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Studying the Secular: The Soul of the Matter

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Torah, the Heartbeat of Existence

At the core of the discourse regarding studying the sciences, philosophy and other secular studies lie a number of cardinal principles of Torah ideology.

In order to develop the correct outlook toward secular sciences, it is crucial to realize that these sciences as they exist outside of Torah are merely the outermost layer of the truth of creation, which can only truly be grasped via the Torah.

For those who engage the worlds of science, culture and the arts, the Torah’s relevance can be viewed in one of two ways.

One view sees the Torah as a series of divine instructions and values, introduced to humanity living in a world that functions by its own system, developed by the collective human experience. Inasmuch as the organic posture of the world is at odds with the divine message of the Torah, the Jew is commissioned by G-d to assert the Torah’s view and follow its commandments.

