WHO AM I? – A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER AND GUEST, ESPECIALLY YOU! Posted by battleworn - 16 Sep 2009 20:26

Rosh Hashanah is coming and I think it's time for each of us to address a very basic question: "Who am I?" Sometimes you feel like a good person. Perhaps more often, you feel like a bad person. So who are you really? Sometimes you feel successful; probably more often, you feel unsuccessful, so who are you really?

R' Tzadok Hacohen in Tzidkas Hatzadik 111 says the following:

[This is really hard for me but I have to translate.]

"In the wake of Moshiach (the last period before Moshiach comes) the main avoda/tikun is ONLY to take the good out FROM the bad. Only in the place (situation) of the y'h and the powerful rise of sin, only from there will Hashem redeem us specifically through Teshuva (As opposed to not sinning in the first place). As it says Moshiach will come in a generation that's all guilty.

AND A PERSON LIKE THAT (that by nature is pulled to sin and has to pull himself out by Teshuva) IS FROM "THE PART OF MOSHIACH" meaning that his soul belongs to a special group that have the power to facilitate the Geulah. As we find that Dovid Hamelech (who was the root of Moshiach) raised up the banner/power of Teshuva.

As it is known that the neshomoh of klal Yisroel (which is made up of all the individual neshomos) it's head is very high but it's feet go down to she'ol r"l. And before Moshiach the souls are from the feet, where there is a great force of evil and the y'h.

AND THEREFORE ONLY A GENERATION OF SOULS LIKE THAT, WILL MERIT MOSHIACH AS CHAZAL SAID "VERY GOOD" REFERS TO THE Y'H.

Also Moshiach himself comes from such a source. As is known from the "Midrash Hane'elam" in Parshas Vayera, about the daughters of Lot and Lot, that they are the ROOT OF THE POWER OF THE Y'H, AND OUT FROM THERE GREW THE TREE/FAMILY OF MOSHIACH.

THIS IS BECAUSE, THAT'S THE OPITOME OF THE COMPLETE PERFECTION THAT WILL BE WHEN MOSHIACH COMES - THAT THE VERY ROOT OF BAD WILL BE TURNED IN TO GOOD, FOR THAT IS THE MEANING OF "THE SLAUGHTERING OF THE Y'H" THAT IS MENTIONED IN GEMOROH SUKAH"

R' Tzadok is telling us that it's our job to bring Moshiach and no Tzadik could ever do the job. Hashem entrusted us with this mission. He believes in us! In fact the Chidushei Harim says (I heard it from R' Tvi Meir, I don't have the source) that in order to be able to go so low and come out of it, you have to be from a very high source. This shouldn't be surprising to anyone around here. Just look at the powerful retzonos and yearning of the holy holy people here.

THIS RATZON IS YOU! THAT'S WHO YOU ARE! Yes you have some very very low weaknesses. But that's part of the great shlichus that Hashem gave you. The shlichus to bring Moshiach.

THE SHLI'ACH OF HASHEM TO BRING MOSHIACH! THAT'S WHO YOU ARE!

ONE OF THE VERY FEW NESHOMOS THAT ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE AND EVEN FIGHT BACK AMID SUCH OVERWHELMING TUMAH! THAT'S WHO YOU ARE!

We were given a job that's almost impossible, even for us. How do we pull it off? That was the question that the Jews asked in the Midbar. How can we wage war against mighty giants? The answer that Yehoshua and Kalev gave was HASHEM IS WITH US, HAVE NO FEAR!!! Just do your job, and have no fear. They are only as strong as you believe them to be, but in reality ?? ??????? If you realize that Hashem is with you the giants will crumble!

(please see reply #4 for the rest of R' Tzadok's words)

Rosh Hashana is the time that we report to Hashem on our mission. He assesses the situation and decides what supplies and tools to give us for the coming year. NOW IS THE TIME TO CRY OUR HEARTS OUT "HASHEM, GIVE ME EMUNAH! GIVE ME BITACHON! GIVE ME DA'AS! GIVE ME CLARITY! GIVE ME SIYATA DISHMAYA! GIVE ME HATZLOCHOH! HELP ME DO TESHUVA SHELEIMA WITHOUT FALLING ANYMORE!"

KISIVA VACHASIMA TOVA TO EVERYONE!

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Re: WHO AM I? – A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER AND GUEST, ESPECIALLY YOU! Posted by battleworn - 27 Dec 2009 19:12

Kollel Guy wrote on 27 Dec 2009 15:10:

I think I might start learning R' Tzadok a little more seriously. Till now (for me) it was one of those seforim which I'd use to look something up, or hear a quote from, but not a sefer tolearn on a constant basis.

I think you just changed that.

Shkoyach! Tizku L'Mitzvos

Wow is that freaky! I just posted something from R' Tzodok on your thread and I was debating about mentioning what a great idea I think it would be, if you would learn Tzidkas Hatzadik. At the end I left it out but I do think it would be a lifesaver!!!

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Re: WHO AM I? – A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER AND GUEST, ESPECIALLY YOU! Posted by battleworn - 27 Dec 2009 19:16

Thank you 7up and R' Guard! I love everyone here more than you can imagine and I can't leave you all. I hope to be back in full swing very soon, but I don't know yet when that will be.

Re: WHO AM I? – A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER AND GUEST, ESPECIALLY YOU! Posted by 7yipol - 27 Dec 2009 19:30

I really miss your unique style of chizuk Battle-On.

And the BM has been really lonely without you and R' Yaakov.

Please come back soon, for everyones sake.

This place needs everyone's helping hand;

especially at this critical juncture as things seem to be taking off suddenly.

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Re: WHO AM I? – A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER AND GUEST, ESPECIALLY YOU! Posted by the.guard - 27 Dec 2009 20:26

Battleworn, I'm so happy you're be back, because your chizuk is so powerfully inspiring and important to at least 50% of the people on this forum (who's addiction is not very serious)... And for the other 50%, we have Dov to lead the way... So we need **both of you** here. I feel that one without the other is a big Chisaron.

It's funny, just today while writing the Chizuk e-mail, I achieved some clarity in the long-time disagreements that we used to have about your approach vs. Dov's. Check out what I wrote <u>over here</u>.

I hope it doesn't scare you away ...

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Re: WHO AM I? – A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER AND GUEST, ESPECIALLY YOU! Posted by imtrying25 - 27 Dec 2009 20:29

Battleworn, your gonna have alot to catch me up on. I have no idea what this machlokes between you and dov is. Cant wait to add my 2 cents. Wait one second. let me check my pocket to see if i have even 2 cents.....