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Spirituality Is Right Here

We yearn and desire to reveal everything inside our matter, inside our desire. But the surest place to reveal the breaking is in our attitude to our neighbors. If you want to find out what you have to correct and where to get the Surrounding Light, then start checking your relationships with the neighbor. You will soon see that this repels you and that you want to avoid this in every way possible; you constantly forget about it and don't want to know about it. That is how you can immediately discover the place where the Light has to shine and make a correction.

Spirituality is right here; it is right next to you! The place of the breaking is right here. This is so simple—the breaking is right in front of you and you can see and reveal it right now. But to correct it you have to imagine and envision it correctly, and understand what the corrected you has to be like. Try treating others with the same love that you treat yourself, no matter how repulsive, unwanted and inappropriate this seems to you. Then you will know how much you are repelled by spirituality, the Creator.

Nevertheless, we begin to change under the influence of the Surrounding Light and start to see everything differently. We start to understand that in reality there is greatness, unity and holiness concealed here. However, this change is impossible without the Surrounding Light.

Words Represent Spiritual Actions

Question from a Student: If charts are a language, and letters are charts, then what is the significance of vowel points (*Nekudot*)? What is their role in perception?

Dr. Laitman's Answer: Vowel points are much more than additions to the letters. The most important thing for us are the vessels of perception (*Kelim*, the letters) since we talk about the perception of Light. *Nekudot* (the points beneath the letters) and *Tagin* (the crowns above the letters) create a flow that is necessary for us to understand the connections between the letters.

We cannot pronounce words without vowels. We have to add vowels (represented by vowel points, *Tagin* and *Nekudot*) between the consonants, since they enable us to flow from one *Kli* to another—from one letter to the next.

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It is impossible to get along without the whole *TANTA* (*Taamim*, *Nekudot*, *Tagin*, and *Otiyot*). One *TANTA* follows another, and then is followed by a third one, and so on; their flow creates a word. By themselves, however, the letters are not words and we cannot define them as states.

You cannot define a state unless you connect it with a cause and effect, with a sequence of other states. This is called a "word." You have to know where this state comes from and who determines it; where is the Creator in this situation, what does He want from you, how are you acting, what are you doing, and at the end of the word—how will you come out of this state.

Therefore, a word is a specific action, and it contains everything. It includes qualities, and therefore it cannot consist of just one letter, but must have at least two.