

My relationship with Hashem

Posted by boruchkolvari - 12 Nov 2012 17:49

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My relationship with Hashem got cancer when I started masterbating 4 years ago. It got to the point that I stopped thinking of myself as frum. Now that I have committed to stop masterbating and watching porn, Well I didn't comit, b/c I had already done that a thousand times, to no avail. But I comitted myself to call into the GYE conference call every day, and do my best to at least check in, even if I'm not on the call for long, while also doing my best to update my standing on the 90 day chart. My relationship with Hashem has never been stronger. Hope to continue

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Re: My relationship with Hashem

Posted by MBJ - 12 Nov 2012 19:30

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Keep up the good work.

Boruch, you and I have the same start date on the chart. Every time I update my chart I hope to see your name next to mine. I hope we can both get to 90 together.  
posting later!

MBJ

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Re: My relationship with Hashem

Posted by alexeliezer - 12 Nov 2012 20:37

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Hi Boruch! Welcome!

The Y"H would love for us to drop the whole Torah just because of one aveira.  
Sure, I know, this one in particular does move us away from Hashem.  
But in recovery, it can also bring us closer to Him than ever. By making him a part of the process. The most important part.  
Glad you're trying something new.

Hatzlocha!

Alex

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Re: My relationship with Hashem  
Posted by boruchkolvari - 13 Nov 2012 17:13

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I hope to stay clean today. Moving on, I am working on accepting my destiny.

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Re: My relationship with Hashem  
Posted by jewish jew - 13 Nov 2012 18:58

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Look at what Reb Dov wrote to me a while ago on the subject of a relationship with Hashem, I hope you are not in the same category as me that you crave for a relationship only you just wrote the facts about where you are up to in life.

I hope I am clear. Yitzchok

[dov wrote on 12 Jun 2012 18:35:](#)

Secondly I have this very wrong and bad concept, that if I am not clean, I am distanced from Hashem for a while until I am clean enough again. In other words it has to do with my feeling and not really what Hashem does/feels. So I have to see the future (look ahead) of me being clean as so to feel closer to him again. (I have felt this crazy closeness when I had long, long streaks as a bochur but now days I can only dream of it). The reason above and my conscious are the only things right now pushing me to stay clean. maybe tell me what is pushing you.

I hope you understand JJ (and reply)

You are describing lust. Religious lust. It is just as poisonous for an addict like me as porn or sex lust. Maybe it is wonderful for you, but I have come to see that it makes me silly, selfish, and scared.

The yo-yo of "take me back!!" and the tremendous feeling of closeness and connectedness with Hashem when we are scratching and fighting our way 'back' to Him after lusting and masturbating our brains out for a while, is exhilarating. And sick.

It's as sick as we would view any abusive marriage where there is terrific sexuality going on - between weekly hateful beatings. This is *common* in abusive relationships. Even in some *parenting* relationships - abuse followed by extra closeness and forgiving, presents, baseball games, real love - and finally more abuse...

That is *not* Teshuvah. Yes, it's a high, and yes it's religious. But it is not Yiddishkeit. It is a personal invention **using** religious and Torah concepts and neshoma-dikeh faculties we posses. But it leads nowhere good.

Until I came to see that and was ready to let go of the highs and deveikus - for the sake of accepting a calm, but *real* relationship with G-d - the cycle you describe persisted.

The truth obviously is that Hashem loves you to pieces while you are on your knees in the bathroom masturbating yourself to the porn goddess you are worshipping. We *do* worship them, that's why they have all that incredible power - we give it to them. And He does love us and care for us....that's why many people get sober, clean, whatever you want to call it. He starts to arrangements that draw us into our recovery while we are having sex with ourselves. He makes it drive us crazy - so that we will desperately want help. He makes our lives (as the fakers we are) a misery - so miserable that we will finally be *driven* to accept the help that we **really** need.

It's the tochacho. And it is all His love.

Does this make sense to you, chaver?

If not, fine. But if it does, then what are you ready to do about it - not tomorrow or this week - but today?

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Re: My relationship with Hashem

Posted by boruchkolvari - 15 Nov 2012 16:39

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I found the most wonderful Toisafos last night! 41b Gittin Dibur Hamaschil Kofin es Raboi, holds that if there is something in the atmosphere encouraging lewd behavior, anyone that acts on it, chazal consider them anusim, in that they will make takanos, that are assur maikur hadin, just to help them! It is well known that Reb Yerucham held that the American Bachurim who came to Mir in Europe were "Ulai yoser gadol me..." and the Beis Hatalmud Mesoirah is that the "...." was reffering to Reb Akiva Eiger, but the publishers were afraid to write something so bold. There is no question that in shomayim they consider us all anusim, and Hashem is making major takanos to make sure that we don't have to suffer forever!

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Re: My relationship with Hashem  
Posted by boruchkolvari - 27 Nov 2012 17:32

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So today is like day 60. I want to recommit myself to a newness. I feel much closer to Hashem,  
and I am hopeful to be clean for 2day!

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Re: My relationship with Hashem  
Posted by alexeliezer - 27 Nov 2012 18:01

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Good to hear!

One day at a time.

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