

There's nothing there

Posted by xyxorwa - 25 Jul 2017 23:28

I hesitate to put this in the "what works for me" section, because it's minimally effective for me, but I'll share my eitzah in case it helps others, or if people have insights to share.

When encountering someone on the street, I tell myself "There's nothing there", either in my head or softly to myself. This is a message to myself that 1) the physical person I'm seeing is not "real", is not the essence of that person, 2) there's nothing really worth looking at to make me break my desire to guard my eyes.

As I said, I'm not able to make this really effective for myself, but there's something about that formula: "There's nothing there" that can help me put things in perspective.

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Re: There's nothing there

Posted by dms1234 - 25 Jul 2017 23:38

Thank you for sharing! In my experience, the opposite works. I say to my self: "God, she's very pretty and i would love to look at her, see her naked and have sex with her. I cant control my lust. God, please take it away from me. I want to do Your will not my will because my will leads me to all the wrong places. Please God please remove the lust from me. I surrender, I put up my hands and I am walking away"

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Re: There's nothing there

Posted by serenity - 26 Jul 2017 01:34

I've reminded myself that there is nothing there for me. That has helped me.

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Re: There's nothing there

Posted by yiraishamaim - 26 Jul 2017 01:54

"It's just none of my business" is what I say.

I "think" that is what serenity is saying when he writes "that there is nothing there for me" the emphasis is on "for me"

Whatever you do I believe strongly that the idea of not dwelling on the sight has to be quick. A long shmuz/tefillah gets me thinking/focusing too long on the forbidden and its counter - productive.

Unless, I have already gone for the bait/obsessing and then its wise to daven for her

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Re: There's nothing there
Posted by Shivisi_Hashem - 26 Jul 2017 04:08

Im trying for the last 5 months not to look at any women on the street, i keep my eyes down to the floor, but in any case, for example when i drive, if i encounter a good looking lady, im thinking that she is just like me, a regular human being, and when i look at myself in the mirror i dont see anything exciting, no trigger at all, same there, its just a Dimyen which is being triggered by my YH, its really nothing there, just a little bit skin, and that shouldn't get me out of control and mess with my success... and of course, the entire ?????? shouldn't take more then 2 seconds, just stop thinking about what you just saw and what you decided to do.

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Re: There's nothing there
Posted by New Person - 26 Jul 2017 17:00

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My 2 cents:

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Re: There's nothing there
Posted by Old Timer - 26 Jul 2017 19:48

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Well Said!!!! so true!!

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Posted by yiraishamaim - 26 Jul 2017 21:09

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Dittos! There's got to be a good reason why we have this struggle and in a very challenging time. Let's take advantage of the opportunity to accomplish.

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Re: There's nothing there

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Are you serious in your thoughts?

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Re: There's nothing there
Posted by Unknowngye - 24 Aug 2017 03:03

To help me understand that I'm sick and that I'm taking a beautiful creation of HaShem, a human being, and warping that reality, I like to imagine that she is defecating. I know it's disgusting but it helps me realize that she and I are practically the same except for the different tools that Hashem gave us. Even goyim were given tools with which to serve Hashem and it's their problem they're completely off the derech (ours as well since we need to be a light to the nations). Of course I don't go into too much detail because otherwise I will start imaging her private parts. So just some stuff coming of the direction my eyes always seems to be so attracted to.

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Re: There's nothing there
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just imagine that they have a big nisayon when they dress just as big as you have a nisayon to look, they are both yetzer hurahs, so just like you don't blame yourself for having a nisayon you can't blame them for having a nisayon.

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