

Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 30 Apr 2023 22:12

Seem to be out of the woods now.

On the way back in.

How long will it take to get there?

That's 100% up to me.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 06 Oct 2023 14:36

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by chaimoigen - 06 Oct 2023 15:15

[Grant400 wrote on 06 Oct 2023 14:36:](#)

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A wise man once said: If I **need** to do whatever I **feel** like doing, I have absolutely no freedom at all.

Ain Ben Choiren Ela

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Re: Grant's Rants
Posted by connected - 09 Oct 2023 15:07

[Grant400 wrote on 06 Oct 2023 14:36:](#)

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Rav Noach used to say, "The Western definition of freedom is being able to do whatever you feel like doing. The Torah definition of freedom is being able to do what you want to do in spite of what you feel like doing."

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Re: Grant's Rants
Posted by eerie - 01 Jan 2024 18:03

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General, it seems you're back. We are waiting....

Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 22 Jan 2024 03:26

"I'm just..."

"I'm just going to check if..."

"I'm just curious if..."

"I'm just interested in..."

"I'm just..."

The two words that have preceded every stupid decision I've made.

"I'm just..." sick and tired of it.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by chaimoigen - 23 Jan 2024 06:01

I don't mean to disenchant

and I am not a sycophant

But there is nothing to supplant

The unrivaled Rants of Grant.

"Please sir, I want some more?"

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 26 Jan 2024 02:59

I see so much of the following, and used to subscribe to it as well.

B"H through nissim!!! I never watched porn but I struggle with...

Chasdei Hashem!! Porn disgusts me but...

Through the overwhelming mercy of the one and only righteous and divine holy G-d I never saw hardcore, BDSM porn films. I drew the line there.

Yes, it's definitely better to have not watched these things, but these so called "lines" & "levels" have no implications whatsoever, on your level of lusting/ problem you must deal with.

One can "only" masturbate and be worse off (and his wife can be worse off too) than the guy who does it with his favorite star.

One can "only" fantasize about the cashier in his local supermarket and be worse off and mired deeper than his buddy who has a porn session every lunch break in the bathroom at work.

All these are just ways lust manifests itself. But the lust issue? That's deep inside the person. Whatever is causing us to run away; whatever is causing us to numb the pain/fears/memories/abuse/ anxieties/anger/hurt/confusion...is the issue.

We need to forget the labels, levels, lines and categories. We just need to get to work on the root of the issue.

Deep within us.

Lust. (And whatever is driving it.)

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 26 Jan 2024 19:54

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Ela Mai? You're saying that they should seek help to address their underlying issue? But who says that that is their personal road to healing? Perhaps their avoda is to sweat and suffer!

?Once again, I do not disagree with you; but simply attempting to represent a population who fall prey to sights they see...suffer terribly...yet emerge (what I believe to be considered) victorious.

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Powerful. I'd take the parenthesis off.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Grant400 - 28 Jan 2024 00:14

I must numb these feelings of success and accomplishment!

- said no one ever.

Be honest with yourself.

Ask yourself what would make you feel (more) accomplished? What would fill that void? That yawning chasm deep within?

Figure out what you deem a success, and...do it!

Push yourself beyond your limits, & find that feeling of satisfaction.

It's priceless. It's healing. It's life.

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Posted by iwillmanage - 28 Jan 2024 15:26

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You say that it doesn't get easier for them but working on the underlying issues to eliminate the lust isn't their 'road to healing'. Their avoida is to 'sweat and suffer'. Does that mean that the ultimate goal for any road to healing is only to stop acting out? Does the 'person' behind the problematic behaviours mean nothing at all? Would you say that a person who lives with constant lust but consistently overcomes it has achieved the same level of shleimus as someone who has overcome the lust itself? I would say obviously not, but even if you argue, why should a person subject himself to a lifetime of suffering when he can avoid it? No one would suggest a physically ill person shouldn't try to recover just because his illness isn't life threatening, so why is this suffering different? The whole idea that a person's avoida is to sweat and suffer for the sake of it sounds absurd to me.

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Re: Grant's Rants
Posted by yitzchokm - 28 Jan 2024 15:41

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He writes, "??? ?????? ?????? ??? ????" which seems to imply that partial success in eliminating challenges is possible for everyone.

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 28 Jan 2024 19:55

Wow, two awesome responses!

R' ?iwillmanage is 100% correct and I should clarify that I was referring to their CURRENT avodah...but of course the ultimate goal is to address "the person behind the problematic behaviours" (absolutely lovin' the British spelling!)

And R' yitzchokm - that Tanya quote is life changing!

Havin' a hard day taavah-wise....but you guys give me such chizuk.

tiny fellow in Grodno ~ img

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Re: Grant's Rants

Posted by youknowwho - 19 Mar 2024 18:09

Oh, the places you'll go

Oh, the places you'll see

When you rant without Grant

Life is hard as can be

When you rant without Grant

Your gripes are messed up

When you rant without Grant

Life's a cholent tup

Cuz ranting and Granting

Or huffing and panting

Is all simply nonsense

If done in General Grants absence

Can you rant without Grant, in a cave?

Can you rant without Grant, as a slave?

Can I rant without Grant

While six feet under?

Can I rant without Grant

Near the fearsome three-headed Zoobler, a frightening wonder?

Can you rant without Grant,

With a fox?

Can you rant without Grant,

While stuffed in a pushke of lox?

Should I rant without Grant on a train?

Should I rant without Grant in the rain?

No, I do not like to rant without Grant,

I will not, cannot, Grantypant!

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