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The Source Of The Energy Of Bestowal

Every person in this world is governed from within by two forces: egoism and altruism. The egoistic force pulls everything inside a person, making him the center of the universe, while the altruistic force enables him to give to the outside, to other people.

However, even though this force is called altruistic, it's clear that with the boundaries of this world, it, too, can only act egoistically. Thus, even if I give to another person, it is not a selfless act; I still expect to receive something in return. I don't have any possibility of giving without compensation being the motivation or "fuel" for my act.

This is how man is built: he's a machine that can only work on egoistic fuel, the benefit he expects to receive. I cannot work as an eternal engine, *Perpetuum Mobile*, without receiving any energy and satisfaction from outside. I have to receive energy from outside because I'm not the sun that shines with its own light.

Only the Creator possesses the true quality of bestowal since this is His nature. In order for creation to be able to bestow selflessly, it has to receive fuel from the Creator in the form of the sensation of the Creator's greatness. This is the only opportunity to attain bestowal —to use the Creator as the source of the driving energy.

This constitutes the whole problem of the communists, socialists, kibbutzniks, and altruists of all kinds who desire to correct the world: They don't understand that man does not have the energy to bestow. He does not have the fuel to implement this idea. Not one person will object to the fact that life will be better if everyone becomes altruists. But the problem is, no one knows how to make this happen; no one besides Kabbalists, that is, because they have access to the Source of energy!