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In the aseres hadibros it says: *Io yiheye lecha elohim acheirim al panai velo se'avdeim.* 

It says that the yidden only served avoda zara in order to permit arayos. So the question is: given that it's all done for their pleasure, why does it say a lashon of serving when in actuality it's the idol serving them.

I think the answer speaks to each of us addicts profoundly.

We began with lust and mastarbation because it gave us something (this is why it says plain and simple lo *yiheyeh*). But then the avoda Zara ends up becoming out master (and a cruel one at that) - we end up serving it - as each of us addicts knows. And that's what the Torah is continuing: *velo se'avdeim*.