

Porn but not... stam

Posted by nafrub - 22 Mar 2023 18:39

Hello everyone

i'm addicted to p&m. in the past I had ups and downs, since I came on gye it went better, i started to make a cheshben hanefesh and b"h i got good friends who helping me, but still didn't get out of it.

In general I don't like so much to watch stam porn ,my main problem is that I have my few porn stars that I know their names and I like to search, see and watch them, and this is the hardest part from my nisoyin to get divorced.... from them.

Please if anyone can relate or have any tips or solutions for this case.

Thanks

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Well this is a great question! Thank you for asking. My problem is obsession with lust. This is an issue that I can't handle on my own. So I choose to turn to Hashem and tell him exactly what I want or what I am thinking bringing it to the light.

Before this I used to bury these thoughts and fantasies deep somewhere, hoping it would go away, when it would come back full force, often stronger and the need for more intense outlets, I realised this just wasn't cutting it. I chose to do the opposite once I heard about it and saw people in SA that it worked for. People that had been sober for 10+ years and living with big smiles on their faces proud to be who they are, accomplished individuals in whatever area they choose to tackle.

I am new to this and there are different opinions out there. It really depends on the individual. But before trying something it is easy to theorise that it is incorrect. The only way to find out whether something works it to give it a proper try. One of the sober members of SA feels the same as the both of you and chooses not to pray for the individual but he had to try first! I personally have to share everything with Hashem as it helps me keep on G-d's track and not

mine. Mine is selfish and will likely end up in acting out, just give it some time.

Rebbi Akiva Daavened and said, how beautiful are your creatures Hashem when he saw a beautiful lady who he later married. The great sage!

An Amora who I forgot the name of, screamed that there was a fire in his house before he acted out with women who were kept in the attic. Everyone came running to see that he had moved a staircase (that only 10 men could move) on his own to get to the attic! We see it is better to be open and honest rather than to bury ones emotions.

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Yes we may believe that they are the cause of us being nichshal and therefore hate them. But really we are the ones who are powerless and Hashem put them there as a nichshal and we can't understand that because how can something so good do something so terrible???

This thought can only cause me to be more vulnerable as I blame Hashem for my problems... when He himself is the solution.

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Just to mention a new thing I learned and I believe it to be true for now. An extended prayer may feed obsession with prayer about sex itself. A member of 6 years sobriety shared with me that his experience with prayer works best when there is a short prayer just to simply stop the obsession.

I personally find that sharing the situation with another person is very powerful to see the obsession in truth. Once I speak it out I can see what it is that I am dealing with and it usually gets rid of the obsession. There are times where I feel I need to share more and times when I need to share less really depending on the situation.

I will share now that there is a girl across the road and she is a long time family friend visiting from America who is one year older than me. She had gone to a religious school (chassidish) where she did not get a secular education and is now struggling with her yiddishkeit. She is resentful of her schooling and her parents. She has been in the American college system for some time now, trying to become a physiotherapist. She has done well despite this. I personally think she is a beautiful girl and I really am interested in speaking to her about my journey through yiddishkeit as it has been a rough road and would like to tell her what resentment and fear has done for me in the past and what I feel it has held me back from. I then want to tell her how amazing it has been to deal with these emotions appropriately and how I have advanced as a result. I feel like this will be helpful for her as it gives her a bit more insight into struggles and how to deal with them. It seems like a good idea if I didn't have sexual needs and fantasies not discounting her needs for a relationship.

One of the members shared with me that it would be a good idea to speak to her. This is maybe good for him but I know that this is not good for me on many levels. Thing is this girl is dateable age and the forwarding nature of my actions are open for interpretation by myself and her, potentially leading to a romanticised relationship when we clearly are of a totally different hashkafa as of now. Even if she changes her mind in her hashkafa it logistically doesn't make sense to date her. As sad as it is and as much as I want to be the superhero, I am not in charge. Hashem is always the One with the power to change lives and circumstances. So I wish the best for her and that she is able to get the answers she seeks in life.

As for a smaller share, I noticed some very beautiful girls on this last day of YT and I just want

to say that I am powerless over lust and that I pray that they are blessed by Hashem today and Hashem helps me with this obsession.

Thank you all for letting me share,

Prayer is powerful just takes some getting used to I guess, still learning

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Posted by frank.lee - 13 Apr 2023 19:35

Hi Misgaber - good points!

Great that you are clear-headed! I have been in such situations before. Maybe you can find someone else, a woman(?) who can be a good influence for her.

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Posted by Eerie - 14 Apr 2023 19:50

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Great that you are clear-headed! I have been in such situations before. Maybe you can find someone else, a woman(?) who can be a good influence for her.

Hi,

Thank you for your reply! I wish I could but to quote my Rav, "influence only can be received by someone who wants to be influenced". She is a strong headed girl and smart. So all we have to do is wait and daaven. If hishtadlus does present itself then I will be happy to intervene with Hashem's guiding hand of course.

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Thank you my good friend!

I really do appreciate your continued support it really aids my recovery. My strength lies in how much I give myself to Hashem the SA program and this platform trying to surrender as I go.

Behatzlacha Raba.

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Re: Porn but not... stam
Posted by dim12 - 16 Apr 2023 18:45

I'm in the same page

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Re: Porn but not... stom

Posted by iwish001 - 21 Apr 2023 03:58

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Posted by Misgaber96 - 21 Apr 2023 04:47

[iwish001 wrote on 21 Apr 2023 03:58:](#)

Hi to everyone,

If I may expand on thinking about all this stuff as fake and not what we think it is.

The thought I had the other day was that it's not really that it's this stuff that's fake (although it also is) what matters for me. What matters for me is that MY THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT STUFF ARE FAKE. It's all an illusion in MY head.

When I look at this stuff I guess I'm chasing the feeling I had when I first saw it, which is the feeling of some type of "hope" that there is a pleasure which can be gained from the person I'm looking at, in the back of my mind.

In reality I'm looking at a piece of meat doing gymnastics in front of me. It can be beautiful, it can be fat, it can be skinny.. whatever. This is what my eyes are seeing and everything else is the illusion I created.

I can see a beautiful person, car, mountain, city...the moment I start creating scenarios and illusions about me with that person, about me in that car and me exploring that city, I just fell in

the neverending loop of thoughts...neverending.

I'm not any kind of professional, but I guess there are reasons why I fell in this daydreaming behavior. To escape from trauma, problems or just from reality of life...because in our thoughts everything is rosy and comfortable. But it's only an escape..nothing else.

Some people escape somewhere else and I escape to that.

This is not to put myself or anyone else down. It's another perspective which might be helpful to get the awareness and to put ourselves in the driver's seat of our lives.

B'H for the Torah, at least we have a roadmap.

Hi,

I hear your point and in principal you are right... MY WHOLE LIFE is fake. It is Hashem's imagination doing wild things. I personally find this thought is based on emuna. But this thought is too lofty for me. I feel like I have real experiences. Some of them are beautiful like sharing an amazing sugya with a friend. Some of them are vulgar like spending 8 hours locked in a room watching all kinds of shtus masterbating myself silly. That experience is real and traumatic. I find that I need to be honest and admit my actions in this safe space... ALL of them in order to be more safe. That way my experiences have been surrendered to something bigger than myself.

Thing is I did try to use such a thought in the past. I think it helped me white knuckle for the short term. The YH is too big for me but not too big for Hashem, I need to be real with Hashem about my experiences as He gave us those experiences. I can choose to deal with them alone and let them take over falling into obsession. But if I say to Hashem my situation it can help me.

Just to share I saw again this girl who is a family friend who became not religious in yoga pants today from afar and as I rode closer I saw it was her in the car and she waved to me. I can't say that my thoughts are running wild atm but they were at the time. I feel a certain closeness to her and I want to get to know her to help her, but I don't know how much I can help her. May Hashem send her success in what she seeks in the best way and give her other siyata dishmaya. Hashem can You grant me success and help me from obsession.

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Re: Porn but not... stam

Posted by Crabapple18 - 21 Apr 2023 05:57

In abstract thinking it sounds idealistic to say this is all "Fake". But I'm mashed when you I put my concrete thoughts to work when an item of lust pops in the picture, saying Fake Fake won't (at least for me) work.

I was told the more I try not to think of something, the more I will think of it. *Do you relate ?*

It doesn't really help me. At that point I am in lust land. My sponsor has taught me the prayer (of the many) thing as follows.

G-d may I find in you, that in which I seek from another human being. Please fill me with what I feel I'm lacking within.

FYI- IMHO The Third step prayer is very helpful too.

Live Life B'Simcha

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Re: Porn but not... stam

Posted by iwish001 - 21 Apr 2023 07:41

@Misgaber96 - I'm sending you a lot of hugs and I hope you'll have strength to deal with a situation you're in and that you'll get advice from someone wiser than me.

@Crabapple18

I guess we should use any strategy that helps us to overcome this and live a life we want.

I corrected my initial post in case it was unclear. I wanted to expand on talk about "porn is fake" that was talked about throughout the topic.

This thought of it being fake, and it surely is, can help...but to go even further, I wanted to expand that what we see in it, or expect from it, is fake also. By looking at it we create fantasies which are just that...fantasies in our mind, that we created.

Something we'll never reach and something that never ends.

This awareness is not meant to be a magic solution or a cure for this, but it helps me to see the absurdity of my behaviour. On the other hand, it gives me the strength because the solution is within me, not somewhere outside.

Thank you for the beautiful prayer. I wish you much success.

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