

Torah For The Nations By Avraham Greenbaum Quotes

Other Torah and works that gentiles may study with benefit and without danger would include the Bible and works on the fundamentals of Torah faith, belief and ethical self-improvement by acknowledged rabbinical authorities, including...Rambam...Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzzatto...Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe...and Rabbi Nachman of Breslov.¹

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov taught: "Abraham would come into a city and run about crying, 'Woe! Woe!' and people would run after him the way they chase a madman. He would argue with them at length, trying to show them they were all caught up in a profoundly mistaken way of thinking. He was quite familiar with all the arguments and rationalizations they used to justify their idolatry. He used to demonstrate the falsity of their ideas and reveal the truths of faith. Some of the young people were attracted to him. He never even tried to draw older people closer because they were already firmly entrenched in their false beliefs and it would have been very hard to get them to change. It was the younger people who were drawn after him: they ran after him. He would go from city to city and they would run after him...." (Tzaddik #395).²

The Torah sages have taught us that one who shows kindness to those who are cruel ends up being cruel to those who are kind (Meiri on Yoma 22b).³

The Torah views the kidnap of a person as the most serious form of theft. It is strictly prohibited on pain of death under the Noahide code and in the eighth of the Ten Commandments (Maimonides, Laws of Theft 9:1-6; Exodus 20:13 and Rashi ad loc.). The Torah also abhors rape, which is explicitly equated with murder (Deuteronomy 22:25-7). To gratify his own animal lust, the rapist seizes and humiliates the victim against her will, robbing her of her innocence and leaving her marked for life physically, emotionally and spiritually. This is a terrible offence against the dignity of woman. It is also a brutal violation of the Torah moral code, which sets the highest value upon the sanctity and purity of the marital relationship as the foundation for rearing healthy future citizens of the world. It is a girl's fundamental right to chose her partner in life and

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to come to her marriage as a virgin. The Torah does not favor casual sexual encounters between unattached singles and certainly abhors rape.⁴

How does one confess? One says, "Please, O God, I have sinned, transgressed and rebelled before You and I did such and such, and I regret it and I am ashamed of my deeds and I will never return to this."⁵

...This is forbidden under the 1977 Geneva Conventions (Protocol I Article 54): "It is prohibited to attack, destroy, remove, or render useless objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population, such as foodstuffs, agricultural areas for the production of foodstuffs, crops, livestock, drinking water installations and supplies, and irrigation works, for the specific purpose of denying them for their sustenance value to the civilian population or to the adverse Party, whatever the motive, whether in order to starve out civilians, to cause them to move away, or for any other motive." This prohibition is clearly rooted in the Torah prohibition against willfully destroying useful resources. But despite being prohibited, it is still a common practice.⁶

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