

How does Torah Connect you to God?

Posted by EscapeArtist - 07 Mar 2021 03:05

This may be a strange forum to post this question on, but I figure this is where all the *real* Jews are...

I've been along the yeshiva-guy conveyor belt, spent many years in yeshiva & kollel; thank God for sending me this addiction so I'm forced to join SA & take some serious introspection about my actions & beliefs.

?As I've heard from others, I find myself attaching more than ever to things I understand bring me closer to Hashem, (or God, or HP, whatever floats your boat), like tefillah & brachos. In the meantime, things I've been doing till now because it's what yeshiva guys do, I've been dropping, especially if I feel they're getting in the way of my connecting to Hashem, which I believe to be the ????? ????? of this whole yiddishkeit thing anyway. If I'm shvitzing, the tallis ain't going over my head anymore, because then I'll just be itching to get outta there faster & start resenting the whole thing. You get my drift. Maybe.

My problem is with learning torah; I guess I don't really feel any major connection to God while learning, especially not while learning seemingly redundant & nitpicky sugyas in shas, or while going teef teef teef trying to outdo the next guy with better svaros... At the same time, I'm not willing to drop learning torah, as it's the foundation of our existence v'chulei v'chulei v'chulei.

I guess I'm looking for some mekor as to how learning torah brings us closer to Hashem, no matter what we're learning?

I'm not even sure what I need, I'm probably traumatized from sitting in seder after seder after seder for years on end, while watching the clock & feeling like I was wasting my time, stuck on the yeshiva-guy conveyor belt.

I spoke to a Rebbe, he called it ??? ?????. I don't really think so. I'm not looking to get away from learning; I'm looking to get closer to my learning, so I can appreciate it & perhaps do some more of it, the way it's *supposed* to ben done.

Any advice is appreciated, but if you dare give me mussar you're gonna be labeled a "conveyor-belt-guy-who-doesn't-really-believe-in-God" so watch out.

Thanks for letting me rant.

I'm gonna do something stupid now & hit "submit" before re-reading everything I just typed to make it more politically correct. Hope I don't join the ranks of Dr. Seuss.

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Re: How does Torah Connect you to God?

Posted by OivedElokim - 07 Mar 2021 16:09

I beleive that the Tanya says b'feirush that Torah is mechapeir on zera levatala, but I don't recall where he says that.

It's in ????? ??????. The Baal HaTanya brings in the fourth Perek from the Zohar that ??? ????? ????? ??????. He then brings the ????? which says that the meaning of that is that is only true with regards to ?????, but not ?????, which does help. I don't have time to explain what those to levels are, but in Perek 8-9 he explains that ????? means to learn Torah with ?????.

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