

# Radiant and Earthy

דוֹדִי צַח וְאַדְוֹם דָּגוּל מִרְבָּבָה

*Dodi tzach v'adom dagul may'r'vava*

My beloved is radiant and earthy

He towers above ten thousand. (Song of Songs 5:10)

To love God is to embrace the paradox of opposites. *Tzach* can mean pure, milk, scorching, white, dazzling, radiant. *Adom* can mean ruddy, red, wine, earthy. When I can know my Beloved with my expanded heart capacities, expanding beyond mere mental faculties of the rational, then I can embrace the contradictions of my life. Then the Divine rises up (above ten thousand) and takes priority. Then I can see, with God, that apparent contradictions all belong to the One.