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Posted by DavidT - 12 Jan 2020 20:35

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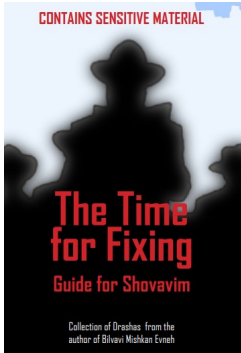
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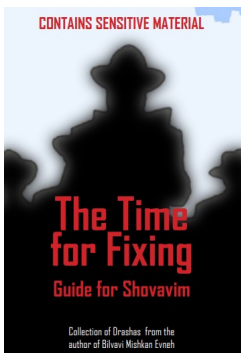
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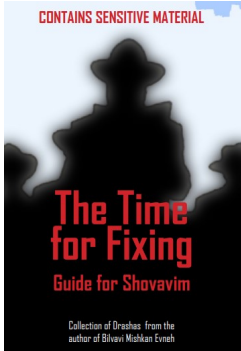
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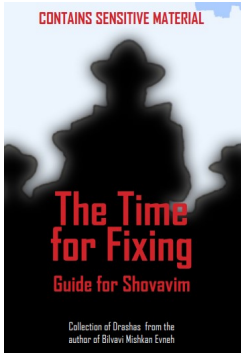
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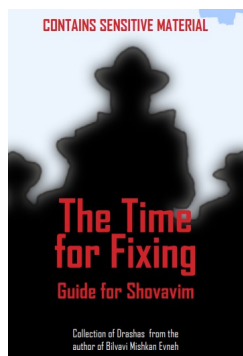
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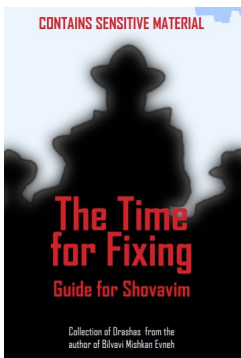
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lets talk about goyim.

by goyim the sexual instinct is just to have pleasure and the fact that a human life can be created by this act is just a fluke in nature. i read an article by a woman who was giving sex ed. and she said it used to be that there was a chance that a baby will be born ,but now WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO OUTSMART THE SYSTEM! ??"? meaning, now we can have pleasure from sex ,just for pleasures sake, and not to bring life into this world. when that becomes the attitude then ssa follows eventually because when a man and woman are together G-d forbid a baby may be born, and who has time for those things? so from this worry contraceptives are invented and not natural relationships are made,because after everything is said and done , contraceptives cost a few bucks and sex a couple of times a week add up,and they are not always foolproof, so lets ditch the whole thing and have ss relationships.

if people never heard of ssa and they really were aware of the MIRACLES of reproduction and realize that that is its purpose, if someone would tell them for the first time a concept of ssa,

they would look confused and be disgusted.

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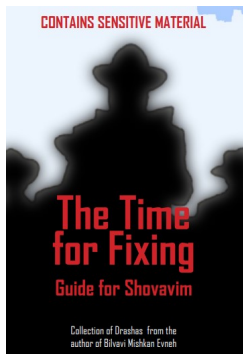
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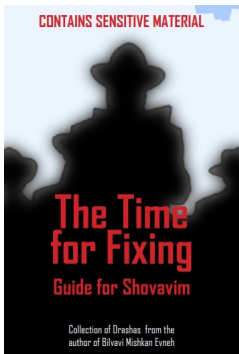
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I think the author may be looking for a different word then "wants" or "desires". He may be looking at the word "is scared" or "has anxiety".

He may be looking to say, there are 3 reasons/causes of homosexuality,

1-One cause is because a person doesn't want is scared or has anxiety to give pleasure and he only wants **feels safe** taking pleasure.

2-A person wants is scared with the world being how it is, and therefore he is only attracted to what is safe for him to switch around which is not the way the world is supposed to be.

3-A person wants tois very scared or has a lot of anxiety of people and relationships and therefore only feels safe when he remains alone, because he feels scared and has anxiety like he doesn't need anybody even though he needs relationships and people really badly. He is never-the-less too independent scared to connect to others.

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Posted by willdoit - 09 Jan 2023 22:38

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What about the people who didn't choose to have ssa? Who don't want ssa? Feel shameful they have ssa? What about those who aren't selfish? Who don't want to "switch around the world" ? What about those who don't want to be lonely?

What about the people who didn't choose to have depression? Who don't want depression? Feel shameful they have depression?

Does it come to say that the underlying cause isn't there?

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Re: Shovavim: 42 days of opportunity  
Posted by sleepy - 10 Jan 2023 04:50

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[sleepy wrote on 09 Jan 2023 17:06:](#)

[sleepy wrote on 09 Jan 2023 16:02:](#)

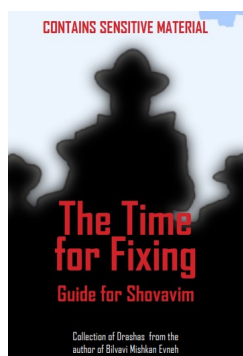
[Markz wrote on 09 Jan 2023 15:37:](#)

[sleepy wrote on 09 Jan 2023 05:32:](#)

[Markz wrote on 08 Jan 2023 15:43:](#)

[DavidT wrote on 08 Jan 2023 15:27:](#)

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<https://bilvavi.net/files/Bilvavi.Time.for.Fixing.pdf>

Hi I opened it up.

It seems unreliable based off what he writes in the section on homosexuality (begins on page 53).

How many people has this author helped in real life?

I quote his concluding remarks on that topic.

*"Altogether, we have found three reasons for homose\*ual **behavior**. One cause is because a person doesn't want to give pleasure and he only wants to take pleasure; therefore, he engages in a relationship in which only he enjoys and takes pleasure, and there is no one to receive his pleasure. (The solution for such homose\*ual behavior is to become the giver of pleasure, and not to be a taker of pleasure).*

*Another cause for homose\*ual behavior is that a person wants to switch around the way the world is supposed to be; he wants to defy the laws of nature that Hashem created the world with. In other words, he doesn't want his role as a man – he doesn't act masculine, because he'd rather be more feminine (by being a taker).*

*[Although this sounds similar to the first cause, it is not the same thing. In the first cause of homose\*ual behavior, the root of the problem is because the person would rather be a taker of pleasure than a giver of pleasure. The second cause, though, also involves this factor of wanting to be a taker, but it is rooted in the fact that the man would be rather be more feminine than masculine.]*

*A third cause for homose\*ual behavior is that a person wants to remain alone, because he feels like he doesn't need anybody. He is too independent. It can get to the point that a person is so conceited with himself that he thinks of himself as sort of like a G- d, which was the problem that Pharoah developed, as well as many other people throughout history.*

*[ The solution for this, as was mentioned, is that if he is single, he needs to get married, so that he can realize that he is an incomplete being by himself. And if one is already married, he needs to feel like he needs his wife, because if not for her than he has no one whom he can give to; this will help him become more connected to his wife and thus lose his homose\*cal tendencies as a result] ”.*

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maybe once the gadol is disclosed on this forum we should not bash him.but thats what i think. to each his own.

Any idea who the author is?

I had no idea. It seems to be anonymous.

I Google searched and found more info. He may be a great man, but you called him a Gadol when most of us never heard of him and have no idea who the author is.

Apparently you know about him. Can you share more with us?

***when most of us never heard of him ,***

im so jealous of you, how do you have access to hundreds of gye members to know if they know him or not, markz...*who are you?*

anyway he is a big tzadik and mashpia in Eretz Yisroel .

im a nobody , but i happened to hear from another Gadol reason number #1 for people having ssa (he was referring to goyim) ,but i wont drag his name in the mud here by mentioning his name .

anyway,KOT!

while im on the topic , i would like to elaborate on reason #1 , now i want preface and say that if the following words hurts the feelings of any of our gye holy brothers that have an issue with ssa , please dont take my words as an attack on you, or being personal. everyones issue is different, and there is no finger pointing or dehumanizing intended. i have discussed with some ssa members about this point , and although it may not have helped them but many have told me that it was food for thought.

lets talk about goyim.

by goyim the sexual instinct is just to have pleasure and the fact that a human life can be created by this act is just a fluke in nature. i read an article by a woman who was giving sex ed. and she said it used to be that there was a chance that a baby will be born ,but now WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO OUTSMART THE SYSTEM! ??"? meaning, now we can have pleasure from sex ,just for pleasures sake, and not to bring life into this world. when that becomes the attitude then ssa follows eventually because when a man and woman are together G-d forbid a baby may be born, and who has time for those things? so from this worry contraceptives are invented and not natural relationships are made,because after everything is said and done , contraceptives cost a few bucks and sex a couple of times a week add up,and they are not always foolproof, so lets ditch the whole thing and have ss relationships.

if people never heard of ssa and they really were aware of the MIRACLES of reproduction and realize that that is its purpose, if someone would tell them for the first time a concept of ssa, they would look confused and be disgusted.

i dont think i am doing justice to this idea. there is alot more to say(not tons) but i have to cut it short.

again i hope no one is offended by these words it wasnt intended

this is very strange, no thoughts? no thank yous? no rotten tomatoes? i wasnt banned for this post? is there a moderator in the house?

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