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Korach, a cousin of Moshe, was the head of one of the Levite families. He was reputed to have been learned and, as a tribal leader, must have had the benefit of a modicum of popularity.

There are many different types of leaders. Some are very in tune with the needs and lives of other people. They understand the true responsibility of their jobs. Unfortunately, there are some leaders whose decisions are driven by their egos and power. These people rebel against God and humanity (even while they are proclaiming that they are doing so in the name of God and humanity.)

As they are excellent at promoting (or getting other people to promote) themselves, people vote them in and use them as role models to emulate. Their perception is that the success these people achieve is proof of the fact that they obviously did something right. That is based on the perspective that money and prominence are of prime importance. As money and corruption have become an important part of the structure of society, these leaders present a sad example of success.

Controversy makes a great story. However, it is a destructive force and not a building block. At times people may have a need-to-know certain unsavory information. The problem is that once they enter into that miasma, it is difficult to

utilize the information properly. The very nature of such information lends itself to misuse by those who uncover it. It is important to realize at all times that while one is not allowed to ignore corruption, one may not embellish or add to such a situation and think that the results will benefit them. Corrupting and losing an opportunity to accomplish something productive can result in causing rebellion. When we remove our egos from the situation, we see the proper goal clearly and have no need to seek elsewhere for answers.

(Numbers 16:1) **“And Korach took.”** It is not clear what he took. Among the explanations is that he took himself and separated himself from the community. He took his pride in the fact that he was from a prominent family. He did not work in order to achieve his wealth. Rather he came across a great treasure that made him instantly wealthy. This only added to his egotistical love of himself. Together, the wealth and pride drove him to rebel against Moses.

When the Jews left Egypt with Moses they traveled until they found themselves stuck at the edge of the sea, with their enemy closing quickly behind them. By moving forward and jumping into the water, the positive movement and faith of one man; Nachshon ben Aminodov, opened the path ahead for all of the people.

There are people who create blockages in every community. It only takes one person in each community to make the difference that diffuses these blockages. This action must be taken with great patience and wisdom. There are many people who are simply waiting for someone to create the opening that they so need in order to continue on their journey.

Psalms 55:19 **“Redeem my soul with peace.”** Exodus 18:23 “This nation will come to its place with peace.” Both inner peace and outer peace are important to establishing balance within society. Individuals exist in each generation who understand the concept of total self-sacrifice for people and God. There are always individuals who are ready to “jump into the water” (no matter how deep it is) in order to create a much-needed opening for all people. The right person at the right moment can move all of society beyond those issues that currently inhibit or cripple their progress.

When the Jews left Egypt there were still some who were attached to the past. This caused problems for everyone. We pray that our new time of moving forward is not

hindered by the past. All of those people who move forward and progress are those who will easily see and acknowledge that everything is truly one essence.

The following is a story of two amazing leaders of our generation who passed away a few years ago.

Rav Pinchos Teitz was one of the few Jewish leaders who were permitted by the communist regime to visit with Jews in Russia. His work to help the Jews stuck in Russia at that time was invaluable. Most of what he did was shrouded in secrecy in order not to jeopardize his ability to continue to make his trips there as frequently as possible. He told an amazing story related to one of those trips to Rabbi Halperin of Kfar Chabad. For security reasons, the story could not be told until after his demise years later.

Rav Teitz said that he was accustomed to receiving religious articles like prayer books, chumoshim and tefillin from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, before every journey even when he did not alert him as to when he was travelling.

On one particular occasion, the messenger from The Rebbe also brought along a small book of Tanya. I was told; “The Rebbe said, “Do not give this Tanya to anyone. Just take it with you wherever you go during this journey.” Rav Teitz said to himself: “I am not a chossid. Taking religious articles for Jews in Russia I always did with joy. Yet the idea of carrying this chassidishe book with me was strange. However, as the Rebbe asked, I did not refuse, thinking that he must have some reason for making such a request. Thus I took the Tanya with me.

The third day of my stay in Russia I had already given away all of the religious articles that the Rebbe had given me to dispense. Upon my departure from the evening services of the main synagogue, on a side street, I was accosted by two men. They grabbed me and forced me into a car.

Naturally I was scared. However, as soon as we were in the car they apologized and told me that they were active members of Chabad. They explained to me that they had to speak with me about an urgent matter. As they knew that the Russian secret police were following him, the only way to speak with me was to stage a scene just as they had done. Understandably, I was relieved and forgave them.

They spoke briefly and to the point. They said that they had “checked me out,” and thus knew I could be trusted. They had two questions to ask the Rebbe. These questions required immediate response and could not wait until the next time an emissary from the Rebbe arrived in Russia.

The older man told me that he knew with certainty that the KGB was after him. He felt it was necessary for him to quickly run away from the city. However, he was concerned that if he left there would be no one to continue his underground work there. He asked that the Rebbe tell him what to do.

The younger man wanted me to ask the Rebbe if he should apply for an exit visa to go to Israel. At that time it was well known that those who applied for such visas lost their jobs, and often had to wait quite some time for a response, with no income while they were waiting. He had an excellent job in Russia. He wanted the Rebbe to tell him if he should give up hope of maintaining his job, and apply for an exit visa to Israel.

Rav Teitz said; “I was not happy to hear these requests. I knew that if the Russian government suspected that I was transmitting secret messages of this nature, it could destroy my standing with them. Yet my heart and desire to help these two precious Jews did not allow me to refuse their request.”

“While we were talking I told them about the Tanya that the Rebbe had given to me. They asked to see it. They were extremely thankful to hold a book that was in the Rebbe’s hands only a week earlier.”

Suddenly one of them let out a scream. One of the pages had its corner folded in. The first words on that page (162a) were: “Time is of the essence for him and there is no possibility to wait.” He screamed “Here is my answer. The Rebbe is telling me to leave the city immediately.

They began to check the other pages and one more corner had a fold. Page 38a the first words read: “To enter the land.” This was an obvious response for the younger man to submit papers requesting to leave Russia for Israel.

“They naturally wanted that I should leave the book with them, but I refused, explaining that the Rebbe had told me to keep the book. From that time on, whenever I study from that book the feeling of that Heavenly encounter fills me.”

May we all cherish and recognize the holy encounters that we receive as special gifts. May those gifts fill us with the spirit, courage and drive to accomplish our tasks here with the full love and blessings of the Creator.

Controversy

Love and oneness bring people together. Fear and hate separate us. A common cause brings people together even with our personal differences. When that cause is gone, so are the people.

Korach was a cousin of Moses but had a problem with feeling important in his own eyes, his pride was most important to him, and he could not come to terms with Aharon being appointed high priest.

Traditionally the Levite tribe was considered the priests of the Jewish people and therefore did not have to work in Egypt. Korach a Levite found a treasure that had been buried by Joseph. The sudden wealth added to his feeling important.

When a person receives wealth without ever having had responsibility to work, they do not have proper appreciation of that wealth. In other words, they do not understand and feel the difficulty that most people go through in order to live or survive.

Many people do not see the responsibility that comes with it. It as a gift from the Creator and tests the person to see where they stand. Many use the power and money for personal matters, political or religious agendas that do not ultimately help people (other than in a temporary way) or further the Creator's desire in this existence.

Many people focus on small matters that do not really make any difference in the long term, but they do create separation between people. We are all humans and have faults. A person who is focused on the future looks beyond the issues of the present and those who are imperfect in order to bring about the changes needed for the future.

Fear and hate create issues when there are none. Love with wisdom does not allow things to become issues. Love with wisdom brings peace and harmony. Money and power bring a temporary peace and seeming harmony but they are both temporary.

Korach and his two hundred and fifty men were leaders. Intelligent and learned people, they used the right words and said the right things and so people were convinced. Yet in the end we see they did not hear or do what the Creator wanted as their pride got in the way.

(Psalms 145:18) **“The Lord is close to all those who call to him in truth.”** Many people search for truth going from one group or leader to another. Many even come to Torah and study but even there much corruption exists. Many people who teach Torah and know or think they know, are no different from Korach. They are living Torah based in their pride and ego, some teach humbleness that is also based in ego and do not hear or see what the Creator wants.

When Jewish people live with fear, they cannot help people who truly want to connect to the Creator with love. Fear of punishment or desire for reward is about self and not about bonding with the Creator.

Love is about bonding. When we apply this to the Creator and doing the Creator’s will then all the other issues do not cloud a person’s vision.

(Numbers chapter 16) Korach was one person but with a group of supporters was able to wreak havoc among the people and a large group of people died. All the supporters of controversy and division, even though they were sure that they were correct, died. Aharon, a man full of love and compassion that was able to stop the death from spreading.

Did people learn their lesson? Maybe in a temporary way but when we look at today’s society the same problems and issues exist.

(Tanya chapter 37) **“The ultimate purpose and completion of the Messianic era and resurrection of the dead is the revelation of the infinite clarity of the Creator in this corporeal existence. At present (until it is revealed) that connection can be achieved through following the guidance and doing the will of the Creator.”**

Proverbs 10:8 “**A wise heart will choose that which connects** (with the source of all life.)” May we all learn to be able to open our hearts and find balance that protects us as we stay in tune with the ever-changing world around us.

Learn from the past

(Bamidbor/Numbers 6:1) “**And Korach took**” the Aramaic interpretation is “**and Korach split, divided, separated.**” There are many things that people do that causes separation but we often ignore the changes caused to the energy fields that surround us. The words people speak are often very revealing. Yet those being addressed pay little attention to what they are being told. This enables society to remain corrupt and not pay attention to the lies and narcissism that they willingly support.

Many people who put on a façade and thus “appear” to be good and fine. That may be so until you come to see that the person’s ego, agenda or background has been instrumental in leading them to deal with things in negative ways.

The energy of Korach, who was a religious person and kept the Torah - yet rebelled against Moshe (Moses,) is associated with Kayin (Cain) and (with) others who rebelled against Moshe in future generations. Kabbalah describes the incarnations of various persons. The Emek Hamelech mentions that one part of Kayin came (reincarnated) into Yisro (Jethro) one (part) into Korach and another part into the Mitzri (Egyptian) whom Moses killed.

This association is hinted to in the acronym of the word in (Breishis/Genesis 4:12) “**yukam Kayin**” meaning that Kayin will rise. The Hebrew word “**yukam**” has three letters. The first letter “yood” can refer to Yisro (Jethro) the second letter “koof” can refer to Korach and the third letter “mem” can refer to Mitzri.

Some of the names alluded to in the name “**Korach**” are mentioned in Sefer Tziyuni and explained in Nitzutzei Shimshom. The name Kayin can also allude to Korach Yeshu Notzri. In the Tziyuni is described a specific formation of letters of the name korach from which is extracted the names of Korach, Yisro, Yeshu and Kayin.

These were people who, although they kept G-d’s words and believed in G-d, were **not** humble like Moses. Kayin (Cain) was unable to have the same connection as

Hevel (Able.) Instead of understanding it, he lashed out and killed his brother. The same was true of Korach. When he arrived at a point where he could not accept that which he could not achieve, he lashed out at Moshe. He did not recognize or accept his own limitations. The same happened later in history with others.

This is an important lesson to all leaders since they project their limitations and negative aspects and may or may not recognize their motivation and/or jealousies.

When Hashem said to Moshe **“remove yourself from the midst of the congregation and I will destroy them in a moment”** it was based on the eradication of the energy that Korach represented so that it would not come up again in the future.

There is a discussion about whether or not Moshe’s being in their presence was preventing them from being punished. Although nothing bad was going to happen to Moshe, he had to separate not only from the physical but also from the spiritual space. Moshe already had suffered the repercussions resulting from killing the Egyptian and was not about to repeat it. This incident was different in that it was being perpetrated solely by the creator.

(Numbers 16:32) **“And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them.”** The Hebrew word earth, **“oretz”** also means **“desire of the Creator”** in this realm, while **“swallowed”** or **“vativlah”** can refer to the letters swallowed within the spelling of the names of the letters of the name Korach. The middle letters are vov yood and yood which equal twenty-six. The name of G-d is swallowed in the name or energy of Korach.

Since he was completely blocked from doing the Creator’s desire in this world he had to be removed. The blockage applies to (all of) his followers and thus is a lesson for all other followers of leaders with blockages. In the end all will be restored to their place within existence but the representation or expression they had here will cease to exist.

May we have a living lesson from the Torah in its guidance to use our connection with the Creator to remove and express that is pleasing and meaningful within the flow.

Sunken Pride

Our eyes and heart guide us. Yet we must be extremely cautious even when following those directives. We must be aware of those things that pull us emotionally lest we fall prey to following our personal desires and not those of the Creator or balanced with the flow of life. (There are rare exceptions when we have to act with what we feel is not correct in order not to fall into pride.) (Numbers 15:39) **“Remember all the connections in the present (the source of life that is equally and constantly present) and act on it. Do not be drawn to follow your heart and your eyes that draw you after them.”**

Many people are drawn to follow dreams that come from their heart or to which they are led by temptations that are in their direct line of sight. They may have had an experience or feeling of connection. This can lead them to believe that they should hold tenaciously to that precise definition beyond the moment of the dream.

An experience of this kind may indeed be a life-changing moment. However, to allow that moment to become pervasive, or override priorities of the moments that follow, breeds misjudgment. That response can cause a person either to be stuck or become depressed or rebellious as a result of disappointment when future events do not apply to past inspiration. Thus, zealotry is just as capable of causing imbalance as rebellion when we separate ourselves from the “message” in each new moment.

Korach, who was a cousin of Moses, was no different than many other people (Numbers chapter 16.) He had his personal dreams and believed that he should hold more power and control in leadership of the people. His end was that the wealth that he had (which was one of the causes of his arrogance) was swallowed along with him (into the earth) (Numbers 16:32.)

The Zohar (1, 17b) states that Korach denied some basic specific aspects of creation (peaceful co-existence and oneness) in this world. He was blind when it came to recognizing the Creator’s desires of him (in properly utilizing his abilities and possessions). He used his predisposition to extremism and being single minded to convince himself that he was deserving of all that he desired. Instead of looking to see or listening to hear the Creator’s desire (of him) he heard only his own voice. Following his own inclination, he created division based on the God of his own creation.

Bribery is the cause of much blindness and falsehood. In Numbers (16:15-16) Dathan and Abiram said to Moses; **“Even if you gauge out the eyes of these men,**

we will not go up.” This verse is talking about blinding them through bribery (whether money or giving them a position.) Moses responded; **“I have never taken bribery and I have never given it.”**

The common translation of Zachariah (10:2) is: **“And dreamers speak lies”** or **“And dreams speak falsehood.”** Another way to interpret and understand this verse is: **“And those who put their faith or belief in dreams (such as idealists) (the result or cause is) the falsehood that they speak.”**

Our perception of oneness is limited by our participation in the many forms of division and separation that exist in our world. Many times, our perception of oneness has to do with feeling good about ourselves. In that created reality we see everything going according to our personal goals and desires.

The thoughts and feelings that formulate our personal point of view initiate from a place that we cannot see. Therefore, we are only able to surmise, but never truly know, why it is that any given situation exists.

One may teach the oneness of all existence with proper choice of words. Yet all of these words may convey different meanings to different people. Their circumstances, as well as who is within their sphere of influence, may well affect their ability to learn, grow, or accept guidance. Thus, something that is taught (even with proper intent) may transpose into a falsehood, as a person’s environment may impact on his/her ability to receive messages. In other words, we do not vigilantly pursue the art of “living” the oneness in its purest sense.

Many of the old structures do not work for us today because they are only experienced by external words and feelings that are generated by the use of those words. The inner expansive life force is potentially within each one of us. Yet it is something that very few people actually relate to (with balance) in their daily life. We are caught up, attached to, and allow ourselves to be controlled by, external forces within this existence (and not that which is the foundation of everything.)

When we reach an innate realization that we are part of all existence and all existence is part of us, we begin to see the oneness. Then many of the issues that people are presently controlling, that function to generate the unnatural thoughts and behavior of people, will simply cease to exist.

Most people believe that the only way they can survive in this world, is to practice connecting with the oneness in an atmosphere of solitude. These people who have a propensity for openness and sensitivity often become depressed if they allow themselves to become involved in the reality of our world.

Many religious systems teach about (dictate) how to live in a (physically, spiritually or virtually) separated world. As long as this is so, vulnerable people may utilize the structures of old in an attempt to shield themselves from reality. These various structures represent “safe space” where they are insured of acceptance and love for their performance by their peers.

When we move to remove our barriers of separation we will be able to fully develop our ability to see beyond. The blockages that have been imposed (by those who wish to exercise control) will disappear. At that point we will no longer “fear” acting in accordance with the directions that issue from the soul’s connection with the true source. No longer will we place importance on opinions that run contrary to the unique flow that courses through each and every one of us.

Although Moses was beyond the structures, he understood that the people were not. He brought his connection to us through a transmission of words. Yet people have grown to attempt to “connect” only to the words, and not to the energy that they originally conveyed.

While they guide us through time, it is only with understanding them through ever changing energy lenses that we grow. Not to recognize the need leaves many people stuck in a space that does not respect the Creator generated changes that are constantly occurring in this existence. Thus, it is that we limit ourselves needlessly and block our connection in the process.

We often hear people state or request the things that they (want) “need,” but what is needed of them we do not hear so much. Many people seek clarity from external forces to determine why they are living here. They must come to the realization that true clarity will come from within when they have dispensed with the clutter of words and emotions.

Korach was so wrapped up in himself that he disconnected from the self-belonging to the oneness of the universe. That is why he and all of his possessions sank into the ground. It was the only possible destination for his “brand” of dreams, feelings and focus. Let us be more aware of our need for personal growth so that we may “hear” the true call of what keeps us firmly in the Creator’s flow.

Complacency breeds discontent

We have all heard the phrase “What you see is what you get.” Yet, appearances are not the same behind the veil that is covered by false outward expression. Yes, it is easier to accept that which is presented to us than it is to search for the truth that is hidden beneath the surface.

It is fascinating to watch how many people opt to accept a problem's misrepresentation and its apparent solution whether or not it honestly addresses the core of the issue. Nowadays, this applies to almost everything in the media, politics, religion, science, medicine, spiritual groups, alternative medicine, etc. One reason for this is that it reflects the fact that most of us are unwilling to expose our own essence and issues even to ourselves. At best we may look just below the surface but are uncomfortable with the idea of probing too far.

Many intelligent sounding questions only reflect superficial perspective or comprehension of a subject. Additionally, people generally ask questions only after they have formulated some kind of judgment. These judgments are not based on reasonable knowledge of the facts. Rather they are based on superficial knowledge, if any, and are often biased by assumptions, personal agendas and even self-judgment.

Self-judgment (as opposed to self evaluation) is very destructive as it is often the result of fear, family habit, or other dictatorial structure systems. In order to judge clearly a person needs self-understanding that reflects a balanced evaluation regarding oneself, i.e. internal and external, personal and universal issues. Removing this type of blockage enables a person to better be able to discern what is best and most practical in each situation.

We note an interesting observation about the rebellion of Korach (Numbers 16). The way in which Korach asks Moses questions identifies the point of his disconnection from the God he proclaimed to be intimately connected to in worship. It also reflects how he disagreed with Moses as a byproduct of judging himself. Had he truly seen the Creator in everything he would have simply accepted things as they were. He would have been involved in and been content doing with what he was here to do, without searching beyond his jurisdiction.

He was a leader of the Levites who were chosen instead of the first born(s) for service in the Temple. He was clever in his representation of holy concerns. Ultimately, he was not who he presented himself to be. If he had been, then he would have humbly conducted himself with his assigned tasks. Instead, he yearned for higher position and power. Actions based in greed do not speak of people who are connected to and based in the Creator's directives. When one becomes stuck on materialistic or power

issues, they lessen their degree of connection and are unable to connect. He created dissension because his inner heart was not connected.

Thus, Korach's perception of matters reflected the place within himself where he was stuck. Many people find they are stuck in one space or another. They fail to be able to balance the pace of their immediate external reality with what is progressing spiritually in them. This can result in a false zealousness that causes them to try to unite two things that are not necessarily supposed to be connected.

When a person feels stuck or unhappy with the status quo they may react in a variety of ways. We may try to rebel, or we may have the wisdom to be silent in order not to cause separation among people or act somewhere in between. Yet, neither is perfect solution unless we filter it through our connection with the Creator. Many times, it is patience that gives us the answers. Expectations create pressure and often leave a person without the balance they need.

People are finding more and more cause for alarm and discontent in the world today. They are becoming aware of the fact that some sort of change is inevitable. The best thing to do is to listen to one's own thoughts and feelings, to hone them in and see if they are in sync with where one wants to be. Then, see how they fit (or do not fit) into the world around you.

If you are unable to do it on your own, seek out someone who knows how to listen and can remind you of who you are supposed to be. This is all part of mankind's journey of reconnecting to its origin. The wisdom gleaned from our journey makes the connection more profound as it gives us comprehension that we gain as a result of our personal experience.

Many people live with the hope that they will find something that will give them eternal satisfaction. This is because they suffer from a void that may be physical, spiritual or something they cannot define. They may use beliefs, imagination, or desires to create something to try to give them the contentment. Then they are perplexed when what they have created is sometimes incongruous with their needs.

When people come together or have a beautiful experience, they try to hold onto the feeling it generates. The experiences we have only exist in the

moment yet the feeling and energy that they generate can be lasting. That is true of both positive and negative experiences and energy.

Our soul's dissatisfaction with the status quo generally propels us to build upon those energies. If we use it to build upon the positive, then the resulting exponential development will lead us to expand and grow in a positive direction. The converse is also true. How we choose, defines who we are. Stationary existence based upon our past accomplishments will become negative if we do not use the positive energies of growth. Instead, it will promote complacency, decline and rebellion.

There is no eternal satisfaction in this world and yet many are searching for eternity. Each generation has those who rebel because of the void in their life. For this reason, we need a guide. In the words of Ethics of the Fathers, "Make sure you have a teacher." Each generation needs a Moses to guide them with how to connect with the Creator and creation.

Constant happiness in our lives is not guaranteed just because people are righteous or good. Our joys and sorrows are determined by what the Creator chooses for us. We have to accept who we are and who everyone else is—and make responsible choices that affect us personally and leave others to their own. If they wish to avail themselves of our wisdom or choices, they will let us know. Constant criticism is destructive. We must view everything with love and accept that each thing has its place and purpose. This will go a long way in fixing our judgments. Doing so gives us the ability to live together as one people on this earth.

Rebellion

What state will the world be in just before we experience the full revelation of the Creator? Actually, what difference does it make, as long as we are prepared to receive this ultimate gift of love?

Everyone understands that in order to fall in love with someone, or have them fall in love with you, it is necessary to invest in a relationship. And most everyone agrees today that to have a successful relationship with someone, you have to be connected to that person, and to have an open line of communication. It's a simple concept to understand when relating to other human beings.

A relationship with the Creator, source of all life, the most precious connection of all, needs an open line. The connection exists and our relationship depends upon how much we open up and allow it to happen. It is an investment in discovering what are those actions that will allow you to balance the gifts you have been given and utilize them in the way that the Creator desires you to use them.

If we are aware of our surroundings, we will be able to see the presence of the Creator within each facet of existence. That realization empowers us to take charge of our personal connection with the Creator. Seeking advice from others in this issue does not guarantee that by following all of their dictates you will find your perfect balance. Following laws or customs may provide you with some balance, elevation or feeling of connection. However, discovering that there are things that do not work for you does not absolve you from your responsibility to establish and keep your connection.

There are people whose total focus is on their physical surroundings, which they attempt to keep separate from the spiritual. There are those who are totally focused on the spiritual, exclusively keeping its "holiness" separate from the physical. Some people do focus on both but view it as being their own power. As such they do not want to connect with the essence of all existence, as it would force them to let go of their perceived control. Thankfully, there are many people that only desire to do what the Creator wants or to be connected to the Creator through everything.

Respect breeds respect. Recognizing that someone else's trials may hold a lesson for you can be critical to your own success. Each individual has an opening if they seek to find it. Finding truth is not about proving someone else right or wrong, it is simply about learning the truth. And the truth cannot be altered.

Some individuals are ready to get beyond their old structures, or the truth they held on to. Some need the old structures in order to achieve what they must achieve. And, in some way we all need guidance and direction. Changes occur that require us to adapt and rise to the new challenges that

face us. It is with the collective progression that individuals are propelled to connect within.

The Kabbalah states that each generation has a soul leader. He is called the Moses of that generation, or the Messiah (Moshiach means anointed) of that generation. There is a flow of Creator life force in this existence that is kept open through this soul by choice of the Creator and this holds a balance for all.

A group of leaders rebelled against Moses. In response it says (Numbers 16:15), “And Moses was very angered and he said to Hashem, do not turn to their gift-offering, not one donkey of theirs did I lift, and I did not do anything bad to even one of them.”

The word in Hebrew for donkey can also refer to the physical body. Moses was upset because he could not do anything to spiritually elevate the rebellious people. These were leaders, but they separated their body and soul. Their truth was stuck in their perspective of life. That had love, but they also had ego. Many people do good things, yet often their reasons for doing those things are self-serving. Extending love selflessly can eradicate those things that keep people stuck. It is only when personal agenda gets in the way that the ideals and goals become corrupted and failed.

In the end it was God who got rid of the people who had no opening. (Numbers 16:32) “The earth opened and swallowed them and their homes and all the people with them and all their wealth.” Whatever ultimately occurs in society will be because the Creator deems it to happen. Our job is to do our part by staying open and keeping the spiritual together with the physical. This is the way to go into the future, by seeing the Creator life force in everything.

Leaders should be connected with the people in this physical realm, in soul and in spirit. There is one soul or leader present in each generation who is connected with all of the souls of that generation. The people who argued with Moses and Aaron lacked this comprehension. They felt that all of mankind was on the same level. They had no relationship to the immensity of the level of greatness and spirituality that was Moses, and his total

selflessness on behalf of the people. Their egos kept them blocked, and ultimately caused their demise.

When people rebel it is often because they have been kept under wraps for too long. We need leaders who have no interest in controlling people, leaders who allow people to make their own choices and let people become responsible for their own decisions. While instant openness creates chaos, there are those that know how to guide and teach balance.

If the revelation of the Creator to the world is dependent solely upon the actions of people, redemption might never come. Too often we ask for what we want, rather than asking for what the Creator wants of us. The revelation will ultimately be a pure act of love. By opening our hearts to pure love we allow this to flow in mankind thus creating an opening for it to come from our Creator.

We must realize that the only component that is ours is our ability to be open and willing to receive the connection and the revelation. The rest is in the hands of the Creator.