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This is the foundational verb of existence, identity, becoming and occurrence.

* It is used in the creation narrative of Genesis 1, represented by the English words Genesis 1:3Exodus 3:12Ruth 1:1Isaiah 2:2 יְהֹוָה 2:3Exodus 3:12Ruth 1:1Isaiah 2:2 יְהֹוָה מַעֶם יְהוָֹה 2:3

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The Hebrew אֵת word does not have a corresponding word in English. In Hebrew, it is a marker of the accusative, i.e. the word following it is the object of the sentence. It only ever occurs in conjunction with nouns associated with the definite article הַ.Genesis 1:1 אָשֶׁר דָּבֶּר יְהוָהֹ plugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigairy

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