

NOTHING & BEING*

There are two types of worshippers of God: one who worships God out of deep devotion and one who worships Him out of deeds. The difference between them is that the one who worships God out of deep devotion is in the realm of the Nothing while the one who worships Him out of good deeds is in the realm of being. Because of this, the former, being nothing in the realm of Nothing, cannot call down upon himself the flow of God's blessings while the latter, being rooted in the realm of concrete being and action, can indeed call down upon himself God's blessings.

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* See David R. Blumenthal, *God at the Center, Meditations on Jewish Spirituality* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988), p. 7.