

## Our Birth in Unity<sup>i</sup>

Abwoon d'bashmaya = Father who art in heaven

Ah-**bw-oo-n**<sup>ii</sup> deh' bau-shm-**aya**<sup>iii</sup> *Remember this unity, your source*

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,  
you create all moves in light.

O Thou! The Breathing Life of all, Creator of Shimmering Sound that touches us.

Respiration of all worlds, we hear you breathing — in and out — in silence.

Source of sound: in the roar and the whisper hear your Name.

Radiant One: You shine within us, outside us – even darkness shines – when we remember.

Name of names, our small identity unravels in you; you give it back as a lesson.

Wordless Action, Silent Potency – where ears and eyes awaken, there heavens comes.

O Birther! Father-Mother of Cosmos!

## The First Attunement<sup>iv</sup>

*Jesus, through his teaching, freed us from the limiting and mistaken notion of a sectarian, nationalistic, partisan God. Spirit, or "God," is like pure water which flows freely everywhere, watering the dry ground and quenching the thirst of all. We must have water and air to live. Clean water and pure air are the same everywhere. And so is the parental presence of God. This is Jesus' idea of living God, whom he called Abba, "Father," and whom he taught us to recognize as "our Father."*

Thus **we proclaim and confess, through the opening line of the Lord's Prayer, our union with God and with his fellow humans who are all children of God. This is God's way! This is "our Father who is everywhere"! What an affirmative and beneficial way to begin prayer! We have begun setting the trap.**<sup>v</sup> This is our first attunement.

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<sup>i</sup> Neil Douglas-Klotz in "Prayers of the Cosmos" page12

<sup>ii</sup> ABWOON: Aramaic for "our Father:

A: the absolute, the only being, the pure oneness and unity source of all power and stability

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**BW:** a birthing, a creation, a flow of blessing, as if from the interior of his oneness to us.  
**OO:** the breath of spirit that carries this flow, e4choing the sound of breathing-magnetism  
**N:** the vibration of this creative breath from oneness as it touches and interpenetrates form.

The process is a divne creation and blessing that emanates from all parenting

<sup>iii</sup> D'BWASHMAYA

**Bwa:** the ray or emitting unity proceeding from potential to actual

**Shm:** that which rises and shines in space (light, sound, vibration, word, logos), the entire sphire of being

**Aya:** shows that this shining includes every center of activity, every place we see, as well as the potential abilities of all things. (the Christ in all?)

**Shmaya:** the vibration of word by which one can recognize the oneness – God's name – is the universe. i.e. "heaven" "Logos" "Christ: "God manifest out of nothing"

<sup>iv</sup> Rocco A, Errico in "Setting a Trap for God" page 39

<sup>v</sup> The word for *prayer* in Aramiac is **slotha**. It comes from the root word **sla**, which literally means "to trap" or "to set a trap." Thus, prayer in its initial sense implies "setting your mind like a trap so that you may catch the thoughts of God" – in other words, "to trap the inner guidance and impulses that come from your inner spiritual source." (see page 6 of (Setting a Trap for God)