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THE TRUTH IS...

RABBINIC ENACTMENTS AND PERSONAL STRINGINCIES HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY AS TORAH LAW.

AS FAR AS THE JERUSALEM TALMUD'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE SIN OF THE TREE OF KNOWELDGE IS CONCERNED...

IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, ADAM, THE FIRST MAN, WAS A CHARIOT FOR G-DLNESS AND HAD ABSOLUTLEY NO CONNECTION WITH EVIL. THE PROOF IS THAT THE GARDEN COULD NOT TOLERATE ANY EVIL, AND AS SOON AS THE TRANSGRESSION WAS COMMITTED, ADAM AND CHAVA HAD TO LEAVE.

A VEHICLE OR CHARIOT HAS NO WILL OF IT'S OWN, IT ACTS EXCLUSIVELY BY THE WILL OF THE RIDER.

ADAM, BEING A CHARIOT, DID NOT REQUIRE STRINGINCIES. THERE WAS NO CONCERN THAT HE WOULD STUMBLE, ON THE CONTRARY A PROHIBITION WOULD CONSTITUTE AS A DEFICIENCY.

WHEN A PERSON IS A CHAIROT FOR G-DLNESS THEY ELEVATE EVERYTHING THEY ENGAGE IN AND BY REFRAINING FROM SOMETHING THEY WOULD PREVENT AN ELEVATION

IN A SCENARIO WHERE RESTRICTIONS ARE NEEDED, HOWEVER, THEN THEY ARE INDEED A VIRTUE.

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WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RABBINICAL ENACTMENTS AND STRINGENCIES IN JEWISH LAW!?

I UNDERSTAND THE SAGES WERE EMPOWERED BY THE TORAH TO MAKE SAFEGAURDS AND ENACT PROHIBITIONS...

...BUT WHY BE EXCEEDINGLY SCRUPULOUS ABOUT ALL THE ENACTMENTS, AFTER ALL, THEY ARE ONLY RABBINIC....AND CERTAINLY NEW STRINGENCIES..."SUFFICE WITH WHAT THE TORAH FORBADE!"

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THE BIBLICAL VERSE, "AND YOU SHALL GUARD MY SAFEGUARD" IS THE SOURCE FOR THE AUTHORITY BESTOWED UPON THE RABBINICAL SAGES TO ENACT DECREES.

IT IS ALSO THE SOURCE FOR THE OBLIGATION EVERY JEW HAS TO REFRAIN FROM ENDULGING IN PERMITTED THINGS SO AS NOT TO BE TEMPTED AND OVERPOWERED BY PROHIBITION.

IT IS WRITTEN IN ETHICAL JEWISH TEACHINGS THAT A PERSON SHOULD PROTECT THEMSELVES IN 100 GATES OF PERMITTED CONDUCT SO AS NOT TO ENTER ONE GATE OF FORBIDDEN CONDUCT.

3 THE JERUSALEM TALMUD STATES THAT A PERSON WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN HEAVEN FOR ANYTHING THEY SAW AND DID NOT EAT...(G-D WANT'S US TO ENJOY THE WORLD).

WHAT'S MORE, STRINGENCIES AND EMBELLISHMENTS OF MITZVOS CAN PROVE TO BE VERY DIFFICULT, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, AND CAN CAUSE A PERSON TO FAIL IN FULFILLING EVEN THE BASIC PRECEPTS OF TORAH.

PROOF IS FROM THE SIN OF THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE, THE ROOT OF ALL SINS.

THE ADDING OF THE PROHIBITION OF "NOT TO TOUCH THE TREE" WHICH G-D DIDN'T COMMAND LED TO THE TRANSGRESSION OF ADAM AND CHAVA (EVE) EATING FROM THE TREE!