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Welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I your rabbi reveal, as usual how the world rrrreally works. And one way the world really works is that change is a constant. That's how we know we're alive. Change is around us all the time. And we always know that the more that things change, the more we need to depend on those things that never change. And one of the things that never changes is the nature of their happy warrior. And so not only do I welcome each and every one of you happy warriors, to today's Rabbi Daniel Lapin show. But I also take the opportunity of reminding you that happy warriors form friendships, and nurture them. We check to see that our friendships are in good shape. We try and grow them in number and in quality. We take friendships seriously. Happy warriors, do not ever dismiss the importance of finance by telling themselves Oh, not everything is about money. Of course, not everything is about money. But I can assure you that much more is than you suspect. And so happy warriors do not dismiss the importance of finance, happy warriors, while you're devoted to your family, even if there are times that some of them infuriate you, Happy warriors, you don't neglect caring for your body. Your you do care for it, you avoid the indulgence, you choose challenge. You try to make yourself more in touch with faith today than you were yesterday. Yeah, that's another characteristic of the happy warrior. And above all, as a happy warrior, you are not clinging to a rung on the ladder. Or holding desperately onto a ledge on the mountain side. You are constantly climbing upwards, never in the same place tomorrow as you were today. The credo of the happy warrior is onwards and upwards. Happy warriors are active, never passive. We never say things like oh, a decision will have to be reached. We proclaim I will make a decision by 11 o'clock. Happy warriors are not tennis balls floating down the gutter of life. Oh, no. Last week, in the last week showed was entitled some men talk and feel others decide an act, which is a better. And during the course of that show. I had occasion to discuss the subject of therapy. And I just want to clarify that I am very well aware of situations that people have been in in which therapy has helped. And I want to avoid anybody feeling because I did hear from a number of people who felt that I was dismissing therapy in its entirety that there is no value to it at all. And I would never say that. But I would say that when people ask my advice on therapy, I always tell them that there are five requirements, excuse me for requirements that are always and I always put in as a proviso for therapy. Number one, I recommend that you select a therapist who is God centric and Bible conscious.

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Okay, why is that? Because even if you're not, that is so much a part of reality. And so much a part of what motivates us is spiritual rather than material. And so much of what ails us, is a god vacuum, which gets transliterated into all kinds of mental maladies. But a therapist who is God centric and Bible conscious is going to be much more in touch with the totality of your mental and spiritual experience, you will get more for your money. Number two is that therapy should never be open ended, allowing it to go on for year after year after year. And I mentioned that last time, because whatever can be achieved, can be accomplished in far less time. That's not to say you may not need to go back to your therapist a year or two later for another few sessions. It's very possible. But there are people who have been in therapy for nine years when I say they are people and I say specifically nine years, because I'm thinking of somebody in particular them. I know, that is not any good. This person never asked my opinion. So I never said anything. Number three in the the things that I personally tend to be conscious of and recommend people to be aware of when choosing a therapist. I recommend that you select a therapist, who is not a heavily committed Freudian. I would much rather work with a union therapist than a Freudian therapist. And that one is quite important. And they will. And then finally, number four, this would seem to be self evident. But it isn't. And what's more, I get pushback on this. I fully expect to receive emails from listeners, objecting specifically to this one. But nonetheless, I express it forcefully deliberately and with greater assurance that it is an important and a true one. And that is that you need a male therapist for a male patient, and a woman therapist for a female patient. And I need all cases. But there's great value in having a therapist who is happily married. I strongly recommend against working with a single therapist. Now again, I realize I'm going to get pushback on that. But that doesn't worry me it's quite okay. What some people will say is, do you do that with your plumber? Is it important that your plumber is married is important to you that your car mechanic is married? Is it important that your drywall installer is married? No. But it is important to me that my therapist is married. And I'm not going to take the time to go into why this is so important now, but if this is something that bothers a lot of people, well, I'll know about it, you can be sure that and then I will devote some time to it. Because it will mean there are people who find that confusing and not understand why it's necessary. You know, once upon a time, you know, you might wonder where all the therapists in Charles Dickens novels? Were all the therapists advertisements in 1800s directories? And the answer is that therapy is a far more modern phenomenon. Therapy - the equivalent of therapy, what therapy provides, used to be provided by a man's friends, mentors, and religious and religious leaders.

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These days, you know, many of us guys were not really good at talking not with our friends, not without religious leaders. So a good therapist, noting my five required I said four but if I'd said as a list of five one the practitioner is God centric and Bible conscience conscious. Number two that therapy is never open ended that can go on for year after year. And number three, that the practitioner tends more towards union than Freudian if either, neither is also okay, but not fully Freudian. Number four is a man for a male patient and a woman for a female patient. And number five happily married, the therapist is happily married. And so today, a good therapist fills a need for some people, right? Or at certain times. The danger is, as in most things, it's a question of access. Too much therapy can impress you late a

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man. That's what I was talking about in last week's show. Too much talking, makes a man less decisive, and less action oriented, which means to deprive him of the essence of masculinity. Furthermore, some therapists and and this is just a really, really big danger. Some therapists just get off on building patient dependency. Yes, it's a true and terrible danger. They are therapists who find deep emotional gratification, from becoming another person's master advisor, decision maker in all things big and small. Needless to say, it's all for a man, awful for a man to hand over decision making. To a therapist, by the way, there's some rabbis and priests and clergymen who tend to do the same thing as well, who take away decision making from the person who is consulting with them. Right, and that's very much against an ancient Jewish wisdom approach, which is to never take over the decision making process, that the that the the person who is consulting you is encouraged to make the decision is helped to make a decision. But what decision the person makes has to be the person's decision themselves.

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And I want to tell you about membership in the Happy Warriors community, I would recommend that you take a look at it because we all need connection, I spoke about something several times over the last year or so, in that our identity is very much shaped by the company we keep. What I mean to say by that is that the notion of knowing who you are, when you are actually isolated from people, makes no sense. It follows from their conversely, that the clearer your identity is, the more connected you are with community, family, friends, obviously at the at the innermost level family and friends. But but then there's community beyond that there people one works with that people one does business with their people who may be part of your faith family. You know, you might belong to a model train society. And there are people who do find great joy in being part of that kind of hobbyists community. And so We Happy Warriors, all of us, we who are trying to make sure that we are not tennis balls floating down the gutter of life, and that we are all struggling to move onwards and upwards. Particularly in the five critical areas of a fulfilling life. Our friendships, our finances, our families, our faith and our fitness. It's very helpful to be able to collaborate with other people. It's one of the reasons that the Alcoholics Anonymous organization, doing such great work for a long time already, in helping people overcome alcohol addiction. The community is very much a part of it. It's not a case of buying a leaflet or a brochure or a book or watching a video. No. You have to be at your meetings. Because community is such a very important part of it. And so so it is the We Happy Warriors, and we have a community as well. You'll find it at WeHappyWarriors.com That's the website WeHappyWarriors.com. You got conversation with other people that's of crucial value. And you can get audios many many audios, particularly of our weekly postings, things that make it easy to listen while you're driving somewhere. Listen while you're exercising. Even listening while you're going to sleep at night. And here's a tip for you. Don't get asleep watching a video. Don't go to sleep watching a movie. Don't go to sleep watching television. rather go to sleep listening to something, you will sleep better. And you will get benefit from that time as you are fading into the arms of Morpheus. And so you listen to audio, it's a wonderful idea. And all of that, at WeHappyWarriors.com. So join me and all the other happy warriors, as part of our community, where we encourage and strengthen one another, we answer one another's questions. And we help make sure that all of us are moving onwards and upwards.

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I got to tell you also about the full meaning of what a battery is. And think about it, you know, you you have a phone, or you have a tape recorder, or whatever it is you have, and it's running low. So one of the things is some devices, you just walk into the nearest drugstore, and you buy yourself two triple A batteries and pop them into your device. And away you go. Or you might have a device with a built in lithium ion battery, like your smartphone perhaps, or your pad iPad or tablet device. And then you have to replenish the battery. And so you plug it in, and after two hours, it's replenished, it's full. Let me give you a couple of other examples of the battery concept, a full water tower. You know, in some towns in America, there's a big bulbous shaped metal tank, man, perhaps 100 feet up in the air on tall steel legs. Sometimes it's on a sort of a pedestal, that's a water tower. And that is to stabilize the water pressure for all the people in that community. And so when that water tower is full, it's it's kind of like a battery, because you can now open a faucet down below, and the water just magically flows. It's so amazing that if you show that to a recent immigrant from out of Mongolia, he'll want to buy that force to take back with him to his relatives back in the Mongolian village. Because he's never seen a thing like that are extraordinary. A faucet that as soon as you rotate it out flows water, it's incredible. But that only happens because it's hooked up to the battery of the full water tower. How about a car with a full gas tank, that's also like a battery, or a Tesla car with a full, fully charged battery. Same thing, whether it's a tank of gasoline, or a fully charged battery. In both cases, the energy that has been packed into that device now allows it to function. So that's what what a battery is. It's where energy in some form or another has been pre packed into something probably not by you probably by other people. And you get to enjoy the benefit of it. Whatever it is, that's really what a battery is. Why am I telling you about this? Well, because it's like having, here's another battery, a healthy bank account. In this case, you probably filled it. But that healthy bank account is a source of energy for you. That's, it's a battery. It's really what it is. I'll give you another example. You know what else it is a reputation takes a long time to fill the battery of your reputation. But having a reputation is like having a charged battery. Because now there will be people who will seek you out. In order to purchase from you whatever it is you're selling. Because your reputation takes it takes a long time to build a reputation. Sadly, it takes no time at all to destroy one. A wide circle of friends. That's also a battery. A family is a battery. One of the things that happened during two years of COVID is that many people neglected family, many people neglected friendship. And the trouble is that when you need a battery, now isn't the time to start trying to replenish it and fill it. When you need a battery you want it already filled. And that's one of the reason reasons that people sometimes keep small, portable lithium ion batteries with them, so that if their phone does go dead, all they do is connected to that. And they don't have to sit and keep their phone plugged into an outlet for an hour while it's charging up. There it is, they've got it with them. See, that's the thing about a battery. When you run out of gas in your car, you don't now want to say to yourself, well, I guess I better fill it up, because it's gonna mean a long hike to the filling station. The thing about a battery is you kind of want it full when you need it.

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And so it takes a time you build a family takes time you build a circle of friends, takes time, builds reputation takes time. And when one neglects those things, either, as we've seen many people do during COVID. Or sometimes other people literally come out of high school, literally not understanding

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anything whatsoever about how important it is to have a reputation and a circle of friends and a family. People don't get that. It's important, because when you need it, it's too late to start trying to fill your battery. Having a charged battery is really useful. I know many, many people who derive real, real emotional joy from seeing that their battery has, you know, plenty charge that the battery is 80% Charge 90% Charge, and they start getting filled with anxiety when it drops to 20%. And it's only the middle of the afternoon, I get that because there is joy in having fully charged batteries. There are a lot of people who don't like letting their car gas tank go down to an eighth of the tank, they like having the the tank, you know closer to the full end. So they'll fill it up long before it gets close to the bottom. There's a certain joy in having a full battery. And that's not just on your tablet or your iPhone. But it's not just in your car. But it's also the bank account, the reputation, friendships, family, basically, a community of people with whom you are closely connected. There's another really interesting example of a battery. And that is a around in a firearm. We think about that. If you know, I don't know if you've if you're somebody who knows much about firearms or not. And I do know that as part of the left leaning campaign to discourage ownership of firearms, I know that there is a tendency to make people embarrassed about owning firearms, to make people embarrassed about even knowing anything about them. And so, whereas there are people who would be very comfortable having a workshop of tools, and that people are very comfortable with having a lawn mower when it comes to having a weapon. There is a feeling of I never want to have anything like that in my house. In other words, it has been tainted with the morality of evil. When in reality, it's just a tool. Now, you might say it's a tool for shooting people. But that doesn't really capture the real purpose because the question is, what sort of person are you and what sort of people are likely to be shot the overwhelming majority of firearm owners in the United States of America and I'm speaking about America, because many other countries around the world have long ago, deprived citizens from having any firearms. But the overwhelming majority and please take note of what I'm about to tell you because you might be skeptical, but it really is the truth. The huge majority of firearm owners in the United States have never ever pointed it at another human being. They haven't. They take it to the range they target practice. But they take pleasure in knowing they can defend themselves. So you might say why is it that the left wing and American politics in the current time at which I speak, which is early in 2022, the Biden ministration pledges to end the epidemic of gun violence by removing guns from private ownership, they will do. Okay.

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What's that all about? Well, let me explain to you, the left has a deep commitment to being the primary mediator in people's lives. In other words, the left sees government as the center and be all of everything. The left believes in a societal structure that's shaped like a bicycle wheel, or like, like a bicycle wheel, a hub, and spokes all going out to the periphery. And so we as citizens all live on the periphery at the end of our spoke. And the other end of the spoke is anchored at the hub, which is government. So in other words, that is our link, we each and every one of us, has a valence, see if you're comfortable with the chemistry terminology of one. In other words, each and every one of us has one link. And that link is to government. The biblical vision of society is very different. It's where each and every one of us has many, many links. We've got links to each of our family members, we've got links to all of our friends, we got links to our workmates. We've got links to the people we worship with.

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We've got linkages to people we share common interests with, we have lots and lots and lots of linkages. We have a linkage to our doctor and another one to our dentist, etc, etc, etc. The Dream Vision of the left the dream, Marxist vision, the dream progressive vision, is that government supplies everything. Everything. What is the opposition? Why did the Why was there so much governmental opposition to Uber and Lyft ride sharing apps, because they would rather you use public transport, or else use a taxi which is heavily regulated by government, but to have people with their ability to travel independently, deep down, that offends the sense ability of the secular fundamentalist the idea of restricting at traffic and making parts of the city accessible only to public transport. All of these things are designed to get people out of their cars, HOV lanes on the freeway, out of the cars and into public transport. Because secular fundamentalism wants to see government as the primary supplier of everything you need. Why is it that the percentage of the American population that works for government that gets its primary paycheck from government has been going up and up and up since in the last 60 years? The change has been stupendous. We're today more than half Americans get a check from government in one way or another. Very, very important. That tells you something it's there's a direction and it is not an accident. Why is it that secular fundamentalism is trying to move people to a single payer health care system? Right, what did the Obama Care Program move America closer towards the idea that government becomes the supplier of medicine, just like Canada, just like the National Health System in the United Kingdom, we love that. All of this is to make people less independent, and more dependent on government. Now, if you think that I'm being fanciful, and it can't really be like this, well, let me go a little further. Maybe this will help. Government does everything it can to undermine private ownership of money. That's right.

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And recently, in an interview with what what's that man - [Ta-Nehisi Coates], I don't remember. But AOC and American Congresswoman said, nobody makes a billion dollars they take it. Right, she really does believe that, as do many leftist or many progressive politicians. And President Obama himself said, you know, you didn't make that. Because they really do believe that everything does and should flow from government. And so high taxation in order to take care of those in our society, you need it and have less. This is compassion, the war against poverty, taking care of children, all of these things are designed to make you less independent. And to make you needing more and more from government, more and more, why does the level of taxation keep going up? Right? It is very rare, it's highly unusual. When government says, You know what, I think Americans or anybody of any country, you citizens, you're being taxed too much. We want you to start keeping more of your own money, no, government will take care of it. There is a deep desire to make u turn primarily to government, there is a war on wealth being conducted. So as that it becomes harder and harder for you to have a healthy bank account, and to be independent, harder and harder and harder. There is a war against family. I've spoken about this many times. Why? Because if there is a characteristic that unifies people on welfare, it is that they are people without families. People with families tend to be self sufficient. And so the government and all progressives drive a war against family in order to make you more independent, excuse me to make you more dependent, which is why I explained that if you have your finances taken care of and your family taken care of. And your friendships taken here. You don't need anything else. You don't need the government not for anything. Oh, I don't know if social security will be functioning

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store in X number of years time it probably won't. So what I've got my own finances, that's fine. But the government and the left and progressivism for the last 60 years, been trying to make it as impossible as as as it can for you to be independent. And finally, let's speak about firearms. Firearms make you independent? I don't have to dial 911. And wait. So is that the eventually police will arrive and find my lifeless body sprawled on the sidewalk? I don't need that. Because I have my trusty revolver. Right that. And progressivism says no private ownership of weapons. You need safety call the government you need security call the government you frightened of a noise in the night. Call the guy don't take care of anything yourself. Oh, no, don't do that. Because everything is moving towards trying to make you less independent, and more dependent. And owning a firearm is a statement of independence. Right? That's what it is. And I might call 911 at a point but that'll be after I've taken care of the immediate danger to myself or my family or my property. That's what will happen. And so this is part of the war, war on family because family makes you need government less war on your wealth because having a healthy bank account means you need government less

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a war on your privately raising your own children and homeschooling your own children. Yes, there is a war on that too. Because we want children in public school. Everything should come from government that is the dream of Marxism and progressivism. It's the dream of the left. And so I want to explain a little bit about firearms. And, and I want you to understand that it's important that you resist attempts to demonize you and to label you immoral because of your position on firearms assuming for the moment that you have a position and that you do own a weapon or you plan on owning a weapon, then you do need to understand why there is an attempt to try and make you sound like an immoral person. And you see, the reason that Joe Rogan was demonized was because he has a different opinion on COVID. Now, in the United States of America, we used to cherish different opinions, we used to regard with admiration, somebody who bucked the trend, and had his own opinion. He was a he was his own man, he was his own person. But today, the tool of public health has been extremely effectively wielded by progressivism because if you do anything that harms public health, by the it's a very, very dangerous term, this public health thing, you'll see because it covers so many areas that allow single minded progressive control. Well, Joe Rogan, challenged the the the idea that vaccination is the only or the best way to treat COVID. And that there are other ways. And various other entertainers, entertainers have tried to make Spotify fire Joe Rogan, because he's so evil. It's not that he has a different opinion, it's that he has an evil opinion. He's threatening public health. It's brilliant. It's absolutely brilliant. It is really not that far different from what anti Semites used to do in medieval times. They said Jews were poisoning the well in the town. And they're threatening public health. So obviously, everybody went out and killed him a Jew. Right? Clear, because public health is a very emotional topic. You know, I'm sure you've been yelled at by somebody about a mosque. I know I have. Because people get emotional about public health. And so Joe Rogan's an evil guy, well, guess what? They now speak of gunfire as a public health issue. So if you are in favor of private ownership of weapons, which is in America called the Second Amendment, then you are an evil person, because you are threatening public health. The reality of course, is that there is a the difference is not whether people have revolvers automatics, or they have AR fifteens, or Ruger Mini 14, know, the difference are the people. There are some people who use guns for gang warfare. And there are others who use it for target shooting and for self

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defense. Right? It's different people. But what is intolerable in America at the moment is the notion that there are different values that different people have different value systems. That is unacceptable. And since we can't go there, we therefore have to assume that you know why people die from gunshot fire. In Chicago, for instance, it's because their guns, that's all sunk because there are people with bad values who go out shooting other people. No, it's because the guns and therefore anybody owns a gun. Well, that's very bad. And so to mark their virtue, and this is really quite extraordinary. I have to tell you, you see, it's not a case of different opinions anymore. It's a case of evil and good. Right? Some people like having gun some people don't know. Now, guns are evil. You see how far this is from a Judeo Christian, biblical centric view.

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In a Judeo Christian, biblical centric view, inanimate objects cannot be evil. \$1 bill isn't evil. A gun is not evil. People who use guns to kill other people, innocent people, that's easy. Those are evil people, not evil guns, evil people, and people who use guns to defend their family and themselves from bad people. Well, those are good. But now, instead of there being a legitimate debate, it has been turned into a morality play. And that becomes very important in this Why it is that you've got to understand that when a society abandons a Judeo Christian bible based system, they don't end up with a sort of benign, neutral religion free public space. No, they adopt another religion. And that is the religion of secular fundamentalism, which has its own doctrines and its own theology and its own saints and its own sinners. And yes, it's morality. And so for instance, now in order to mark their virtue, they're all kinds of stores. And again, if you're outside the United States, you will know these stores possibly Are these all of them. But Dick's Sporting Goods always used to sell guns, but now to show that they are in favor of public health, Dick's Sporting Goods no longer selling certain types of guns, Walmart, actually, the nation's largest gun seller, is now placing restrictions on gun sales, LL Bean, Kroger, Rei, the sports organization, not going to sell guns at all. How about this? Do you know that Citibank is now going to impose restrictions on any one in done any gun dealerships, Bank of America will no longer lend money to gun manufacturers? BlackRock financial, one of the most one of the biggest investment firms ever to exist in history is now again, deciding not to invest in companies that have anything to do with firearms. PayPal has stopped the use of its service for the selling of firearms or ammunition. It doesn't stop. And it's all being turned into a morality issue. Okay, when the truth is that if there are two morality systems at war with one another here, a Judeo Christian bible based system, which says inanimate objects, like guns are not evil. It's the people holding them that are either good or evil, or a secular system, a system of secular fundamentalism and progressivism, which says, No, there is no such thing as evil people. They're only evil institutions and evil things, capitalism, evil, guns evil. And you have to make up your mind. Particularly, if you are raising children, you've got to decide which moral system you adhere to the idea that you're going to raise your sister, your children, oh, to be good people just like that without a fundamental and comprehensive moral system. I'm afraid that you can forget about those days are long gone. And that now you really do have to decide what it is. And so, at any rate, I'm speaking earlier, I was explaining about batteries.

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And I want to explain about the way a shell works. I'm sure most of you already know and understand this. But a shell is a brass casing into which is packed a form, let's call it gunpowder. Technically, it's not gunpowder, per se anymore. We have more sophisticated propellants. And then at the top of it is a lead bullet. And what happens is in the back of it is a percussion cap. And the hammer in the firearm strikes the percussion cap that ignites the charge in the shell. And the charge is it's it's basically chemical energy, it's a battery, somebody not use somebody pack that shell full of something loaded with chemical energy, that when you set it off, it results in a rapidly expanding volume of gas and expands so rapidly and so much that it forces the lead bullet out of the front of the brass casing, with so much force, that it can leave the muzzle of the barrel of the firearm at a huge speed. It could be hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of miles an hour. Really, right. Remarkable. I mean, it's quite possible that it leaves the barrel at five or 600 miles an hour. Really, I mean, or more sometimes. So that's that is a battery. You can think of the shell as a battery. And, and now let me just explain that batteries come into being when there is a community of people sharing values and goals. In other words, if, if you parachute down to a remote, isolated, desert island, where the tribes living on the island have been out of contact with the rest of the world, forever, you arrive there. When your phone goes flat, not you know, let's assume for the moment you had a satellite phone and let the battery goes flat, there is no store to go into to pick up a new battery, there is no outlet to charge your battery. If you land there with a firearm, and you want to protect yourself, there's no way you can buy ammunition, they don't have that. And there is no water tower. And there is no car with a full gas tank, and there is no gas station to fill up the car anyway, even if you had one. It takes out a lot of time and effort. And it takes involvement with other people to build a battery. Whether it's your healthy bank account, whether it's your reputation, whether it's your circle of friends, or whether it's a water tower, or an electrical battery, or a car with a full gas tank, it takes a community of people batteries, you're going to understand what they are, it's not just a little triple A battery, or a little double A battery going into your flashlight. That's one example. But the idea of a battery is one of the most remarkable underpinnings of technological development. That's something that is part of civilization. Not every culture on the planet developed batteries. But Western civilization did. And for that, it should be valued and emulated a shell of a piece of ammunition. It's It is a remarkable thing. Packed you hold in your hand, a little 44 shell. And this has the power to save your life from a gang of people bent on destroying you. That's how amazing it is. And you hold this little thing in your hand. And it contains within it the chemical energy to protect you the extraordinary thing and

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and so I would recommend that people to whatever extent possible, as long as it can be done complying with the law. I recommend that people should have a firearm. I think women particularly ought to have a firearm, try and get past the mood you get from your friends. Ooh, I would never have something like that in my house. You hear a lot of that. It's as if somebody is talking to you about keeping a nest of cockroaches. Ooh, I've never heard anything like that in my house. You know, I think you should think about having a revolver in your house. Ooh, I'd never have anything like that in my house. And there's a tremendous exaggeration of the dangers of having a firearm. Don't believe the statistics don't believe the studies don't believe the experts. Just use your own common sense. If God forbid the worst came to the worst. Would you rather have a weapon or not? Now admittedly, having a

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weapon means you should be responsible enough to number one know how to store it in a way that is safely stored away from children. But also accessible if at the worst possible situation you need it. And also that you are a regular at your gun range or gun club and that you really become proficient at using it. But with those two provisos, I have to tell you, I do recommend that I really do. I don't know of many places in America, where you can rest assured that you will never ever have to worry about anything bad happening, different parts of the world. You know, it's today to own a weapon in the United Kingdom, which, by the way, used to be very normal up until about 1960. I don't have the exact date, but it's somewhere after the 50s. Everybody in people had weapons all the time, there were people hunted people had all kinds of weapons. And after the war, people kept revolvers and pistols after World War Two. But that's all gone today. And it's virtually impossible. In most of Europe, it's impossible. By the way, Mexico, Mexico has a huge number of illegal weapons. But for law abiding citizens, it's almost impossible. I do believe I might be corrected on this. But I do believe there is one legal gun shop in all of Mexico, very different in the United States of America. But you can be assured that the forces of secular fundamentalism are doing everything they can, in order to make it impossible for people to be independent in terms of self protection, self preservation, by means of your own weapon. And as I say, particularly for women, I mean, gosh, there are so many bad things that happen. My goodness, if a woman and there are plenty really usable weapons that a woman can carry in her pocket book or your purse, and everyone has to make their own decision, everyone has to figure it out for themselves. But I do encourage you not to buy into the cultural mood, which is weapons, firearms. Ooh, what sort of person? Are you? The person who likes to be independent and knows that you can take care of yourself if you have to? Write? What sort of weapon do I recommend you? I don't know. I look, I'm going to answer that question. I do get asked quite a lot, I am going to answer it with the proviso that it's very much a matter of personal choice. But I will tell you what my personal choice is and what Mrs. Lapin is personal choices. And I'll give you the reasons for it. But in the final analysis, if all I'm doing is making one listener who has never considered the possibility

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of owning a firearm, rethink it and consider maybe it's a good idea. I'll be quite pleased about that, actually. So I'll tell you, there's two basic separate classifications of handguns. One is what is called a semi automatic pistol. And the other is called a revolver. And they both use exactly the same kind of shell or bullet that I described earlier. But they work differently now please stay with me on this. And I know that a number of women are going to I can't believe is going to talk about who cares about this stuff. But think about it, maybe you actually do what would be so terrible about actually knowing a little bit more about firearms than you do. So a very brief lesson, I'm only going to devote a couple of minutes and then we'll wrap up the show. So you've got two basic kinds of firearms, one of them a semi automatic pistol, what happens here is that there is a magazine in the grip of the gun, a magazine which holds typically 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 rounds 7, 8, 9, 10 bullets or shells and they are spring loaded and and then there is a slide over the barrel of the gun which has to be operated and you pull the slide back and what that does is loads a it grabs a bullet from the magazine puts it puts it into the chamber and it's now ready for firing. When you pull the trigger and it fires. Part of the recoil of the bullet goes to pushing the slide back, which means that grabs another bullet and puts it in position ready to fire. A gun that keeps on firing bullets as long as your finger is on the trigger is called a machine gun. It is it's been

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illegal for many years for private ownership. The gun I'm talking about a semi automatic pistol fires one round with every separate pull of the trigger. The other kind of gun is called a revolver. This has a rotating cylinder in which you put five, six or seven most usually six around six shells, and then you snap it back into the frame of the revolver. And now if it's what's called a single action revolver, you pull the hammer back with your thumb or with your other hand, and then you pull the trigger, the hammer drops onto the percussion cap at the back of the bullet, the gases go off and expand and the bullet goes flying down the barrel. And what that also does is rotates the cylinder so the next bullet is in position for the next time you pull the trigger, the hammer will then fall on a fresh round. And Mrs. Lapin and I we prefer revolvers to automatic pistols, and a stop just the history of it. Samuel Colt made the first revolver I think it was about 1835. And to this very day, one of the most beautiful and magnificently designed and built revolvers, in in the ordinary sizes, would be a Colt Python. I very much like that weapon. But you can also get an excellent weapon like the Smith and Wesson 686. And there are many other manufacturers as well. We prefer revolvers to semi automatics. And it's not just because it's historic. If you think about the Westerns, every time you saw John Wayne bring down a bad guy. He had in his hand a revolver. That was the the gun of the West. It was the revolver. Today, by the way, also, police forces used to use revolvers for quite a long time. But today, the automatics have the semi automatic pistols have largely taken over. So if you've heard of people, you're speaking about a Glock. Glock doesn't make revolvers as far as I know, Glock makes semi automatic pistols, and it's a polymer part of the the gun is made of a polymer sort of a plastic. Again, it's unusual, but it's certainly a very valid choice for a weapon. Why do we prefer a revolver to an automatic pistol?

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I'll give you a few reasons. One of them is that the shape of the grip of an auto semi automatic is largely governed by the magazine containing an eight nine or 10 rounds of ammunition inside the grip. And the grip has to be big enough to contain that magazine. The shape of a revolvers grip is in no way shaped by the need of having ammunition inside it because there is no ammunition inside the grip of a revolver, you will remember the ammunition is inside a rotating cylinder in the body in the frame of the gun. And so, the shape of a Revolver Grip can be a much better fit, particularly for a woman's hand. And any bother you can go into a gun shop and ask them or a gun range for that matter. And ask them to let you try revolvers and pistol you'll see right away exactly what I mean. The distance front to back of a Revolver Grip can be much shorter than front to back of a semi automatic and what's more, the the grip of a revolver can be curved in a way that much better fits your hand. So when when you got a good firm, comfortable grip, and if you have nice rubber grip covers, it's very good. It helps your accuracy it's more comfortable to hold. It helps you manage the recoil better. So that's one reason we prefer a revolver to a semi automatic although I won't take away the historical romance of the revolver and the role it played and I won't say that's of no value, but that's not a good enough reason. Another reason is that when you buy a semi automatic you got to buy it to a very specific bullet size a specific caliber round. In a revolver for instance, you can buy a 357 caliber magnum revolver, and that takes a shell that is point 357 inches in diameter. And it takes it's it's a heavy you know it takes there's quite a lot of gunpowder in there. It it's a pretty substantial round, but you can also use 38 special rounds in that same revolver which is Much lighter around, it's cheaper you can use it for target shooting, you may decide you like using it anyway. revolvers that take 44 Magnum will also take 44 specials, unlike a semi

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automatic, which is one caliber, and that's it. Another thing is that the sights, you know, if you want to target shoot the sights of a semi automatic pistol, the front sight is and the backside is attached to the slide I mentioned earlier, which oscillates backwards and forwards and it flies back when you fire and then flies forward again. And then it's sort of loosely attached to the barrel in a wave. I can't describe it without a diagram. But the bottom line is this is really not ideal for accuracy. Whereas on a revolver, the sights are adjustable, they're fixed, they're not on any moving parts, and for for target shooting a revolver any day of the week. Here's another thing, you never know, if a semi automatic pistol is loaded without examining, even have to pull the slide back to check there's nothing in the chamber, a revolver, you can actually see if it's loaded without even touching it, because you can just see what's in the cylinder. Here's another one. If you've ever fired a semi automatic, you know that it flings the spent brass casings all over the place, they come flying out of the ejection slot. And it means you know whether you're using your left hand or your right hand, you can get a face full of hot lead. Or if, if somebody's standing next to you and not paying attention, they can get hot brass flying at them. A revolver doesn't throw out spent casings, they remain inside the cylinder until you press the ejector rod and then you get rid of them. Here's another thing on a revolver, you can use a type of shell called a shot shell. And that is it's a cartridge, which in the front doesn't have a solid lead bullet. But it has a sort of a housing that holds maybe 10 or 20, tiny little lead balls. Now again, you know you may decide yes or no.

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But for some people, they find that valuable for a number of reasons. First of all, if you fire shots in terms of self defense, there's no danger of the bullet going through a wall and into the next room. shotshells won't do that. Number two, even if you're not that accurate with a shot shell. And it's, you know, it's like what they use for birds or ducks. You got a sort of expanding pattern of shot, which can be very discouraging for a bad guy to get a face full of birdshot. You can't use that with a semi automatic pistol, but you can with a revolver. And here's something else. And with a revolver, you can use something called plastic shelves that don't use gun car powder, they just use percussion caps, they're a lot of fun. You can actually use them in your living room. It's not very loud. They don't send out much force, but you can actually use them for target practice right inside. And because it's not like firing a metal bullet. And so all of these are things you cannot do with a semi automatic, but you can do with a revolver. Anyway, that's just from the Latin perspective of weapons. But at any rate, what I wanted at least was perhaps just a little bit change your opinion of change your opinion on firearms and their role, particularly as life somehow gets more dangerous today in many parts of the world.

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So that brings us as far as we're going to go today a little bit of an unusual type of, of show, I suppose. But nonetheless, one I hope that you enjoyed the website RabbiDanielLapin.com. And by the way, I told you we got a new shipment of Rabbi Daniel Lapin recommended Bibles in I've told you about them. And they're really there's no such thing as a household without a Bible. It doesn't make sense. It really doesn't make sense. So if you'd like a one of these beautiful Old Testaments, then go to my website at RabbiDanielLapin.com head over to the store look for by Daniel Lapin is recommended Bible comes in two sizes. There's a compact size and there's a full size. I only use the full size. I just find the right size for me. It just works and I don't have to strain my eyes to look at any small print. Other people like the

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