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## Tali Cohen Shabtai: Two Poems

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### I am new

They don't know  
Where I came from  
I must connect the- leg  
With the waist  
And the pelvis to the spine

That's the way when items  
Are separated from bodies  
And an artificial  
Lens is implanted  
In the – eye.

Who said it's possible to move  
Organs  
Away from their  
Place?

Who said?

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### Controversial

I love people who  
are controversial  
that their polemic is spiced with unambiguity  
in doses  
that they eat throughout the day.

And that taboo is not only for purposes  
of research for them  
in the night hours  
when the darkness encourages humankind  
to communicate  
hormone with hormone in the intercourse

of two  
at the most!

There are other women  
who fertilize a number of men  
in a day, and wear a necklace around  
their necks with 'phallic' stones  
by the light of day  
they are  
the polyandrous.

I love controversial people  
like Yeshayahu Leibowitz  
who  
forces us to see with brutal clarity  
the sharp-tongued intonation  
that for various reasons was comfortable for us  
to evade

he earned Israeli society's nickname "prophet of the apocalypse."

He  
conceived concepts of philosophical questions  
and found in them contradictions  
even though many claimed otherwise –  
for that I have solidarity with him

moreover, he did it so  
differently from the accepted definition  
that stimulates and challenges  
my  
intellect

his sharply-phrased wording and use  
of the paradoxical  
could instigate in me  
an orgasm  
of the sensual type  
in the hours when I read  
his book  
"Five Books of Faith."

I like being me  
I don't flow continuously  
in the water  
that you are sipping now  
I shock your  
digestion  
until the body cries out

to vomit  
like this poem that is not understood.

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