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A Strong Connection Is Like a Shared Child

The connection between one person and another always contains a third component—the degree of their connection which is common to both of them. A connection can emerge only on the condition that there are two different things which vary by qualities or states. But if they are different, how can they unite?

On the other hand, if we are not different, then what kind of connection can we possibly talk about? The very word "connection" already implies that there is some opposition or difference between us. The connection is the third component, which includes something from the first and the second, and creates a bridge between them.

This third, intermediate link is formed by the inclusion of two opposite parts into one another so the second is present in the first, and the first—in the second. Then a third body emerges between them, which is similar to both.

This is apparent from the structure of <u>Bina</u>, which includes GAR and ZAT, and several additional, different parts inside which create "*Tzelem*"—the image of the upper one for the lower ones. This is not simple because an entire system gets created so the upper one could come to the lower one and build a certain degree of connection with him.

And the upper one must have a place that is suitable for raising the lower one, called a "womb" (*Rechem*). This place is intended specifically for the lower one, but on the other hand, it belongs to the body of the upper one.

All of the systems belonging to the connection between the upper one and the lower one by the rules of the second restriction (*Tzimtzum Bet*), according to which we live, have a very complex structure. They include special *Partzufim* called "hair" (*Searot*) and "garments" (*Levushim*). The inner *Partzuf* dresses into the outer one in order to connect with the lower *Partzuf*.

This is a very complex system, which is why in our world we do not know how to build the right connection between us. We cannot unite until we reveal every person's inner desire and become included in one anther. This is <u>mutual guarantee</u>. And until we get there, we won't know how to exist in one common system.

We have to understand one another and connect to such an extent that I will feel and accept the desires of everyone else as my own, and they will all accept my desires. Only then will we be able to connect.

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If I am connected with everyone and they are all connected with me, then we connect through parts that became common to us. But we cannot connect through the parts in which we don't have something in common. There, every person remains on his own. That is why every person retains his own qualities and desires, which even include all of their egoistic forms. He becomes included in others and acts only within the part where he is able to create a connection with another person. These are the laws of connection.

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All of Human Development Is the Development of Connections

A person cannot exist separately from society. We are deliberately built in a way that obligates us to live among other people. This follows from the <u>breaking</u> of the common soul into many particular souls.

In order to reveal the <u>Creator</u>, we have to reveal the broken connection between us and correct it. Then, by attaining His actions, we will attain His perfection. This is why we are built so not one of us is able to live in total isolation. Otherwise he would slide down to the level of an animal. If a person has developed to the human level, then he has to live like a person, meaning use everyone else and also contribute his part to everyone.

The development of humanity should be viewed as the development of connections between us and of our dependence on one another. First only families existed. Then large familial communities began to develop, followed by tribes, then villages, cities, and nations. A few hundred years ago, active international trade began between many countries.

This is exactly why developed nations traveled to conquer other countries and to discover new lands, feeling that they lack connections. The egoistic desire always pushes us toward interconnection and exchange.

That is how we developed the <u>economy</u>, which is a reflection of our inner aspiration to be connected with one another. This is why the entire economy is built upon our egoism, on the will to enjoy that feels that it must win and profit at the expense of everyone else: I give to you, you give to me, and so on. One person was a farmer, another – a craftsman, and by uniting, everyone gained great profit.

It's clear that it is impossible to stop the evolutionary development and to produce everything by yourself, maintaining a natural household, the way people once did in ancient times. That is how we built all the forms of connections between us. They all agree with our egoistic character, which developed over many millennia and generations until in our time, we suddenly revealed that this connection is no longer as simple as we thought when we looked at things from our ego! Today a different connection is being revealed – one that's mutual and universal. That is how it is being revealed from nature's end.

We built the connection in whatever way we wanted to, the way it seemed best for us for establishing profitable connections with one another. We built it by our free desire, following the demands of our egoism. This is what gave rise to politics, society, economy, family, education, and all of the vital systems.

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But suddenly, some kind of new connection is being revealed, which is different and contradicts everything I have done until now! That is why a problem emerges and a crisis is breaking out.

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