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משנה ג': שבע כפולות בג"ד כפר"ת בדבור ובתמורה
תמורת חכמה אולת תמורת עושר עוני תמורת זרע שממה תמורת
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כיעור:

4.3: Seven Doubles: BGD KPRT in speech and in transposition. The transpose of Wisdom is Folly The transpose of Wealth is Poverty The transpose of Seed is Desolation The transpose of Life is Death The transpose of Dominance is Subjugation The transpose of Peace is War The transpose of Grace is Ugliness.
(*Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation*)

4:3 Seven doubles bet-gimmel-dalet-kaf-peh-resh-tav in speech and in substitution. The substitute of wisdom, foolishness. The substitute of wealth, poverty. The substitute of seed, ruin. The substitute of life, death. The substitute of dominion, slavery. The substitute of peace, conflict. The substitute of grace, ugliness.

(Doc Benton translation)

As mentioned before, the seven doubles represent things in life that can come in pairs of polar opposites. Additionally, the seven doubles represent choice. Will we choose *wisdom* or *foolishness*? *Wealth* or *poverty*? *Life* or *death*? Not everything in a life is a matter of choice, but several things are, and the right choices can make all the difference.