

# SEFER YETZIRAH 3.3



משנה ג': שלש אמות אמ"ש חקקן חצבן צרפן שקלן והמירן  
וצר בהם שלש אמות אמ"ש בעולם ושלוש אמות אמ"ש בשנה ושלוש  
אמות אמ"ש בנפש זכר ונקבה:

3.3: Three Mothers: Alef Mem Shin He engraved them, He carved them, He permuted them, He weighed them, And with them He depicted Three Mothers AMSh in the Universe, Three Mothers AMSh in the Year, Three Mothers AMSh in the Soul, male and female.  
*(Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation)*

3:3 Three mothers aleph-mem-shin. IT decreed, shaped, combined, weighed, and exchanged and assembled with them. Three mothers, aleph-mem-shin in the world, and three mothers, aleph-mem-shin in the year, and three mothers, aleph-mem-shin in the person, male and female.  
*(Doc Benton translation)*

We've already discussed the meanings of *decree*, *shape*, *combine*, *weigh*, and *exchange*. What we see now, though, and what we will continue to see in several other passages are references to how the universe is composed of space and time as opposites and how it is the consciousness of the person that is the connecting link. Furthermore, the pattern of three continues to subdivide each level so that we have a pattern of three in the world (space), a pattern of three in the year (time), and a pattern of three in the person (consciousness).