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נִיט עֲבוֹדָה אִיז אַז עֲבוֹדָה זאָל זַיין בֶּאֱמֶת, נאָר אֱמֶת אַלִיין אִיז אַן עֲבוֹדָה, אַז דִי נעֶגעֶל זַיינעֶן אֱמֶת. װאָס װעֶרסְטוּ נִתְפָּעֵל? מִדַּת הָאֱמֶת רָאָה (סַנְהֶדְרִין קיא. א) וְנָפַל עַל פְּנָיו.

The concept of avodah — Divine service — does not [merely] mean that one must serve G-d truthfully. Rather, truthfulness is itself a form of Divine service, to the point that even one's nails [i.e., the most superficial part of a person] should be [permeated by] truth.

Why should this be so surprising? [After all,] it was the vision of G-d's Attribute of Truth [that caused Moshe to] fall on his face.1