

"And when Hashem saw that he turned aside to see, Hashem called to him from the midst of the bush." (3:4)

Horav M. D. Soloveitchik, Shlita, notes the *Torah's* emphasis on Moshe's "*turning aside to see.*" Such a wondrous fire burning in the desert should have attracted attention. Moshe, however, was the one who (was) ,utrk rx - turned to identify this unique fire. Moshe sought every opportunity to perceive, to attain whatever wisdom he could grasp. His love of wisdom was a natural result of his search for truth. This is the essence of a true *talmid chacham*. He is the consummate student of wisdom, always searching to satisfy his incessant desire for spiritual excellence.

One who is complacent and does not "turn aside" to see, to appreciate the great wonders which Hashem has wrought, forfeits his opportunity to become closer to Hashem. Man must initiate interaction with Hashem. Only then will he merit the encounter.