

The New Writings of Rav Ashlag

Article on World Peace: One Precept Part 5

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Thought, Speech, Action:

The work, whatever its form may be, should be included in thought, speech, and action.....

Indeed, the actions between a person and his friend are justified in themselves based on the dictates of human conscience, and if they are done from that point of view they do not amount to anything, meaning that the actions do not bring him closer to the Creator, and to doing the work really for its own sake.

Therefore, each and every one must think in his mind that he is doing this only in order to give pleasure to his Maker, and to create affinity to His ways:

“just as He is compassionate, so should we be compassionate; just as He always shares good onto others, so should we”; and so on.

Article for the Completion of the Zohar
(Wisdom of Truth, Chapter 10)

...How can we, and we need to, understand the meaning of cleaving to the Creator, if, after all, the mind cannot conceive of Him at all?

And they answered, “One must cleave to His qualities; just as He is merciful, you should be merciful; just as He is forgiving, you should be forgiving, etc.” (*Rashi on Deuteronomy 11:22*)

we understand the **similarity of form** (affinity) between two spiritual entities as “cleaving” and the **difference of form** between two spiritual entities as “separation.”

And just as an axe cuts and divides a material thing in two by separating and distancing the two parts from each other, so the difference of form divides the spiritual in two.

And if the difference of form is small, we say that the distance between the parts is small, and if the difference of form is great, we say that the parts are very far away from each other, and if the forms are opposites, we say that the distance between them is absolute.

For example, when two people hate each other, we say that they are as distant from each other as East and West.

And if they love each other, we say that they fuse and cleave together as one body. And this does not refer to their physical distance, but rather to their **similarity (affinity) of form** or **difference of form**.

When one person loves everything his friend loves and hates everything his friend hates, this makes them cleave and fuse with each other and love each other.

But if there is a **difference of form** between them, that is, if one loves something even though his friend hates it, the level of this difference makes them hate each other and separates and distances them from one another.

And if they are opposite, in that everything one loves the other hates; we say they are as distant as East and West. So we see that **difference of form** on the spiritual level acts like the axe that separates the physical level.

And thus, the degree of distance and separation between them is proportionate to the degree of **difference of form** between them.

And the degree of cleaving or fusion between them is proportionate to the degree of **similarity or affinity** between them.

And thus, through taking on a form **similar** to the Creator's form, we cleave to Him. And this is what they meant by: "just as He is merciful" etc.,

(End of quote from: Wisdom of Truth)

And the matter of this Affinity along with doing good deeds will slowly bring him closer to the Creator in a way that his form would be made equal to spirituality and holiness.

Then it would be transformed into a negative template, like a stamp, and would be made fit for receiving the true Supernal abundance.