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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 221**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES
“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

**RABBI KOOK TELLS US THAT OUR SEPARATION FROM THE
POLLUTIONS OF GALUT, AND OUR RETURN TO OUR TRUE
NATIONAL ISRAELI IDENTITY, IS NOT A RACIST, ANTI-SOCIAL
GESTURE, BUT THE VERY OPPOSITE. OUR RETURN TO OUR TRUE
DIVINE CALLING BRINGS JOY AND RENEWAL AND BLESSING TO
ALL OF THE WORLD**

The reason why there can be no room for competing ideologies is because the Jews hold the true monopoly on the word of Hashem in the world. This is the Divine selection of Israel. The nation of Israel, and only the nation of Israel, was chosen by G-d to bear His truth and declare His Oneness. Just as there is only one G-d, there is only one way to serve Him, through the law which He gave to the Jewish people at Sinai. (Kuzari, 1:99-101) Everything else is fantasy, falsehood, and illusion. In the exalted light of the renewed Kingdom of Israel, the treachery of all other doctrines will be universally exposed. The Rambam writes: "When the Messianic King will truly arise and be successful and uplifted and exalted, they (the nations) will all immediately repent and realize that their ancestral heritage is falsehood, and that their prophets and ancestors caused them to err."(Rambam, Laws of Kings and Their Wars, 11:4)

All of the world's monotheistic religions stole their foundations from the Torah of Israel. (Kuzari, 1:4 and 9.) It was Israel's great light which allowed their small lights to flicker. But when the light of Israel reaches its apex, all other lights will be engulfed in the same way that the luminance of a candle is inconsequential in the full light of the sun.

...Rabbi Kook is telling us that our battles should be directed against our outside enemies, and not against our fellow Jews. When Israel is united in brotherhood, all external forces, armies, and threats are as naught. Our strength comes not from our external might, but from our inner unity. Our efforts should be to enhance the harmony of the Jewish people and all of its differing factions, including the extreme anti-religious faction who believes in denuding Jews from their Jewishness. These Jews are part of the unity which we must strive for? Whatever animosity we need in our battles should be directed only towards hostile nations, and not toward Jews. FROM WAR AND PEACE, THE TEACHINGS OF RAV AVRAHAM YTZCHAK HAKOHEN KOOK ZTKL

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON