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The Power of a Process

Ever ponder the mystery of Creation and wonder why Hashem didn't simply create the world in a split second? What is the need for the famous and drawn-out seven-day process? Isn't it just as easy for Hashem to create the world in one second as it is in seven days? Why not merely snap His fingers and create the world?

Perhaps a reason is to teach the world a fabulous lesson: **In life, things take time.** There is a process. The world is not instantaneous. Babies need to be nurtured to sit, to walk, to talk, to eat by themselves. A child needs time to learn to read, to ride a bike, to drive a car. On day one or two or three of Creation, upon looking at the world and seeing only a jungle of water, light and darkness, one would have been bewildered and thought, "This is a mess! What is the point of all this?"

Hashem says, "Slow down. There is a process, and your job is merely to put in the day-to-day progressions. Eventually, it will lead to a beautiful world." It is much like teaching a child to ride a bike. The first three days he keeps falling off, but this isn't failure or for naught. This is teaching his muscles the proper positions, and soon enough, he is riding down the street.

The Power of an Order

Judaism puts great emphasis on the concept of a seder. A process. An order. When we go to shul, we daven from a siddur. In Yeshiva, there is first seder and second seder and night seder. Every boy in school learns the Shisha Sidrei Mishnah. On Pesach we have a seder. The weekly Torah reading is called the sedra. The wedding process is called the seder kiddushin. Our lives are one big seder. It is one big process, with a precise order to it.

By creating the world in a seven-day process, Hashem is telling us all to trust the power of the process, to never discount the effort that's been invested for lack of perceivable success. Success is a process, and our job is to ensure the process keeps moving.