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Unity for All

Question from Moscow: What does it mean to desire to unite? And what does unity feel like?

Dr. Laitman's Answer: Apparently these questions are coming from our Moscow group in anticipation of the upcoming convention in Moscow. What does it mean to unite? Why? Why are we holding this convention? The question is correct.

Why should we unite? To be frank, this is impossible to explain. If a person has a *Reshimo* (informational gene) that remained in him from the unity he once experienced while being in the common desire, where he once revealed the Creator and then lost this sensation, and now this *Reshimo* is awakening again, then he desires to return to this state. "I want it!"

For example, some people like eating frogs. Well, what can you do.... I don't have this desire, but to them it is a heavenly delight. That is exactly how the desire for spirituality emerges. It awakens—and that's all. What can you do?... One person starts feeling a desire for frogs, and another—for spirituality. This desire awakens **from the inside** and it does not depend on us.

Why would someone start feeling a desire to eat frogs? It's because he once tasted it and felt a pleasant taste, got used it, received the corresponding upbringing—and now he desires this.

But another person was in spirituality at some point and a *Reshimo* has remained in him, and now it awakens. That is why it is impossible to explain what unity feels like to people who don't have a *Reshimo* from the spiritual state. But it is possible to show them that it's worth it to unite with one another because that way we will come out of the general crisis, and therefore, it's worth it for them to join those who are setting out to correct the world's current state. After all, they will also benefit from this.

This is what we have to tell people. They don't understand what spirituality means, or the Creator, adhesion, unity, the feeling of perfection, eternity, harmony with nature, the upper spheres.... This is meaningless to them so they will tell you, "Leave me alone! Just give me something in this life—peace, safety, good health. I don't need anything else!" Every person speaks based on his desire.

When you are speaking to that kind of person, you have to show him that he also won't be able to fulfill his desire unless he goes together with everyone toward unification because this is what the global,

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integral nature demands. We have evidence to rely on and ways to explain this to him. Therefore, you tell him that the world requires unity because this is what nature demands. You have to speak to a person on his level instead of telling him about the Creator and spirituality. Due to having no other way, he will also join in. But every person has to be addressed according to his or her desire.

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It's Better to Be Diligent than Smart

Question: Why does the greatest advancement happen precisely while reading *The Book of Zohar*, without understanding anything, just by keeping intention?

Dr. Laitman's Answer: The study of Kabbalah does not require any special mental abilities because it is not learned with the mind. On the contrary, people who consider themselves smart, who are good at studying, who grasp things quickly and have a keen mind, usually do not advance very well in Kabbalah. That's because the mind and the sensation of their mental abilities stops them, carrying them away to the path of the rational study of this science instead of attaining it by being loyal to the group. This is a problem.

I would say that it's precisely the regular, "average" people who are more successful in spiritual advancement. The brilliant smart-alecs who come to study the science of Kabbalah usually stumble right away. I see that its as if they jump head-first into the deep sea, and "resurface" from there many years later, once the water washes off all of their pride, feeling of superiority, and power.

Let us hope that we belong to those who are successful in attainment rather than those who have a brilliant mind.

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