

Parenthesis

Posted by Trouble - 10 Oct 2019 14:24

so, I said the parenthesis in zakkah yesterday - several times. the first time, before yk actually started, I was a bit distracted and I skipped over it. heck, I never actually "did it." I mean, it was there for the taking, but for some reason I held back. I even told her about those damned parenthesis! she understood. but then once yk got rolling, and I had the opportunity to say it several more times, I actually said those words. I told God and myself that it really made little difference. yes, the frummies and the midrash quoters will spew that stuff about actual cohabitation with an idolatress, a gentile woman! and even one who is not your actual partner. I am actually reminded now that she was in fact Jewish, a bas mitzvah, and all. got called to the Torah, wow! but I reasoned that this justification crap was going too far. you think my wife would go for the technicality that there wasn't penetration!? bottom line, I was too close for comfort, I mean it was comfortable and more, but it's not a position I wanna be found in. I certainly don't wanna be caught that way, but besides that, I'd rather not even entertain that possibility, although I actually found those thoughts slipping in several times throughout the day. am I being clear? I hope so.

I'd like to make a second half post to this and that will be about the zakkah in general. why all the women, Keri, etc. talk? but I'm running outta time now. sorry for the non-capitalization. my notes app doesn't do that for some reason.

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it may be true that trouble is a real yid ,but as long as he doesnt address my above quote ,i have trouble being convinced that hes debating in order to get to the truth .

troubles statement:tefilas zaka proves that masterbation was rampant throughout our history.

sleepys statement:a tefila that was made 250 years ago doesnt tell us anything about what happened for a couple of thousand years .period.as long as this statement is ignored, and as long as this question is sidestepped there is nothing to talk about.

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Posted by sleepy - 25 Oct 2019 14:02

[Trouble wrote on 25 Oct 2019 11:19:](#)

Thank you Bego. You are president already, I think.

I'm not debating anyone. I started with one main point and I'm still there (but I won't use the "R" word).

I'm not your regular question asker. I make observations. It makes no difference to me in the big picture. ***I don't view the previous generations any differently based upon my assumption.***

I do, however, view this struggle differently. Once again, most everyone should have internet filters, but internet is not the root of the problem, us people are. Until that is realized by many, I think, and only me, that we are not doing justice to people and this issue.

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i dont neccasarily agree with everything in this post but the point is a point. the yiras shomayim was indescribable and its very clear that thats what rav yeruchom was saying. aside from wherever the haskalah wrecked havoc, (and during that time), this famous qoute from rav yeruchum, and ive heard this many times, was describing how we cant even fathom the greatness of previous doros (and he was talking not about rishonim his grandmother etc.)

this underscores the importance that (especially when we know theres a general rule of hisyardu hadoros) how careful we have to be when making statements about the previous doros. not every story that we see in the torah or in gemara is to be taken at face value, despite the lessons we are supposed to learn from them. and either way, if we want to say something conclusive about an entire earlier generation we need (i think) more than an opinion, a svarah, or even a diyuk in zaakah (which can be interpreted diff, but thats besides the point)

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