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The Goal Is Not Half Of The Way

Question: What is it that really unites us? Is it faith in the "One Who is Good and Does Good," this ideal by itself?

Dr. Laitman's Answer: We are united by the Light. None of our ideals and nothing we created will work. Only if we ask the Light to unite us, will It do it. It's one simple action—yes or no. Only the Light does it!

We are only able to reach the right request, and even that is difficult. This is our only opportunity: to discern our state, to understand what is good and what is bad, to correctly prepare for the next level (a state of greater bestowal where we are more connected together), and to ask the Light to bring us the force of bestowal.

However, when we aspire to unite with one another, we mustn't see our unity as the goal, but as a means in order to bestow to the Creator. Don't forget about the Host! At the end of the day, if you always think about your correction and your uncorrected qualities, if you are immersed in this all day long, thinking: "I have to unite with my friends! Why aren't we united?! Am I uncorrected or are they?", then what are you doing this for? You forget about the goal and think only about half of the work! You scream and fuss about, but you are worrying only about the means. But what is it that you want?

We forget that through our unity we must attain bestowal to the Host. There is the Creator and we have to reach the state of bestowal to Him by performing actions so He will enjoy us. This is why we unite.

The end of the action lies in the initial thought. You must always open your path from its final point. That is how everything is planned. Figure out exactly what you want to receive at the end. Then start writing down what phases have to precede it and what you need, such as forces, money, knowledge, and equipment. However, we are screaming at the middle of the path as if it were everything.

This is very important because otherwise we won't attain even half of the path. Why? It's because we receive the Light from the final point, from the Creator. That is why I cannot put half of the path as a goal right now. I can only take a small measure of the work as the goal: I want to attain 10 grams of unity among us in order to give the Creator 10 grams of pleasure. Great! Then you have a full action: *Rosh* (the beginning), *Toch* (the middle), and *Sof* (the end). This works.

But if you say: "I want to put forth all my energy in order to unite with the group!", then you won't receive anything because this is just one half. That is why Baal HaSulam explains in his article that Israel (those who aspire to the Creator), the Torah (Light), and the Creator have to be present in every state.

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Otherwise, you veer off the path and don't move towards the goal. Therefore, the end of the action has to be present in the initial thought.

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The Light Brings Us Luck

Question: How can a person check if he is going by the path of the Light or the path of suffering? Is there some indicator?

Dr. Laitman's Answer: You are advancing by the path of the Light if you are always choosing a better environment, meaning one that is more goal-oriented.

In this world I am surrounded by society, various groups, friends, and pleasures, and I have to choose: Which path will I take? At the end of the path there is a goal—the Creator, and whether I want it or not. I have to understand that this is nature which will win no matter what.

If I understand this, if I have “a part of divinity from Above” that is similar to the Creator, then instead of other social circles and pleasures, I must always choose the society that is connected to the spiritual goal.

It will enable me to reveal a desire for the Creator, which will be expressed in my connection with the environment. Then it will become the place where I reveal the Creator.

However, everything depends on what I want to reach at the end of the path. There are people who do not see the goal at the end of the path and therefore wander around life as if carried by the wind.

You have to check yourself to the degree of your understanding: What do you call the Creator, the right environment, and the goal? And you have to stay in the place where you think there is truth. If you have a spiritual spark, a point in the heart, then you will find the right environment for it and will not be able to calm down in any other place.

If you don't have a point in the heart, then you will join this society thinking that you can receive something there, and later on you will leave. In this regard everything depends on luck rather than reason. Luck (*Mazal*) is Light which seeps (*Nozel*) from Above and pours into the point in the heart. If it comes, then you will advance.

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