



A MOMENT TO SAVE THE WORLD Part I of III: Education Begins with God

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Education is the foundation upon which stands the entire structure of civilization, communities, and all groups of men women and children, making an inhabitable world, and not, G-d forbid, "one man swallowing another." This is dependent upon beginning a child's education, while he is yet small, upon a healthy foundation, and then "even when he grows, he will not stray from it." The strong foundation is, as mentioned before, just as the foundation for all of creation: "In the beginning G-d created the heavens and the earth." The healthy, true, and only foundation for a child's education, is to know that, "G-d created the heavens and the earth," that "this palace has a Master." And He is not merely a master of a completed edifice, rather, G-d Himself created it – He is the one who produced this dwelling, this world, and, with Divine providence, minds its every detail.

He wants the world to function in a manner that righteousness, morality, kindness and justice reign; that there be light, purity, and holiness – that it should be obvious that G-d dwells here.

As mentioned before, although man was created by G-d, He desired to create man with two inclinations – with a good inclination and an inclination that opposes it.

Therefore it can happen, that the opposing inclination may succeed in its struggle with the good inclination causing one to act as the negative inclination directs.

The only safeguard that the negative inclination should not succeed, is to tell the person that there is an "Eye that sees and an Ear that hears." He is the One who created this individual, the good inclination and its counterpart, and created the desire to act improperly; and He directs the person to withstand the desire for something improper and to act as G-d wishes.

And however one may think of himself, his own greatness and wisdom, as long as he has not been ruined, G-d forbid, through an improper education, he knows as a "believer, son of believers," that there is a G-d, referred to as "the One above," because everyone knows that He is above every single person, and He has an "Eye that sees," and an "Ear that hears;" and "if a person were to hide from Me does he think I will not see him?" This protects a child even while he is yet young, that he grows up knowing that "what is yours is yours;" that whatever belongs to another child, not only may he not steal, but may not even envy, because he knows that, "I am the Lord your G-d, who took you out of Egypt," from all limitations and



boundaries, and from all the persuasions and philosophies of Egypt, which led them to their perverse behavior; G-d took them out of this Egypt.

As mentioned several times, that specifically the nation in our times where knowledge was most advanced, including the study of ethics – philosophy, which gives birth to ethics, was also the most advanced, from the perspective of knowledge.

But it all led to actions diametrically opposed to humanity, to actions no one would believe humanly possible; and certainly not individuals who are busy with ethics, and who preach, as they did, preach morality to the entire world! The reason for this is that they studied knowledge without its foundation.

The “foundation of foundations and the pillar of knowledge” is that there is an entity of Real Truth, and “from Him all creations exists.” This is the only solution, that from his youth, a child must be raised to begin every day with the recognition that there is Someone above, Who is above and beyond every individual, and that He is his personal G-d – He is the “Eye that sees and Ear that hears” all that this child does.

