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**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION  
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES**

**“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE  
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

**LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES**

**FROM THE WRITINGS OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE ZTKL**

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A few years ago, I was walking in Jerusalem when I saw an angry crowd shouting and condemning a speaker who was, himself, attacking Judaism and religion. As I approached, I recognized the speaker as being the *yetzer hara* (the evil inclination) himself! Dressed as a member of the anti-religious Ratz party, he was haranguing Judaism and the crowd was replying with angry taunts. As I watched, the *yetzer hara* continued his futile efforts and then, after a while, gave up and slipped away.

Last week, I was walking in Jerusalem and saw a large crowd gathered around a speaker wearing a knitted *yarmulka*, a model of modern enlightened Orthodoxy, who was loudly condemning racism, fanaticism and extremism, and proudly extolling Judaism as calling for equality with Arabs, love of enemies and the paragon of democracy. As I approached, I was startled to see that the speaker was none other than the same *yetzer hara* whom I had last seen ignominiously retreating before an angry crowd! I waited until the end of the rally, that was not only greeted with warm applause, but was also attended by a whole host of dignitaries including rabbis from Gush Etzion and professors from Bar Han University, as well as the President of Israel himself! Then, I walked over to the *yetzer hara* and said:

"What are you doing here? And what is this *yarmuika*? And *Torah teachings*?" The *yetzer hara*, who incidentally looked fat and exceedingly prosperous, beamed at me and replied: "

My friend, did you ever see me get more applause than today? I realized long ago that if you want to seduce the religious Jew the way is not to attack Judaism, but to pervert it. I find that if I put on a *yarmulka*, praise Torah and then counterfeit what it says by making it sound palatable and all pleasant things to all men, that is the surest way to destroy it. "

Now, while all the above never really happened to me, there is not the slightest doubt that the essence of the story is true. The destruction of Judaism, the greatest threat to it, never comes from those who oppose it, but from those on the inside who - for a myriad of objective and subjective reasons alike - pervert, corrupt and counterfeit it. This Passover, a writer for the newspaper Maariv in Israel wrote an article that is classic in its perversion of Torah. His name is Avraham Tirosh; he is a member of *Mafdal* (the NRP-Mizrachi) and he is that ideal example of *shatnez* (admixture) of Jew and western culture, whose background compels him not only to reject the bitter (for him) truth of Judaism's concepts but also drives him to twist and pervert G-d's law. In Tirosh's case, of course, there is a mitigating factor: He is an ignoramus. In the case of others, there is not even that as an excuse.

....And that is why King David sings (Psalms 58: 11): "Let the righteous rejoice when he seeth vengeance, he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked." Why? Because only when we see the wicked punished, only when we see vengeance for their sins, do we have proof that G-d really does exist and rules. And David continues by saying: "And men shall say: Verily there is a reward for the righteous; truly there is a G-d that judgeth in the earth."

And that is why the rabbis tell us that "Moses yearned to see vengeance against the Midianites." Moses. Yearned. To see vengeance on the wicked. What shall we do with the fanatic Moses...

...The incredible perversion of Judaism by confused and guilt-ridden Moderdox, ignoramuses and learned alike! Our rabbis tell us (Midrash Avkir):" 'And Israel saw the great hand of G-d' - When the Almighty wished to drown the Egyptians, the Archangel of Egypt (Uza) said: Sovereign of the Universe! You are called just and righteous... why do you wish to drown the Egyptians? At that moment Gabriel rose and took a brick and said: Sovereign of the Universe! These who enslaved your children such a terrible slavery as this, shall You have mercy on them? Immediately, the Almighty drowned them."

....And allow me to introduce two other Talmudic sayings:

"That generation was one of tiny faith, saying: *Just* as we rose from the sea on this side, perhaps the Egyptians rose from the other side. The Almighty ordered that the bodies be washed up and Israel saw them." (Psachim 118b). And Midrash Tehillim 22:1 adds: "Each Jew took his dog and put his foot on the throat of a dead Egyptian and said to his dog: Eat of the hand that enslaved me; eat of the heart that showed me no pity." Poor Tirosh. Poor Moderdox.

I really could go on and on and on, but the lesson is clear. Tirosh is the lesson of Passover and of every day of the year. Tirosh and the Moderdox, puffed up by their own personal and egotistical refusal to accept Torah concepts and destroy their own gentilized and westernized ones, deliberately pervert and counterfeit Torah.

The seal of the Almighty is truth and only that truth will emerge from His lips and His teachings.

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF "THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND" (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON