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Extreme Imperfection

All matter has a specific frequency, movement or vibration that is the form of its existence. A newly restructured balance is formed in each moment. Within every time frame there exists full life and health. When that frequency is disturbed, imbalances ensue. Disease forms when a person is not doing exactly, or is otherwise prevented from pursuing exactly, what they should be according to the resonance of their heart, soul and body.

Love is healing because it allows a person to resonate and be who they are. It gives permission (whether they need/act on it or not) to a person to restore his/herself to their place in creation. Yet there are times when life becomes such a whirlwind of negativity directed at an individual that love is not enough to create the balance necessary for survival.

When the food we eat vibrates according to our body it is healthy, otherwise it disturbs our space. When the belief we hold resonates with our soul we are whole. When we are permitted to bask in the adoration that emanates from a pure soul, without interference from others, we achieve our potential. When people interfere to create misery without just cause, we may fail despite our best efforts to succeed.

The Torah teaches and guides us with many ways to connect. These connections are called mitzvos. Each connection has its unique resonance with the source of life. Finding one's perfect resonance ensures that a connection is consistent and strong.

As the rhythms of our movements move in all directions, we often need to adjust the balance of our connection accordingly. This will keep us in synch with the constant shifts and movement within the universal flow. Giving oneself up to the Creator will allow for easier adjustments requiring little planning or anticipation. Allowing for distractions to block oneself will not change the order of the Universe. Instead, it will contribute to the acceleration of disease, destruction and death.

That is one reason the Torah gives individuals many ways of connecting with the Hashem (the name, this is a way Jews refer to the Creator without accidentally saying the name in vain). This includes many matters that are limited to time and space. When we use our personal agenda as guidance for adding to or detracting from these connectors, we alter the perfect balance of frequency which changes the effect or purpose for which each one was created. This often elicits a negative side or energy, which is ill-suited to that space, to come forth.

Even in times when great sages had the wisdom to make alterations to suit various crises that arose, they also often stated that these were temporary changes for specific protection and purpose. They understood the concept of a) that they could NOT improve on perfection, and b) that undertaking any change was a tremendous responsibility which was exercised with great caution and reverence.

How different are some of the modern-day leaders who encourage severity and creation of myths and practices that were never intended. The result is that we are not only losing the disillusioned, but we are also unaccepting of many who have a dire need to return to their people after eons of estrangement. Complicating laws and creating an environment where we praise fundamentalist behavior patterns will NOT get us where we want to go.

(Deuteronomy 17:11) **“Do not to turn from the matter which they will tell you right or left.”**

(Deuteronomy 17:20) **“Not to turn away from the connection right or left.”**

The words right and left refer to stronger or weaker. Weakening or strengthening is a form of contamination. Do not attempt to make the connection with life stronger or weaker. It needs to be exactly as it is. This is reflected in the way people exercise their choices in the actions they undertake.

We often limit ourselves to structures or allow ourselves to function with a lack of them, in a way that weakens our resonance with life. We think we are clever, and so we attempt to strengthen or weaken matters when, in truth, we don't recognize the consequences of what we are doing.

When we see the Creator Life Force in each and every thing, we are able to maintain a stable relationship and connection. It does require wisdom, insight, and sensitivity. However, by maintaining that all-important connection we insure that, at the least, our focus is in the proper place.

(Deuteronomy 16:20) **“Righteousness you shall chase, in order that you live and inherit the land.”** Righteousness you shall chase – in Hebrew - Tzedek tzedek tirdof is an acronym for tzitzis. Tzitzis, the four cornered garment with strings that is worn by men, is a constant reminder of a man's acknowledgement of and attachment to the Creator. Donning this garment gives many persons an extra layer of protection that is essential for their well-being.

Using a system called 'aht bahsh' meaning that the first letter of the alphabet is exchanged for the last, the second letter for the second last and so on, then the exchange of the last letters of the words tzedek tzedek tirdof, koof, koof and pey, is David.

The next words “Lemaan Tichye – in order that you live” is numerically 613. While “lemaan” is numerically 190 which is same as keitz - end.

This form of numerological letter-adjustment provides us with a hint to the fact that: When King David finally arrives, we will be constantly focused on the Creator energy that is within everything. At that time everyone in the world will live with open easy connections that allow them to co-exist in bliss and perfection.

Broken Trust

We have been so abused over the millennia and continue to be abused, it is no wonder that it is so difficult to find trust and not be hurt. We look to give our trust to others who are supposed to be examples and if we dare look we see that they are also humans, with limitations and issues. Thus trust that remains forever is a very precious commodity.

How much does a person trust oneself? A person usually knows the truth about him/herself and the personal limits in daily life. There are times a person wants to create the perception that he/she can be trusted and may even believe it until something happens that breaks the trust. Sometimes the reason for the broken trust is due to our own issues that get in the way. It is also caused by the expectations and pressure that mankind has created that ultimately is very destructive.

The broken trust includes the soul that comes into the body expecting it to be the way God wanted it in the best way and instead we come into a harsh reality that is opposite to our soul. This also causes much mistrust about the world we live in. Often it begins with an internal issue or a space to which we are blind and is reflected in the trust issues that we have with our journey that are reflected in the world in which we live.

Tanya chapter 47 explains that the idea of rising out of the constrictions (the meaning of the Hebrew words, “leaving Egypt” or “Yetzias Mitzraim”) that we exist in refers to the divine soul being released from the confinement of the body. This is done through occupation in the guidance of the Creator and our actions in matters that connect us with the Creator.

Tanya further explains that the term “**God of Abraham**” means that he became nullified and absorbed into the light of the Creator. This is a gift that is given to us through Torah. The only thing that blocks us from that connection is our will. The moment we want the connection, it is there.

Deuteronomy chapter 17:8-11. **“When you are in a quandary ... and you rise and go to the place that the Creator chose in it, him or her. And you will come to the priest the Levites or the judge who will be in that time ... you should do exactly as you are guided, do not turn right or left from the matter which they will tell you.”**

It is not anyone who is called a priest, Levite or judge. It is about coming to the place that was chosen by the Creator and the person who is a conduit for that energy and life force. Since most of those who are called priests, judges, or who are guides have already deviated from what the Creator wants and are not conduits for direct guidance the above verses do not apply to most people or places. At the same time everyone and everything is a conduit to divine expression in some way.

Guidance from people can be as confusing as it is right. Finding a person who understands your soul connection with life is where you can get proper guidance. That does not mean that you have to ask every detail of life to that person. It means you have to use common sense (which is not so common) and work on your personal growth. Then the guidance will help as you will implement it into your personal growth.

When we make another person into a god, prophet, etc. we only cause blindness to our self. This blindness can make us feel satisfied even when we are missing a core part of our connection to what we really want to be connected with.

Pleasure that people have or imagine as well as certain patterns of thinking often leads to corruption. It is part of being human to have pleasure or to think we know but that pleasure or knowing should not control the person. Whenever we give power to others making them more or less powerful we fall into a trap.

In order to fix this we must see all as equal. Everything has its place and part to play but that does not make it better or worse. Thus seeing the Creator life force in everything restores us to the oneness that exists. Fixing broken trust can be done by finding and fixing those things within that we can reach and correct. Wishing each person an easy journey to achieve the best he/she can with her/his personal journey.

Today's souls

What type and level of souls inhabit the world at this point in time? In today's world the souls of mankind range in extremes from the highest to the lowest.

To understand what we are talking about, let us look at some of the teachings in Judaism. Jewish tradition describes that some of the souls previously attached to Adam and Eve had departed from them before the time that they brought imbalance into existence. Thus those souls were not a part of what they did.

Those souls do not have to be born into physical bodies to correct anything, as they were not part of the imbalance. Reincarnation is about the process of bringing balance back into existence.

Currently, there are currently many souls on earth whose purpose here is simply to be here as opposed to have a need to fix something specific. Raising the consciousness of mankind requires the presence of a large group of high vibrational souls. Mankind is too corrupt to tip the scales in its favor without powerful assistance. This process began many years ago on a spiritual plane. At some point it will grow sufficiently to impact upon and effectively change the awareness of mankind.

Sadly many of the souls that come into bodies for this purpose are often misunderstood and misdiagnosed. They suffer much pain from what is going on around them and do not relate to the structures that people perpetuate as normalcy within society.

The sages talk about “**yeridos hadoros**” – the degeneration of each continuing generation. This is because in each successive generation smaller bits and pieces of souls return within each person. In ancient times the souls were more complete and brought with them a larger opening of light. As the generations continued, openings were narrower and the soul parts were smaller. Each person today has a combination of bits and pieces of soul. At various points in our life different parts come to the fore, overshadowing the others, which add to our confusion.

Occasionally, a new soul came into a body that created a major shift in the consciousness of mankind. This is the concept of several people who had souls that (could) have been called the Messiah of a particular generation since each raised the consciousness of the world. Messiah in Hebrew means anointed and each generation has such a person (or persons) anointed by the Creator to raise the consciousness of the generation.

There are souls that never came into the physical and likely never will. While the souls of mankind are rooted in Adam and Eve there are souls that are not related to mankind and not part of Adam and Eve, that exist in a myriad of realms.

The souls that had been part of Adam and Eve (before they caused the imbalance) will be restored when all of creation is finally re-balanced. At that point, human relationship with the physical will be different than it is now. The separation

between the spiritual and physical will be removed. The physical will be different, yielding the results of no pain, no problems, no worries, no sickness, etc.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe proclaimed that all that had to be corrected from Adam and Eve was done and the only thing left is to reveal the light of the messiah and then the balance will be restored.

The question that I had was that if all is complete why are there still souls that are reincarnating?

The answer is that we are like the generation of the Israelites in the wilderness. During the forty years those who were slaves in Egypt had to die as they could not enter the land. At the same time new souls were being born who could enter the land.

Today new souls were being born into bodies to welcome the future while the old generation dies. There are many of our generation that are too attached to energies that block out the light of the future and do not let mankind move forward to a higher vibration where balance can automatically exist within all.

We are taught that the greater something is the lower it falls or the higher something is spiritually the lower it comes into the physical. Thus someone who is negative could actually have a higher soul than someone who is positive. A person who is non-functional may have a higher energy than a person who is functional. That may well be the case with many people who are seemingly trapped within bodies that do not seem to have any function at all. We may not realize how much these people contribute to our well-being on a daily basis.

In other words the fact that these souls are here in a generation that seems spiritually lower than previous generations' means that they have a source connection that goes beyond that of the earlier generations.

This generation is one step closer to completing that which the Creator formed. This is what is stated in Psalms (145:4) **“dor ledor yeshabach maasecho”** each generation improves your action.

(Deuteronomy 16:18) **“Judges and guards you shall give for you in all your gates that YHVH that is your structure gives you according to what you can control (to your shevet – tribe) and they shall judge all aspects of the people, righteous judgment.”** Judgment is about restoring balance -- not about being right or wrong.

This brings up a point of how to view Jewish law with clarity and balance. There are many who study law but do not know how to properly balance it with people on all levels of life. As the saying goes “**common sense is not so common.**”

The way Torah law was set by the Rabbis is according to the physical and spiritual condition of the people. When a person applies it from only one space (perspective) imbalance is created. This eventually causes extreme conduct and can easily turn away many people.

Balances were created. For example when the Hebrew calendar was set up, the Rabbis knew there were discrepancies. Yet, for the sake of unified order (that everyone should conduct themselves by one calendar and not fight) they made it law.

There are many opposing opinions about how to live according to Torah. The Rabbis set up law according to one opinion knowing full well that in the future when Moshiach comes the law will be different.

Jewish law was set up in many instances to work in accordance with where the people were in each generation, in each country or specific area. That is why the Torah says to listen to the leaders of each generation; it is the type of leaders who are part of the balance. Sadly many of today's leaders and communities are part of an imbalance.

Halacha is based on the soul aspects of each person and generation as well as the physical life they live. Some groups are more inclined to spiritual while others more inclined to physical.

Now that the types of souls coming into the physical are changing, the authorities of Jewish Law need to become fully aware of how to shift customs and laws, and how and to whom to apply them.

This is a time of complete opposites. Those who are stuck in the past have become more extreme while those open to the future seem to demand less structure. When those who are extreme try to impose their way on others they actually push the possibility of Moshiach further away, as they alienate souls from each other. These souls need to be united with their counterparts, not pushed further away from each other.

Thus it would appear that in every community there are souls that exist that are opposites to each other. There are also (in each community) people who are extreme in their narrowness while there are others being very expansive.

There are rabbis and communities who understand this. Yet the main stream is still far away from accepting these differentials as being part of the normal ebb and flow of things. They do not recognize that each soul and each person is here to complete something that may be the complete opposite of what they are here to do.

People use "**halacha**" to justify many things. One area that is heavily impacted is that of kashruth. People seem to be constantly seeking the newest novelties that can be consumed by the kosher customer. Instead of recognizing that kashruth is a business as well as adherence to law, they use kosher symbols to enable their eating of many things that are unhealthy for them.

Everyone agrees that the Torah directs us to be careful about our health. Yet the eating habits in the religious world are out of control. Although we must take care to insure the kashruth of what we eat, we are also charged with responsibility to ensure that what we eat is healthy for us.

Many of the foods mindlessly ingested by the kosher consumer are full of poisons. When you look at the diseases in the community you see a fundamental lack of knowledge of the nature that God created. Food additives, preservatives, bromated foods, artificial colorings; foods treated with pesticides that are added to diets on a daily basis cause a rash of illnesses that have overrun the religious communities. This consumption is not based in halacha but people use halacha to blind themselves and **absolve** themselves of personal responsibility when it comes to good food choices.

This is translated into how politicians use law against people to further their own agenda. They hide behind law and in the old expression "**olom golem**" the people are like zombies.

We need leaders who understand and see both the physical and spiritual side of life to rise and lead. We must have leadership who see the potential of the future and guide us with love and understanding towards our ultimate goal.

Judicious Judgment

(Deuteronomy 16:20) **“Practice balanced righteousness in order that you continue to exist.”**

Many comparative terms are used that give defining parameters to balance. Among these are; good and bad, positive and negative, yin and yang. Each term has its appropriate place of usage along with its limitations. The basic declaration is that balance does exist throughout all of existence. Each and every thing was created with a corresponding energy to establish its balance.

Thus, the perfect balance that we achieve is a constant state of re-balancing within the ever-changing relationship to (the imbalance of) existence. Seen from this perspective we are in a constant state of simultaneous balance and imbalance.

Our entire world has been ordered to perfection. Everything within the existence is evidence of phenomenal perfection and symmetry. We see a prime example of this when we study atoms and molecules of inorganic matter. Each thing is perfectly nestled and complete within its own space.

Human beings often think that, in some way, things need their attention in order to be complete or perfect. Yet it is precisely this type of thinking that allows people to complicate many things and cause problems. If mankind would only learn to hear and see existing perfection before interfering, we would have less man-made problems to solve.

In order for a human being to attain perfection, he/she needs to feel that he/she is a contributor, “A partner in creation.” Matters exist in the world that people can work to improve upon. Man and woman were blessed with gifts that are capable of balancing things.

Yet, sadly, they often do not respond to the proper stimuli. Instead they often allow ego to blind and deafen them as to the true state of affairs that exists worldwide. They believe that by altering facts they can react at will and become heroes. Instead, their greed and egos often drive them to actions that should not have been taken.

When a person’s daily life is in harmony with his/her true essence, then everything seems to fit in where it should be. When human judgment that ignores or is otherwise oblivious to one’s true essence is applied, a myriad of problems arise. In

such situations people make gross miscalculations about what is or is not proper behavior or action on the parts of others. This leads to exclusionism and the negation of positive energy that should contribute to the well-being of all.

Certainly, there are cases where individual behavior is reprehensible and must be dealt with so that it does not negatively impact on society. Yet there are far too many instances where people have been isolated unjustly to the detriment of many persons who might otherwise benefit from their active participation.

There are often “reminders” to us that alert us to the necessity to improve or fix things. At times we react positively to those reminders and correct those issues. Yet it seems that there are other times when we need further reminders before we take action. Since we are surrounded by a complexity of issues, we tend to take those issues apart and deal with them one at a time.

Fear of what we don’t know is often daunting. That is true to such an extent that fear of the unknown often cripples people and prevents them from taking action. Yet, in most cases we find that when we do move forward, our fears were largely unfounded. Generally, the fear that develops with a person has been initiated by some other source and then simply builds up and becomes part of that person’s makeup.

(Deuteronomy 20:8) **“In a time of war a person who has fear or is weak of heart should go home and not melt the hearts of his fellows like his heart.”**

In clearing the elements, we should first rid ourselves of “dead” or destructive energy. We must remove those elements of negative movement that prevent our progress. At the same time, we must raise our awareness and our guard to keep ourselves from welcoming in additional negative energy.

The way to accomplish this is to start off by confronting our fears and problems logically. Only by doing so can we analyze the issues and start dealing with them at a pace that will allow us to conquer them. No matter the amount of time that it takes, one will be moving in the proper direction. The positive energy that results from doing that will serve to propel the person to completion and success.

Society has turned a deaf ear and blind eye to proper research of the elements that poison them. This is one of the results of expert marketing of many services and

products that are offered up for human consumption. The fact that people are oblivious to, or convinced by advertisements to ignore, the demons that exist in our environment causes a breakdown in our otherwise existent protective system.

We have allowed greed driven corporations and leaders to convince us that what they present to us is always a grand improvement on what we had beforehand. They assuage our worries and tell us that anything that they create comes with a guarantee of refund or correction of any problems that might develop therein. We are assured that within our free society we always have the option of legal representation to recoup any losses.

Why is it that our common sense does not tell us to pre-empt these problems before they have a chance to develop? Do we not know that there are far too many situations that have no true recompense for the type of trouble that can be suffered?

Yet we allow others to manipulate our desires and thinking instead of introspectively coming to conclusions that would protect us from harm. We allow companies to convince us that they will improve on nature when it comes to our nutrition. We do not rise up in protest when they poison our air, our water and our living environments because we are paying them and insuring tremendous profits for them to corrupt our space.

We live in a time when we are at war for our very lives. We need to increase our awareness through personal research, and not just accept everything because someone else told us that it is true. This is the space where critical judgment must be applied with wisdom to ensure balance.

Yet people's systems have already been contaminated and as such are weakened. This makes it more difficult to generate the energy that is necessary to put us on the road to improvement and survival. We have become compromised in this manner. The good news is that it is not too late to take the steps necessary to get back on track.

Take responsibility as necessary to remove the toxins that you can from your personal environment and/or diet. Every improvement made will help to propel you along your way. Those improvements will impact on you and those around you. Positive energy and movement that you generate will transmit to others.

Hopefully that will help them to take the cue to move in kind. Slowly and surely, we will motivate each other to do the things that we can to re-balance the natural protections of this existence.

We create and give energy to the people and things that we worship. A true connection does not require our enhancement or pronunciation to insure its greatness. In fact, a true power does not require anything from us in order to accomplish. Instead we must seek to yield to its direction in all things. Being attuned and connected to true and all-encompassing power humbles us.

We may claim to seek glory from the connection. Yet we must remember that as individuals, each one of us is but a “blip” in that scope. We are not the ones to seek special powers. The direction of power will go where it must. It is not given to us to utilize for glory or personal gain. We are simply granted personal gifts to use for the betterment of mankind. No one gift is more important than another. They all exist with the potential to result in harmonious flow within the creation.

The pillars that we created based in falsehood, that we believe will support us, **will** eventually crumble. Yet as it has not yet happened we do not comprehend it as we are unable to envision its occurrence. Therefore, most of us will not understand the truth until the destruction occurs.

(Deuteronomy 16:22) **“Do not set up for yourselves an edifice (pillar, post, monument, or image) that God your lord hates.”** Another way to translate the verse is: **“The negative establishes for you a situation (condition, position) that (causes you to have) disdain for (or a situation that is hateful to) YHVH whom you chose as Master.”**

Life is full of connections and bridges. They do not last forever. The general lifespan of a physical bridge is fifty years. From that point on it deteriorates at a more rapid pace. The same is true in regards to our energy and life force. We do not mark the deterioration that occurs during the course of our lives. Repairs help but ultimately new bridges need to be built.

Instead of simply marking time in one space as we rob the planet of its riches, let's take action to preserve and put back while we are on our journey. Use your judgments judiciously. Do not waste them on things that will cause walls that block

our progress. Open yourself, and your nearest peer group, up to the positive impact that can be made with regards to the burgeoning plagues on our society. Wake up before it becomes too late to change anything, and we are simply remembered as the generation that could have made a big difference.

Refined righteousness

By exercising proper judgment, one increases his/her ability to maintain balance in life. However, far too often we use improper judgment with regard to how we view others as well as ourselves.

Gossip fuels the social network of society. Yet the gossip that people create often comes back to “haunt” or plague them. This can be as simple as the fact that their own suspicions and gossip about others becomes embedded in the gossip and eats away at the inner and outer fabric of his/her being. Or as complex as that which a person sees wrong in another may visit itself upon themselves or offspring as if often reflects an issue that the person has within him/herself.

(Deuteronomy 16:20) “Righteousness shall you pursue, so that you will live and possess the land that God your God gives you.”

The Hebrew word for righteous is “Tzedek.” “Tzad” means side and “dak” means “fine.” We need to seek the fine side of matter as that is how we will always be able to define the deeper elements within creation. This will lead us to the proper stance so that we will come to “inherit the earth” and be sensitive in knowing how to care for and maintain its existence.

Thus, the Hebrew of the verse may also read as follows: “Side of fineness (there are many layers of fineness) you shall go after in order that you live and you will inherit the flow of oneness that the transcendent and fully present being who is your God gives you.”

There is a layer within each thing that is beyond our comprehension. Upon reflection, no matter how much we think we know there are always levels and questions that we are unable to answer. By continually searching deeper we come to accept that in fact each element is connected with an infinite source.

(Deuteronomy 17:10) “And you shall do according to the matter that they will tell you from the place that is chosen by the transcendent and ever present being, and you shall guard to do all that they guide you.”

Many people interpret the words of this verse to justify the idea that one must listen to whatever “the leaders” say. As only their interpretations represent God’s words. These people pay little or no attention to the words in the middle of the verse that specify “from the place that is chosen by the transcendent and ever present being.” Since it does not define specifics, they take the liberty of assuming that whomever they want to believe is chosen by God, is the proper choice.

The “place” refers to a physical place like the Temple in Jerusalem. It can also refer to a human who has become a place through which guidance from the Creator flows which often does not include leaders who are corrupt or think they are Holy. Leaders chosen by people are as corrupt or more corrupt than the people who chose them.

Conducting oneself righteously is a path that allows for the connection to the source of life that exists fully within each moment. A person who seeks the balance in each moment is called (in Hebrew) a “Tzaddik.” One might simply follow the path of establishing balance within this existence or choose to balance by connection with the source of this existence. Individuals have an ability to connect on a variety of levels or balances in their connection. Some individuals seem to connect on many levels and some only on one.

All the various paths to connection are pursuits of righteousness. Thus, there are many ways to be righteous in this existence. No one direction makes any one person better than another. It is not our job to decide for others what direction should be another person’s path to righteousness.

We may share experiences and simultaneously allow each person to determine his/her own direction thereafter. Our judgment of other persons who are different from us will serve no other purpose than to add imbalance to the creation and is therefore destructive.

Each generation has its leaders and to we are supposed to listen to them. In this generation it is extremely difficult to identify leaders who are pure in

their guidance of others. Each person is subject to human failure and imbalances that are constantly fueled by the communities that surround them. Even in places that represent our finest choices, there are none who are so reliable that one can allow oneself to constantly lean on one person.

Instead, one must find the answer within and utilize that inner strength for guidance and assistance. Meanwhile we establish an inner core of righteousness that guides a person with a personal address directly connected to one's heart and soul. We then find within our self the place that Creator and source of life has chosen.

When we open ourselves in purity and love, the personalized connection awaits. This connection will carry each of us beyond our lesser selves to the place that will grant serenity and balance to ourselves and the world around us.

Distraction

(Deuteronomy 16:19) "Do not take a bribe." In Hebrew the last letters of the word "bribe", shochad are chad. In Aramaic the word chad means one, it also means a sharp point, which is significant of the fact that the person accepting the bribe becomes pierced.

Additionally, the last letters of the words "Lo sikach shochad - do not take a bribe" make up echod –one. Part of the energy of the person doing the bribery as well as the act of the bribery creates oneness that separates those involved from the Creator. The words "do not" can be translated as negative. Thus taking bribery creates negative oneness.

Each person has natural tendencies and ways of perception. Coming to any situation and listening before bringing in your own perspective is not easy for most people. To accept a situation without need for it to be one way or another takes humility or a clear mind.

Major crisis discussions often end up concealing the truth behind a wall of silence. While the issue under discussion may be pertinent, other issues of deeper or similar significance may remain elusive. Accepting a bribe creates a diversion that causes your focus and energy to become altered.

Anything that causes this kind of unsolicited distraction should signal a person of the necessity to clear something within him/herself.

The end result of bribery, etc, is a type of death. People often see killing and death in a very limited way. When you pick a fruit or vegetable, you cut it off from its life source, which is a form of killing. While denying a person food can lead to starvation and physical death, there are other ways to kill a person.

Separating a person from his/her designated spiritual path can detach them from the ability to truly fulfill their destiny. Emotional and mental cruelty can also cause a person to erect blocking walls in an effort to protect him/herself. That type of abuse can also cause a person to simply detach from every day existence.

Many of today's judges and leaders are often themselves guilty of crime that is similar to the ones that they punish or judge others for. Dependency upon others enables those people to have the option of taking control of all dispensed information.

In the midst of this confusion a person has to be determined and strong in order not to be influenced by corrupted reins of power. Becoming influenced by them can cause an internal and/or an external war within one's own circles.

Each moment is an opening for that moment and a gateway for the next moment. Each gateway has its own challenge. Often all that needs transformation is the persons' perspective. A person should be on guard and balance him/herself as often as possible as is written, (Deuteronomy 16:18) "Judges and guards you shall put on all your gates."

Anything chosen by the Creator can function as a gateway of connection. Each person has his/her own unique path and connection. Recognizing the connections and distinctions in everything keeps you focused in the right direction.

Everything within a person was created to be exactly the way it is. All of the attributes and potential of a person were placed there by the Creator before

he/she came into this existence. One person will be the ultimate one who unites all and makes everything complete.

It does not matter if we know or recognize that person or not. When this event occurs everyone will know. At that time the so-designated person will be recognized as the messiah (anointed one) for that job. Meanwhile each person is responsible to do the work necessary to complete his/her part in this world.

(Deuteronomy 16:20) “Tzedek Tzedek tirdof – righteousness, righteousness you shall run after.” Running after righteousness is a way of following the Creator's directive to maintain the connection. Attempting righteousness without acknowledging this bond to the Creator invalidates its worth and simply fertilizes one's ego. Self – proclaimed righteousness that is devoid of that partnership will encourage the person to imagine him/herself as a god-like creature with enhanced powers of protection.

History has proven endlessly that only the righteousness practiced in the humility of the connection to the Creator leads to truth. The followers of any other system that purports itself to elevate people to the status of the gods, will fall in the way of those of similar beliefs who have failed before them.

Being righteous is not an end result but part a journey. This constant journey necessitates that you be righteous in your pursuance of your personal rightful destiny. Transformation is an important technique to learn as part of this journey. Just as love can turn into anger so too we can turn anger into love, distance into closeness and fear into confidence.

Love or fear has both balance and imbalance. Knowing how and when to use it is the key. Love is a wonderful healer and connector but it also is not everything. There are other balances in creation.

Many things occur step by step over a protracted time period of time. Most people are only capable of digesting little particles as they happen. Often this precludes their ability to understand or see the long range effects of things while they are happening. The saying “A wise man has eyes in his

head,” cautions us to understand that we must use wisdom when interpreting the affect of present actions upon the future.

By sharing our blessings and gifts we become less obsessed with ourselves and less likely to place emphasis on accumulating things for ourselves. We become part of everything, as they are part of us. With this in mind society is ready to become a place of true oneness.

Looking after oneself

(Deuteronomy Chapters 16-21) A person must keep the body in check. This includes thoughts, speech, vision, and sense of hearing, sense of smell, feelings/emotions and actions. The body is the tool through which a person, together with the Creator, manifests his/her soul energy and purpose.

The primary responsibility of a person is to oneself in association with one's responsibility to mankind. To turn a blind eye to taking care of oneself has consequences that can affect the circumstances of the journey.

This responsibility is given to us by the Creator (16:18) for us to use in all aspects of life. To judge clearly, the judge needs to be connected with the oneness of humanity and creation. When a judge has connections with special interests the result will be a conflict of interest that causes a blockage of the heart and thereby prevents clear judgment.

An open heart is a gift. The ability of individuals to be open and sensitive allows them to appreciate and utilize the unique gifts that have been given to each one of us. The optimization of our gifts does distinguish us from each other. However, taking good care of oneself and being open allows us the opportunity to share our special gifts and work together with all of humanity.

Often our society fails to understand this aspect of individuality. It expects all people to fulfill a similar purpose. This attitude has had a devastating effect on our education system, which persists in making similar demands

of all children. When we try to educate all children in the same way, we hurt them, and deny society of their potential.

For far too long a time the vast majority of the human population has been devoid of proper respect for nature. Instead it has persisted in the notion that it is o.k. to rampage and destroy natural resources by use of chemical compounds or without adequately planning for replacement and re-growth of resources, etc.

If society reverted to open sensitivity with nature, a lot could be accomplished that would change the world in an instant. There are individuals who are working on these issues, but the masses are not generally involved. We can only watch to see how much the work of a few will benefit the world.

It is important for people to accept that no person is totally pure. Each person has impurities that enable the person to live on this planet. Accepting this serves a dual purpose. It may prevent people from making other persons into an idol. It allows people to understand that everyone is human, and subject to making mistakes and having some failures. Knowing this enables people to continue to strive for their potential and goals.

As an example, I was born with a sense of wanting everything to be perfect. My fastidiousness in doing things caused me to be frustrated when other persons that I came into contact with did not do the same. It is only when I allowed myself to accept things as they are that I was able to find a balance to co-exist better with all kinds of people.

(16:22) "Do not set yourself up (your mind or heart) in an unchanging situation (doing the same things every day without taking an accounting of yourself) because it is despised by the Creator." Each moment is a new creation. In order to be in touch with the Creator a person must be in touch with the moment. This can occur by listening, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting or sensing. Do not limit yourselves as to which way you will connect within any specific moment.

The course of life holds many types of occurrences and situations. When we are faced with challenges we must recognize our ability to rise beyond the limited structure of what is happening. Everything has a mystical part to it. The same is true of all persons. Having the ability to recognize the mysticism or mystical aspect in each issue will enable each one of us to handle our challenges with a more balanced approach. This will result in more effective accomplishments in all areas of life.

It may be amazing for some people but even in our personal “dark” moments we do not have to cry out for salvation from the human experience. Allowing ourselves to be cognizant of what is beyond could lessen or prevent us totally from being engulfed in the pain of the present. Knowing that this is possible allows us to understand that this may be an issue of choice. (There are other aspects here as well i.e. what the Creator wants.)

There is an issue of personal choice in this realm. Yet in a broader space it is part of a balance of positive and negative in this creation. There are energies that can only enter this world through a negative door before having the ability to be transformed or used to move something in a different direction.

Many people ask for burdens to be removed. There are some individuals who are ready to give up their lives for that reason alone, or for what is for them a just cause. These requests show us that the action remains within this realm and does not truly open a portal for humanity to move into another dimension.

Asking shows a depth of pain and understanding. Acceptance or personal sacrifice is a choice. While the chosen course of action may bring peace for some individuals, it will not be the end-all solution, only momentary reprieve. It might allow an individual to walk through a portal, but does not take the rest of creation through it.

Eventually a portal will suddenly open for all mankind. Meanwhile creation is shifting and moving toward such a possibility. With love we can support others so that they can live with their Divine Selves. In order for this we

need to be, not to be doing. There is so much innate wisdom in every aspect of creation including our bodies that the main thing we really need to do is listen.

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