

Parashat Behaalotecha

Excerpt from *Yishmiru Da-at*
by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

וכבסו בגדיהם וטהרו, (במדבר ח' ז').
... then they shall wash their garments
and be purified (Numbers 8:7)

היות שג'
לבושי הנפש,
מחשבה דיבור
ומעשה יהיו נקיים,
כי השאר,
נשמה שנתת בי
כבר
טהורה היא.
Being that three
“garments” of the *nefesh* / soul:
Machshavah / thought, *Dibbur* / speech
and *Maaseh* / action should be clean.
For, [there’s] the remnant,
“*neshama* / soul that You gave me”
- from long since -
“it was pure.”

translation by *Gabbai* Seth Fishman