

"What and Where Is Paradise"

1. Not talking about after death, but about (למנו) (פסוק) . Paradise is here.
Not spot on globe but globe itself, the Paradise which is life.
2. Describe average man's idea of Paradise: as, sit on soft couch, feet on desk, snip off plum with left hand, apple w. right, long straw to drink from sparkling clear stream, don't have to bend down etc. etc.
3. This not Jewish conception. Not like Moslem ideal as cosmic harem wine women and song (elaborate), not American Indian- charging on white steed down infinite hunting ground, prize beasts to hunt etc.
4. Midrash: G-d had to coax Adam into Eden פסוק (פסוק) .
5. Why? - because fundamental element of Jewish idea of Eden is הנאה ושמחה ,
work it and watch it.
6. (Lamm:) story farmer after death taken to beautiful castle, wonderful room. Feet on desk, etc., only presses button and butler appears, brings him whatever he wishes - describe - then, after some weeks, rings for bellboy, says he's getting bored, wants work.
Boy: sorry, that's only thing you can't get here. Man: then I'd rather be in hell.
Boy: Well, where do you think you are? (polish up).
7. הנאה . Leisure hours given to modern man by scientific and industrial progress are his downfall. Literally as well as figuratively bored to death. Boredom causes:
 - a) Infidelity of husbands. Too much time on hands, so speeds feet to wrong places.
 - b) " of wives. Housework by mechanical gadgets, too much leisure, go where no belong.
 - c) Gambling. May be part of social scheme in modern age- but only when limited.
Describe how overdone in resort hotels when leisure maximum.
 - d) Narcotics. Among rich too, but hushed up. Result of too much time, nothing to do.
8. Talmud says הנאה refers to (פסוק) . Even $\frac{1}{2}$ hour day. Everybody has ability to read something serious, not only for scholars.
9. הנאה refers to (פסוק) . Ethics, etc. Watch, or preserve, Judaism. Democracy vs. McCarthyism etc. Anti-semitism etc.
10. If will not do above, then, as with Adam, driven out of Eden, blocked by (פסוק) .
11. Rabbis explain: (פסוק) , i.e. infidelity (see # 7 above)
12. " 2nd interpretation: (פסוק) . all vulgarity etc born of a bored existence is brought into our synagogues and public institutions and is destroying them.
13. (?) Distance between Eden and Gehenna is (פסוק) , one step, Man walks on tight rope
14. We can make life an Eden or Paradise instead of a Gehenna if Adam will become a Man, and Man - human.

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