A Divine Madness by Rav Avigdor Miller and Annotated by Darrell

M. Zaslow Quotes

Yet Chazal tell us that when even one person is in distress, Hashem says, "My head aches... my

arms ache..." (so to speak), as Hashem is distraught when Jews are afflicted — even wicked ones.

Surely, Hashem is distraught by a decree such as the Holocaust — a decree of annihilation against

a large part of the House of Israel in the most fearsome way. - HaRav Shmuel Hacohen Miller.1

Perhaps out of sensitivity to the survivors, there has been a reluctance to analyze the Holocaust

the way we analyze every other event in Jewish history: as a consequence of Jewish conduct. -

Darrell M. Zaslow²

...Reformers were the cause of the destruction of German Jewry. [Here is the crux of Rabbi Miller's

search for the source of Divine displeasure hurled against the Jewish People, alluded to

throughout the manuscript and left for the reader to conclude, but here stated more explicitly. -

Darrell M. Zaslow]... From Germany, the home of the Reform, which annihilated the souls of

millions of Jews, came the physical destruction of millions of Jews.³

Despair not in ultimate Divine judgment and justice. The perpetrators of the Nazi evil are

eternally doomed. - Darrel M. Zaslow⁴

Because of the passage of time, the sinner becomes reassured that his crimes have been forgiven,

but Hashem declares that nothing is ever forgiven unless proper justice will be done, or proper

repentance will be made. All the wrongs of the gentiles are not forgotten or forgiven by Hashem,

and every record of each deed is preserved for future recompense.⁵

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¹ Haskamah

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