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Writings  
Class #11  
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World peace-4  
Topics of Class #3

1. The (Cosmic) law of gradual development
2. Governance of Heaven (GoH) & Governance of the Earth (GoE).
3. Governance of Heaven (GoH) forces the Tikkun. It is a slow and painful process.
4. Governance of the Earth (GoE) allows free choice to accelerate the process of development.
5. GoE frees us from the limitation of time
6. GoH – “in its time”; GoE – “I shall hasten it”
7. Pain and suffering is a propelling force
8. Unfortunately, we move to the next level only when chaos is too much to bare in the present level

**Chapter 4**

**Absolute Good and Evil**

But before we start contemplating the correction of that which is bad or evil in the human species, we have to first establish the value of these abstract terms, "good and bad."

That is, what is our standard against which we evaluate the quality and the deed, when we determine whether it is a good quality or deed, or whether, on the contrary, it is the opposite, a bad or evil quality and deed.



In order to understand this, we need to know well the relative value between the particular and the general, that is, between an individual and his community, in which the individual lives and out of which he is nourished, materially as well as spiritually.

And from the actual reality we learn, that the individual has no ability of existence, had he been isolated to himself without a sufficient community, who would serve him and help him to fulfill his needs.

**Humans were created to live a life of society**

And from this we understand, that to begin with, the human being was created to live a life of society, and each and every individual in society is like one cog tied together to a number of other cogs, all of which are dependent upon, and conditioned by, the machine.

Because the individual cog has no freedom of motion in and of itself; rather, it is being pulled into motion by the movement of all the cogs, in a set direction, which serves to make the machine more capable to fulfill its general function.

And if the cog gets broken, the breakage is not evaluated and examined with regards to the cog in-and-of itself, but according to its function and the service that it provides to the whole machine.

And just in the same manner, we have to evaluate the degree of goodness of each and every individual in his community not according to how good that individual is in himself, but how much service he provides to the community as a whole;

and vice versa, we do not evaluate the degree of evil of each and every individual, except with regards to the damage that he does to the general community, rather than according to his individual value in himself.



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And these things are as obvious as the sun at noon, both with regards to the Truth inherent in them, as well as with regards to the Goodness inherent in them.

The collective has only what is there in the individuals and the good of society means the good of each and every individual of that society. And an individual who harms the society ends up taking his share of that harm.

Likewise, an individual who benefits the society ends up having his share of that goodness. This is because individuals are only parts of the collective and the collective has no additional value or an added importance beyond being the sum total of individuals that compose it.

**The collective and the individual  
are one and the same**

For this reason we need to understand, that the collective and the individuals are one and the same, and that no harm is caused to the individual because of his great subservience to the collective.

That is because even the freedom of the collective and the freedom of the individual are also one and the same, because just as much as they share the good between them, so also they share freedom between them.



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Thus, good qualities and bad qualities, and good deeds and bad deeds, are measured as such only with reference to the good of the whole.

Naturally, these things are true if all the individuals in the community perform their duties towards the collective perfectly, and also get compensated according to what they really deserve; in other words, no one takes a portion that belongs to his friend.

Indeed, if a small portion of a community does not behave in this manner, the end result is not only that they harm the community, but they also harm themselves.

While there is no need to discuss at length something that is familiar and known, we have discussed this at length in order to draw attention to the weak spot, that is, the place that needs to be corrected.

In other words, we wanted to show that the only thing lacking in this world is for each individual to understand that his own good depends on the just service that he renders to the collective, as well as the just allocation [of resources] to every individual member of the collective.

Certainly we have a world of plenty, but we need to know how to enjoy it.



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