one²² formations, and that every creature and every word emanated from one name.²³

SECTION 6.

He created a reality out of nothing, called the nonentity into existence and hewed, as it were, colossal pillars from intangible air. This has been shown by the example of combining the letter א with