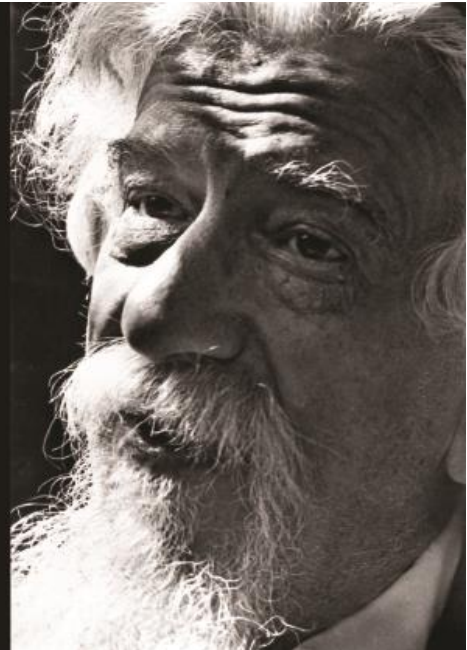




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מכון התנ"ך בישראל

A religious man is a person who holds God and man in one thought at one time, at all times, who suffers harm done to others, whose greatest passion is compassion, whose greatest strength is love and defiance of despair.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



This wise and holy teacher, Rabbi Abraham, one of the leading theologians and philosophers of the Twentieth Century, conveys the pure religion of undefilement spoken of by James the Apostle. This is true spirituality which works beyond the veil of the ego in that it crucifies the ego. This ego is Apostle Paul's teaching of the carnal mind that taints our religiousness with self-righteousness and pride. Rabbi Abraham shows us the power of seeing the eternal God in all men and women, for the soul is God's dwelling place. Hence, the holding of God and man in the one thought is beyond the egoic mind of man. Rather it emanates from the visceral regions of the bosom and soul of man created in the divine image of God by God and for God. This healing thought becomes one with the suffering and harm done to others as well as to the self, for such a person loves the true self, the image of God, as the very God. Thus, the soul's greatest passion is compassion being infused with all virtue through love eternal which defies despair.