

What makes the world go ‘round’?

שְׁמֵעוֹן הַצְּדִיק הֵיךְ מְשִׁירֵי כְּנֶסֶת הַגְּדוּלָּה. הוּא הֵיךְ
אוֹמֵר, עַל שְׁלֹשָׁה דְבָרִים הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד, עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל
הָעֲבוּדָה וְעַל אֲמִילוֹת תְּסֻדִּים

Shimon the Righteous was from the remnants of the Great Assembly. He would say, "On three things the world stands: on the Torah, on the service and on **acts of lovingkindness.**" -Pirkei Avot 1:2

Torah = God’s “wisdom”/ His “Mind”

Avodah = Man’s devotion to God

G”H = Man’s devotion to Man

Gemilut Hasadim can be understood, in broad terms, as hospitality – reaching out to “the other”, drawing him in, caring for him in a selfless manner.

Yibum is a form of selfless lovingkindness – to be willing to perpetuate the legacy of a brother by giving your offspring to him.

The definition of apathy in the Bible is: Am I my brother's keeper? (Gen. 4:9)

It is The Question asked **of** the characters in the Book of Genesis. Those who answer incorrectly don't do well.

Gemilut Hasadim is an antidote to apathy.

Hospitality and Yibum are the major themes that run through the Book of Genesis.

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