



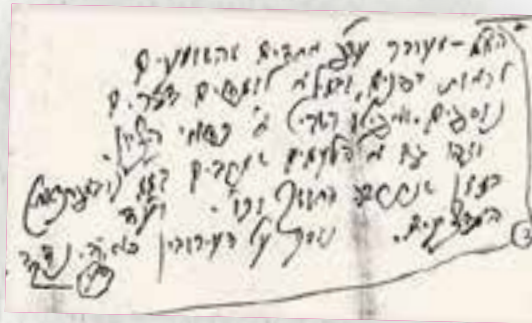
# כתב יד קודש

לזכות  
הרה"ת ר' לוי יצחק  
ומרת אסתר ביילא ומשפחתם שיחיו  
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## Why The Many References?

In this response the Rebbe explains to the recipient why he is careful to add so many references to the quotes and citations in the footnotes of his *sichos* and letters:



The references encourage at least some of the listeners to read [those sources] inside, causing them to learn more parts [of Torah in the process]. Even if only one person does this, it is worth [adding] the reference.

This is also one of the reasons why we add so many references (and also indexes) in the time [of *galus*] when the darkness is so intense, etc.

Much like the *mitvzoim* [which are emphasized specifically at a time when the spiritual darkness is great, in an attempt to persuade as many Yidden as possible to add at least one mitzvah].

This is in addition to what is written in Eiruvin 21b; 54b.

[The Gemara there talks about the importance of adding “*oznayim*”—like basket handles, to the Torah. I.e. indexes and references that make it easier to learn the Torah itself. See *Oznayim L'Torah*, Derher Av 5778.]

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מהשומעים לראות בפנים,  
ובמילא לומדים דברים  
נוספים. ואפילו בשביל  
א' כדאי הציון. וזהו גם א'  
הטעמים שמרבים במ"מ  
(ובמפתחות) בזמן שנתרבה  
החושך וכו'.

וע"ד המבצעים.

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