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## **Hidden in Plain Sight: An Ur-Text of Pirkei Avot Derived from Avot de Rabbi Nathan (ARN)**

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## Development and Order of Pirkei Avot

## Avot de Rabbi Nathan

### Avot De Rabbi Nathan( ARNA)

## Pirkei Avot and Avot de Rabbi Nathan

## The Search for Order in Pirkei Avot

### Illustration--Linkages in Avot de Rabbi Nathan

... Rabbi Eliezer ... says: Be diligent to study Torah; Know what/how you shall respond to a heretic; and no word of Torah should be forgotten by you. Know before whom you toil and the One who is your partner in the Covenant and that your partner is trustworthy to provide you with reward for your labor. (end of Chapter 17)

Akaviah the son of Mehallalel says: Whoever places four things on his heart will no longer be led into Sin—(Know) From whence he comes, and to where he is traveling, what the future will bring and who is his Judge . . . the King, who is King of Kings, the Holy One, Blessed be He (beginning of Chapter 19)

Rabbi Chananiah the Prefect of the Priests . . . says: Whoever places the words of Torah on his heart has removed from himself thoughts of the sword, thoughts of famine, thoughts of foolishness, thoughts of the Evil Inclination, thoughts of adultery, thoughts of empty matters and thoughts of the yoke of flesh and blood... (beginning of Chapter 20)

אבות דרבי נתן פרק שמונה עשר

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