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Posted by tzvikifine - 24 Dec 2023 16:12

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Posted by davidt - 25 Dec 2023 14:20

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by connected - 25 Dec 2023 14:38

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Or, as Moe Srouer thunderously puts it, *Stop putting your sh\*t on God.*

In my opinion, it's a joint effort. He created us with the inclination and we made it far worse.

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by Crabapple18 - 25 Dec 2023 15:02

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[Shmuel wrote on 25 Dec 2023 12:30:](#)

"Philosophizing beats doing any day"

But idealizing take the cake!

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by Heeling - 25 Dec 2023 15:11

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by foolie - 25 Dec 2023 17:53

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by yitzchokm - 25 Dec 2023 18:35

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As Reb Tzadok writes, a person doesn't have the right to claim that he was forced to sin. It seems that Reb Tzadok holds that sometimes it can't be ruled out either, but a person can't avoid taking responsibility for his actions because he can't know for sure that he didn't have free will. Regarding my challenges that started in first grade when I was playing with other boys I don't have the right to say that I had no free will but I wouldn't rule it out either. Regardless of the onset, later in life I definitely had free will and for practical purposes that is all that matters. I used to believe that I had no free will even as an adult but GYE proved me wrong.

In psychology it is often said that we might be able to blame our parents, teachers, peers, etc. for our problems but it is up to us to resolve them.

The Yismach Yisroel writes that Hashem knows beforehand that a person will sin and yet he creates the person because He puts His trust in the person that he will do Teshuva. By the fact that we are still alive we see that Hashem hasn't given up on us.

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by bright - 25 Dec 2023 19:21

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This idea from the tzidkas hatzadik is quite controversial.

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by youknowwho - 25 Dec 2023 19:34

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Dear Newly Deleted User 11074,

We understand **that** very, very well too....Oy do we understand!

Love you, wherever you are...

Stay safe and well.

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by bright - 25 Dec 2023 19:50

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### **Ohr Hachayim (Acharei Mos, 18:2)**

It is known that all the Mitzvos that Hashem commanded his holy nation are Mitzvos that a man can stand by and cause himself a desire to do, besides for the Mitzva of staying away from arayos which is something that a person craves and his desires forces him to act, unless one makes an effort to stay far away from two things: (1) Seeing with the eyes, (2) Thinking about it. However, if a person does not keep away from these two aspects (sight and thought), a man will not be able to control himself and rid himself of it.

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In general you are right but I think it is important for people who were abused as a child and are going around with tremendous pain and guilt for things they did as a child to understand that it may be that they had no free will. For practical purposes, regardless of their childhood experience, it is up to them to take responsibility for their future and heal.

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Re: why did god make us this way?  
Posted by bright - 26 Dec 2023 05:04

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I agree. My point is that I do not get what all the back and forth is. I think they would agree to you in that case as well.

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