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Welcome, happy warriors. Thank you for being part of the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I, your Rabbi reveal how the world really works. I think I'm gonna have to publish a Rabbi Daniel Lapin show dictionary. Because, you know, for instance now is when I speak about public schools in the United States of America, I don't use the word public schools, I just use the word GIC. Because I assume that by now, pretty much everyone who's a regular listener to the show, knows that a government indoctrination camp is a far far better term, for the place where children for more than 10 years of their life, spend the majority of each day. Yeah, being indoctrinated To what? To the official government religion of the United States, which is the religion of secular fundamentalism. And that is what is happening. So, you know, if I say GIC, then, you know, yeah, government indoctrination camp. And you know what that means? Well, Henceforth, I am no longer using the word fossil fuel. This was pointed out and I mentioned last week, David in Los Angeles wrote, I think made an excellent point. The word fossil is very carefully selected, the left wants to make sure that we all begin to look at petroleum fuels and coal based fuels and natural gas based fuels. They want us to look at all these wonderful energy sources with repugnance and disgust, you know, something dead.

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And something that has no relevance to it's just a fossil. And this in fact, is is is a word that is used deliberately in in this particular context, quite often. You see, there was a, an eminent British historian, not a particularly good historian, but he was an eminent historian. His name was Arnold Toynbee. And he lived until about 1975, somewhere there. And, you know, not a particularly bright guy, but he'd hung out there in academia all his life, and it moved from run to run to run. That's kind of how it works in academia. And people then begin to accept the words, because people have been trained in what I call credentialism. And, and this has happened to me quite often as well. People will sometimes come up to me after a speech. And they they say something very interesting. They say, you know, I heard you explained during your speech, whatever, you know, whatever it is, maybe it was something about energy or whatever. Today, we're talking about energy again.

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And, and I said, Yeah, that's right. That's right. So they said, Well, you don't have a degree in energy or in climate studies, or whatever it is I was talking about. And I was saying, Yeah, you're absolutely right. I don't add it, but it's irrelevant. What's that got to do with the conversation? Well, What gives you the right to talk on that subject?

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The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Now, you're not obliged to have bought a ticket to come and hear me you didn't have to do that. But once you are here, I have the right to speak about anything said, a pause. And then they say, Yeah, but you don't have a degree in that subject. And I say, yes, you are, right. But let's just make this a conversation between you and me. Right, both reasonably senti and human beings. Why don't you listen to the actual words I said, and then you tell me if they are false, or if I was illogical, or if I simply made a mistake and cited incorrect information. You tell me what's wrong with it. But don't try and attack something I said, which I understand makes you feel very uncomfortable. Don't try and do that by saying I haven't been authorized by the Academy to speak on the topic. We see. That's where we're at today. And there's a whole lot of that going on. So please, don't feel that you have to restrain your opinion, right? You have an opinion. And you're a person who is aware of how the world really works. Your opinion probably has some validity to it. And people sometimes issue caveats before they speak and they say, Well, I'm not educated in this area. I have no qualifications in this area, but you don't have to say that. You really don't.

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You know, it's up to the other person to say, Well, you know, here are some of the arguments against what yours are. All right, we can talk about that. But the attempt to discredit information because it was uttered by somebody who has not been anointed by the Academy, that's just a really bad idea, given how many incredibly foolish people serve on the faculties of colleges and universities around America today.

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And, you know, I mean, gosh, talk about the 1619 project, The New York Times ran with that one. And, and the woman who came up with a journalist with with no advanced degrees, by the way, I think she has a Master's normally to get a tenured job in, in, in academia, you kind of need, you need a doctorate degree. And again, look, I'm going to tell you I'm there are certain things I like to point out, that are so unbelievably stupid, they could only have been said by somebody with a doctoral degree. Now is that sour grapes, for those that don't have a doctoral degree, that's for you to judge. But on the whole, people who have doctoral degrees in anything outside the scientific and mathematical fields, you've got a PhD in molecular biology, believe me, I'll stand up when you walk into the room. That's, that's fine. You got a PhD in mathematics, you got a PhD in physics, you got a PhD in computer science.

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I'm going to listen to you I won't have much to say on the topic in front of you. But But I'm sorry, if you have a PhD in psychology, or PhD in interpretive dance, or in contemporary art, or gender studies, etc, etc, etc. All of the unbelievably asinine and childish areas in which American universities today award degrees.

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not so much, you know. So that's why I feel okay telling you that Arnold Toynbee was a historian who wasn't the brightest crayon in the box. He just wasn't. And especially in the field where there are some incredibly wonderful historians have spoken many times about Paul Johnson, and, and many, many others. There are some extraordinary historians, Victor Davis Hanson, by the way, a professor at Stanford in California is also a farmer. And, and he's a great historian. So anyways, I tell you all this, because remember, I'm not using the word fossil, I want to just give you the backstory to this. So Arnold Toynbee is this British historian. And so his theory, and he, like he built his whole career on this. And you know, a lot of people are like that, you know, you could even criticize me and say, Well, I, you know, I see the Bible and religion at the root of everything. Yeah, I do, because I think that's true. And I'm willing to argue it and debate it and, and demonstrate why I believe that but yes, that's that is my thing.

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If you're like Arnold Toynbee, his thing was that world civilizations rise and fall. And, and that in itself, you know, it's not particularly controversial. Some of you who are regular listeners to this show, might remember that a few months ago, I did a show on a 250 average time life of a culture or civilization or a society. And I pointed out that the United States has only got about another five years to go to get to 250 years. And indeed, if what, if one looks around, you'll begin to see the validity of that particular podcast when I was speaking about so. So this idea that civilizations rise and fall. You know, nobody really argues with that. The problem was that students used to say to Arnold Toynbee, particularly in the middle of the 20th century, he was born in the 19th century slot.

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So, he was already teaching in, you know, 1950 and roundabout then people started saying to him, Well, there is an easy way to refute your theory, you've proven and again, not an absolutely controversially, that when the Babylonian civilization finally faded away, it was gone. When the Roman Empire was gone, it was gone. And you've always told us that the empire of Israel, the Hebrew Empire, that was destroyed finally by the Romans in round about the year 70. And, and it was gone. But here's the awkward thing. Israel was founded in 1948, the State of Israel rose again. And this violates your theory that once a civilization is dead and gone, it's dead and gone never to resurface, never arise again. And so Toynbee realized he had to answer this. And he answered it, he said, modern Israel is just a fossil.

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And he used that word fossil. And his idea being look this is not really, the people of Israel are dead and gone. The Hebrew people are finished and forgotten, just like the Sumerians and the and the early Greeks and everybody, the Egyptians, everybody's gone. And so are they, what you see now is a fossil, sometimes, you know, in rock, archaeologists will uncover the fossil of a dinosaur. And that's not really the dinosaur, but its bones decayed and went away. And in the rock, the rock didn't form, normally around where the bones work. It's a slightly different kind of rock. And so you can chip it away, and you will end up with a three dimensional object that very closely resembles the original creature

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that died and was buried by the rock there. But it isn't that thing. You see any any said. So that's Israel, it's just a fossil? Well, as you can imagine, that got people pretty upset.

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I wasn't around at the time, I wasn't sort of aware of anything. But, but if you look at the articles and the academic record at the time, as you can imagine, people in Israel got very upset and very unhappy. And because he was, you know, he was prominent, and when a prominent professor says something, the newspapers are eager to printed, particularly if what he says, fits in to the idea and the vision of what they want to believe, namely, that this really awkward when we thought through that we thought the Jews were gone. The final ending would have been the massacre of millions of Jews in World War Two, and that would be the end of them. And now, a few years after the end of World War Two, they're back. It's like zombies. You can't keep them away. And so a lot of people liked Toynbee's explanation, that Israel is just a fossil of history. And that's what happened.

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Well, aside part of the story, and I won't take more than a moment to tell you this is that the Israeli ambassador to Canada at the time, was a Dr. Jacob Hertzog and he was cat. He was Israel's ambassador to Canada. He was the son of the former Chief Rabbi of Israel, a brilliant Rabbi Isaac Hertzog. And so Jacob Hertzog the ambassador to Israel went ahead and invited Professor Toynbee to add debate to discuss this topic, and contrary to the advice of many of his friends, and contrary to the advice of his wife, by the way she was overheard during the debate whispering to him I told you not to accept this debate. Anyway.

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diplomat Jacob Hertzog from Israel debated Arnold Toynbee in Montreal, and I think it was at McGill University in Montreal at the at any rate as anybody who was there or anybody who listens to a recording of that debate, which was quite fascinating. It's perfectly clear that that Jacob Hertzog wiped the floor with Arnold Toynbee. It was embarrassing. I mean, it was it was truly a the history professor put up an embarrassing performance and and you know, you could say as a start up, he's a history professor is not used to debating by the time you become a professor of history in England. People listen to what you say they don't argue with you. But Jacob Hertzog really gave him a hiding that day.

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And, and one of the very memorable moments is that the head of the Student Union who I think was hosting the debate, when everyone had finished and when he was closing the proceedings, he said something like and I don't have the recording in front of me today. But he said something like I don't think there is any doubt in anyone's mind as to who won the debate.

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And it with an incredible display of graciousness. Jacob Hertzog leaned forward and grabbed his microphone and said, Mr. Chairman, there are no winners or losers. This was a discussion that was carried out honorably by all the participants. And people who were there say that Toynbee got tears in

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his eyes, because of that amazingly gracious ending to the debate. At any rate, that is an example of how fossil is used to dismiss somebody, or some thing, okay. And so fossil fuel, when they came up with that word for coal, or petroleum or natural gas, the idea specifically was that you should think that it's, you know, something finished and forgotten, of the past have no practical use at all. They were not saying that it's made out of fossils, because everybody knows that's not true, right? fossils. fossils have no fuel in them, you can't burn fossils. And fossils can't make fuel. But it was given that word, that name to try and make people feel negatively about it. And Heaven knows it worked. I don't think there's any question about it. It did play an effect. There's no there's no doubt in my mind. That part of the the ambivalence that people feel towards petroleum or with fossil fuel, we mustn't use fossil fuels. So for the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show dictionary, you will find that the correct word for fossil fuels is G, G, fuels, capital letter G, capital letter G. GG fuel fuels standing for God Given fuels.

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That's right, because as I explained last week, there are two completely incompatible views on energy. One is that it's fossil fuel, and we're running out and it's bad for the environment, all of these things, not valid. And the other view is that these are God given gifts. God given gifts, to enable human beings not to consume their precious years on this earth, by drudgery, having to walk to places and having to cut firewood, and all the things that basic survival in a subsistence environment, take up your life. You know, you don't expect people who are subsistence farming peasants in India, to be writing great poetry, or discovering new discoveries, they can't win in life is such a struggle. It's sheer drudgery from early in the morning to late at night. And God says that's not how I wanted to be, use the stuff. And so Henceforth, when I refer to petroleum or coal, or natural gas, G, G fuels, that's right, God given fuels, that's what it is, use them always in good health.

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Now, a recent thought tool, which you can read on our website, it is the the the most recent right at this moment, it's called frozen in fear. And in it I provide the the idea that fear can paralyze you. And if you look at ways in which you are being held back from your God, given destiny, you're being held back from what you were created to achieve and to accomplish something or another. It's like, it's, it's as if some invisible malign force is obstructing your progress. And when that happens, it's always good to ask yourself, what is scaring me what is frightening me. And this four tool is an analysis of how fear can impede the progress you should be making, and also how to deal with that. And, as is the case with every thought tool. At the end, I usually refer to some resource in our store that addresses this topic for further studying for people who want to go into it more deeply. And after each Thought Tool, there are letters right that people write, you can post your comments after you're reading a Thought Tool. And here is one from a lady called Corrine and she wrote it

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I really enjoy your podcast and your emails. But after I read them, I then see you're soliciting for money. I don't feel good about that. And here is my answer, which you can see on on our website at RabbiDanielLapin.com. Go to teachings and under teachings, you'll see Thought Tools. And under the

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first Thought Tools you'll see Frozen in Fear. And then if you look through the comments, you'll see Corrine's comment, and here is my response and I am going to read it to you.

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Dear Corinne, your letter is so very interesting. Firstly, because it crops up from different readers every year or so. And second, because it's so brilliantly reveals the seductiveness of popular fallacies about money. Though I have answered it before in these pages, I will answer it again here in order to honor you for taking the time to write. before going any further, I want to make clear that we are not soliciting for money. Though, why that should be a problem, I have no idea. But we are offering goods for sale. Please note that we do not charge you anything for reading this material, or for listening to the podcast, which you said you really enjoy. Though there is obviously some cost associated with producing and publishing this material for your enjoyment.

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In the store section of this website, you will see that we offer books like Thou Shalt Prosper and Business Secrets from the Bible, as well as instructional courses, like the Financial Prosperity program, and Scrolling through Scripture. This is because there is such widespread misunderstanding about money, with no intention to be personal or to offend. It is clear that you consider the process of earning or making money to be morally questionable. After all, you use the phrase, I don't feel good about it. From my knowledge and my experience, I state with certainty that most people who feel that the process of making money through voluntary and consensual financial transactions is morally tainted, are people who tend to be fatally handicapped in their own efforts to make money.

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Folks, you'll pardon me, I'm going to read one more time because I can't overemphasize the importance of all of us understanding that if we do not understand what money is, and we don't understand the spiritual nature of financial transactions, we end up confusing making with taking earning with stealing, profit with plunder. And the result of that is that it really handicaps us in our own financial ambitions. So I'm going to read the sentence one more time as I wrote it to Corinne.

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In other words, people who deep in their hearts consider making money to be morally reprehensible or severely restricted in their financial ambitions by that very belief. Now, let's glance at the last time you purchased a beautiful pair of shoes Corrine one that you really enjoyed wearing. Turns out that it was perhaps an advertisement in a magazine you read that alerted you to the availability of those particular shoes. countless people saw that advertisement and ignored it because they were not in the market for purchasing a new pair of shoes. Did you feel not good about this advertisement? Surely not. Therefore,

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the only reason I can see for why my advertisement makes you feel not good must be that you feel that commercial transactions are incompatible with biblical teachings. And so since I'm providing a biblical teaching in the Thought Tool, or maybe in the podcast, or maybe because I'm a rabbi, you feel uncomfortable with the advertisement for a consensual financial transaction. Yet, the five books of Moses brought down from God and Mount Sinai contain far more rules and regulations about financial transactions than they do about any other category of moral teaching.

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What is more, Bible teaching through the lens of ancient Jewish wisdom illustrates how financial transactions allow strangers to please one another. You are happy with the shoe store proprietor who made your new shoes possible. And he was happy with you being a customer which allowed him to put cornflakes on his breakfast table. Yes, voluntary and consensual, free market transactions make God smile, in that they allow his children to serve one another's needs, in every sense of the word, financial transactions are holy. I know this is not how the world of popular culture sees it. But as in so many other areas, that world has it wrong.

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What we do in each of our emails or in our podcast is to try to provide uplifting and applicable Bible based wisdom. And then we invite you to pursue the topic further in one or another of the resources we create, publish and sell. That way should you have your own free will decide to participate, you obtain instructional and educational material unavailable elsewhere. And we obtain the wherewithal to place conflicts upon our breakfast table. And should we have your own free will decide not to participate, and not to purchase anything from our store? That is fine. Also, we are still happy you read our material and listen to our podcast, and enjoy it all for free. But there is certainly no reason for our advertisement to make you feel quote, not good. We do hope this helps you adjust your money thinking. Best wishes Rabbi Daniel Lapin.

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And I mentioned that because I just wonder if there are any folks who are listening to the podcast and noting me now mentioned the availability of a wonderful resource at our store on our website. I wondered if you know, maybe some of you also think Well, that's a little unseemly, isn't it? I mean, after all, surely the worlds of ancient Jewish wisdom and money should be separate? And the answer is no, it's precisely ancient Jewish wisdom that makes financial prosperity possible in countries that were founded with an awareness of that information. But that's, of course, a another topic entirely. What I did want to mention was that I have truly a wonderful program, called Scrolling through Scripture. The first unit comprises 20 lessons, each lesson is a video program of half an hour or so. And this takes us through the first 34 verses of Genesis, it is absolutely foundational to understanding the Bible. And it's absolutely fundamental to understanding how and why the Bible has shaped Western civilization. Or I could just say civilization, and it's of principle importance, to understand why and how biblical information can improve your life, in the context of your finances, your family, your friendships, your faith, and your physical fitness. That's right, all of those things flow from how you understand these first basic 34 verses in which God introduces himself to humanity. So that lesson, that course called

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Scrolling through Scripture, as a matter of 20 lessons, what my office has just done, is they've made the first lesson available free as a sample, the idea is, you'll see it and, and we're very sure that you will find it so important for your life that you'll want to go ahead and get the rest of them as well. If not, they're not, that's also fine, then you'll get benefit out of the first one. And, and no business succeeds if it's not willing to give before it gets. And so we're very happy to give and we are very happy when people take advantage of this free half hour program. So it's called Scrolling through Scripture, it's less than one. And if you go to the website, RabbiDaniellapin.com, and do a little search around, go to online courses, you will find how you can listen to this first lesson, absolutely free just listen to it right now. Watch it, enjoy it, and the

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The descript--the the URL for how to do it, I will try and make sure we put in the description under today's podcast, and you should be able to click on that as well if you'd like to. So that is the the principle as we lay it out in terms of understanding what role advertisement plays, I want to read a few letters, I get a lot of letters in the mail from listeners to the podcast, and I and they come in the email, I'm going to read some to you.

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Because I'm wondering if you are interested in what other people say, and maybe you'll even be interested in responding to other people. The reason I asked this is because I want you to tell me whether you would find a discussion forum on the podcast to be a value to you. In other words, the way that would work is, I would have a forum page on our website, which we do not have yet at the moment. But we'd put that up. And then as soon as the podcast is posted every week, I would go on that. And I'd make sure that I put down not only the description, but also any other points that I didn't mention in the podcast that are part of the idea. And then you can at any time you want, can go to that page on the website, and ask or comment. And right now, as many of you know, there are many people that are not that many, but some people listen to the show on YouTube. And they the show is usually not provided with videos just sound. But there are some people, you know, I don't know, a few 1000 a week up, you know, 2000 to 10,000 a week, listen to the show on YouTube. And they write comments on YouTube as you can. And I I do read those and I respond to many of them. As you'll see if you were to take a look, you just go to YouTube. And then you look for the Rabbi Daniel Lapin channel. And then on the Rabbi Daniel Lapin channel on YouTube, you will find all of the podcasts in sequence. And so, if we go ahead and do this, I'm going to stop responding on YouTube and only respond and interact with listeners on the forum page. What I'm asking you is to let me know if that would be of interest to you. If that would be of any use to you, would you be inclined to go along and take a look. And if a representative number of you feel it is then we will put up that page, and we'll give it a go see how you like it. But go ahead for now, if you want to say you know, don't don't bother I listened to the podcast, I really wouldn't have any interest in going long to discuss it on a forum with other listeners, please tell me and if on the other hand, you think you might well tell me that as well. And the way you do that, of course is go to RabbiDanielLapin.com, and there's a tab there about us. And you drop the arrow down. And you'll see, contact us. And what you do is you click on that you shoot us an email right there, which I assure you I will see. just as I saw this one from Gloria, who writes thank you for your informational,

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thought provoking and inspiring podcasts, which I listened to all the way to the end. I do so much appreciate what you do. And I feel blessed to profit from your teaching. I am a Christian who is thankful to God for the Judeo Christian heritage our nation was founded upon and I pray that he will save this great nation of ours. What she was responding to was I mused to myself during one of the podcasts in the last couple of weeks, few weeks sessions a couple few weeks. I'm used to myself towards the end saying I wonder, you know, does everybody listen all the way to the end? Or? Or do people sort of lose interest halfway listen to some of it. But so she says no, she she goes all the way through. And then here's a one from Robin. Hi, there I am from South Africa and just wanted to let you know how much I'm enjoying Rabbi Daniels teachings. So happy to get that one. And here's one from Jim. I'm not Jewish, but I really enjoy your podcast. I just listened to the podcast from Friday, hydrogen bombs, four sets of rituals that save civilization. Now one was from like, the middle of June 2021. I'm thinking is when that one came out. It was called hydrogen bombs, four sets of rituals that save civilization. And that was actually one of my favorites. I like that. So Jim says he's not Jewish, but he enjoys the podcast and he's just listened to that one. I'm a new listener having only listened to a handful episodes, but this one really caught me. Yes, I listened all the way to the whole things. And the one part I would like to address is the prop 47 part of the conversation. It's about him being in San Francisco. But Jim's quite right. He writes, it's a statewide California law, not just San Francisco. That was deception in the way it was written. And the uninformed voted for it. shoplifters are literally using the calculators on their phones, to make sure they still less than \$950 worth of goods. This is rampant throughout the state of California, businesses are closing in areas where they cannot afford the loss to sales ratio. Then there is prop 57 that reformed the early release rules between these two laws. We are in real trouble in California. Keep up the good work, and I'm working my way through past episodes. Thank you, Jim. And I, by the way, I also get some critical letters. I've read those when I get them as well. But I am also aware that people who hate it do not usually write in so I'm not fooling myself. Oh, everybody loves now I'm sure there are a lot of people that are goaded to unreasonable Fury by some of the things I speak about on the show, such as fuels like coal, gas, and petroleum being ggx fuels. That's right. God given fuels if it didn't have too many syllables, I'd say GGG fuels, God given gifts, but God given fuels is quite sufficient.

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Okay, this one is from Joshua. Hi, Rabbi Lapin, as requested on your most recent podcast, I'm glad to inform you that I happily listen to the entirety of your show each week. Thank you, as always, for sharing your wisdom with us, helping us dig deeper into scripture and showing how it relates to us in every era. And I responded to Joshua, just pointing out that it's not my wisdom, I make no secret of it. I wish I was smart enough to have originated at all. But all I do is make accessible to all of you the ancient Jewish wisdom that I was blessed and fortunate enough to have been taught.

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Then let's see, we got to do I did I wanted, there were a couple others I wanted to tell you about as well. Here's one from Katherine

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Dear Rabbi Lapin. I enjoy hearing you discuss topics that involve technology and engineering. I'm a retired engineer that put herself through college back in the 1980s. That was when very few women were enrolling in engineering schools. Since then, many colleges have dumbed down the requirements so as to attract more females into the STEM fields. Stem stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. As a result, the young people coming out of schools with engineering degrees are not as qualified as older folks, due to the political correctness nonsense. Also, there is a lot of age determination in the industry, companies put emphasis on culture, as opposed to whether or not one is qualified to do the job. I love your podcasts. Thank you very much Katherine. And I responded, I didn't entirely agree with all your points. But I certainly appreciated your sentiment very much indeed, not only appreciated, I mean, I really, I'll tell you, it's in it's encouraging, you know, there are times my spirits are a little lower than they should be. And I, I let myself go. And sometimes a little fuel to help me snap back is all it takes in the form of a letter. This is from a gentleman called Sinisa. And he writes as follows dear rabbi, first of all, I would like to introduce myself, I am a Croatian, my father's side were people inside of the concentration camp. And he mentions the name of the camp, and my mother side were Nazis. We died side by side, my father's side with Jews, but we never forget to fight for freedom. In my country, Croatia, where I am coming from, we have again Jewish community, and I'm proud to be one of the people that is supporting them. Why do I support them financially and in social media? Let me explain that to you. I go to my work at 5am in the morning, and I listened to your podcast in my car driving 75 minutes every morning. At certain moments, you said that doing good for the children of God is important, just like God would be doing for your children. Okay, that you know, that's that's a little bit of a free translation if you like, but I'm just reading his letter. Several times when my children were in danger on summer in some miraculous way. They will never injured. my sister, My nephew and her man means I think her husband didn't have Corona. And my women's parents also never had Corona. By the way, in many languages, wife and woman are the same word. So that explains, as his writing in English, it's not his natural language. Why he says my woman means his wife. And then he goes on, he says, coincidence? Maybe just one sentence helped me to be a better man and to help somebody, why Jews? Why do I listen to you and how I got connected to your podcasts. I am investing in an Israel trading community. And they helped me a lot to earn the money so that my children can go to university, and that we as family live better. These Israelis also helped me to get connections with the Jewish community in Croatia, and to start learning Bible.

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And by the way, here comes comes the best part. This is the end of the letter, he says, I am an atheist, period. or better said, I used to be an atheist. Why do I write this all? Because I want to encourage you to inform us all further in your podcasts. Thank you, my Rabbi kind readings Sinisa. And so Sinisa Thank you very much indeed. I did respond to your letter directly to your email. And, and I found it absolutely fascinating and and really very heartwarming. So thank you for that.

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Here is one from Nathan, and I'm, I'm arriving at the end of this. Nathan writes, Rabbi, I love listening to your podcasts. I have a list of 30 podcasts on my phone. And yours is by far the best. I am an

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evangelical Christian, but a Rabbi Daniel Lapin evangelist, I get to listen to you while I work, as I am a roofing contractor. And he gives the town in Western Canada.

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And I think I think that's - Oh, yeah, I'll do one more. Because this one actually has a bearing on what I'm going to tell you. This, this letter wasn't just a letter, but it actually gave me some information of which I was not aware. Okay, this is from, and I'm going to tell you just the way he identifies himself, Ray from Livermore. And the reason that I am telling you this because that name Ray from Livermore resonates with me. When I used to do my show on ksfo radio in San Francisco, I didn't know up to about I was doing it up to about five or six years ago, approximately seven maybe.

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And it was a calling show, right. So the the SU the call screener would put up on the screen, the name of the person as they gave it, and, and, and, and also his location. So he always when he called in which he did often, he was always Ray from Livermore. Here's his letter. And by the way I am I'm always happy when I hear of listeners to my old radio show who found the podcast. So I'm happy rated. Here's what he wrote. Thank you. Where am I? Hold on.

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Thank you for your wonderful podcast, and all the wisdom you share with us. Your most recent podcast, you commented on electric planes attached is an article about the failure of very expensive electric buses in Pennsylvania. What was the weak point? You already know the batteries, of course. Thank you again for your show. I found you on ksfo. And I missed that show very much. And he gives me a link. And then he signs Ray from Livermore. Okay, what's the story? You are going to love this as much as I did, I'm sure. This This is a story about the city of Philadelphia having an adventure with battery driven electrical buses. And before I go further, let me give you a rough idea of what a 50 passenger normal city bus costs, right? The buses that run on the streets of every single major city. And those ran about a quarter of a million dollars, right? They pay about 250,000 for them sometimes a little less. And they typically have a lifespan of about 15 years. thereabouts.

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So remember, they cost about a quarter of a million dollars, they last for about 15 years? Well, in 2016, Philadelphia, bought a fleet of proterra electric buses, and they paid \$1 million per bus, you hear that? \$1 million per bus? It is now five years later, and the whole fleet has been trashed. Would you be shocked to hear that city running politicians have just wasted 10s of millions of dollars on buying battery buses? Well, at the time they bought them. Oh, you could not hear yourself think for all the the sound of congratulatory trumpets playing and all the Hallelujah singing Oh, at last one American city is going to become emissions free, it's going to run on battery buses. Well, less than five years later, everything has been trashed. The buses are gone. And by the way, you know, I chuckle not because I'm hostile to electricity. Of course, I'm not. And it's not that I have any intrinsic objection to buses, or electric buses, but don't make decisions based on ideology and your religion. You have a real religion of

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environmentalism, climate change and fossil fuels. And so on the basis of that religion, you use the tax money extracted from hardworking Philadelphia citizens or some of them anyway.

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And, and you waste 10s of millions of dollars on buses, was a bad purchase. Why? Well, first of all, batteries are really, really heavy. And I don't know if they redesigned the chassis, so they use regular bass chassis, or whatever it is, the weight of those batteries being jolted over potholed, Philadelphia streets, cracked all the shares.

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But even before that, there was another problem. And that is battery degradation spoken about that, that the holding power of a battery goes down, the more times you recharge it and discharge it. And so it didn't take more than two years for these buses to no longer be able to run their routes to stop at each button and the entire route. couldn't do it anymore. And

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they Unfortunately, there was not a there was not enough space at each terminus of the battery of the bus run in order to put a recharging station, although how that would have worked with a bus schedule. Who knows, at any rate, Philadelphia's experiment with the battery bus fleet, Rick, created by the way by the pro terror company, also with a lot of fanfare of how this was going to change urban transit. Well, the news report tried to get a comment from the proterra company. But I did check in the market value of the proterra company. As this information started coming out plummeted to about 30% down from normal as people realized. The sounds right. Oh, we need battery transport. Hey, if you have one that works, I'm happy with that. That's great. You got an electric plane that works. You got an electric commuter flying taxi that works on with you. It's good, I have no problem. The trouble is, it doesn't. And they're still wasting money on them. And they're still taking hard won tax money from farmers in Kansas in order to underwrite Tesla buyers in Beverly Hills. Why? Because it's good for the planet. No, that's your religion. Your religious beliefs say it's good for the planet. And your high priests whom you like to call scientists say that it's good for the planet. What are you saying Rabbi Lapin - Science lies? No, of course science doesn't lie. Scientists lie. The Bible doesn't lie. But then probably some rabbis who do? No I didn't say probably I know some. So yeah, science doesn't lie. But scientists because like all human beings, they have interests as well as values. And many, many of us will follow our values as far as we possibly can, but will also follow our interests as much as we possibly as much as we need to, I should say, and the need of a scientist is to make sure that he is held in good favor by the deans and the president of his university and by the funders and the grant givers and the grant writers and the foundations and to do that

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He has to toe the line on the state sponsored religion of secular fundamentalism, whose sacred sacrament is climate change and carbon neutrality, etc, etc, etc. There it is. I mean, I find the theology of other religions, frankly boring and the theology of the religious state, the American state religion of secular fundamentalism. Yeah, it's pretty boring as well. So I enjoyed the letter from Ray from

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Livermore, because he alerted to me to this incredible story of the proterra company, and the absolute disaster.

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The let's see, oh, La Crosse, Wisconsin is another city that is trying to buy proterra buses. But in the, in the sequel to this midsummer 2021 information, that proterra buses fall apart, and the batteries degrade to the point that they cannot run, they're out.

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A lot of places are now wisely canceling orders that should never have been placed in the first place. Right, you can buy a regular city bus for a quarter of the price. And at last three times as long Stop it already. just grow up, really.

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So that is the situation. And I told you why it is that I am encouraging you to listen or watch the first the first lesson of Scrolling through Scripture. And it's on RabbiDanielLapin.com, you'll be able to find it. And I think you will enjoy it. And I'm also betting that you're gonna want to watch the other 19. If you do, that's great. If you don't, that's also great, you still will have got something a benefit. And you will become a more knowledgeable person that makes you a better citizen, wherever you are living. And that means that you are a bigger blessing for the people around you. So go ahead and discover a little bit about how it is that a seven word sentence in Hebrew. In the beginning God created heaven and earth, how those seven words and 28 letters that comprise those seven words, changed the course of human history. Yeah, really changed everything. So all of that on Scrolling through Scripture.

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America's President, Joe Biden, six months into his tenure as president sort of took a victory lap. And one of the questions that cropped up was inflation. And what's happened is that prices on average, in the United States of America, prices of basic things, you know, a gasoline, food transport, all kinds of things went up, the consumer price index by reflectors went up between five and 6%. That's scary. That's a huge increase. And what results, of course, from that is something called inflation. Why is that? Well, you think about it, the United States of America has had a whole lot of stimulus, right. And what that means is giving out of huge sums of money, and there is no sign of that slowing down, the government continues. And now the latest is again announced by President Biden \$300 a month for any child below the age of what is it

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12 or 15, or whatever it is. And, again, a whole lot of money being given out. And it's turning out that all this money give out is beginning to approach a huge figure of about maybe as much as 25% of America's GDP gross domestic product.

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Now, while this is going on, while the government has been giving out huge sums of money, the parallel activity has been a damage to the to the supply line, right? epidemic related disruptions have made us short of many, many goods. Remember, this started with toilet paper a year ago, or even more than a year ago. And toilet paper is bad, but other things are still in short supply. Now, just use logic here, right? Don't worry about whether I have an economics degree. I don't. Don't worry about whether I have served in the United States Treasury Department. I have

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And just listen to the words and you can decide, you know, either they're frivolous and foolish and not worth listening to. Or there may be a point to them. But here are my words, when you put out a big flow of money to chase a limited supply of goods, then you must expect higher prices. Right? That's what's happening, the government is putting out a lot of money. And meanwhile, the supply chain is not anywhere near normal. And so all of a sudden, people have extra spending money. And they're looking for things which aren't there, or in limited supply. So obviously, prices go up. That's what happens. This is called inflation. And the explanation of Mr. Biden of President Biden goes something like this. He says, Look, I'm planning a \$4 trillion spending plan. And that is going to keep inflation in check. If and now, these are his words, if we increase the availability of quality, affordable childcare, eldercare, paid leave, more people will enter the workforce, Mr. Biden said, These steps will enhance our productivity, raising wages without raising prices.

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That won't increase inflation, it'll take the pressure off of inflation give a boost to our workforce, which leads to lower prices in the years ahead. So clearly, Joe Biden believes that cradle to grave government subsidies with no obligation to work will somehow cause more people to work. Well, to be sure, that has not worked at all with federal unemployment benefits that have been around and increased by quite a lot lately. So it's I What's so important about this? It's that you have to know there are only two possibilities. Either the government is made up of idiots and stupid and educated people.

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Or it's made up of deeply evil and devious depraved people. There's only two possibilities. Either Mr. Biden believes that claptrap, or he doesn't, and he saying it either way, one way makes him an ignoramus. One makes him a scoundrel. I don't know. Listen, I don't know another way to interpret it. I really don't. Look, let's imagine, for some inexplicable reason of my own, I hired five men, and I pay them all \$20 an hour, quite a bit. To do nothing. I want you to all - you five men, I will pay you \$20 an hour if you sit under a tree. And I don't want you to read but you can talk. You can. You can drink not alcoholic beverages. You can you can smoke cigarettes or cigars. Go ahead. But I will go ahead and pay you. Why is it Do you think that that does not harm the economy? But if the government gives those men a sum of money every week to sit under a tree that harms the economy? What's the difference? Now, if I were you at this point, I'd pause the podcast for a moment, one of the advantages of podcast over radio. And I'd give it a little bit of thought you know why it is and when you come back, you will hear me explain that the the difference is that my money is underpinned by value. There is a

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limit to it. I can't keep doing this indefinitely, because I will run out of money. And that's because my money came to me, by me delivering value to other people. So the money is not I didn't print that money. It's not just a piece of paper. It's representative of something that is limited in supply and limited in availability, that that I'm choosing to use in this fashion. This, by the way, is exactly the reason why Bitcoin cannot be dismissed as nothing and as nonsense as many people try to do. And the reason is because and I explained this in a podcast a couple of months ago, that it costs a lot of real money.

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To produce Bitcoin, you using a lot of electricity, I explained that Bitcoin was similar to aluminum in that way. And so and also Bitcoin is limited, I think the number is 21 million Bitcoins. But there's certain point after which no more new ones will be mined, and the cost of mining is going up all the time, just as with any real commodity, and so Bitcoin has the characteristics of real currency, in exactly the same way that my money has characters is real currency because I had to deliver value in order to obtain it. How, however, when the government gives out money, that money is obtained, you might say from taxation, but it's too much. They're giving out far more than can ever be covered with taxation. No problem. The government is the current government in the United States, is subscribed to something called modern monetary theory. Now, again, this is an idea that emerged from the minds of people with PhDs. Right? no serious seriously. Now, that's exactly true.

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Yeah, it's called modern monetary theory. And one of its prime exponents, who taught it to Bernie Sanders. And his teaching to members of the Biden administration is Professor Stephanie Kelton. And she has, yes, naturally, she has a PhD in economics from a place called The New School for Social Research. And her dissertation was entitled, public policy and government finance a comparative analysis and different monetary systems. Okay, fine.

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In summation, modern monetary theory says that, while ordinary people have to work with a budget, and they cannot spend more than they take in, governments aren't like that, because governments issue what's called fiat currency. fiat currency is currency that is not backed by anything inviolable and substantive. And once the government has the ability to print money, why should there be any limitation? Why should they ever be a reason not to. And so, it's very possible that Joe Biden was told by Stephanie Kelton or by others, that you can print as much money as you like, and go ahead and issue to the people. And that way, you will win their votes because people love getting free money, and you got nothing to worry about. So either he buys that, in which case, he's incredibly silly. Or he knows the truth. And that is that this is a massive subterfuge and a horrendous hoax, in which case is a very, very bad man. But it's one or the other. But there has to be.

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And as I think most of you, if not all of you already know that the process of printing money is incredibly damaging when a country does that. Yes, they are cheating. First of all, it's the most devious way of taxation, because it is impossible for not to follow inflation. Right. As I said before, this is absolutely

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standard. And anybody who doesn't have a PhD in economics knows this to be true. And that is that if money is printed beyond the actual value of economic substance delivered by the underlying economy, then you have a decrease a de munition in the value of that currency. And so if prices and costs are going up at about 5% right now, in the United States, I would say there's every reason to believe that numbers gonna go higher. I also believe that the United States government has ways of camouflaging the true rate of inflation. So one has to keep an eye on that. And you have to realize what this means is that if you have 1000, if it's only 5% inflation, although I think you should look more 10%. But if you only have 5% inflation, that means that every \$100 you leave in the bank, quickly only becomes worth 95.

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So you've got \$1,000, guess what, with an inflation rate of only 5%. That's only going to be worth 950. You've just lost \$50 just like that, where's it gone? while you've been unofficially taxed? Where it's gone is that the government spent it by printing more money. Look money is very complicated, there's no question about it. It's a spiritual thing. And that's why, in my programs and in my courses, I do spend a fair amount of time teaching about money because money, you know, money is not like a physical object. Yeah, money is not like a bar of gold, or even that is in symbolism is obviously worth more than than just what it would appear to be. But, you know, I was given an example of a saxophone, right, I see a saxophone, I know what it is, it has a certain value based on how many people want saxophones, and how many the saxophone manufacturers are building. But money is not like that. Money is entirely the result of the behavior of a large number of human beings who are operating under the umbrella of that currency system. And that's why it is that growing and increasing immorality in a nation, which means, among other things, an increasing number of people who want something for nothing. The result is inflation, and every body loses. So to just be aware, because dishonest governments in every country, find the temptation to print money almost irresistible, by the way, you might well too, I certainly wouldn't given give any guarantees. Right? You think about it, let's imagine in a closet in your bedroom, you got a printing press, all you got to do is turn the handle, and it starts putting out genuine, beautiful, viable, valid \$100 bills. I'm not saying counterfeit, I'm saying real. Again, this is all a thought experiment, okay? Would you say to yourself, you know what, I haven't earned that money, I'm not going to turn the handle, I'm not going to print \$100. If you are, then I stand up when you walk into the room, out of respect for you. But most people, and certainly people in government do keep the presses running partially because they persuade themselves, oh, it's for the good of the people.

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Truth is, it's to keep themselves in power and to keep themselves spending money. It's not at all for the good of the people. The good of the people is served by an honest currency. And so every time they inflate every time they print money, you are being cheated, you are being encouraged to not save because their \$1,000 you put in a savings account has lost \$50 of its value, at least you're encouraged to spend. That's not good for a country, it's not good for you. But if I know that inflation is going along and tearing along at that rate, then yeah, saving money is a bit of a fool's game, isn't it? And how about all the people both in America and elsewhere who bought government bonds? Basically, Mr. Government, you have borrowed money from people all around the world in exchange for wishes,

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which you've issued a treasury bonds. But now those are losing value, or any security in that is denominated in dollars. You're cheating all the people who loaned you money because you're going to be paying them back with dollars worth much less than the dollars you borrowed.

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So this is all rather grim and unpleasant. But at least you know, that here on the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show, I will tell you the truth, even if it is unpleasant, because that way at least you can plan and prepare. And right now, at least in the United States of America, I would say ring the inflation alarm bell, in your family, in your friendships, in your finances, in your faith, ring that alarm bell? Because yes, the inflation train is roaring through the station. And I see absolutely no sign of it stopping. Be aware that figures can be manipulated. And be aware that Joe Biden along with all his cohorts are going to be very, very pressured to come up with lower inflation figures. And there are ways that that can be turned down. Your most reliable way of finding out what inflation really is, is by watching the price of things. You will notice that over the last year. Not only has the price of food gone up, but the size of the container in which you get it has been made smaller. Have you noticed that?

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Right. You used to get a container of you know, 64 ounces of orange juice, big nice container. And now it's down to 54 ounces of orange juice price a little higher than it used to be for 64. So figure out the mathematics on that. And you'll start ending up with a much more correct figure for what is really happening in inflation. And does that mean your savings are being corroded? Well, if they are in cash, yes, terribly. And that's not a good thing, because wise people try and keep a few months of cash readily accessible and on hand for life's uncertainties. And now that little cash reservoir is diminishing in value every single month. That's not good. And I don't for a moment doubt that this is happening not only in the United States, but quite possibly in whatever country you are living in. And you can take that information into account as you plan your financial strategy. That I think is as far as we're going to go for today. Please visit the website at [RabbiDaniellapin.com](http://RabbiDaniellapin.com), please check out the store, listen to the free episode of Scrolling through Scripture. Take a look at a wonderful financial training package for everybody called the Financial Prosperity Collection, you'll do that that's also a video program, you can download it, you can start going through it all of that, to give you a better shot in the turbulent financial times that lie ahead of us.

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And I had considered talking a little bit about the space travels of Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson. And by the way, I don't begrudge it to them, I've always believed that you have whatever right you wish to spend your money exactly as you wish. If you've earned your money, this doesn't apply to government because the government doesn't earn money, it takes money on or produces it on the printing press. But anybody who has money because of how they earn it, you are afraid to spend that in any way you wish. And if you are among the fortunate few, or many who recognize how wonderful it is to work for a boss who lets us keep a 90% Commission, then you understand that 10% of what you earn isn't even yours, and you give it away to people who have less than you. And then you discover that this stimulates an even better flow of revenue. All of that is great. But the remaining 90% do with whatever

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you wish you Richard Branson blast off into space, Jeff Bezos blast off into space, whatever you want, no question about it at all. However, it shouldn't be hailed as all steps forward in the uncovering of science, etc, etc. These are ego trips, and God bless them, they've earned it, they're entitled to it whatever they want. But the rest of us shouldn't be naive and foolish about it. Right? They haven't done any huge favor for humanity.

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We're a step closer to setting up human colonies on the moon. Listen, if I were you, I wouldn't bet on that. If I were you, I wouldn't start buying equipment for when you're going to live on the moon or on Mars or anywhere else. Not gonna happen. So I decided not to talk a lot about that. I certainly want to make sure that that you don't miss hear me, you know, I have no begrudging them spending it any way they wish. But it's an ego trip. Right? That space trip. That was an ego trip. The idea that this is being done for the good of humanity and that is going to help us move forward. That's complete rubbish. And you shouldn't believe that. It's foolish. So that my friends, is it. Go to the website [RabbiDanielLapin.com](http://RabbiDanielLapin.com). Let me know if you'd like to have a discussion forum for the podcast and I'd be happy to have us put that up. And let me know any other thoughts you have. I read your letters, as you all know by now. And I would also want to wish you all a wonderful week ahead. Right a week of good times in your relationships with God, with your money, with your family and with your friends. And yes with your own body, your your own physical health as well. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless