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Oh, and once I offended many of you, I might as well offend the remaining few. I now understand why chabad doesn't say zakkah. They don't look at other women or men. That's why there are so relatively few lubavitchers on this site. That gene wasn't passed onto them. God bless them!

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Posted by i-man - 17 Oct 2019 03:04

One thing I would say about Trouble is that hes very savvy at marketing (Maybe hes behind the success of the recent campaign..)

Regarding 2 evan if it's me not the internet why give myself a destructive tool..its been debated alot out here and it seems that the majority lean towards protecting yourself , dont forget unfiltered net led many of us to gyes door...

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Posted by cordnoy - 17 Oct 2019 03:06

Mr. Trouble, I took a look at that tefillah again now and I hear/see where your comin' from, but I have one question: if you are indeed correct, why, when it says: "???? ?? ???? etc.", and then it says what he did wrong with them, why doesn't it specify masturbation there? It can be included in "?????? ?? ?????", but there is a laundry list of what he did improperly with his hands, such as hittin' his fellow and handlin' muktzah, but no masturbation. If it was indeed rampant, why the omission?

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listen trouble brought up private chat so i will as well. i just want to add 1 little point in terms of the gravity of this sin (masterbating).

before i do that i want to make a disclaimer to all the readers that throughout the doros, every gadol that has written about this topic has stated it IS possible to do teshuvah on this aveirah. so no one get yiush. the following is technical for the most part.

i related to trouble how even if this sin wasnt prevalent in earlier doros, its such a big aveirah that it warrents being front and center in tefillas zakkah. (there are also many bechinos to this aveirah but im not getting into that) to support myself i said over the famous zohar saying how its there isnt teshuva for such an aveirah (again, remember the above.) mr. trouble seemed to be unimpressed with my bringing of the source. i am unsure if it was because of my lack of bekius in zohar, my lack of understanding in zohar, or my lack of understanding in general, or all 3.(which are true btw) regardless, i found something in the kitzur shulchan aruch written for simple jews like me. so here goes. (excuse my poor lashon kodesh)

"it is forbidden to emit semen in vain and this sin is worse then ALL of the sins of the torah." etc. see there (siman 151) as he is mayrech. he also brings various tikkunim there.

sound pretty darn harsh, no?

so yeah-no proof from zakkah that this was prevalent.

the fact that it was done-at all-is deserving enough.

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Posted by higher - 17 Oct 2019 17:54

yea i was struggling with that myself.

i agree. (that...)

could be that our "logic" and the reality dont always see eye to eye. (this isnt a response to dov as i never heard this from him. its a response to the general mehalach of disagreeing with a sefer written for the simplest of the simple like the kittzur cuz we dont understand. heck, when we come to olam haba and see whats going on a bit, we might say olam hufuch to alot of things.)

complaints can be filed to the kittzur shulchan aruch.

p.s. i actually have a more direct response and i believe that the above quote has nothing to do with the kittzur (for starters i was talking about the *actual* gravity of the sin and not the "fellow") but its completely irrelevant. the above is the fundamental response. (my arrogant opinion)

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i didnt know the reishes chochma. thanks. the kitzur does sound very general and it could be thats pshat. ayin shum he mentions that its doimeh to murder almost as an afterthought. but his opening statement is that its worse then all.

in general i think this whole argument is about playing on peoples emotions and not much else. we know the torah is true. we may not be comfortable with the facts that it says-but its true. we may have a hard time with pshat. but its true. i can drum up lots of emotions on the concept that "gadol hamachati-oi yoser min hahorgoi" (put in google translate). again, i can go into more detail, but the first step is to rewire OUR brain. not the kitzur and not chazal. and the fact that the zohar (oh no!) says what it says, regardless of the many different approaches explaining it-def. says something worse about this aveirah-get ready-more than ANY OTHER SIN.

ditto about my opinion.

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i read this post.

im unsure if this is in response to what i said.

to be sure...

1.i mentioned no one should get down in the dumps.

2.i mentioned that any gadol that wrote about this had a way of explaining the zohar that teshuva is possible. (the kitzur that i quoted above himself lists various tikkunim for this sin!)

3.cords had mentioned that it has become much more prevalent (due to internet) i dont think anyone argued since.

4. no one argued if masturbation has "been around throughout the doros" the discussion was whether one can assume that it was "rampant". if i understood cords correctly he was saying thats nothing more than an assumption. Mr. Trouble alluded that i agree to that as well.

5. the only thing i see new being addressed in your post is your personal feeling that people that are not healthy shouldnt say tefilas zakkah. i think we all agree on the concept of someone

being an "ones" from tefillas zakkah, and you probably also agree that one should know himself thoroughly or ask a competent LOR who knows his situation before omitting such an essential hakdama to yom kippur. (aside from the fact that there are many parts to tefilas zaakah to cross out the whole thing sounds a bit extreme....)

6. There was another point in the discussion about whether this is the most chumur aveirah in the torah. (not the teshuva point, although that is a proof.) i knew better then to bring the zohar so i brought the kitzur. and to say that the kitzur shouldnt be read kipshuto is to basically say goodbye to the entire limud of kitzur. if i may say, thats bordering on ridiculous. it can get very technical in exactly what way is this more chumur than any other aveirah but the kitzur says a general statement. "lo si-hey muchlefes". like i said, im unsure if u were adresing this at all in your post, but im reiterating just in case.

i can go on with more specifics in regards to explaining the kitzur but i wasnt really coming to do that and my main point was the approach to ignore it or leave the kitzur with an attitude of oh thats kabbalah and we dont understand it anyway. the kitzur, who wrote to all jews and was accepted as a posek hadoros....

thought otherwise.

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