

BARUCH atah, Adonai
 Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
 asher bidvaro maariv aravim,
 b'chochmah potei-ach sh'arim,
 uvitvunah m'shaneh itim
 umachalif et haz'manim,
 um'sadeir et hakochavim
 b'mishm'roteihem barakia kirtzono.
 Borei yom valailah,
 goleil or mipnei choshech,
 v'choshech mipnei or.
 Umaavir yom umeivi lailah,
 umavdil bein yom uvein lailah,
 Adonai Tz'vaot sh'mo.
 El chai v'kayam,
 tamid yimloch aleinu l'olam va-ed.
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בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
 אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְּרוֹ מַעְרִיב עֶרְבִים,
 בְּחָכְמָה פּוֹתֵחַ שְׁעָרִים,
 וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה עֵתִים
 וּמַחְלִיף אֶת הַיָּמִים,
 וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים
 בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרַקִּיעַ כְּרָצוֹנוֹ.
 בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה,
 גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ
 וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר,
 וּמַעְבִּיר יוֹם וּמְבִיא לַיְלָה,
 וּמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה,
 יי צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ.
 אֵל חַי וְקַיָּם,
 תָּמִיד יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, הַמַּעְרִיב עֶרְבִים.

בָּרוּךְ
 מַעְרִיב עֶרְבִים
 אֲהַבֵּת עוֹלָם
 שָׁמַע
 וְאֲהַבֵּת
 לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ
 אֲמַת וְאֲמוּנָה
 מִי־כַמְנָה
 הַשְּׂכִיבֵנוּ
 וְשָׁמְרוּ

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,
 who speaks the evening into being,
 skillfully opens the gates,
 thoughtfully alters the time and changes the seasons,
 and arranges the stars in their heavenly courses according to plan.
 You are Creator of day and night,
 rolling light away from darkness and darkness from light,
 transforming day into night and distinguishing one from the other.
 Adonai Tz'vaot is Your Name.
 Ever-living God, may You reign continually over us into eternity.
 Blessed are You, Adonai, who brings on evening.

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Adonai Tz'vaot: יי צְבָאוֹת this is one of many names that help elucidate God's attributes. God designs, creates and arranges the universe with order and purpose.

The darkness of the first day differed from the darkness that preceded creation. The root of **מַעְרִיב** maariv can also mean "mix," suggesting God mixed light into the primordial darkness. The tiniest spark of light can transform darkness.