

The New Writings of Rav Ashlag: One Precept Part 20

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Last time we learnt:

In regard to financial issues there is no difference among people, among the black and the white and the yellow, between the wise and the silly.

...each is beholden to give to the world as much as he or she can and receive what he needs
.... This is an absolute law.

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As for spiritual properties that do no harm to the economypolitical reasoning, ethics and esthetics—all these should remain national, that is, local.

No nation [or group] should be forced to forego its customs and preferences while they do no harm to the [one precept]

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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 [the one precept] 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.

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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.

In a word, individual religion must be set in such a way that it would be just a tool to reach the universal religion.

If it becomes known that in some country those improvements again deteriorated, and the religion is made the ultimate goal and their God, they would be punished and their religion would be completely forbidden by law.

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Do not ask what would be the benefit if we start cutting back religions and war would be restored.

Though God can change any religion, and with a carefully planned design, this international faith can be brought into the midst of the masses, when God annuls all the additions that the middle class added to the religion for its own good.

He revealed this to his prophets so as to ease the work and toil that the middle class deceitfully invented for their own good.

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Surely, there would be some clean minded among you who would say, we have already managed to uproot a great (unknown) amount from the masses.

Shall we be messengers now to return ignorance to its place? Beware of luxury. Do not make poor people wealthy both materially and in knowledge simultaneously.

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First, we should fix the international economy using all the means in our hands, since the goal justifies the means, especially a sacred, difficult-to-realize goal such as this.

After we arrange the economy throughout the world, we can take our time uprooting deviated opinions from the world.

First, we need to create healthy bodies; then we can start taking care of good souls for those bodies.

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Surely, the most I can do is to present you with a machine that is good for its purpose, but the work and trouble themselves are all upon you to find a suitable plan and supply it with swift, loyal legs for swift spreading.

If this is acceptable to you, let me know or send me suitable people. Then we can work out a successful plan to ensure swift expansion.