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Good morning and welcome to Mind, Brain and Body . . . the interactive radio program promising you greater health, wealth, happiness and a more productive and remarkable life. I am your host, Dr. Michael Kell, and we are being heard on the health and wellness channel of VoiceAmerica.com.

Last week, our topic of discussion centered around Kabbalist notions of God and Creation. Accordingly, we broached the subject of *ein sof*. This Hebrew term, as you may recall, represents Kabbalistic speculations concerning the nature and activities of the a underlying, foundational source for the initiation and maintenance of our entire universe, both physical and spiritual. This concept arose in the early days of Kabbalist activity in France and Spain beginning in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century. Serious exploration of the significance and nature of *ein sof* began with the teachings and writings of Isaac the Blind. We introduced these concepts in our last broadcast.

This week, we expand our discussion so to include an interlude designed to help us more thoroughly appreciate potential limitations to our obtaining ultimate knowledge of the Creator and Creation. Unless we do such, our speculations will remain no more than empty speculations. Fortunately, we may be somewhat more successful in clarifying these ‘delicate’ issues than were the earlier Egyptians and Kabbalists. Our advantage is access to modern scientific method, expansive observation of the universe over a large scale of distances and times and mathematical understanding.

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Thank you for taking time today to listen and interact with Mind, Brain and Body. I trust it has been useful and informative. As always, my promise to each of you is: give me an hour of your time each week and I promise you a healthier, wealthier, happier and more remarkable life. Join us again next Friday at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time for our show titled, “*Kabbalah 3: History and Concepts.*” Until then, I am, Dr. Michael Kell, and this is VoiceAmerica.com.