

The New Writings of Rav Ashlag: Article on World Peace Part 14

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The qualities of Mercy, Truth, Righteousness and Peace Fight One Another

The Two Sides of the Coin of Unique Individuality

So let us return to the issue of the Unique Individuality in the heart of each person, which is ready to swallow up the world in its entirety for its own pleasure.

We will consider the previously mentioned question regarding the importance and glory of its roots, being an extension directly from the Individual of this world to humans, who are the branches as mentioned earlier.

That question is valid and demands an answer:
how is it that it [the principle of Unique
Individuality] manifests among us in such a
distorted fashion, having become the root cause
and progenitor of all the destroyers and ruin
mongers of the world?

How could the source of all construction bring
about directly the source of all destruction? Such
a question cannot be laid aside without an
answer.

Indeed, there are two sides to the coin of the said
Unique Individuality. Because if we examine it from
the point of view of one side, the exalted side, which
means from the aspect of it's affinity with the
Individual of this world, that aspect only operates
through a mode which we call "sharing with others."
After all, the Creator is there entirely for the sake of
sharing.

He does not have any trace of receiving in Him,
because He lacks nothing and does not need to
receive anything from the creatures, His own created
beings. Therefore, the Unique Individuality that is
extended to us from Him must necessarily operate
also in the form of "sharing with others" rather than
"receiving for oneself."



But looking at the other side of the same coin, which means from the lower, second aspect, from the point of view of the way it practically operates within us, we find that it operates in a completely opposite direction, because it operates only when taking the form of "receiving for oneself."

For example, an ambition to be the single wealthiest person in the whole world, or the single most honored person in the whole world, etc

In the end, therefore, the two said aspects are two ends that are as distant from each other as is at all possible, just as East is distant from West.

We cannot deny that there are people among us in whom Unique Individuality operates also in order to share with others, such as those who spend lavishly of their own wealth for the benefit of the society with noticeable distinction, surpassing anyone else in the world; and also those who spend all their energy for the sake of society, etc.

But those two aspects of the coin, which I have described, speak only about the two points in the evolution of Creation, which brings everything to its perfection.

It starts from absence, and slowly and gradually climbs up the ladder of evolution, from a lower level to a higher one, and from there to a yet higher one, until it reaches the goal at the height of its climb, which is its predetermined degree of perfection, where it rests and where it remains in that state for eternity.

In this order of development there are two points: the initial point, which is the lowest stage and is very near complete lack, which is the point described as the second side of the coin. And the summit point of evolution, where it will rest and remain for eternity, is what was earlier described as the first side of the coin.

Surely, this period that we find ourselves in is already quite developed, having passed through many levels.

It has ascended from the lower stage, which is the above mentioned side b, and has considerably approached side a.

This is why there are those among us who use the Unique Individuality within them in the "sharing with others" mode. But because we are still halfway through the process of evolution, these people are still rare because we are still in a process evolution.

And when we finally reach the zenith, the topmost final level, then we will all use our Unique Individuality only in the "sharing with others" mode.

It will not occur to anyone that he could use it in the "receiving for oneself" mode, which means like side A of the coin.