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nice to meet you, i love Rabbi Miller ztl too,i hope you get the Toras Avigdor emails, i dont get the chizuk emails yet for some reason but i could venture a guess based on what ive heard from him on other occasions, true, a person is biTzelem Elokim , even other nations are tzelem Elokim , but that doesnt hold back a Tzelem Elokim to "act "like an animal,even a yid who is called Hashems children can lose thier madreiga and act like an animal, and the truth is Dovid Hamelech said it first in tehillim (49), Adom biyikar ,vlo yavin,nimshol ka**beheimos** nidmu-Man is glorious but understands not, (that he has Glory in him and therefore acts like an animal)he is compared to the silenced **animals**(translation taken from artscroll siddur, the words in paranthesis is based on Rav Shlomo Volbe ZTL)

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Yashar koach Sleepy! Thank you.

Here is the quote from yesterday's chizuk email:

---Now it's a good idea to know - and this should help - that all the people, all of the goyim, and all of the secular Jews around you are t'mei'im. All the people around you are beheimos. ~~hatzlacha kadeshli never let go of Rav Miller ZTL~~ They're lost nesheimos and all of them are going to gehenom. All of them; all of them. It's a rachmanus. All of them are without any sense at all. They don't think about Hakodosh Boruch Hu once in their entire lives. Not once! So how can you compare yourself to them? They're beheimos, animals.

????????? ??? ???????? - You elevated us from among all the nations of the world. So you should have a certain amount of regard for yourself as a Jew. You should know who you are. And therefore don't look at anybody else. What's it to you? It's just people wasting their lives. But you're living differently. You're living with Hashem in your mind. So just look at the sidewalk - you have no interest in what's doing around you.---

I understand and agree with your explanation. I forgot about that pasuk tehillim. Thank you! I guess this is what he meant even though he phrased it literally.

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Disclaimer: this poster did not know what craw or stuck in my craw meant until i googlized it

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Bit nervous to reply as we could be heading into somewhat controversial waters here... So basically, I mean that if one takes this seriously, one could end up with hatred of non-Jews (or, treating them as animals, think throwing them a bone from the table). That is something I'm not a fan of and try not to instill in my children. The mesorah from the rishonim, and many achronim, is not like that (from what I have seen and learnt from my rebbeim) and I feel these types of statements are more based in an attempt to bring Yidden back who may have strayed by giving them self-confidence than in any reality.

Please note that we are all anonymous here (we hope!!). I might be the godol ha'dor, I might be an utter am ho'oretz. I might be both. To debate jewish ideas is risky as we all have our mesora and to some extent, different mesoras contradict and even debase others. I myself heard from



anoshim gedolim b'yoser biting comments about other people that are considered by many to be gedolim. It depends on where you are coming from.

I mentioned about not taking this too seriously as the OP was bothered by the statement of rabbi Miller. It is worth noting, I was telling him, that there are many approaches to this topic and he needn't get too hung up on one approach, even it is from a person he generally loves.

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No one is saying that people are animals in the sense that they should be treated like animals ,chas vishalom,they are tzelem Elokim who are getting down on all fours and acting like an animal , and therefore don't be influenced by them by what THEY are doing ,in standards of immorality etc. because their actions are not actions of what a proper person should do,they follow their natural instincts just like animals follow automatically their instincts and not like a Tzelem Elokim who fights their instincts when it goes against morality and ratzon Hashem, but to say that they are not human ,and they are animals , no one

ever intended that .and this that rabbi Miller ztl said that they are beheimos should be taken very seriously, meaning they are acting mamish like beheimos, and beware of learning and being influenced by them because it's like an animal teaching you between right and wrong , but G-D forbid to actually treat a human being like an animal.

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Come and hear what the SM"G has to say on the subject in his preface to discussing Mitzvos Aseh:

When Hashem created the world ,He created it on the first day.The angels Hashem created on

the second day of creation(the SM"G brings Pesukim as proof).Afterwards Hashem created animals on the sixth day of creation **before** the creation of man.

The angels have intelligence to serve Hashem their Creator,and they have no yetzer hara to disobey Hashem.

?On the other hand, the animals have a yetzer hara ,but they lack intelligence to serve Hashem their Creator.

So Hashem thought,

"If the angels serve me ,they don't deserve any reward since they have no yetzer hara to disobey ,and its only natural to serve Me.

The animals,if they dont serve me , do not deserve a punishment since they don't have the intelligence to serve me,and only have a yetzer hara."

Therefore Hashem created man on the sixth day,**after** the creation of animals,(etc.).and in the creation in man ,Hashem **combined** in the body of man the intelligence of an angel and the yetzer hara of an animal( the SM"G says the Daas of an angel and animal , but i think he means to say the intelligence of an angel and the yetzer hara of an animal, since an animal has no daas )What does this combination consist of?The flesh of man is **like** the flesh of animals,in the sense that it

eats ,drinks,sleeps,and does **other stuff**,and hashem gave and put into this flesh the Neshama,that **enlightens** to the body the paths of serving the Creator like an angel.Therefore the Neshama is called a Ner -Light,"Ner Elokim ,Nishmas Adam".

Now since the actions of an angel and animal are different(the angel wants only to serve its Creator, and an animal only wants body things)therefore man who is a combination of these two, experiences tremendous conflict ,and **warlike battle** inside of himself,**all the days of his life**,because the **animal like** flesh which is in man,desires the pleasures and vanities of this world,just the pleasure of eating,drinking, sleeping,and **all his thoughts** are on this.

But the **angel like** part of man battles against the **animal like** part,and demonstrates and proves to to the **animal like** part that man was not created **just** to eat drink and sleep. Whats the proof that man was not created for just these things?Because before man was created , the animals who just eat drink and sleep were created ,so there already was creatures of material pleasure,and if man was created **after** them , it must mean that he was created for a different purpose,and not for these things,and when a man has to eat ,drink, and sleep,his intentions should be to have a healthy and strong body with which to Learn Torah , Pray ,and do good acts ,which is the Service of the Creator.

Now it is not known who was victorious in this war between the Neshama and body until the day of death,because sometimes **you'll have a man who was a rasha in the beginning and a Tzadik at the end**, or the opposite. But after death, they show him all of his actions that were

written in a book if all his animalistic actions were done for the sake of Serving his Creator(as much as is possible that is), like was mentioned before,then his service is accepted more than the service of the celestial angels who dont have an yetzer hara in them.But if C"V the the yetzer hara of the animalistic part of him was victorious over the angel like part of him,,then **he is considered like an animal, and WORSE THAN AN ANIMAL**, (why?becuase )an animal does not posses a neshama , a NER ELOKIM to enlighten to him the service of his Creator, therefore he doesnt deserve a punishment,but a man who **does** posses a Neshama will be judged in Gehinom.

Regarding this battle between the Neshama and the animalistic part of man,**is the purpose why Hashem created His world**.And in order to help the Neshama have a fair fight ,Hashem gave Klal Yisroel The Torah through the greatest man ,Moshe Rabeinu, with 613 Mitzvos, and took us out of mitzrayim with tremendous Miracles, and split the yam suf before us, and rained down the" Mahn" in the desert every day for forty years.(Through the Giving of the Torah and strengthening of Emunah through the Miracles of Yitzias mitzrayim, will enable each and every Jew to be victourious in the battle between the Neshama and the body/yetzer hara.)

Taken from the sefer Leil Shimurim By Rabbi Shlomo Brevda ZTL pages 63-64(i hope i translated correctly)

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