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His approach to the Torah and Talmud, then, was entirely different. It was strikingly novel. He refused to follow the beaten track; he did not adopt the petrified approach, the "generally accepted" attitude. He surveyed and examined everything anew, going back to the very sources themselves, and so all acquired new dimensions and a different aspect, and the Torah became revealed to him in its entire expanse and depth.

His disciples, R. Simchah Zisel Ziv, wrote of him: "Our teacher and master innovated many laws in money matters and torts, which appeared strange to many human beings. There were even contemporaneous geonim who wondered at these novelties, which had never been heard heretofore. And all stemmed from the fact that he enlightened the eyes of all diaspora Jewry by his contemplation anew and his novel appreciation of the fundamental principles and practices of the law" [13]

[13.] From Mss., in his well known article Piske Ba'ale Batim; the details are given in the following volume (Hebrew) which contains the exposition of R. Simchah Zisel Ziv's Musar system.