

clarity please

Posted by geshertzarmeod - 14 Feb 2011 10:18

Can someone clarify for me please. How is acceptance of lust addiction as a disease not a "cop out" for a responsible person not to take responsibility for his actions? I read Dr. Twerski's definition of addiction. But cant everything be written off as an addiction? Isnt that what our society has done with psychology? Nothing is our fault anymore. I realize that there is a difference between a one time aveira and a constant behavior pattern. But that still doesnt do it for me. Reb Elazar ben Dordaya succeeded by taking responsibility for himself. Granted he cried

So is that the answer? taking responsibility doesnt work if you want to stay alive? I dont think so.

Can someone help me here, because this a major hashkafic issue preventing me from proceeding.

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Re: clarity please

Posted by mifatfait - 04 Mar 2012 19:29

himself to death

Thanks!

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Re: clarity please

Posted by geshertzarmeod - 17 Mar 2012 19:38

I saw something this Shabbos that reminded me of this thread. In my opinion it fits. Let me know what you guys think.

Its brought down that Moshe had to make an accounting for every penny donated to the mishkan. Whereas by the eigel no such accounting was called for. Most mforshim use this to show that when it comes to our own desires we are willing to spend without thinking but when it comes to ruchniyus (Torah and mitzvos) suddenly we are very careful about each and every cent. Rav Sorotzkin in Ozayim L'Torah takes another approach. Based on the concept, used by forcing a man to give a get, that essentially a yid wants to do good, his YH just gets in the way. When it came to the mishkan the yidden knew that this the real thing and they wanted to know that the mitzvah was being done properly. But by the eigel, deep down they didnt really want to do that so they werent so concerned about how it was done and where each penny was spent.

It's a nice limud zechus for klal yisroel. But I saw it in a different light.

In relation to the topic of this thread, one could use the same logic. Essentially we are good and we want our maasim, and our teshuva, to be 100%. Whe we get caught up in the "eigel" (each person has his own weakness that we'll call his eigel) we dont really give it much thought. We just go after it without really thinking about how much we are putting into it. But when we are doing the real stuff, torah mitzvos and teshuva, we want to make sure that its 100%.

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Re: clarity please

Posted by mifatfait - 17 Mar 2012 22:20

I really enjoy the idea. Very positive outlook. It's so true, the second we start thinking the Y"H loses all control over us, he only lives in the physical drives we share with our neighbor's cat.

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Re: clarity please

Posted by geshertzarmeod - 25 Mar 2012 18:04

so this shabbos i came across another gem from the Oznayim L'Torah.

the pasuk forbids se'or and d'vash to be burnt on the mizbeach

he quotes Rabbeinu Bachya

that se'or is the yetzer hara of avodah zara and d'vash is the yetzer hara of desire.

se'or is never permitted in a korban

d'vash is permitted for the kohanim to mix with the shirayim of the mincha

chazal got rid of the yetzer hara of avodah zara and tried to do the same to the yetzer hara of desire. It wasnt possible because the world couldnt function that way.

avodah zara has no place whatsoever in our lives

women have to have a place in our lives

so the yetzer hara of desire had to be kept around

Now I know everyone is going to say love and lust are not the same thing etc...

but as the mesilas yesharim says everything (desire included) has us in a dilemna between proper and improper usage.

i just mentioned this because it rings true with a point that i made at the begining of this thread. In some ways i feel that chazal knew how dangerous desire could be, but didnt have any solution for dealing with it. They couldnt get rid of it. so we are left to find our own ways of dealing with it.

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Re: clarity please

Posted by geshertzarmeod - 15 Jul 2012 21:14

Tonight I heard Rav Zev Leff speak

he quoted from the Michtav Me'Eliyahu

that each generation has its own yetzer hara

and you have to fight fire with fire.

You cant expect to win over today's youth with the Rambam's Moreh Nevuchim

The Rambam wrote that to combat the yetzer hara of his day.

For our dor we need tools that fight our yetzer hara

for me that is as clear as possible the need for new ways to fight this yetzer hara

if its the 12 steps, or whatever it takes.

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Re: clarity please

Posted by cordnoy - 11 Nov 2014 20:04

[bardichev wrote:](#)

Ok I will stikk my big romanian nose in this gulash

Who cares what its called?

Masskim sykologedee is a cop-out

Masskim sykologedee was invented and misused by liberals with hedonistic agendas

Having said that

I will frum up here

Why oh why do we get so "dakkisdigg" on what to call this or what not to call it

Or if this is or not kinegged Torah

Where were all these hashkaffidiggeh Toiradigge Halachadigge arguments when we fell into shmuts

As my rebbe reb doiv

The aaddict says

I don't care what LAV suicide is

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Obviously, a layman like myself cannot figure out one bit what the Heilige Bardichiver (and his fellow cohorts) are talkin' about, but it was a chiddush to me that he was already referrin' to my friend before she even became my friend, and how did he know that she has a big sykoldjee? Actually, she even has a degree in it and practices (on me)! Oh well; never freg kashas oif a Rebbe!

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Re: clarity please

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 11 Nov 2014 20:40

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Re: clarity please

Posted by cordnoy - 11 Nov 2014 20:59

[ZemirosShabbos wrote:](#)

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Please say hello to him for me.

give him my email please as well.

Thanks

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Posted by cordnoy - 02 Dec 2015 17:24

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