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## A "Trap" for the Light

**Question:** We spend our entire lives chasing the "carrot," but we never manage to grab hold of it. So what's the difference between chasing the "carrot" and our efforts to reveal the Creator?

**Dr. Laitman's Answer:** If a person chases anything, "carrot" or Creator, driven by his egoistic, receiving desires, then he won't receive either. According to the law of creation, nothing can enter the will to receive except "Kista de Hayuta" – a tiny, short-lived portion of Light, which gives us the sensation of a small, short life.

If a person desires to feel a bigger life, this is possible in a different desire. For example, I catch a fish with a fishing rod, a butterfly or bird with a net, and an animal with a trap. There is a different tool for catching each kind of animal.

Likewise, our will to enjoy is unable to feel anything more than this small, short-lived life. Something greater can only be felt in a different "trap," which we have to build. We can only feel it in the desire to bestow.

The complaint you expressed in your question is correct. In my natural desire, I don't have the possibility of being happy. In order to be happy, I have to replace my desire "to receive" with the desire "to bestow." After all, the most important thing isn't the desire, but the fulfillment.

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## The Spiritual Reference Point

**Question**: If we are advancing in the darkness, then how can we orient ourselves in order to go through all the phases of spiritual work and reach the understanding that we have exhausted all our efforts so we can then ask the Creator to help us?

**Dr. Laitman's Answer:** We do not see the Creator and cannot play with Him the way a child plays with an adult. Instead of showing Himself to us, the Creator made a playing field for us: the group of friends. For this reason, He deliberately broke the soul he created into parts. This wasn't done so we would relate to each separate part, but so we would relate to the unity of the parts as to Him. In this way, we make the *Kli* similar to the Light and go from love for the creatures to love for the Creator.

Therefore, in relation to the group (but not to separate friends), I have to separate myself from all the material calculations and see "myself, the group and the Creator as one whole." I should check my state

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and attitude to the Creator by my attitude and state in the group. I don't see the Creator, but I do see the friends! By concealing Himself, the Creator gives me the opportunity to build myself and become independent and equal to Him.

I desire to hit the target that hides behind the horizon, and this is possible if I have a visible reference point. If I correctly aim at it, then I will definitely hit the unseen target. This reference point for attaining the goal, the Creator, is the group which the Creator artificially created for us (and out of us) by giving us the illusion that we hate each other.

To the degree we unite, we "hit" Him more and more precisely. If we unite precisely in order to find Him, then this is the right kind of work.

From the 1st part of the <u>Daily Kabbalah Lesson 9/15/10</u>, "What is the Advantage that There is in Work Which is More than the Reward"