

Still Raging Against The Machine

Posted by Cry2Tatty - 30 Nov 2009 01:17

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so thats pretty much the deal...i showed up here one day by accident and saw something weird...here were all these jews that where putting up a genuine resistance to the evil empire that is lust...in all my wanderings ive seen some crazy crap but something like this? not at all...i saw two dozen frum blogs but alas, they too were contaminated by the lust assault..poor figures...nothing more than drones following the creed that larry flynt recieved himself on Mount Sinai...disguised as frum sites but nothing of the sort, really....did i find any voices that said, "look, this sh\*\* aint right..."...probably but a quick peruse through and i discovered that they were either out of touch with reality or just plain silly...and then i bumped into this site...and here was real and GENUINE and honest solutions....so i came...i looked around...marveled at all the flakes that took up residency here....

well, im now on at least 20 days of no pr0n and no bating...which is a miracle...its been years and years before i came here that i wasnt able to pull 5 days together and many many months where i stopped even trying....i dont know what happened but the group support and the genuineness of the good folks here and hearing their experiences and lo and behold i am a changed man...

the changes were not only in me but perhaps even greater in the people around me...no longer driven by lust i saw people (WIFE) in a new light and the changes in the way we relate to each other was quick and vast....this is perhaps what i owe GYE the most for....

i dont take myself too seriously and i hope you dont either....

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine

Posted by the.guard - 03 Mar 2010 13:36

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by shemirateinayim - 04 Mar 2010 01:03

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[guardureyes wrote on 03 Mar 2010 13:36:](#)

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try applying on [www.torahanytime.com](http://www.torahanytime.com)

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by Momo - 04 Mar 2010 07:24

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Beautiful.

Keep on posting (in small chunks please).

Sorry I keep missing your chats.

Keep on trucking, dude.

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by bardichev - 05 Mar 2010 18:17

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HAVE A PEACEFUL SHABBOS RAGE!

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by Momo - 07 Mar 2010 06:20

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Thinking of you Rage.

Hope you're doing well.

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by Dov - 08 Mar 2010 00:09

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[bardichev wrote on 05 Mar 2010 18:17:](#)

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Well RAGE? Was your Shabbos peaceful?

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by Dov - 11 Mar 2010 19:02

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The question you need to ask yourself is:

Would I be happier just growing another mouth (for that someone else), or just end up even *angrier* about having another mouth to feed?

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by the.guard - 13 Mar 2010 17:53

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[Rage ATM wrote on 11 Mar 2010 03:08:](#)

i keep hoping someone else will pop out of that mouth but its always me again...

One day they won't ask you why you weren't Moshe Rabbeinu, they'll ask why you weren't Rage Rabbeinu... (and you ARE!) ;D

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by Sturggle - 13 Mar 2010 19:05

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Hey Rage,

Haven't posted here in a while,

so, just stopping by to say hey.

Shavua tov!

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine

Posted by Momo - 15 Mar 2010 07:54

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Hey Rage, how you doing?

Thinking of you (and worried about you too). :-\

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine

Posted by briut - 15 Mar 2010 14:20

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[Rage ATM wrote on 04 Mar 2010 23:41:](#)

the third principle is believing that we can be helped.... in our sick minds, lusting is as much part of us as our eye color or height... as much as we've been fooled to think otherwise, acting out is not an essential part of who we are,

we have not [been] decreed forever to live a life of misery...there is hope...we've looked around for a long long time in the dark but fear not there is a way of this dark....

Dearest Rage: I realize that my imagined goal is in H's hands and not mine in the first place, but the further away the imagined goal seems from current reality, the more likely it sometimes seems that "they" might have it right and "we" might be reaching for a brass ring beyond our reach.

Sometimes we can just reach for that brass ring and HKB'H turns our arms into Basya's long reach or even His own yad chazaka. But sometimes the Yetzer is setting a brass ring just to get us down and keep us there once we fall out of the merry-go-round's saddle. (Too obscure? Sorry! Really!) My frum yetzer hara can fool me often.

Right now, I'm having one of "those days." Don't even know why I'm bothering with all this "stay clean" [er, junk]. How do YOU dust yourself off so quickly? Usually I'm pretty good at getting back onto Derech Hashem (the road, not the sefer) but today's just feeling rainy and windy and cold. What secrets are working for you?

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by Dov - 17 Mar 2010 02:46

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Thanks for that, Rage, and a nice and useful rest of Nissan to U, too!

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by briut - 17 Mar 2010 03:36

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I've gone back and looked over your words AGAIN, Rage, and they're still hitting me very very deeply. Namely---

What if my own special flavors of acting out are indeed no different than anyone else's flavor: what if it's all simply acting out and nothing more?

What if it's not just like my eye color? What if I'm not decreed forever to live a life of misery, if there IS a way out of this dark.

Sometimes I plant little seeds of things around my life, so that if I find myself in a dark or hungry place I'll ALWAYS have a safe place to go with a little burried treasure and a siman that the world is still here to take care of me. I think I want to plant these words so that next time the Y'H tries to have a little "fun" at my expense, I'll know just where to go for reinforcement.

Thanks, Rage. I think you gave me some words I might be needing very much, very soon. (Day 64-ish, right now; the Y'H has pulled out the ultimate weapons of depression and despair; I'm hanging on but I'm starting to forget WHY.)

Thanks.

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Re: Still Raging Against The Machine  
Posted by briut - 17 Mar 2010 23:29

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Rage,

What I think I'm hearing from you, and it sounds beautiful, is...

It's sorta like the story ending in "lo ba'shamayim hee" - there are certain powers that rest in our 'control' and not in Heaven. Still, that doesn't mean that it's OUR power or even OUR control. The walls don't cave halfway in unless Hashem makes/allows it.

So, somehow, that says something about man's role in the world -- on Rosh Chodesh as well as in cleaning up our own acts.

Am I in the neighborhood you intended?

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