HIDDEN LIGHT / אור גנוז

Exhibition of Judit Niran and Gergely Kósa

2B Gallery, Ráday utca 47, Budapest, 1092

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The exhibit will be open between June 12 and June 30

"I tried to connect the dazzling mirage created by the meeting of ornament and light. It was here, on the fourth floor of our apartment building on Bulcsú Street, in a house that was once a yellow-star house. The starting point of the gesture was the movement intended to clean the corridor -- the movement of the washing of the tiles that was determined by directions, currents, stretches, and gravities. I was mesmerized by the deep dark curves and loops of the corridor, and by the accidental kinetics of the patterned tiles as they reflected in the facture of the enamel plates. The water, or to be exact, the reflection, disclosed an immanent cascading perspective. At the moment of the gesture (of the sprinkling of the water) the water split up into tiny, oval forms. The constellations formed by the water drops disappeared within a few minutes – like the troubled and sad history of the building."

Gergely Kósa

"When I worked on the pictures for this exhibition, I was overcome by almost ecstatic joy as I perceived some secret light emanating from entirely artificial surfaces -- the photographs. Nothing is real, I thought, all this amounts to nothing: digital signs, paper, paint, dye. And still: it seemed as if the process of photographing would have been a journey toward a secret. It was as if each click and clink of the shutter would have taken one closer to the place where the secret hides – the secret that one can never grasp.

When I was looking for a title for this exhibition, I immediately thought of the Zohar. But when I began reading this fantastic book again, I realized how far my photographic creations were from the mystery of that text.

Even now, as I write this, I feel that it is not proper to connect the everyday artistry of my photographs with this deep and impenetrable writing. But the two are already bound in my mind, my images and dreams, and it would not be fair not to transmit this awareness, or perhaps: sensation."

Judit Niran

Zohar 15a / (דף טו ע"א); Daniel 12, 3 / ספר דניאל (יב-ג)

Aramaic:

דף טו ע"א) (נ"א בראשית בחכמתא דמלכא גליף וכו (הוּרְמְנוּתֶא דְמַלְכָּא, גָּלִיף גְּלוּפֵי) נ"א גליפו(בִּטְהִירוּ עַלָּאָה בּוּצִינָא דְּקַרְדִינוּתָא, וְנָפִיק גּוֹ סָתִים דִּסְתִימוּ מֵרִישָׁא) נ"א מרזא(דְּאֵי"ן סוֹ"ף קוּטְרָא) פירוש עשן (בְּגוּלְמָא, נָעִיץ בְּעִזְקָא לָא חָוָּור וְלָא אוּכָם וְלָא סוּמָק וְלָא יָרוֹק ולָא גֹּוָון כְּלָל, כַּד) נ"א הדר (מָדִיד מְשִׁיחָא עָבִיד גֹּוָונִין לְאַנְהָרָא, לְגוֹ בָּגוֹ בּוֹצִינָא נָפִיק) נ"א ונפיק (חַד נְבִיעוּ דְּמְנֵיהּ אִצְטַבְּעוּ גֹּוָונִין לְתַתָּא. סָתִים גֹּוֹ סְתִימִין דְרָזָא דְּאֵי"ן סוֹ"ף בָּקַע וְלָא בָּקַע אֲוִירָא דִּילֵיהּ לָא אִתְיִידַע כְּלָל, עַד דְּמִגּוֹ דְּחִיקוּ דְּבְקִעוּתֵיה נָהִיר) כ' א (נְקוּדָה חדא סִתִּימא עלאה, בּתר ההיא נִקּוּדה לא אִתִיִידע כָּלל, וּבגין כּרְ אקרי ראשׁית מאַמר קדמאה דְּכֹלְּא :

Hebrew:

בְּרֹאשׁ] נ"א: בראשית בחכמת המלך חקק [רְצוֹן הַמֶּלֶךְ חָקַק חֲקִיקוֹת בְּאוֹר עֶלְיוֹן נִיצוֹץ חָזָק, וְיָצָא תּוֹךְ נְסְתֵּר הַנִּסְתָּרִים מֵרֹאשׁ] נ"א: מסוד [הָאֵי"ן סו"ף עָשָׁן בְּגֹלֶם נָעוּץ בְּטַבַּעַת, לֹא לָבָן וְלֹא שָׁחֹר וְלֹא אָדם וְלֹא יָרֹק וְלֹא גָּוֵן כְּלָל. כְשָׁמַדֵד מְדִידָּה, עָשָׂה צוּרוֹת לְהָאִיר. לְפְנִים בְּתוֹךְ הַמָּאוֹר יָצָא מַעְיָן אֶחָד שָׁמִּמֶנּוּ נִצְבְּעוּ הַצּוּרוֹת לְמַשָּׁה. נִסְתָּר תּוֹךְ הַנִּסְתָּרִים שֶׁל סוֹד הָאֵי"ן סוֹ"ף בָּקַע וְלֹא בָקַע אֶת הָאְוִיר שָׁלוֹ לֹא נוֹדַע כְּלָל, עֲד שֶׁמִּתּוֹךְ דֹחֵק הַבְּקִיעָה שֶׁלוֹ מְאִירָה נְקֻדָּה אַחַת נִסְתֶּרֶת עֶלְיוֹנָה אַחַר אוֹתָהּ נְקֻדָּה לֹא נוֹדַע כְּלָל, וְלָכֵן נִקְרֵאת רֵאשִׁית, המאָמר הראשׁוֹן שׁל הכּל.

("וְהַמַּשִּׂכָּלִים--יַזְהָרוּ, כָּזֹהַר הַרַקִּיעַ, וּמַצְדִּיקִי, הַרַבִּים, כַּכּוֹכַבִים, לְעוֹלֵם וַעֵּד.")

English:

At the beginning of the will of the King, He engraved engravings in the supernal luster, a hardened flame, and there went forth from the concealed of concealed, from the head of the endless (ein sof), bundled in vapor, set in a ring, not white, not black, not red, not green, no color at all. When He measured the span, He created colors to shine within. Within the flame, there went forth one flow from which colors were imbued below. Concealed with all concealment of the secret of ein sof, His light broke and did not break through its aura. It was not known at all until, from within the force of its bursting through, there shone forth a single concealed supernal point. Beyond this point, nothing is known, and because of this, it is called "beginning," the first utterance of all.

("And the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn the many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.")

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