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## Where Can You "Buy" Aspiration?

When reading *The Zohar* we have to focus on the connection between the souls because that is exactly where the breaking occurred. We have to imagine the corrected state in which we attain unity among the souls.

The souls are the aspirations to reveal the Creator. Every person who has this aspiration has to desire to increase it by connecting with others. Then he receives the same aspiration from them, and that way he grows.

It is known that with the help of hatred, passion, and the lust for power, we can be impressed by the friends' aspiration to unite with the Creator, to reveal Him. This is exactly what we want to "buy" from them.

Therefore, during the study each of us desires to attach to himself the group's entire aspiration to reveal the Creator. This is possible only in the unity between us. After all, I cannot steal a friend's aspiration. But if I connect with him, then each of us already has the common force. And then, once we combine enough forces, each of us can attain the revelation of the Creator.

However, a connection between us cannot emerge only because I want to unite with my friend's aspiration. I do not have the strength to connect with him. I need the Light to perform this action. We are in a broken state where there is no connection among us. I want this connection to emerge, and then with the common force, I attain revelation. This is what we have to think about while reading *The Book of Zohar*. Everything we study in *The Zohar* are just corrected forms of connection among us.

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## **Name Your Price**

**Question:** How can I measure how important the goal is to me?

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**Dr. Laitman's Answer:** The goal is as important to the same degree that you value the environment as the means to attain it.

For example, suppose I want to be healthy and to achieve that I have to take medicine. How much am I willing to pay for it? Exactly as much as my desire to be healthy will allow. No matter what I pay for, the price is determined by the degree of the importance.

Question: Money is a precise yardstick. But how can I know how much I am paying on the spiritual path?

**Answer:** You can measure this in relation to the environment. To the extent it is more important to you than yourself, that is how much more important the spiritual goal is for you than the material goal. To what degree are you included in the group, how much are you willing to invest in it, how much higher than you are the friends, how much do you value them in order to invest time and energy to acquire them? This is what is written, "Buy yourself a friend."

This is the yardstick: The aspiration to put everything you have into the group, which is like a treasured purchase. For example, you want to buy some stocks at the market or an auction piece at Sotheby's. How much are you willing to pay? That is how we make the measurement, except that our competition is held between egoism and the spiritual goal. Give it a try sometime.

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