OREI MIKLAT CITIES OF REFUGE

The Key to Addressing the Growing Insanity and Depravity in Humanity

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Shalom Aleichem (Peace be unto you),

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The Torah concept of *Orei Miklat* (Cities of Refuge) was the ancient world's solution to preventing a miscarriage of justice or a wrongful conviction. The law was when a person committed murder; they were entitled to flee to a city of refuge from the avenger of blood "the goel hadam" until a tribunal, normally the Sanhedrin, could properly hear their case. However, such cities were not limited to just dealing with issues of murder and justice. They were also places that were set aside to deal with moral and religious issues, social, mental, and health challenges that plagued every society, even in the ancient world. Stay with me, and I will show you how *Orei Miklat* can virtually fix most of the challenges we face in the world today, problems of which are escalating out of control in every country. But first I would like you to think about this important question, a question at one-time you too would have asked;

What's Wrong With The World Today?

Not surprisingly, this is a popular question on the internet these days. After a half-day of researching the web, I gathered this cross-section of answers that were posted on the internet, which is by no means exhaustive of the responses I came across;

100 Things Wrong With the World By New York Daily Sun

- 1. Dictators
- 2. Global Warming
- 3. War
- 4. Lying Politicians
- 5. Overpopulation
- 6. Political Extremists of Far Left & Far Right
- 7. Religious Extremists
- 8. Terrorists
- 9. A lack of education
- 10. Sexists
- 11. Racists
- 12. Poverty
- 13. Sexual Inadequacy
- 14. Bigots
- 15. Hole-in-the-ground toilets
- 16. Hangovers
- 17. Starvation
- 18. Famine
- 19. Hurricanes
- 20. Religious Proselytizers
- 21. Proselytizing Atheists
- 22. Tornadoes
- 23. Liars
- 24. Obesity
- 25. Disabilities
- 26. Money distribution

- 27. Pedophiles
- 28. Animal abuse
- 29. Selfishness
- 30. Reality-TV
- 31. Pop stars talking
- 32. Internet Trolls
- 33. Low slung jeans
- 34. Dodgy builders
- 35. Burglars
- 36. Criminals
- 37. Burkhas
- 38. High Cost of Space Programmes
- 39. Suicides
- 40. Painful deaths
- 41. Murderers
- 42. Con Artists
- 43. Corruption
- 44. Illness
- 45. Insecurity
- 46. Insecurities
- 47. Autism
- 48. Animal Faeces on the street
- 49. Nosiness
- 50. Noisiness
- 51. Pre-ejaculation
- 52. Frigidity
- 53. Nose-pickers
- 54. Rapists
- 55. Cowardliness
- 56. High Taxes
- 57. Welfare abusers
- 58. Decrepit old age
- 59. Boredom of nursing homes
- 60. Slums
- 61. Homelessness
- 62. Thirst
- 63. Grain mountains
- 64. Unfair Farmer Subsidies
- 65. Fat Cat Businessmen
- 66. Snobs
- 67. Class structure
- 68. Castes
- 69. Forced marriages
- 70. First Cousin Marriage
- 71. Female Genital Mutilation
- 72. Unfair distribution of beauty
- 73. Jealousy

- 74. Adultery
- 75. Bestiality
- 76. Perverts
- 77. Depletion of forests
- 78. Traffic deaths
- 79. Lack of a seat on a train
- 80. Mental Illness
- 81. Depression
- 82. Cost of pharmaceuticals
- 83. Drugs
- 84. Violence
- 85. Addiction
- 86. Street Gangs
- 87. Scientology
- 88. Lack of scientific morality
- 89. Atomic arsenals
- 90. French garlic breath
- 91. Losing
- 92. Pain
- 93. Delay
- 94. Impatience
- 95. Annoying people
- 96. Mechanical malfunction
- 97. Shaving
- 98. Adverts
- 99. Debt
- 100. Unfunny jokes

Here are some of the expanded views on the blogs and chat sites I came across;

"Nothing is sacred anymore: No morals, no respect for anything or anyone. No manners, no class whatsoever. In this world, it seems like anything goes anymore. There's nothing spiritual in this world today."

"Money and Television: The religion of millions of Americans is the Almighty Dollar; their god is greed; their temple of worship the television monitor sitting in the center of family affairs, like an idol being adored and venerated for hours at a time, its commands being obeyed, its lies and deceptions being absorbed just as its fictions manipulate human brains, rewiring minds and conceptions of a real-world that will never attain the perfection seen on the monitor, sending reality spiraling into the vortex of psychological confusion and mental unhappiness."

"Undisciplined children: All over the United States, kids are acting like half-crazed monsters, but most people seem to think that this is "normal." American kids today are selfish, self-centered, sadistic, cruel, disrespectful, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, boastful, unforgiving, incredibly brutal, and they possess very little self-control whatsoever. They feel entitled to everything, but they don't want to work for any of it. They are absolutely addicted to entertainment, and they know very little about self-sacrifice. Disciplining children is not considered to be "politically correct" in America today, and with each passing year, these little hellions get even worse..."

"Violence: Increasing violence to an extent we all have become numb...It seems every crime is a point to up the game...get worse and worse...We have become immune to the lunacy it seems...We accept it as part of our daily life...Who killed who?...Ok...Well...How many? That's not so bad as we try and cope. Do we even ask why anymore? What's the point? After all, tomorrow's news will be worse anyway...Parents scared of their own children?...What has happened?"

"Drugs and drug wars: The first thing I would have to say that is wrong with the world is definitely the drug problem. I mean, it seems that most of the war, famine, & diseases that are running rampant through our lives are initially from drugs. For instance, you get a hit of crank from a friend who used the needle on herself & then WHAM; you've got AIDS & never even knew it could happen. Another example would be the wars. In Cuba, there are drug wars going on now that inadvertently have caused many people to die, be left homeless, or even without food or water...

Aids: The next thing on my list would have to be AIDS itself. Mostly, this is a big problem because there is no cure & many people get this disease every day....

Government: My final thing I believe that is wrong with the world would have to be our government...: It is not as if I am Anti-American, I love my country, but there has to be some sort of line between helping other nations & trying to control other nations..."

"Just a quick little list/thoughts about the world from recent observation.

- 1. Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Twitter, Snapchat, Badoo, Tinder, etc.
- 2. Mobile Game Apps: All the apps found in the iTunes top 100 chart.
- 3. **Money**: A focus on money over people lately. People have replaced friendships with "networking," conversations with phone calls, phone calls with texting, and texting with nude pictures. Every few years, there seems to be a further slide down the ladder of morals for the human race.
- 4. **Lust**: Dating has been replaced with friends with benefits, and love has been replaced with sex..."
- 5. **No absolutes**: First, I think it's fair to say and believe that there are no rights and wrongs in our modern society.
- 6. **Overpopulation**: A number 2 would be population. There are too damn many people on earth. If you go back through all the news of today's headlines, you can eventually reroute every problem as being related to over-population.
- 7. **Bureaucracy**; Third, we rely too much on computers and paperwork. There are too many policy's, rules, procedures, protocols, committees, regulations, chairs, advisers, political parties, directors, etc., etc., etc., etc.. We rely too much on our own systems...
- 8. **Overwork:** Lastly, all of the above is causing a deterioration of our love for thy brother and sister. Being at work until 10:00 PM IS NOT NORMAL. Not having family dinners IS NOT NORMAL. Having more than 1 job IS NOT NORMAL. Working 50-55 hours a week as a student in college and not even having enough money to buy a decent car IS NOT NORMAL."
- 9. **Religion**: Everyone is too divided by religion, race, social status, opinions, and more to work together. World peace is, unfortunately, a dream that will never come true. So many People are corrupted, and morale has been destroyed in many places around the world. There are problems no matter where you look. How do we fix it? We can't. Bottom line. It saddens me... but the world is going down, and we can't stop it."
- 10. **Selfishness**: I think that most of people are lost in the daily hurry, they work more and more to achieve career.. want to earn just to get rich. thereby cease to notice ordinary people, they cease to respect others, they think only about themselves.. they equate happiness with material goods..."
- 11. **Child labor**: Kids are being turned into slaves to make cheaper sneakers. Religious people: (try to deny freedom to others because of their beliefs/undermine education).

- 12. **Greedy people**: (put profit over workers/people, and I don't mean just enough profit to stay in business)."
- 13. **The Internet**:... The backbone of the internet is entertainment and time-wasting. Whether it's spending 450 hours on WoW or arguing on message boards, most of what is done online is simply to waste our time until something pops up that we are required to do. Many people now desire nothing more than uninterrupted internet time...."

And the list continues to grow. Here are some of the latest.

Pandemics: Diseases manufactured in laboratories and released into humanity. Covid 19 and its many variants.

Vaccination Passport: Compulsory vaccination of people and the mandatory carrying of covid passports, health pass, green pass, or a safe ticket or corona pass.

World Surveillance: Big brother is here.

Al technology: The world of the Matrix may be closer than we think.

G. K. Chesterton, when asked to write an essay by *The Times of London* on the subject, "What's wrong with the world?" Chesteron gave this simple response.

Dear London Times,

I am.

Sincerely yours,

G. K. Chesterton

In Chesterton's mind, the problem lies first and foremost within us. In his view, the problem will never be addressed in full until we come to understand in our minds, hearts, hands, guts, and souls. As he sees it, Christianity is the solution—if it was indeed the Truth—could and should engage every aspect of culture. "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting," he famously wrote. "It has been found difficult; and left untried." Respectfully I would disagree with Mr. Chesterton, the "Bible" does have a solution, and it is not a religion or a faith.

So what is the point of this little exercise? My humble observation of the above responses is that most people have a fairly good idea of what is wrong with the world today, and no one has an incorrect answer. However, what is conspicuously lacking is a **wholesale solution** to these challenges - a single solution that really can fix the problems and not just cover the symptoms. This article does not permit me the room to show you the gravity and the scale of these global problems, so I have chosen just one area to examine with the view to demonstrating how my proposed solution of *Orei Miklat* can solve these problems.

My center of focus in this article is the alarming growth of mental and psychological problems we are now facing in the world, which the following statistics ominously show;

Note: Kindly excuse the dates in these stats, but I am aware that these figures have not improved as of this day.

Worldwide Facts & Statistics

- Globally, 1 in 4 (25%), suffer from mental disorders in both developed and developing countries. Four of the six leading causes of years lived with disability are depression, alcohol use disorders, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder (World Health Organization (WHO), 2013).
- More than 450 million across the globe suffer from mental illnesses. (World Health Organization).

- Mental illness in the U.S., Canada, and Western Europe ranks first among illnesses that result in disability. In 2010, depression ranked 2nd for the global disease burden. By 2020, depression is projected to be the leading cause of years lived with disability worldwide (National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), WHO, 2013).
- The global cost of mental illness is estimated at nearly \$2.5 trillion (T) (2/3 in indirect costs) in 2010, with a projected increase to over \$6T by 2030. To put that in perspective: The entire global health spending in 2009 was \$5.1T. The annual GDP for low-income countries is less than \$1T. The entire overseas development aid over the past 20 years is less than \$2.3T (NIMH, 2013).
- In the last 45 years, suicide rates have increased by 60% worldwide. (WHO) More than 90% of people who kill themselves have a diagnosable mental disorder [NIH].
- Worldwide, someone commits suicide every 40 seconds. About 1 million die by suicide every year. (WHO, 2012).

Suicide is among the three leading causes of death among those ages 15-44 years in some countries, and the second leading cause of death in the 10-24 years age group (WHO).

- In the UK, 70% of people affected by mental illness experience discrimination, and discrimination is believed to be worse in developing countries (The Guardian).
- Mental and psychosocial disabilities are associated with rates of unemployment as high as 90% (WHO).

Meanwhile, those with severe mental illnesses are more likely to have other health risk factors, as well. In the United States, while about 22% of the general population smokes, more than 75% of people with severe mental illness are tobacco-dependent. And people with depression or bipolar disorder are about twice as likely to be obese as the general population (Time).

- Mental illness accounts for more than 15% of the overall burden of disease from all causes in established market economies, such as the U.S. – slightly more than that of cancer (Global Burden of Disease Study, WHO, World Bank, and Harvard University, 2008).
- Mental illnesses do not discriminate they can affect anyone: men, women, and children, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status (WHO, 2013).
- Mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA).

National Facts & Statistics

- 81.6 million Americans (26.2% or 1 in 4) experience some form of mental disorder each year. 46.4% will experience a mental illness in their lifetime. (U.S. population of 311.5 million in 2011, National Household Survey of Drug Abuse, 2006).
- 8.76% of the U.S. population has a severe mental illness (SAMSHA).
- More than 50% of adults and 70% of children and adolescents are not receiving any treatment for their mental illness. (SAMHSA 2012, University of Maryland, 2012).
- Most suicides occur among the elderly, those aged 60 and above (NIMH, 2012).
- 54% of children with emotional and behavioral disturbances drop out of school (U.S. Dep't of Education, 2005).
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in youth aged 10 to 24. More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease combined (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), 2010).
- In 90% of suicides for both children and adults, mental illness is the attributing cause (NIMH, 2012).
- 60-80% of people who live with mental illness are unemployed and, for people living with the most severe mental illnesses, unemployment rates can be as high as 90% (National Governors Association, 2007).
- Nationally, direct treatment costs (public and private) in 2002 were estimated at \$100.1 billion and indirect costs were \$217.5 billion. Direct costs are the costs of care (medication, clinic visits, hospitalizations, etc.). More difficult to quantify, indirect costs are lost productivity at

work, public support payments, and the costs of incarceration or homelessness. (American Journal of Psychiatry (Am. J. Psych.), Jun 2008).

• In 2006, health care costs reached 16% of the nation's GDP, on a path to reach 20% by 2016. Mental disorders were an estimated 6.2%. The economic costs of mental disorders are not captured by an analysis of health care costs because, unlike other medical disorders, the costs of mental disorders are more "indirect" than "direct" (Am. J. Psych.,2008).

The length and content of this report are lamentable and dispiriting. The room does not permit me to include the rest of these statistics. Should you decide, you could have a look at the full report at this site:

http://www.namigc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/MentalIllnessFactSheet-July-2013.pdf

The report noted that "Mental health is a state of well-being in which individuals realize their potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively, and make contributions to their community. Mental illness is an important public health challenge that is under-recognized as a public burden. The toll of mental illness is tragic."

What we are facing in this area alone is a crisis of global proportions; Governments and World organizations cannot fix the problem and what they are doing is clearly not working, and they do not have the budgets and the people to contain the problem. Now that you know the "mental" state of our world, there are really three positions one can determine after this;

- 1. We can sit back and hope that the problem will fix itself,
- 2. We can try and try again what obviously is not working,
- 3. Or we can come up with a radical solution that can work.

The radical solution I am suggesting is *Orei Miklat* which can stop this societal cancer on its track and reverse the damage in our nations. We can just about apply the same solution to every problem on the list of 100 things wrong with the world today, excluding those problems that require a clear diplomatic or military solution. So what is a City of Refuge? Be patient with me as I explain the purpose of *Orei Miklat* as it is written in the Torah, then I will reveal how this powerful concept can be used to solve the tremendous challenges we are facing globally. In case one may be thinking that I am concocting a religious solution, you are quite wrong. As I understand it, the Torah is not a religion but a Kingdom. *Orei Miklat* is *modus operandi* that the Kingdom uses to repair human catastrophes. And the Kingdom is here in our midst.

Orei Miklat

In the Torah, the purpose of the *Orei Miklat* is to provide a haven or a sanctuary for the manslayer. It is an inspiration that is tempered with mercy. The Torah states that anyone who committed murder was to be put to death (Shemoth (Exodus) 21:14). But the Torah did make a clear distinction between premeditated murder and unintentional manslaughter. In the situation of unintentional death, YHWH commanded Yisra'el to set aside cities to which the murderer could flee for refuge (Shemoth (Exodus) 21:13). He would be safe from the avenger of blood "the goel hadam" (the family member charged with avenging the victim's death (Bamidbar (Numbers) 35:19)—until the case could go before the elders of Yisra'el – the Sanhedrin. The elders would judge to find if the attacker acted unintentionally. If he did, he would return to the city of refuge and live there safely until the death of the "Kohen haKadol," the High Priest who was in office at the time of the trial, at which point he could return to his property.

If the avenger of blood were to defy the law and take the manslayer's life either inside the city of refuge or outside it after the high priest's death, then he would himself become a murderer.

But if the goel hadam found the manslayer outside the city of refuge before the high priest's death, and took his life, then the dead man had brought about his own downfall, and the case was closed (Bamidbar (Numbers) 35:24-28). There were six cities of refuge appointed by Yehoshua (Joshua) in which the manslayer could flee — Kodesh, Golan, Remoth-gilead, Shechem, Bezer, and Hebron. These Cities of Refuge were designed to provide Divine protection for the manslayer so that his case could be considered properly away from the emotions that death always brings. In a sense, it is a minimum-security prison, but it was no luxury resort. The accused was required to work to keep himself and be educated in the principles of the Torah while in exile from his home.

Why Yehoshua (Joshua) choose these six cities to be *Orei Miklat* is obvious when you understand the role of the Kohen or Priest in the Torah. Joshua chose these cities to be places of Refuge because of their high concentration of Levi. You will recall from Torah that the only tribe YHWH did not grant an allocation of land in the "Promised Land" were the Levites (Bamidbar (Numbers) 18:20; Yahoshua (Joshua) 13:14). Therefore, they were scattered throughout the cities of Yisra'el, where they were called to serve the people. In some cities, there were greater numbers of Kohanim due to intermarriage among the tribes. When Yehoshua selected these six cities, he was aware that there would be sufficient Kohen in these places to help "offenders" regardless of the magnitude of their crime. It was the specific job of the Kohen to teach their communities the Torah of YHWH.

The primary purpose of *Orei Miklat* was to put the offender into an environment where they were immersed with the mercy and the goodness of YHWH; the very thing they need most to be made whole again. The idea of showering a murderer with support, understanding, love, respect, truth, and knowledge at a time where they are deemed "guilty" and "punishable" in the eyes of the law may appear inappropriate and offensive to some, but it is the "magic" that is required to bring the offender to Teshuvah – a sincere repentance that required the offender to obtain forgiveness from the family of the bereaved. The task of determining "guilty or innocent" was not the purpose of the Kohen that resided in these cities. It was the Sanhedrin's (the court) purpose to determine the status of the accused, but it was the priest who had the lifetime task of reforming the murderer with the Torah. It was the Kohen's responsibility to restore the self-respect and the place of the murderer in society.

Legal advocates would argue that our legal system is better positioned and equipped to deal with manslaughter, making the very idea of *Orei Miklat* archaic and obsolete for our modern societies. The truth is our legal system, both civil and common, is a punitive system that is based on judicial rulings and statutes that are designed to punish the offender and deter lawbreakers. In the event of incarceration, the convicted is removed from society, placed among other convicts, which statistics show only promotes their lawless behavior. Prisons everywhere are overcrowded and underfunded. The United States has the highest documented incarceration rate in the world (743 per 100,000 population), Russia has the second-highest rate (577 per 100,000), followed by Rwanda (561 per 100,000). Generally, across the world, the re-offense rate fluctuates between 50 to 70 percent. When are we going to get it that prisons are not and never the solution!

Orie Miklat is a kingdom system that is aimed at eliminating reoffending completely. It is based on the superior principle of mercy. The Torah states that "... YHWH, YHWH, El, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth." It teaches that when a lawbreaker does teshuvah (repentance) according to the procedures of the Torah, he or she is entitled to reinstatement as a restored member of our community. In the case of premeditated murder, which is established through the testimony of the accused and three other witnesses that the accused killed intentionally, the convicted is executed for their crime and not incarcerated for life. This was the exception rather than the norm. Evil was not a thing that was allowed to contaminate society in "biblical" times. Generally, the accused who

knowingly took another life settled for their life to be taken for their crime. Now let's look at how this solution can solve our mental crisis in the world and other societal problems?

What is needed in the world today?

Orie Miklat is a solution waiting to be implemented because it heaven sent and it works. Cities of Refuge were far more advanced in what we have been led to believe. These centers were like Alexandria in Egypt, Athens in Greece, and Puspagiri in India, where there was an extensive library of scrolls and an active class of priests who maintained their knowledge and taught it to the people. They were centers equipped for the development of various vocations and occupations. Among other reasons for their popularity was that they were places where people could escape to and find themselves and their place in humanity. It was a haven and a heaven for the depressed, the deprived, and the depraved. It was home for both the prodigal son and the brave - a place where rulers and warriors came to receive counsel from haShem.

Interestingly there is scientific support for *Orie Miklat*. Recently I read a book about *the Biology of Belief* that was recommended to me, where its author convincingly showed "that DNA does not control our biology and the nucleus itself is not the brain of the cell. Just like you and me cells are shaped by where we live. In other words, it is the environment stupid!" Biologists and Geneticists have discovered that bad behavior and habits are not transmitted through our genes. The fifty trillion cells that are individually "us" respond to what we believe and the environment in which we live. This discovery is certainly nothing new. Every major religion teaches that we are what we believe and that our environment shapes who we are. We must understand that there is no such thing as a "bad person," there are only bad decisions, errors that emanate from wrong beliefs and bad environments. It stands to reason that every type of bad behavior and habit can be untangled and unlearned in a City of Refuge because it is definitely not in our biology.

Orei Miklat is indeed an ancient solution to our human problem that cannot be fixed with advanced medication, greater government programs, more police, and bigger prisons. Leaders have to "wake up" to that the current solutions are not working and have become a tremendous burden on our countries. The national medical and health budgets of developed countries are astronomical and are threatening to bankrupt nations. The mental facilities, prisons, and detention centers are bursting at the seams, and crime and immorality are increasing everywhere. Orie Miklat, unlike our current "experiments," will eliminate much of our problems and, best of all, become economic and production centers that contribute to humanity. In the environment of Orie Miklat, talents, gifts, and abilities in human beings will be unlocked in these special cities creating employment in other cities.

The phenomena of a city need not be limited to centers of commerce, finance, and supply, but a city can also be specifically designed to heal, restore, build and equip people. Such a city must be constructed with these parameters in mind;

- 1. **It must be independent:** a state within a state where the law of the country or state cannot override the laws of the city; where a council of educated Kohanim (Priests) sit in authority over the city that in turn report to a higher central authority.
- 2. **It must be self-enforced**: It would be a city that would have its own law enforcement and courts. No outside jurisdiction can enter the city.
- 3. **It must be self-sustaining:** It would be a city with its own food and water supply that is generated within the city's boundaries.
- 4. **It must be self-powered:** It would be a city that would not be dependent on outside energy sources. It will generate its own power using quantum and solar, and wind generators.
- 5. **It must be carbon-free:** It would be a city with a transport system that is not fossil-based. In other words, it will be pollution-free.

- 6. **It must be communication isolated:** The city will not be connected to outside communications or allow devices to communicate with the outside world except its control center. It will have its own internal communication system and internal internet. It will be outside media barred.
- 7. **It must be economically isolated:** Money will not be the currency of this city; everything will be free. Including and not limited to free food, free clothing, free medical services, free family services, free education for its inhabitants, and so forth.
- 8. **It must be family isolated:** Relatives can visit their loved ones in "meeting places" at the city's perimeters, but they cannot enter the city and be allowed to bring anything into the city. In addition, they cannot communicate electronically with the inhabitants of the city.
- 9. **It must be intellectually centered:** Education will be compulsory, and learning the sciences and the arts will be its focus.
- 10. **It must be a nature zone**; Animals will be part of the city and not confined to a zoo. Vegetation will be everywhere and not limited to a park. There will be no animal cruelty, and any activity that could pollute the environment will be barred.
- 11. **It must be labor independent:** Every inhabitant will work to maintain the city and its services. The whole city will operate on a roster and will have its Sabbaths and festivals days.
- 12. **It must be a health zone:** Inhabitants will live off the organic produce of the land and water. Any foods deemed unhealthy or modified will be disallowed. Only those necessary foods that cannot be produced locally will be imported under strict health criteria.
- 13. **It must be a violent and sex-free zone:** Violent and sex entertainment will be barred. Education materials will be censured. Birth control and planning will be taught and administered.
- 14. **It must be religion-neutral**: An inhabitant or guest of the city can practice their own belief but cannot organize a religion or teach others of their religion within the city's walls.
- 15. **It must be self-replicating:** The city will be able to export its knowledge and provide assistance to other cities and countries that need their expertise in all areas. It will earn money to expand itself and build other cities of refuge.

For every six "normal cities," one *Orei Miklat* will be required. I foresee and envisage these cities being built around the world as Governments realize that there is no better solution than what the Torah proposes. Leaders will undoubtedly express concern over the cost of these cities and the time frame to build these developments. The fact is the blueprints for such a development are available, and the costs are affordable. We have the technology, the materials, and the skilled labor force to construct these cities quickly, efficiently, and within the budget of most countries. I highly recommend watching the documentary "Future by Design," which will show you how all of this is quite feasible and can be constructed now.

Let me explain some of the activities that a typical *Orie Miklat* will perform in real life? Picture this in your mind;

- A place like an Eden on earth or an oasis in a desert, where joy and peace fill the air.
- A place where people who suffer in mind, body, and spirit are made whole again through multiple remedial and medical programs that the city provides all year round.
- A place where families and couples can find the balance, tranquility, and restoration they need from highly experienced people in these areas.
- A place where you can hear evolutionists and creationists debate the existence of God and scientists discuss other topics of interest and learning, and no one opposes or ridicules them.

- A place where you can meet your Creator and hear from Him because no one is pressing you to join a religion.
- A place where you can go to re-gather your thoughts and re-examine your future, whether you be an executive or a plain laborer. A retreat center where you can escape time and the pressures of society until you are ready to face your challenges again.
- A place where you are not judged or condemned because of your past, color, looks, or language, and customs. You can mingle among all cultures and learn from each other.
- A place where you are free of advertising messages, negative news reports end evil images that influence your thought world - a media pollution-free environment where you can see the arts and performances in their purity.
- A place where a neighbor cares for a neighbor, brother watching after another, where violence is not possible because there are no guns, swords, and terrors creating devices.
- A place where children are nurtured in an environment where they can protect or regain their innocents and learn to respect their elders and the environment.
- A place where you can learn a trade or a profession that can help people without destroying our environment.
- A place where everything is free because it is lovingly created and provided.

Ultimately *Orie Miklat* will be a city where people can discover what it means to be truly human. Is this a dream? Can it be done? It is more than possible, it can be done right now, and we can have it operational within 3-5 years. However, I am not naive to believe that such a vision does not have an enemy. The enemy of *Orie Miklat* is not our leaders and citizens like you and me that genuinely want to see these types of developments happen, but it is the wealthy and powerful (our financial and economic elite) who cannot see this type of project being "metered" for money and sourced for "profit," that will attempt to stop *Orie Miklat* from happening. Pharmaceutical companies, food and beverage companies, and the entertainment industry will have no business in a city of this nature. In their minds, this is a threat that cannot be allowed to exist because it goes against the root of what they deem to be the "free world." The right to choose is more essential than the right to a wholesome existence, especially when that status involves removing some of our freedoms. But let me tell you why *Orie Miklat* must be?

We are facing a crisis of world extinction, and we are running out of time to correct the situation! We are facing a threat greater than fascism was to world peace, communism was to free enterprise, and the Cuban missile crisis to world security. These kings have loosed some mighty "Titans" that no other generation has unleashed at any one time – DNA Tampering, Crop Genetic Manipulation, Meat Industry, Poultry Industry, Nuclear Energy Reactors, Fossil Fuel Industry, Germ and Disease Creation Centers, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Weather Manipulation Devices, Deforestation, De-fishing, the Pornography Industry, and Gaming and the Entertainment Industry, to name just a handful. "Titans" many of the elite thought were harmless and controllable. The truth is the Titans are now controlling the elite and the world. If the "Titans" are allowed to continue their destructive activities, this road will end like the final scene out of the movie "Knowing (2009)" – an incinerated earth! How far do you seriously think we can push haShem before He says it is enough?

And just in case you think you can reason with these kings? Many have tried and have all failed. Personally, I have no desire to add myself to this long list of disappointments. Instead, I wish to summon that leader who understands what I am talking about. Who can see past the shortsightedness of the elite and their irresponsibility, who is a person of humanity and the environment? Who truly understands the connectedness and the sacredness of all life and why we must restore the harmony of the earth and wellness of humanity. Let him or her come forward and receive the mandate of YHWH! A mandate that is worthy of a true leader.

To that lone leader who cares and believes in what I am proposing. I humbly encourage you with the example of the nameless Pharaoh who saved Egypt. At the crescendo of world starvation, this Pharaoh made a radical departure from protocol. This brave and fearless leader could see the future, and he knew that the plan that Yoseph (a humble Hebrew slave) was proposing was "the" solution and their only hope. Pharaoh could have shunned the wisdom of YHWH and listened to his "smart advisors" and the "priests of the temples," upon whose counsel would have doomed the kingdom. Instead, Pharaoh listened to a slave (something utterly unheard of in Egyptian history) and saved humanity. As part of Pharaoh's many rewards, Yoseph gathered all the wealth of Egypt into the royal treasury and all the land of Egypt into the royal registry. He had reaped much more than he had anticipated because he had the humility and guts to know that Yoseph was sent from "God" to help them.

Barukh haba b'shaym יהוה, Halleluyah! Praised is He who comes in the name of יהוה!

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