

מה שְׁקֻשָּׁה קְשִׁיּוֹת עַל הַצַּדִּיקִים, זֶהוּ מִכְרָח

Questions About the Tzaddikim

THE TEACHING

There must be questions (קְשִׁיּוֹת) about the tzaddikim (צַדִּיקִים). The Rebbe says this is necessary, “כִּי הַצַּדִּיקִים מְתַדְמִים לְיוֹצְרָם,” “for the tzaddikim resemble their Maker.” Just as there are questions about Hashem, so there must be questions about the tzaddik, who resembles Him.

About the questions on Hashem, the Rebbe would often say: “אֲדַרְבָּא, כִּן רָאוּי לְהִיּוֹת דִּיקָא,” “on the contrary, this is exactly how it should be.” It is fitting for His greatness and exaltedness (גְּדֻלָּתוֹ וְרוֹמְמוֹתוֹ) that He is far above our understanding (דַּעַת).

MAIN POINTS

- The tzaddikim resemble their Maker, so questions about them are unavoidable.
- Hashem is so exalted, far above our minds, that we cannot understand His conduct (הַנְהִיגָה) with our intellect.
- So there must be questions about Him; this is what is fitting and beautiful for the Creator.
- If His conduct matched our reasoning, “דַּעַתוֹ כְּדַעַתֵּנוּ,” His mind would be like ours, Heaven forbid.

A PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY · OUR OWN REFLECTION

When a question troubles you about Hashem or a true tzaddik, don't be shaken. A question is a sign of His greatness, not a reason to leave; if you could understand everything, He would be no greater than you.

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