

Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 16 Dec 2009 09:28

Hello to everyone,

This is my first foray into the world of GYE, and I'm really hoping that it will become a real force in my life, as I've been battling the other forces for too long.

I'm happily married to a beautiful and loving woman, and together we are raising a bunch of wonderful children, yet there is a side of me that no one knows about, a side of me that has been eating away at me for almost as long as I can remember. That side of me is the Mr. Hyde to my Dr. Jekyll, the crazed sicko who gets set loose at night and does horrific shameful things. Being a true ohaiv Ha-shem, who really loves the aibishter and his torah and mitzvos this creates an enormous amount of conflict in my life, leading me to feelings of isolation despite being surrounded by people who love me, and despair despite leading a relatively successful life.

To compound those feelings, I am involved in avodas hakodesh, so while people are looking to me for inspiration, I'm sometimes involved in things that if they had the slightest clue of, they would pillory me in the town square. This makes me feel even more like a fake and a fraud despite the fact that all I really want to do in my life is bring people closer to Avinu Shebashamayim. Many times, I have thought about quitting, recognizing that I'll never really be able to inspire others if there's no gas in my fuel tank, but I'm reminded of the fish's response to Rabbi Akiva, "If in the water, the place of our life, we need to fear, how much more so on dry land, the place of our death!" So I guess I will try to stay close to the water, (besides all the teaching I do, I personally learn for hours every day, sometimes immediately followed by a most inglorious session of shmutz!), and just keep trying to slog through the muck.

I hope you can give me the chizzuk I need to make it out of my living hell.

Habaletaher

PS I can't even say Day 1! Maybe tomorrow!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 21 Jan 2010 12:17

[habaletaher wrote on 21 Jan 2010 07:32:](#)

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by silentbattle - 21 Jan 2010 16:52

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by bardichev - 21 Jan 2010 18:10

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by imtrying25 - 21 Jan 2010 18:28

[bardichev wrote on 21 Jan 2010 18:10:](#)

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waddya mean?? They are all those little girlys screaming and jumping outside your ice cream truck, hoping to get a lick of that cone of yours.

I want it, no no i want it no its mine nu uh its mine im gonna tell my tatty hes a policeman well my tatty is a fireman and he holds girantic ladders well my tatty is a ice cream man, uh sonny is your name baby b??

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by silentbattle - 21 Jan 2010 19:07

[bardichev wrote on 21 Jan 2010 18:10:](#)

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Exactly!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by bardichev - 21 Jan 2010 20:00

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u 2 guys are funnier tham me!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by bardichev - 21 Jan 2010 20:31

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Posted by OneLife - 21 Jan 2010 21:23

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HABA, you are the cannon!! ;D ;D

im sure you feel your spiritual ALIYA , as you clean for very long time so far BLI AIYN HARA

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the next time, say a few of holiness names and cause some girls disappear ... you can also burn them by your mouth ... :D :D :D

TFU TFU TFU

LOVE YOU MAN !!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by silentbattle - 22 Jan 2010 00:27

Oops - With all the joking, I may have forgotten to say how incredible you are...which you already know, of course, but I'm just reminding you!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 22 Jan 2010 10:25

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(reading zohar)... "so, this seems to be instructions for making a zonah disappear..." Hmm...

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SB, precious!!! I can't wait for the day!! If I would have used that at MSG, I would have taken out 30% of the crowd before I even got to page 2!

Hmmm... Zeir anpin, dachakal tapuchin kadishin... raza diyichuda shilimta...

Suddenly people start disappearing with a barely audible POP! and before you know it the arena is mostly empty and Haba looks up and says in a Steve Urkel voice "Did I do that?"

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[/quote]Is this an official calling for an early purim?? Im into that. So long as you provide the drinks.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by silentbattle - 22 Jan 2010 16:30

You brought a tremendous amount of kedusha there...and who knows - maybe being in your proximity will help them be better and dress a bit more tzniyusdik...anything's possible.

Keep on rocking, Haba, and have a great shabbos!

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