

The New Writings of Rav Ashlag: Article on World Peace Part 16

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### **The Life Conditions of the Last Generation**

And based on these thoughts we now have the possibility to look at the life conditions of the last generation, which is the time when world peace prevails.

In other words, this is the time when humanity as a whole reaches the summit of evolution, or side A of the coin.

That will be the time when Unique Individuality would only be used in the "sharing with others" mode, and not at all in the "receiving for oneself" mode.

And it would be worth our while to copy their way of life, both the life of the individual and the life of society, in a way that would teach us valuable lessons, and in order for it to be incorporated even in the flooding torrents of our lives.

Maybe it would be possible and worthwhile to make an experiment and adopt those modes of life even in our present generation.



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To begin with, it would be appropriate to start with the most exalted thing which, most probably, is the foundation of that whole society, on which it is based and by which it is supported: that they have invested great, boundless effort to create for themselves a classical literary treasure chest, made out of books of wisdom, edited with great dialectical skill.

The purpose of these books is to cultivate a unique worldview with regards to "sharing with others" and bring about the manifestation of such a view.

And they capture the hearts of so many that all the people, from the least to the greatest, are completely immersed in them with great delight.

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Their houses of justice are completely busy with giving out "titles of distinction" to people who have actually demonstrated a certain level of "sharing with others," and there is no one who does not carry on his sleeve such a title of distinction of one level or another.

The public opinion holds those title bearers with highly regards and honor.

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Great competition started in among the people around the sphere of activity of "sharing with others", to the point that they sometimes bring themselves into great dangers.

A person who has failed with regards to some aspect of his work and acted for his own benefit experienced how his social standing disappears in the streams of social life just like clouds disappear in the wind, because of the deep aversion that all levels of society feel towards him.

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Each one of them fulfils his role in the service of the public with utter perfection, without any supervision, because the public opinion puts pressure on each person, manifestly and in hidden ways, to the point that the person feels it in his bones the severity of the crime.

Even a slight betrayal of public trust would be felt in the way that our person feels the crime of murdering another

### **Mandatory work and voluntary work**

The status difference in the society between those who are negligent and those who are energetic is obvious and apparent: the status of those who are negligent in that society is very low because the Supreme Providence has taken all honor away from them.

Each society—that is, a number of people with means that are sufficient to cover all their needs and which makes them independent of others—has its own administration with an allotment of a certain number of work hours according to the conditions of their location.

It is done in a way that there would be enough to satisfy all their needs. The budget is filled by the members out of their compulsory work hours and voluntary work hours.

There are four kinds of compulsory work hours that each person, in complete trustworthiness and on his own accord, must assign himself or herself to, in accordance with his ability:

the **first** kind are the weaklings in the community, who are committed to one hour of work per day; the **second** kind are the healthy ones who are committing themselves to two hours of work; the **third** kind are the strong ones who will commit to four hours, and the **fourth** kind are the most energetic ones who are committed to eight hours a day.

These are the compulsory work hours, in addition to which there are members of all four kinds who are volunteering work hours out of their strong will to "share with others."

The proceeds from this voluntary work create a basis of wealth for the community and this wealth is there to support communities who are lagging behind in all countries.

The question is:

**How to Adapt the Lifestyle of the Future  
Generation in Our Generation**