

Let's hear from you please
before your long summer vacs?

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Dear Rabbi Laman,

Surprise, surprise! I'm actually going to write you a fairly long note - I feel in the mood.

First I must thank you for your ~~note~~ book which I have just got around to reading. I found the chapters on a sane sexuality and the Halachic process in horrific times of great interest.

I write at a time during which C. C. is going through yet more turmoil. There is a plan for the imminent merger of the junior/senior schools for the glory of ---. My head ^{Mr. Alenson} is leaving for a new job in M/C primarily because he is concerned about providing a proper ^{Jewish} milieu for his adolescent kids and also the politics here are not 100%. Have you read C.P. Snow's novels about the corridors of power? They ring very true for me at the moment. As for my future here. Well

as far as junior teaching (which I enjoy most)
that's out. I have been offered teaching some
English on a subject basis and some
Government in the Senior department. I'll just
have to wait & see how things turn out.

Do you remember that story of the early
Chassidic masters who were engrossed in
contemplating the purpose of creation.
Many deep and philosophical points were
made : א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב'. Then the Alte Lette
ג'פ'ב' א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב'

quoted a א'ב'ב'ב' : א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב'
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and made the comment :
א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב' א'ב'ב'ב'
that א'ב'ב'ב', just as in man א'ב'ב'ב' come
from a deeper & stronger source than א'ב'ב'ב'
Similarly above ---

Pope also put it very well

The ruling passion be it what you will
The ruling passion conquers reason
still

- So far on the fate of C. C.

I enjoyed your article on Messianism. However I have felt that way for a long time especially throughout the militaristic eschatological times of the 6 days war. My feelings of spiritual apprehension about the coming of the day of ~~reken~~ reckoning at that time, made me feel a loner. You see I have a deep mistrust of those who seek to justify the ways of G-D to man. Even during obviously awe-inspiring days, the "proofs", the "signs" are selective - perhaps it all depends upon what one means when one talks "religious language". To attempt to solve the perennial problem of a hidden if not hidden G-D by pointing to general trends of world affairs is fallacious. However impressed one may be with history, however many lessons we learn (do we learn?) from that which has been, the plan of the polis-men remains an ineffable mystery: why anything is at all (à la Heschel)

I have improved, but there still remains this nihilistic (mystical?) streak within which keeps asking: so what, does it really matter or mean anything

Obviously one can't live only in the introspective dimension of the μ pfr - but perhaps, now + again it acts as a corrective to a strange form of spiritual arrogance that one knows, one knows about the mechanics of '9.

And as usual one responds with a pic

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Said the folks - is wider so that we
may search and pray

For me the task is clear - to attempt to build a little $\pi \rho \tau$ to fulfil a tremendous transcendental passion in the prosaicness of a mundane world. - perhaps this is the importance of Halacha - and I leave the intellectuals to interpret their subjective ideas of the monothestic G-D idea working in the realm of world affairs.

Yours philistinely,
Best wishes
M.T.

Excuse my wanderings. The ideas here have been cooking for some time + I think you don't mind tasting the soup, even if it needs a corrective flavouring!?