

Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by Momo - 06 Dec 2009 10:18

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by Kollel Guy - 10 Dec 2009 18:57

[Rage ATM wrote on 10 Dec 2009 18:26:](#)

as the great noam chomsky (before he lost his mind on the political crap) once said, "colorless green ideas sleep furiously."

Can you explain what you meant there... i'm a little confused.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by the.guard - 10 Dec 2009 20:52

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Sounds like he lost it before that.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by habib613 - 11 Dec 2009 02:03

it's grammatically correct, but semantically it's nonsense...

but rage, are you trying to say that this is nonsense?

ohhh now i get it.

someone who only keeps ben adam lachaveiro at first glance seems fine, but soon you'll realize that it's all based on nothing, and it can topple over without the foundation of ben adam lamakom?

like what kollel guy said?

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by habib613 - 11 Dec 2009 02:33

not guilty

don't read him, well not for fun.

i'm in college...

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by the.guard - 11 Dec 2009 06:53

there are no morals and there are no values without god. Lechaveyro and lamakom are both

manifestations of the same thing

Rage has a good point. The Chassidic sefarim talk about how our bein adam lechavero needs to be BECAUSE of our bein adam lamakom, like that story where the Rebbe gave the poor man 100 rubels, and then called him back and gave him **another** 100. The first 100, he explained, had been given because of his own personal feelings of pain for the man. This was an incomplete mitzva, so now he gave him another 100 because it was Hashem's will and nothing else! In other words, like Rage said, the true & "complete" bein adam lachaveiro needs to be BECAUSE it is Hashem's will. So much so, that Avraham told Hashem to WAIT while he ran to greet the 3 travelers...

So which is greater? It seems that Bein Adam Lachaveiro is, but ONLY when it is done BECAUSE it is Hashem's will.

(And not like the polite Germans who would use the humble expression "is it not so?" after explaining directions to someone - as in "you go left over there, is it not so?", but then later when the same Jew was in the camps, the Germans were chopping off peices of flesh and asking the Jews, "it hurts, is it not so?")

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by silentbattle - 11 Dec 2009 07:01

Absolutely - To Rage, Habib, and Guard. In fact, as R' Kelemen points out, it's harder to do bein adam l'chaveiro l'sheim shamayim. We have our own reasons for doing it, it makes sense to do it...it's a "dark" mitzva, the kind of mitzva that doesn't automatically make us think that we're doing a mitzva (unlike, say, shaking a lulov, which most people who aren't religious don't do just because they enjoy it).

So in a way, when a person can do mitzvos bein adam l'chaveiro completely leshma, that shows that he's reached the highest level.

Rage, what you said is incredibly deep, and I think i tried to say something like that previously.

It's connected to some stuff I've been learning. Very often, people try to talk about what mitzva is "more important" so that everyone should do that. But we of all people should know that everyone needs to work on specific things, everyone has different areas that THEY need to work on to reach their shleimus (completion, perfection), even if those things aren't as essential for other people, aren't as much of a priority.

We need to be ourselves, figure out what WE need to do. Rock on!

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