

The New Writings of Rav Ashlag: Article on World Peace Part 11

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### **Truth is Destruction; Mercy is Construction**

We see from all this that the hope for Peace, that the people of our generation are desperately looking for, is useless, both from the point of view of the subject as well as from the point of view of the object.

The subjects, who are the peace makers of our generation and of every other generation, who have the power in their hand to make Peace in the world, are forever made from that human stuff which we call People of Destruction.

This is because they seek Truth, that is, they want the world to run by the principle "mine is mine is mine and yours is yours." And it is only natural that these are the people who aggressively push their views forward, to the point of endangering both their own lives and the lives of society as a whole.

And this is what always gives them the power to overcome the other kind human stuff, the People of Construction, who seek Mercy and Righteousness, who are willing to give away of their own for the sake of others, in order to save the construction of the world; and they are the cowards who are faint of heart.



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In other words: seeking for Truth is the same as the destruction of the world. And seeking Mercy is the same as the construction of the world. Therefore, one cannot hope that the People of Destruction will be those who will establish Peace.

And likewise, the Peace that all yearn for is useless also from the point of the object, that is to say, from the point of view of the conditions of Peace themselves. Because to this very day, it was not possible to create the conditions that are considered appropriate, according to the criteria of the quality of Truth, for both the life of the individual and the life of the society as desired by those peacemakers.

It is inevitable that there have always been, and there will always be, an important minority in society who would be unhappy with these conditions, just as we have said earlier when we demonstrated the weakness of Truth; and these (people) will always be ready material for the new warmongers and for the new peacemakers, who will continue in this manner ad infinitum.



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### The World is one community & One Society (1)

It should not astonish you, that I am putting together the peace and wellbeing of one community with the peace and wellbeing of the whole world.

Because, in reality, we have reached such a level that the whole world is considered as only one community and one society.

That is to say, since every individual in society derives his vitality and every need from the people of the entire world, he is thereby obliged to serve the entire world and to care for it.

Because we have demonstrated earlier the total subservience of the individual to his community, like a small cog is subservient to a machine.



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This is because the individual derives all his life and all his happiness from that community, and therefore the good of the community and his own individual good are one and the same; and vice versa.

Therefore, to the same extent that a person is subservient to himself, he must become subservient to the community, as we have explained at length earlier.

The World is one community & One Society (2)

And with it, it should be understood that the level of the said community can be evaluated according to the extent to which that the individual is provided for by that community.

Because, for example, in ancient historical periods, this extent was only one family, that is to say, the individual did not need help from anyone except from members of his own family, in which case he did not need to be subservient to anyone except to members of his own family.



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And in later periods the families were joined into towns and counties, and the individual became subservient to his town.

And later, when towns and counties became countries, the individual was helped for his well-being and happiness by all the members of the country, and with it he became subservient to the whole country.

This is why, in our generation, when every individual is helped, for the happiness of his life, by all the countries of the world, it must follow that this would be the extent to which the individual is subservient to the whole world, as a cog in a machine.

And therefore, the possibility that one could peacefully create good and happy procedures in one country, while neglecting to do so in all the countries of the world, and vice versa, is inconceivable.



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Because in our day and age our countries are already tied to each other as far as to fulfilling life's needs is concerned, in the same way that individuals in families were tied to each other in ancient times.

Therefore nowadays we do not deal with, and speak about, the orderly and just procedures for securing the peace of one country or one nation, but should only care about the peace of the whole world.

Because the welfare and calamity of each and every individual in the world are dependent on, and limited by, the degree of the welfare to individuals all over the world.

And even though these things have been known and actually concretely experienced to quite a degree, still the world has not properly assimilated the idea fully, and that is because of the natural way a process develops: that action precedes understanding.

This is why actions alone will teach humanity and push it forward.



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