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7/15/92

Dear Norman,

I'm at 241 CPW and, for the moment, "free".  
Though I don't have your article with me, I  
do have a small notebook in which I had  
entered a few cryptic notes when I read it  
shortly after my arrival. I hope that my  
erratic memory will not fail me as I  
try to reconstruct my initial reaction. And  
I write now rather ~~late~~ than wait till  
I return home because 210 is 1/2 to 23.

I always enjoy reading your literary  
masterpieces & I enjoyed this one too.  
The language, the style & the clarity of  
thought are most appealing. Also, 2.6m nk  
1731 in re: your plea for moderation in  
Jewish life (Hungarian standards) & the avoidance  
of extremism. Your "210-thesis" is an ingenious  
plea for this golden virtue.

My initial feeling (reinforced in the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
reading) is that the message may be  
ignored because some of the elements which  
constitute the foundations of your thesis  
~~will~~ will be challenged. Or to articulate  
it in the context of the article :- The  
32N 210 will be ignored or rejected because  
the 210 will be pronounced 210 K1.

Let me cite a few examples :-



do what?  
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6 - Despite the  $\frac{1}{2}$  dialectic, 27/12/1301  
do not have independent options. The  
varying "mix" in which they express them -  
selves (from the human perspective) are but  
a manifestation of the unitary divine will.

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האדם

7 - Did the eating of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  really  
"throw the entire system out of kilter"?  
It didn't even introduce death  
hardly. It didn't even introduce man  
as a new element in the nature of man  
(who by nature was mortal —  $\text{דָּמָה}$ ).  
Nor did it have a potential of granting  
man new knowledge which exceeded the  
potential inherent in his  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

It was an ordinary tree (as you  
found out), one of many, but bearing a  
sign: "do not eat" — a sign mandated by  
his unique attribute — freedom of will.  
The attribute would have no meaning  
unless it could be located in an arena  
of choice.

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8 - The word  $\frac{1}{2}$  by its very  
meaning excluded the option of "moderation".  
Eating is not a manifestation of extremism  
even as not-eating is not a manifestation  
of extremism. Not every element of  
conduct (not every one of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
includes the option of moderation.

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9 - The Cain illustration ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) is  
a homiletic over-extension of your theses.

I have now reached the boundary of my  
memory. So I say: p102 p10. I hope that the  
figures I raised are reasonable and be useful  
to you as you consider your next step.

If you choose to discuss them further via  
correspondence, please enclose a Xerox of this  
letter as I will surely forget its details  
by tomorrow. (One of my birthday gifts).

I hope you & Wendy et al are well.  
I look forward to seeing you here or there  
towards end of year.

Yours truly, R. L. E.

Len

Am returning home on Nov.