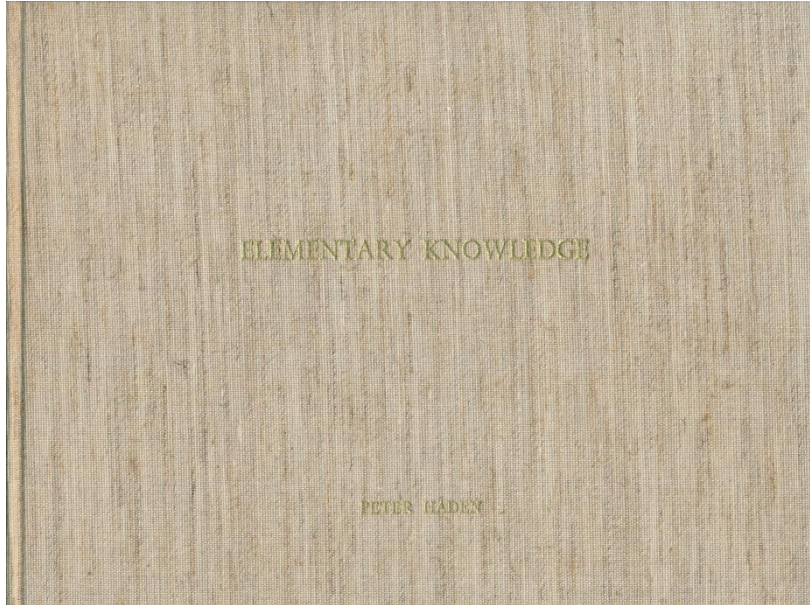


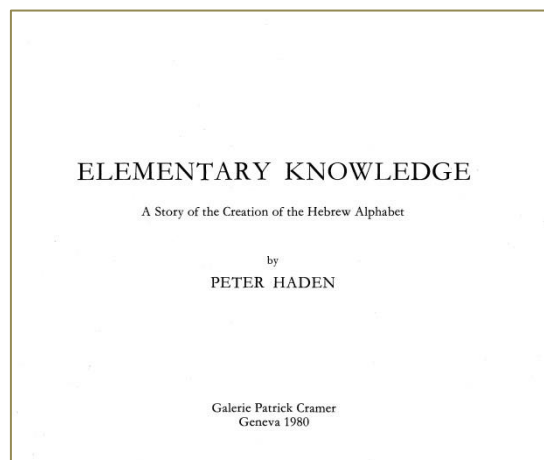
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A Story of the Creation of the Hebrew Alphabet



ALEPH

The Aleph alone was left in God's presence, appearing as the sparrow (אֵלֶף). Aleph made no claim and remained silent.

God called out: "Aleph, Aleph why do you not make any claim or plea?" Aleph replied, "Because I saw all the other letters leaving without any success. And now I realize that there is nothing I can achieve as Beth has already been given the great gift and it would not be correct for that gift to be taken away from her."

God replied: "Aleph, although I will begin the creation with Beth, you will be the first of My letters. My unity shall not be expressed except through you; you will be the beginning and the end; you will be everything and at the same time you will be One."

