

WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by battleworn - 30 Dec 2009 19:54

The following piece was inspired by Uri's good-bye party.

What in the world does Hashem want from me???

The question may bother many of us. [In-fact the more it bothers us the better!]

The Torah tells us that avodas Hashem is not supposed to be all that complicated. It's just about choosing Our creators prescription for life over the option of death.

So why on earth do many of us find ourselves in a situation where we are sure that we don't want to sin - we are absolutely sure that it's self-destructive, and yet we keep doing it.

WHY DID HASHEM PUT ME IN THIS SITUATION - WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HE WANT FROM ME???

In my humble opinion, the same question can be asked about Klal Yisroel as a whole. The world is so flooded with tumah beyond any description. Znus has become the religion of the world and it's just all over the place. Take Manhattan for example. So many thousands of frum Jews need to be in Manhattan daily, but Manhattan makes S'dom and Amorah look like cities of Tzadikim.

All that is NOTHING-ZILCH-ZERO compared to the Internet. We all know that the Internet is the supreme, ideal, and perfect weapon of the y'h. It's like if AL-qaeda would have a massive nuclear arsenal. BUT the world has become increasingly dependent on the Internet, to the point that "outlawing" it, is not at all doable. We are totally stuck with no way out. [I'm sorry to say that filters are about as much a solution to the problem as a ???(fortified room) is a solution to a nuclear attack]

SO WHAT - FOR HEAVENS SAKE- DOES HASHEM WANT FROM US???

I don't see much of a difference between these two questions.

Searching for the answer to this question is -in my opinion- the step 1 of the Torah approach.

The pasuk in Shir Hashirim says:

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The midrash explains the moshol as follows. The dove sees a vulture coming after him so he hides between the rocks. The vulture comes closer and so the dove is forced to go under the rock. But down there, there's a big snake! And the dove is totally stuck!

That - says the midrash - was the situation that Hashem put us in to by the Yam Suf. And why? Because He wanted to hear our beautiful voice and He wanted us to show our beautiful true colors.

We live in the Olam Hasheker and our true essence becomes unrecognizable as our *guf* takes over. We become distant from Hashem and lost in the world of materialism.

BUT THEN THE MOMENT OF TRUTH COMES. THE MOMENT OF LOVE. THE MOMENT THAT HASHEM WANTS TO SEE THE REAL YID - THE MOMENT THAT HASHEM WANTS TO CONNECT WITH US.

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In Hashems Infinite Unfathomable Wisdom, He saw fit to create us in such a way that our *pnimius* comes out in a moment of desperation like no other time. At that point we realize that Ein oid milvado - all the illusions fall away and our Neshomoh shines forth in all it's beauty. Because deep inside our hearts, all there is is Hashem - as Chazal say ????"? ??? ?? ?????

And then we feel completely dependent on Hashem and we call out to Hashem from the bottom

of our pure heart. And Hashem finds our voice extremely sweet. [Which means that we gain from it in a way that is totally beyond imagination. Because in truth Hashem does not need anything from us at all. Everything is ONLY for our good.]

Klal Yisroel is in the same situation today. We've been in *galus* for a mighty long time. We have of necessity become more of a "society" than the Mamleches Cohanim that we are supposed to be. For many people being frum means followings the excepted norms in our society. This is a very good thing. It has prevented many from getting lost.

But now Hashem is putting us in that desperate and impossible situation where there is simply no escape. Hashem is telling us:

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Hashem is telling us: It's time for the real thing; it's time for you to show your true colors. It's for you to shed the "????? ??????" and to be the real you.

It's time to run away from the olam hasheker and return ?? ?' ?????? .

It's time to scream with all your heart "???? ?????? ?? ????? ?????? - I will drop all the taivos of this olam hasheker and go and return to my first love - my only true love, the source of all love and all good - the source of life and all existence!"

The time has come for ????? ?????? ????? ??? ?????????? - for us to become the pure vessel for the Shechina Hakidosha.

And the exact same is true for each one of us on a personal level. We find ourselves in the grip of taivoh in the most extreme way. *Al pi derech hateva* there's no way out - as the Gemoroh says ?? ????? ?? ??????. But all that taivoh is just ?????? ?????? that the y'h "clothed" on to our burning desire for Hashem. Our real desire is buried so deep that perhaps we don't even feel it at all.

BUT THE TIME HAS COME...

The posuk says in Yeshaya ??' ??? ????? and the Gemoroh explains: ?? ?????"? ??? ??
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him. He wants us close - in His embrace.

The big difference between us on a personal level and Klal Yisroel on a general level is that we
(hopefully-[that's the real step 1]) feel the squeeze; while the "world" doesn't.

That means that Hashem expects us to lead the way. We have to start the revolution and Klal
Yisroel will follow. This can help us understand the very extreme chidush that R' Tzodok says
(see "Who am I" thread) that those with the strongest connection to taivoh and sin will be the
leaders when Moshiach comes. Strange as it may sound we will lead Klal Yisroel out of golus!

SO CRY YOUR HEART OUT TO HASHEM!!! ????? ?????? ?????? ?????? ?????? ??????????
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chances are He will say: "No my love, I want your heart ?????????? ???-????????????
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Rather ask Him to return you all the way to Him (see Torah Tavlin thread)

And don't cry to Hashem out of frustration and annoyance. That won't get you very far. We have
to realize that Hashem desires us. We are not losers that ended up in this situation by a stroke
of bad luck. We have no complaints against Hashem (although we have no shortage of pain).
On the contrary we were the ones that were zoicheh to a personal wake up call from Hashem
Himself. So, with Simcha shel Mitzvoh, cry your heart out - a cry of yearning - a cry of hope - a
cry of longing - a cry of love ????? ?????? ?? ????? ??????

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Re: WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by nmtikva - 11 Aug 2015 03:18

He needs some what?

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Re: WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by cordnoy - 11 Aug 2015 18:26

[interveltnik wrote:](#)

--someone to guard one particularly swampy area of the border where no one is willing step in. The person said to the king: "This is not what i meant, I want to be a general or a minister" So the king told him this is what I need now, generals and ministers I already have. The rest is poshut: hashem says "I already have the torah and tefillah of the previous generations, now I need some heilige people like us all to step into the mud and do my work down there...

great mashal (the post before has the first half)!

the Torah answers this question by sayin': ki im l'yirah es Hashem.

I think some answer (that the Torah means): Hashem wants you to be the best person you can be at this very moment, with whatever tools you have to use and whatever nisyonos are thrown your way....to make the best possible decision at the moment. Makin' good positive decisions usually come about when one is thinkin' Godly.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by bright - 30 May 2023 05:51

Just to point out klal yisrael in mitzrayim groaned from the hard work and then cried out to Hashem...

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Re: WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by Heshemechad - 30 May 2023 08:21

Amazing post and reply's I'm taking everything to heart and will review what was written until it's part of me. Just what I needed to hear. Thanks for the chizuk and taking the time to share with us.

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Re: WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by imagadol - 30 Jul 2023 05:47

WOW WOW WOW

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Re: WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES HASHEM WANT FROM ME!?!

Posted by aliyarabba - 30 Apr 2025 06:39

So true i was always farteyned that every time I got rid of a device (I don't own any devices, my nisyonos are with other people's devices) within the year the yezter would send me another device, now as I'm going through yet another means to the internet your words hit the mark,

rabosai everytime a new nisayon pops up we'll cry out harder and harder! Hashem only want's us more and more! and even if as we run we stumble, we'll get up and run some more.

Thank you for the chizuk

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