# **Development of Oral Torah-introduction**

### **Source text A1:**

אָמַר ר׳ חִיָּא הָרוֹצֶה לִרְאוֹת בְּאֵרָה שֶׁל מִרְיָם יַעַלֶּה לְרֹאשׁ הַבַּּרְמֶל וְיְצַבֶּּה וְיִרְאֶה בְּמִין בָּבַרָה בַּיַם וְזוֹהִי בָּאֵרָה שֵׁל מִרָיַם

Said Rabbi Chiya: "One who wants to see Miriam's well should go up to the top of Mt. Carmel and look until he discerns a type of sieve in the sea (the Kinneret), that is Miriam's well.

Talmud, Shabbos 35a

### Source text B1:

וַיַעֲשׁ אֶלֹקִים אֶת שְׁנֵי הַמְאוֹרוֹת הַגְּדוֹלִים אֶת הַמְאוֹר הַנְּדוֹל לְמֶמְשֶׁלֶת הַיוֹם וְאֶת המַאוֹר הקמֹן לִמִמְשֵׁלֶת הליָלַה

And Elokim made the two great luminaries- the great luminary for dominion during the day and the small luminary for dominion at night...

Bereishis 1:16

### Source text B2:

ר׳ שִּׁמְעוֹן בֶּן פַּזִי רָמִי כְּתִיב וַיַּצְשׁ אֶלֹקִים אֶת שְׁנֵי הַמְאוֹרוֹת הַגְּדוֹלִים וּכְתִיב אֶת הַמְאוֹר הַגְּדוֹל וְאֶת הַמְאוֹר הַקְמוֹן, אָמְרָה יָרֵחַ לִּפְנֵי הקב״ה רבש״ע אֶפְשָׁר לִשְׁנֵי מִלָּכִים שֵׁיִשִּׁתַּמִשׁוּ בִּבֶּתֵר אֲחָד? אָמַר לַה לִכִי וּמִעַמִי אֵת עַצְמֵךְ

Rabbi Shimon ben Pazi juxtaposed (two verses).

It is written: "And Elokim made the two great luminaries" and it is written: "the great luminary" and "the small luminary"?

[To explain:] Said the moon before the Holy One, Blessed is He: "Master of the Universe, is it possible for two kings to use a single crown?"

Said [Hashem]: "Go, diminish yourself!"

Talmud, Chulin 60a

## Source text B3:

Said the Holy One, Blessed is He: "Bring an atonement for Me for having diminished the moon"

Talmud, Chulin 60b

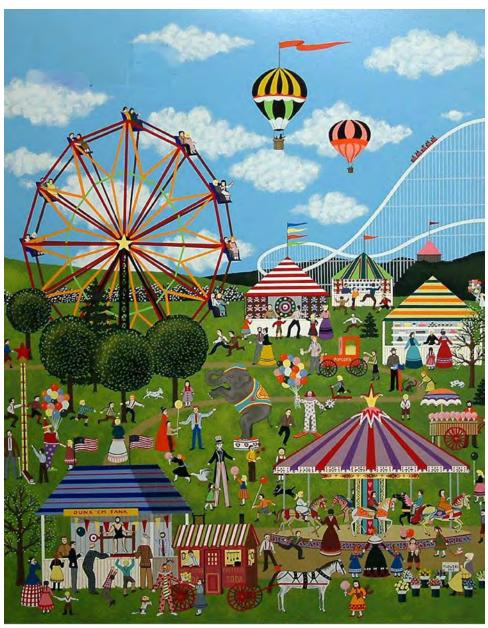
## **Source text B4:**

מְנַיִן הָיָה יוֹדַעַ מֹשֶׁה אֵימָתַי יוֹם אֶלָא בְּשֶּׁהקב״ה הָיָה מְלַמְדוֹ תּוֹרָה שֶּׁבִּכְתָב הָיָה יוֹדַע שֶׁהוּא יוֹם וּבְשֶׁהָיָה מְלַמְדוֹ תּוֹרָה שֶׁבַּעַל בֶּה הָיָה יוֹדֵעַ שֶּהוּא לַיְלָה

How did Moshe know (while on Mt. Sinai/ in Heaven) when it was day? When Hashem taught him the Written Torah, he knew it was day; when He taught him the Oral Torah, he knew it was night"

Talmud, Chulin 60a

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| Oral Torah   | Ð | Written Torah | ע |



Jewish history, in the light of **Chassidus** 

## **Source text C1:**

Malchus is the mouth, she is called the Oral Torah

Tikkunei Zohar, Introduction II

#### Source text C2:

The voice is the voice of Yaakov, the hands are the hands of Eisav...

Bereishis 27:22

## **Source text C3:**

All the mitzvos that were given to Moshe at Sinai, were given with their full explanation.

Rambam, introduction to Mishneh Torah

#### **Source text C4:**

שֶׁבֶּל מַה שֶׁנֶאֶמֵר בְּתּוֹרָה שֶׁבִּכְתָב וּבְתּוֹרָה שֶׁבַּעַל פֶּה הֵן בְּהַלְּכָה וְהֵן בְּאַגְּדָה וּבְכָל הַסְפָּרִים שֶׁחִבְּרָם חַכָּמִים צַדִּיקִים שֶּׁלְמְדוּ תּוֹרָה לִשְּׁמְה... כֻּלָם מַמְשׁ אָמַר ה' וּבְאוֹתוֹ הַלְשׁוֹן מַמְשׁ

Everything that is said in the Written and Oral Torah, whether it be Halacha, Agadah (the allegorical) or the books compiled by our Sages, who learned Torah for its sake... all were literally said by Hashem, in exactly those words.

Likutei Levi Yitzchak

## **Source text D:**

שָׁמֵע בָּנִי מוּמֵר אָבֵיך וָאַל־יֹתִמֹּשׁ תּוֹרֵת אָמֵך :

Jewish history, in the light of **Chassidus** 

Listen, my son, to the discipline of your father, and do not forsake the instruction of your mother;

Mishlei 1:8

## **Source text E:**

״פַבֵּד אֶת אָבִידְ״, אָבִידְ – זוֹ תּוֹרָה שֶׁבִּכְתָב, ״וְאֶת אָמֶדְ״, אָמֶדְ – זוֹ תּוֹרָה שֶׁבַעַל פָּה״.

"Honour your father", refers to the Written Torah.

"And your mother", refers to the Oral Torah.

Midrash Yalkut Reuveni