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Before The Final Revelation

The nation of Israel originated in Babylon, where Abraham revealed nature's Upper Force and then started to disseminate this knowledge about the Creator, the goal of creation, and the purpose of man and society. It was all done to enable us to ascend above our world, rather than be like all the animals that merely live and die, over and over again.

Abraham discovered how to ascend above this world and the life cycles of the mortal animate body. He attained the Upper, spiritual dimension, which is above this entire animate life. Abraham then began to disseminate this knowledge to all the inhabitants of Babylon, gathering thousands of people around himself. The group that he gathered came to be called "the house of Abraham."

This group went through a lengthy path and grew until it came to be called "the nation of Israel." This is not a regular nation like the other nations of the world that unite in a natural manner. "The nation of Israel" can be joined by every person who aspires to unity in order to reveal the Creator—the force of bestowal and love.

Therefore, this group (or nation) can be in one of two states: exile, which is when they want to unite, but they haven't yet attained it; and redemption, which is when they attain unity. They then attain the state of being as one man with one heart through a mutual guarantee (*Arvut*). Thus, they reveal the Creator within themselves (in Hebrew the Creator is called *Boreh*, which comes from the words *Bo*—come and *Reh*—reveal). They proceed to ascend up the ladder, reaching greater and greater unity and attaining greater bestowal until reaching the Final Correction of the ego, transforming it to love for the neighbor. This is the state of adhesion, *Dvekut*.

Eventually, all of humanity will have to join this group and join the Creator together with them. Today we have already gone through four exiles and three redemptions. We are now standing before the final redemption, meaning the final, full revelation of the Creator to every single person in the world.

Tune In To The Spiritual Net

Question: I have already participated in virtual Kabbalah Congresses and felt the unity. Why should I leave the comfort of my home and my living room couch, and why should I make efforts to personally attend the Convention that will be held in New York at the beginning of May?

Dr. Laitman's Answer: It's impossible to unite with others without "getting up from the couch." We don't live in the virtual world, but the material world. Therefore, a person who attends our physical meetings understands how necessary it is in order to advance. A person who has never left his computer screen is unable to imagine what it means to unite with other people.

There is a rule in the science of Kabbalah: a spiritual root has to touch its material branch. Therefore, we have to implement the connection among us, both in the virtual form and the material form. This is required by our world. Therefore, if a person never attends one of the Congresses, he is not really participating. It only seems to him that he is together with everyone while he is sitting by his computer screen, but in reality, this is a delusion.

Once a week we hold a virtual assembly of friends, and once every half a year we hold a "live" assembly where we meet together with people at one of the continents. People definitely have to participate in these Conventions.

A person cannot advance without participating in a Congress and without receiving an impression (*Reshimo*) from it. The Convention is the place where his unity with others transpires, and this connection remains. It's as if he plugs into the electrical outlet and stays plugged in.

We did not make this up ourselves. Our great teachers practiced this for centuries, and if we want to attain the same thing they did, we have to follow their example.