

The New Writings of Rav Ashlag: One Precept Part 19

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**Last time we learnt:**

you are not reducing your work on your goals, except to take control, so you only keep adding to it various things you want....

And history will never forgive you for this crime and malice. Because you fight something that is not directly necessary for your goals. This is nothing but light-headedness and lack of attention to your role.

Therefore, if you are fighting xxxxxxxxxxxx, because they directly hinder your goal, this is reasonable and acceptable.

However, if you are fighting xxxxxxxxxxxx when it does no direct harm to your goals, this is a crime and evil mindedness.

It is like a poor man who hardly earns enough money for bread and water, but spoils all his earnings by buying wine and drinks, and by this he fades away and dies.



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Truth be said, is that until now you had no other choice because these two things present the most terrible opposition to your method, according to your nature that you have received from the bourgeois middle class.

But in the manner that I have laid my method before you, here the religion not only does not oppose and damage you, but it is the most successful assistant, and it is also the only instrument that ensures the success of your goal in the most sublime manner.

In regard to financial issues and all that pertains to material property, it is an absolute must to not make any changes on no account; for there is no difference among people, among the black and the white and the yellow, between the wise and the silly.

They are all the same and each is beholden to give to the world as much as he or she can and receive what he needs without any difference due to other relationships. This is an absolute law.



As for spiritual properties that do no harm to the economy or to material happiness—namely, similar and legal ideas, as well as political reasoning, ethics and aesthetics—all these should remain national, that is, local.

No nation should be forced to forego its customs and preferences while they do no harm to the laws of straightforward, customary economy.

In a word, material internationalism should be meticulously kept; with it, spiritual nationalism should be preserved as long as it does not concern material internationalism.

My advice, therefore, is that everywhere within your borders, the secular and the religious alike must accept the national religion—and the world, international religion. Whoever transgresses or weakens it is punishable as if harming humanity.

This is the divine international religion that every human being is ordered to perform. Otherwise, he would be uprooted from the World to Come and his soul would stray among the worlds.



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God indeed allows every nation to keep its religious customs that were received by their great sages, each country according to its preferences and spirit, since undoubtedly they would help any individual country, as it is to its liking.

Eventually, they will be able to completely receive the international religion that is lofty and above them all. It is the prophetic last word.

Thus, whoever denies this principle, his religion digresses and is harmful and he deserves a severe punishment.

Whoever leaves this harmful attribute and accepts this principle, his individual religious worship is acceptable as it necessary for the truth so that it will help the international religion.



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