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Succoth, 1935.

- 1) Tishri - 3. - not 1 meaning - thematic unity.
- 2). (1) Stock-Taking - auditing - Remembrance
(2) Fasting - Penitence - Grave - ~~1st~~ Memorial - 1st - Forgiveness
(3) Thanksgiving - Gratitude - rain - joy - 1111
- 3) Soul is made to pass - Odyssey -
- 4) Close proximity - symbols - classic - extremes.
- 5) Life has its lights - shadows; sorrow; night
- 6) Jud. not Pollyanna
- 7) " does not deny Evil - p 2762
- 8) Treasure - Yoke; Man has right to them - depreciated
asceticism - deprivation - 1112 / 2111
- 9) we should enjoy these phys. gifts - Nature - Blessings 212
- 10) It happens not at expense - anti-social - Glutton.
- 11) Both not monasteries - ~~Ex~~ היכל הברכה - 2101 2101
- 12) Same, normal discipline - not extreme - 1112 / 2111
- 13) Classical Balance - plotted at - about at - 2101 2101
- 14) Law of just construct - 1112 / 2111
- 15) Success breathes this with joy - נאמרים
- 1112 / 2111
- Richter Physiologie - 2101 2101

Good but beautiful world, same joy - We think there for
privilege, life etc.

9. Swath remembered them of Egypt but 40 yrs. slavery
and slavery

but - also Exodus - Freedom which followed -
at the end of 40 yrs. wandering - There was the
promised land -

There was right - but also dark -

- p. 1, 2, 3, 4

10 - And thru exile - dwelling in 130 - wandering -
remembered in faith - that in the end there will be
peace + joy - וְיָשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ חֵן

11 - And so in one day - Germany - in dispair -
וְיָשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ חֵן



1. Tishri - month of holidays - 3 major festivals - 1-10-15th -
But not all of one ^{major} theme - Each has a unique significance - The 3 build
one superb thematic unity.

1. Stock-Taking - striking balance - auditing our accounts with destiny
= a Day for Remembrance - judgment - resolutions for future ^{memorial by God}

2. Fast-Day - Penitence for sins - A grave, solemn Traveller's day -
עֲשֵׂה לָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ חַנּוּן וְרַחוּם Channun & Rachum!
Forgiveness & Reconciliation

3. Thanksgiving - Gratitude for good things, life ^{for joy} - שֶׁפָּסַד &
God - for soil - rain - sun - for ^{seed} And blessing & fruits
for life - and joy of life

וְהָיָה לָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ

The soul is made to pass through all stages of ^{experience} ~~life~~ - Complete Odysey
Review the whole panorama of life - Temple Only way
but in peaceful, joyous haven of Success & Thanksgiving

2/3 The clear proximity - conjunction of these 3 holidays Symbolizes
the classic way in which our rel. is viewed life - The way
rare & noble way - free of extremes - Free of delirious delirium
of romantic schizophrenia of tension - & depression & pessimism

① It has both light & shadows. There is sun in the soul
but also moon. There is night but also day ~~for the soul~~

② Jud. is not a glad allegory religion - a gay pirography or
a primrose path -

③ It does not deny Evil - Sin - Pain - Sorrow. It denies
only their supremacy & their finality - 122 / 16, 2002

④ There are treasures - truths & happiness in unhappiness within
reach of man - And the prevalent happiness for those
who live most nobly, freest selfishly.

- 3/ ① Man has a right and a duty to enjoy life.
 ② Jud. is right against asceticism - self-castigation - deprivation.
 ③ Not good.
 ④ One's happiness must not be had at the expense of his neighbor.
 It must not be anti-social.
 One must not be a glutton - & indulge himself to point
 when his higher sensitivities become choked in obesity -
spirituality buried in animal.
 ⑤ But - we should enjoy these physical & sp. gifts which
 God abundantly provided for man -
Enjoy nature, but blessings - not -

4/ Our religion prescribes a discipline for man - which is
neither normal - not extreme - neither asceticism nor gluttony
neither asceticism nor gluttony - ... neither asceticism nor gluttony

5/ Judaism never produced monks, monasteries,
hermitage - (Essees)
 ✓ neither asceticism nor gluttony
 ✓ neither asceticism nor gluttony -

6/ Jud. asked for a classic balance -
neither asceticism nor gluttony
neither asceticism nor gluttony

7/ The Law of Jud. - not to constrict life - increase happiness
neither asceticism nor gluttony
 8. Heaven breathes this new joy & life - neither asceticism nor gluttony
neither asceticism nor gluttony - neither asceticism nor gluttony