

Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by Holy Yid - 06 Oct 2010 05:09

We have heard from other holy brothers that deep philosophical posts don't always get responses so I expect none.

I am starting again. I am embarrassed to say it. I am holding day two and don't have a desire to stay clean. I have gone months clean and loved it and now I don't care to stay clean for a day.

Now I know that the first week or so is the hardest. That is where I don't care because I don't have allot of clarity about what it means to be clean.

So I post these thought to make myself more aware and I wonder if anyone will ever read these lines or comment on them

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by Holy Yid - 07 Oct 2010 17:26

[Yosef Hatzadik wrote on 07 Oct 2010 16:23:](#)

[Holy Yid wrote on 07 Oct 2010 01:00:](#)

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth

on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and

dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate...we cannot consecrate...we cannot hallow...this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Wow!!!

You wrote that yourself!?!?

It is a marvelous piece!

Funny thing is, it sound eerily similar to what an anonymous speech-writer wrote way back in the 1800s. It was later read in public somewhere in Pennsylvania by a guy sporting a trim beard & wearing a top hat. Was that guy wearing a silk bekishe too? Or was it a tuxedo?

(Interestingly, some say, that **he** was assassinated because he 'transgressed' the curse that *Noach* gave to his son *Cham* by freeing the Negro slaves.)

BTW, where you taught in college the meaning of the word **plagiarism**?

I stand corrected. At least one person reads long posts.

I am tempted to start ending all my posts with something like that and see if anyone picks up on it.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Btw it could apply to the YH also.

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 07 Oct 2010 17:32

[Holy Yid wrote on 07 Oct 2010 17:26:](#)

to provide new Guards for their future security.

this sort of sums up GYE

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by bardichev - 07 Oct 2010 17:35

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by Holy Yid - 08 Oct 2010 20:26

Here are pointers on how the whole thing applies to us-

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, (we can't stand our bond to the yetzer hara) and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them,(we are very intitled to be free of him) a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life(no life with p***), Liberty(no liberty with p***) and the pursuit of Happiness(no happiness with p***). That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness(we need new principles with which to live life). Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed(some need to really start over). But when a long train of abuses(that is us) and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism(yes), it is their right(YES), it is their duty(YES!!!), to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security(GUARD YOUR EYES).

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 11 Oct 2010 21:16

[Holy Yid wrote on 07 Oct 2010 17:26:](#)

certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

[quote="Harav Asher Zelig Rubinstein Shlita, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Toras Simcha, Yerushalyim]

They may have found [b]Life[/b];

They may have found [b]Liberty[/b];

But they are still [b]pursuing Happiness[/b]!

That is all there is to a it.....a [u]pursuit[/u]!

They will [i]never [i]find it! They are looking for it in the wrong places!

[/quote]

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by Holy Yid - 14 Oct 2010 19:57

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we also only search but we are happy in the search

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Re: Aristotle ala GYE

Posted by ToAdd - 15 Oct 2010 11:01

I hope you don't mind my two cents here among the wealth of profound statements.

I have been quite down lately too and know what it's like to just not give a ***.

I think that this forum has really helped me, because when I get to that point that I no longer care about myself, I see that there are others that care about me.

All I want to say is that I care and that we're all here if you need us.

As far as depression goes, perhaps share the individual problems and depressing thoughts with us. Merely getting them out often helps more than anything else.

ToAdd.

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