

End of Pesach - Rabbi Yosef Y. Serebryanski

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In order to find and be yourself you must have a pure heart. Often, we remain steadfastly attached to what we already are familiar with as well as to our existent feelings. This can cause us to forget to search for the means to connect, within an ever-changing environment, to that which is beyond our knowledge and feelings.

The story of our past reverts to a time whose details elude us, thereby leaving many details to our imagination. The facts that we do have knowledge of, relate a tale of heritage based on human successes and failures. Having knowledge of our past enables us to connect in a way that the present cannot. We may use that knowledge to grow and improve our understanding and ability to move forward.

Many people are intensely focused on matters that bring them together. Yet separation is an undercurrent that runs strong within the majority of human relationships. If we cannot get our human relationships in order, how can we hope to establish a lasting relationship with our Creator?

People create unreasonable expectations regarding their beliefs about the Messiah. They waste an immeasurable amount of time focusing their practice around that concept instead of focusing on the Creator. In doing so their language portrays the fact that they have prioritized their Messiah as the one who will bring their peaceful future. Imagining that one knows exactly who the Creator will ultimately choose to lead the people in their redemption is presumptuous.

There is a definitive difference between hoping for something to be as one wishes, as opposed to proclaiming that one knows absolutely what the answer is for each and every person. The sooner we recognize the gravity of that statement, the sooner we move a step closer to our future. No decision is in our hands. In fact, the future in any form is only at the behest of the Creator.

It is the responsibility of each person to maintain their connection in conjunction with their personal efforts to bring about a peaceful future as a result of their daily

transactions. To do otherwise is to delay or even destroy the possibility of any future that brings peace to our midst. It is a very narrow belief system that allows people to conduct efforts centered around a future opening based upon anything other than their connection with the one true source. The ability of each person to move beyond the limitations of his or her perception can initiate a movement that will allow all people to move into a new vibration of existence.

To truly rise above the past, present and beliefs of the future we need to come to a place beyond the definitions of our mind and heart. Young children are prone to following their parents blindly, with little or no comprehension. In like fashion the children of Israel left Egypt without comprehension.

(Exodus 14:21-23) “And Moses stretched out his hand above the sea and the power of the all present moved the sea with a strong easterly wind all the night and he made the sea into dry land and split the water. And the children of Israel came into the sea on dry land and the water was a wall for them on their right and on their left. And Egypt chased them and came after them all horses of Pharaoh, chariots and horsemen into the sea.”

When we take a closer look at some of the expressions utilized in these verses it brings several questions to mind. How can we understand the seemingly contradictory phrase that they “came into the sea on dry land?” And, if the Egyptians chased them, how is it that “all the horses of Pharaoh, etc.,” went “into the sea?”

The Hebrew words have various meanings. Sea also refers to a spiritual level that conceals all that is within it. Kodim is translated as easterly when it also means from before (the creation of the sea and this world). Wind also means spirit or vibration. Night also refers to perplexing situations. Chorovoh – dry land actually means desolate, thus the power of the sea ceased to exist. Split also means pierced.

The verse can thus be translated and read as: “And Moses stretched out his hand above the source of creation of the sea and the power of the Creator that is beyond the definitions of this creation, changed the sea by bringing a strong original vibration through all the perplexing situations and it made the sea desolate without power and pierced the water being the flow of creative forces. The children of Israel went into the water and remained dry while the water remained as a wall for on their right and left. And the Egyptians seeing them walk through the water chased them and came after them into the sea.”

When we are truly connected to the source, we can let go of all our other preconceived or other forms of attachment, whether physical or spiritual, then everything becomes possible. We may attain the fulfillment of our missions here within miraculous occurrences that surpass anything yet witnessed in the history of mankind.

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The understanding of the flow of power represented in the shape of the Hebrew letters (which were used to formulate this world) was shared with the Jewish people at Mount Sinai. The intention was to transform the land in which the nations live.

By following the guidance of the Torah, the potential of the whole world would eventually be expressed as a Holy land. There would be no blockage or separation between Creation and Creator. All would see and know the life force that animates existence. This is what is stated (Psalms 111:6): **“The power of how all was formed, He informed his nation; to give them (the ability to transform the earth that is) the inheritance of the nations.”**

The first days of Passover represent the freedom that was achieved through Moses. The last days of Passover represent the freedom that will ultimately be given to us. It is difficult for most people to envision the future. Just envision a world without impurity. It is a place where everything simply “is.” This happens as we all finally recognize with clear vision that all is One, because there is One life force that sustains all.

Holy and profane, good and bad will not exist. All of the things that have caused separations between people in the past will disappear. The belief systems, along with the negative teachings and threats that have frightened people over the millennia will cease to exist. There will only be one truth that connects all people in the flow of the universe, and every Creation will recognize its place in that existence.

Is it not time for us to awaken and find a proper balance to move forward with the flow of life? Let us decide now to show our willingness to accept the future by wiping out the hatred, scrutiny and judgments that we have wrongly displayed to those who have been severely hurt by our actions. By extending kindness instead of putting forth ego-boosting discrimination, we can go a long way to start to repair the

damages we have inflicted. That action alone will greatly help to prepare us to recognize the signs of our imminent salvation.

We also must bond with the very earth upon which we live. The further mankind has moved from nature the more destructive it has become. We need to reconnect with the physical and spiritual source of our life.

A book that will be helpful is “**The One-Straw Revolution**” by Masanobu Fukuoka which discusses natural organic farming. He describes his experiences with science, natural farming and has many simple and beautiful insights into life. When will we realize that the tools we need to enhance instead of destroy are at our fingertips, and have been here all along?

Society has sold itself the lie that people can become dependent on others and give up their individuality. The business world has profited by this at the expense of millions of people dying or being killed in the name of progress. Money and power guides society making all the falsehoods acceptable. This is how people have become part of a world that is an illusion created by people until it falls apart leaving them with no power and ability to survive.

Just as the Children of Israel departed their bonds of slavery and moved into a new era, so must we. Unlike them, we have been given a very long time to prepare for the transition. Yet, we find ourselves running against the clock and may yet have to learn that the only way we can move on is to take only what we really need and leave the rest behind.

Squandering and exploiting the planet and people only because “we can” is something we must “get over.” While we have falsely lived with the notion that we can all have whatever we can afford, it is time for us, as a civilization, to grow up. The cost of having what we can afford will not afford us a future where we will have that which we need. Wake up, wake up, we are all leaving our bondage one way or another. Let’s pursue that route that allows the coming transition to be a peaceful one.

Isaiah 11:10; “And it will be on that day, one from the root of Yishai, will arise as a banner for the nations. To him, the people of the world will inquire and he will guide people with his peace, in honor.”