

denial is not a river in Egypt

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BH after decades of backsliding despite renewed efforts to not relapse time after time after time , it has been over 3 yrs now that ,one day at a time I have been able to come clean .

Everywhere one looks we are bombarded mentally, emotionally , physically stimulative with smutt and nivel anyim ( porn). When I was growing up decades ago the tolerance was so much stricter; nowadays regarding modesty and hidden societal agendas it is impossible to not fear encountering the Satan every and anywhere. The tragic reality it is ubiquitous, insidious and desensitizing to healthy functioning with a shemiras aniyim lifestyle.

I apologize for the wordiness, but my heart just cries out from the past ,long ongoing downward spiraling and sins against my neshama and Hashem.

The thing that has saved me and continues empowering me is being honest about the denial of so many: bad choices of selfishness , appreciation of my blessings, getting older and Hashem's delayed payment system. Teshuva only works WHENEVER we choose to do it if we become proactive against relapse. Shemiras Aniyim and begging for help from Hashem is a synergy for confronting this problem. We know all about addictive behavior and the more we do the more we empower,reinforce and set more stimuli to get the dopamine release that our disease effects ( the ahh feeling ). So we need more and harder more intense stimuli to achieve a previous satisfaction.

Long story short, its a choice. We live in denial that Hashem isn't watching, our souls become darker and desensitized to holiness and cannot become illuminated as the forces we create are nurtured from our own actions. There is an accounting and an accountant awaiting us when we MUST leave this world of denial.

I hope this will help to instill hope and remove desperation. The way is one hour ,one day , one test at a time..... If you are reading this than Hahsem still loves and hope for you to return and do teshuva. IT IS NOT TOO LATE. Choose your gift of vision and time wisely. May you find the the renewed hope and strength to give away what you will acquire and know there is always hope.....

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Re: denial is not a river in Egypt

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I saw once (I think here on GYE from Dov) that that is Pshat in the Posuk ?????? ?????? ??  
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