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אָמַר אַאַמוּ"ר: חֲסִידוּת מְשַׁנָּה אֶת הַמְּצִיאוּת וּמְגַלָּה אֶת הַמַּהוּת. וְהַמַּהוּת שֶׁל הָאִישׁ הַיִּשְׂרְאֵלִי אֵין לְהַעֲרִיךְ וּלְשַׁעֵר, כִּי הוּא חֵלֶק מִן הָעֶצֶם, וְהַתּוֹפֵס בְּמִקְצָתוֹ כְּאִלּוּ תּוֹפֵס בְּכוּלּוֹ, וּכְשֵׁם שֶׁהָעֶצֶם אֵין לוֹ שִׁעוּר כַּךְ הַחֵלֶק אֵין לוֹ שָׁעוּר, עַל דֶרֶרְהַכָּנָף מִין כָּנָף – עֶס אִיז מעֶהר נִיט וואָס עַצְמוּת האָט בּוֹרֵא געֶוועֶן אַ נְשָׁמָה אַז זִי זאָל זַיין אַ נִבְרָא הַחַסִידוּת מְגַלָּה אֵת הַמַּהוּת.

My father, the Rebbe [Rashab], once said: Chassidus transforms one's existence, and reveals one's essence.1 The inner nature of a Jew can be neither appreciated nor fathomed, for it is part of [G-d's] Essence,2 and when one grasps part of the Essence, it is as if one has grasped it in its entirety. Just as [G-d's] Essence has no limits, so too, this "part"3 has no limits. It is like tzitzis, which must be made of the same material as the corner of the garment [to which they are attached].4 It is only that G-d's essence created the soul as a created being5 — and Chassidus reveals its inner nature.6