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Posted by Icanbreakfree - 10 Jun 2015 18:42

How come the gemara in Kiddushin on lamed omud baiz says "Im pogo echo minuval eh **MOSHCHAIHU** libais hamedrash, it cud've said 'tarutz' run, get the hech away from him??!!

At least now I understand why I used to act out under the shtender.

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Re: Moshcheihu

Posted by hwhap@gmx.com - 11 Jun 2015 17:22

You sound like you are being sarcastic cordnoy, (or did I read you totally wrong?)

If so maybe you could expand a bit?

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Re: Moshcheihu

Posted by cordnoy - 11 Jun 2015 18:46

hwhap@gmx.com wrote:

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because i don't really know what he was talkin' about.
2. it did sound like he was sayin' that if one goes to learn, all will be well, and while that is true for the occasional sinner, for the addict like myself - at least at this present moment, it's not the solution.
I am not from those that say that torah or gemora do not apply to the addict, for I don't know, and I do know that at times when I am learnin', there is not a worry in the world, but that doesn't happen always, and it also can happen when i am engrossed in work, but when that scorpion's tail decides to bite, it generally doesn't give a damn what i'm doin'.
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Re: Moshcheihu Posted by hwhap@gmx.com - 11 Jun 2015 21:17
That sounds a lot better.
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Re: Moshcheihu Posted by Icanbreakfree - 11 Jun 2015 21:36
I was bothered by your quandary too cordnoy Can I suggest seeing today's "Tzitzis and The Heart" article, towards the end of it

"......The question I and many others have had, is how can I have impure thoughts if I learn

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Torah, if I know that Hashem is always watching? What happened to the special power of Torah to protect us from this? "Hamaor Shebah Machziro L'Mutav." Has all my Torah learning helped? Why am I still spinning with impure thoughts and actions?

The answer is that Torah does have a special power to keep us pure, but not if it only remains in the mental state, as thoughts in our mind. For Torah to protect us it must enter the heart, it must make an emotional connection. I think that's why Chazal compare Torah to a Tavlin - a medical remedy. Medicine has an effect when it enters our bloodstream - when the heart pumps it throughout the entire body. If it remains localized, it has little effect. If we connect with Torah emotionally, not just as a mental activity, then the medicinal powers of Torah will rid us of all impurities in thought, and consequently in action." (YVY)

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Re: Moshcheihu

Posted by hwhap@gmx.com - 11 Jun 2015 22:09

It's well written but I don't think the mystery is that deep. I think the answer is that the act of z'nus is one, but the healthy man and the addict finally choose it for different reasons. It looks like the same failing but it's not, and the two have different antidotes. Learning Torah saves the healthy man. The addict's cure is also emes, but a different kind.

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