

Curiosity killed the cat

Posted by shivisi - 03 Jul 2014 11:21

This is a response to **Pidaini's** post about "**curiosity**" HERE:

guardyoureyes.com/forum/1-Break-Free/234302-New-Challenges-New-Opportunities-New-Lows

I always wondered if there was any source in the Torah to the old expression

"Curiosity Killed the Cat".

Now I think I have an idea:

The gemoroh in Rosh Hashana (?? ? ?"?) explains the word "???" in the posuk

????? (? , ?) - ?????? ?? ????? ?????? ?????? ????? -

- [Dog] ??? ??? ??? ??? ?? ????? ?????? ??? - ??????

Rashi there explains that the king did ZNUS with his Dog.

The Gemoroh there later says:

'????? ????? ??????? ????? ??????? ???????'

The Yidden love Torah *Lehavdil* as much as Goyim like "shegel" - [having znus with dogs].

I had a big kasha, couldn't the Gemoro [it's actualy the possuk that the gemoro is explaining there, which compares it to that] find any better comparison for the Yidden's love for Torah then the Goyim having znus with a dog??!!

Maybe we can explain it like this:

The source of the Goyim's interest in the above, comes from CURIOSITY. Curiosity to try out "deviations" of normal relations.

This is "Curiosity", constantly looking for something 'new', the 'regular' is too boring.

[I quoted in the other post -"I once attended a series of classes by a famous madrich of chasanim and sholom bayis, on the the topic of 'zivug',(bedroom) - Someone there asked about 'experimenting with different positions' -

The Madrich pointed out [with detailed explanation and sources] that "curiosity is the source of most Znus".]

It's brought in seforim that the there is a special *cheishek* given to am Yisroel to be 'MECHADESH' Chidushei Torah.

This may be the explanation to the comparison mentioned above. The Goyim satisfy their nature of Curiosity with Deviated Znus, and Lehavdil Yidden use the nature of Curiosity for Chidushei Torah.

So what does this have to do with "**Curiosity Killed the Cat**" ??

That is alluded to in "CHAD GADYA" -

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'Kalba' is a Dog, 'Shunra' is a Cat.

The Gemoro says, ????? ???? ???? ????? ????? ????? ?? ????? - Even if the Torah had not been given, we could have learned TZNIUS from Cats.

So the Cat stands for TZNIOUS - which is the Opposite of the ZNUS of the Dog.

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The 'Preetzus' - The CURIOSITY - of the Dog, killed the Tznious of the Cat.

Thus: "CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT"

It's Gevaldig meduyak in the words of the Gemoro, that it is only - '????? ???? ????' because now that we have the Torah we can counteract that (dog's) negative curiosity with curiosity of Chidushei Torah.

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat
Posted by unanumun - 03 Jul 2014 14:31

beautiful vort.

curiosity definitely killed this cat. But GYE taught me that cats have nine lives. So I picked up and started to live again

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat
Posted by ewards - 03 Jul 2014 17:02

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat
Posted by lavi - 04 Jul 2014 01:01

thanks for the pilpul

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat
Posted by ineedchizuk - 04 Jul 2014 03:37

Now a vort like that takes some serious ?? ??????!!

liked that cat that has nine lives We all need to remember that (inspiration for the day)

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat
Posted by shomer bro - 04 Jul 2014 04:50

But remember, the cat is still limited to those 9 lives. So while we should definitely pick ourselves and KOMT, but we have a set amount on this world so don't assume we have so much time in this world. We just never know. But, I still love the mashal.

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat
Posted by shivisi - 06 Jul 2014 10:52

Over this past weekend, I came up with a few additions to my original vort, based on this past week's Parsha {BALAK}:

The Gemoro says that Bila'm told Balak that if he wants to destroy Am Yisroel, there was only one way to do it:

???????? ?? ??? ????? ????? ??? - If you want to turn Hashem against Am Yisroel, so that He will destroy them, the way to do it is through ????.

The Medrash says that Bil'am was involved in a ??? relationship with his donkey*. [*see above, bestiality=curiosity]

Balak was the king of Moav. Moav was called so because their founding father was the result of, as is written in the Torah, the ??? of Lot's daughter with her father, and thus she called him Moav, ???.. So Balak was the leader of the nation founded from ???.

Thus Both Bil'am and Balak came with their "???? powers" and used them against Am Yisrael in order to destroy them.

Thus here too we see the idea of the - ??? /curiosity/dog - against the Tznious / ??? /cat /

But we can take this even further,

We mentioned before that Am Yisrael counteracts the "curiosity" of ??? with chidushei Torah.

The Medrash on Parshas Balak that another thing that Bila'm told Balak was:

Here again we see these two opposing counterparts - Torah, Talmid chochom

and where there's no torah = Am ha'aretz

you get-

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat

Posted by ewards - 07 Jul 2014 16:52

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Re: Curiosity killed the cat

Posted by shivisi - 08 Jul 2014 07:56

[ewards wrote:](#)

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I see it was a good choice to move this thread to the BM section.

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