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Welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show where I, your rabbi, reveal how the world really works. Yeah, welcome to you all. Welcome all you happy warriors, you eager devotees of the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show. Why do I call you happy warriors? Well, because I see every one of you regardless of your age, or condition as either a beautiful and nubile woman, or a handsome and virile man. This is because the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show focuses not only on your body, but also on your soul. And I suspect that almost every listener has a young and vibrant soul. What is more, we're all happy warriors. Because to live productively, you've got to fight every day, against the forces of entropy if nothing else, you fight to maintain your possessions. You fight to build and maintain your family and your business, your profession or your career. Look, life is a fight. And that's a good thing. To stop fighting, to stop seeking to stop striving is to die. And I call you not just warriors but happy warriors. Because to throw yourself into the fight for eight or 10 hours a day, six days a week is one thing. But to do all that, with a debonair smile on your face and a jaunty pace to your stride, to do all that while generating an irrepressible surge of happiness welling up in your soul. Well, that means you are spiritually grounded in everything that is life affirming. You're devoted to your faith, your families, your finances, your friends, and you know, that ultimately, you can triumph over those who both intentionally and unknowingly promote a dark abyss of satanic secular socialism and the many social pathologies it generates, many of which we have seen in this past week or two, leading up to the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Needless to say, this show is being taped at the beginning of the week, starting October the seventh 2018.

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When I reveal how the world really works, it's in the hope that you will help defeat those pathetic creatures of modern secular fundamentalism, those orphans in history, who possess neither Judeo-Christian fortitude, nor even pagan ferocity, which frankly, would be almost welcome. Those hideous hermaphrodites and fanatical feminists running our media, education and government bureaucracies, who possess neither the strength of men, nor the intuitive wisdom of women. But what damage they

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managed to inflict. Well never fear. Here on the Rabbi Daniel Lapin show, I solemnly commit to help you transform timidity to triumph. Together, you and me, we will replace diffidence with determination. And we will displace the divided councils of doubt, with a steady eyes and firm hearts of those who just like us know where they are going, and know just how they're going to get there. We strive for success, first with our families and our faith, then our finances and our friends forming bonds of the like minded, after which we will then be ready to take on the formidable task of saving our frighteningly fragile civilization from those who would force us to surrender our freedoms and our souls to the whims and dictates of those who consider themselves to be our superiors. Our elites, our betters, our bosses, and our rulers.

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But before we change the world, we have to change ourselves. And what a good start we have each of you happy warriors, a gentle giant with a huge and humble heart. Yes, we'll succeed. But before we make the world a better place, we have to make our homes and businesses better places. And then our efforts and our dreams become leveraged. And together, we achieve so much more. The to show ways of building a bridge over the dark abyss of mortality is by building a family, building our finances, and connecting with others who share your worldview, or even others who share part of your worldview. The key thing is to connect. And in doing so, we need to understand that people's outlooks have very much shaped by the positions they take on certain key fundamental, and what I call existential questions. And once you have made a decision on those key existential questions, well, everything else follows somewhat coherently. And to those of us who have adopted different answers to those fundamental questions, it is only too easy to dismiss the side of secular fundamentalists as people of low intelligence, and foolish outlook. But this would be a mistake under estimating the enemy is always perilous in the extreme.

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Now, to subscribe to the views of secular fundamentalism, you don't have to be have diminished intelligence, you don't have to be foolish, you only have to have started out with a different premise. And I want to give you an example of what I mean. You know, blessed with six wonderful daughters and one son, I can tell you that our Sabbath tables, in fact, our dinner tables in general, particularly when the children were just a little bit younger, were always, always very delightful, but they taught me considerable patience. Because very often, questions would arise at the dinner table that required a discussion of a somewhat technical topic. It might have been some algebra, it might have been certain principles of thermodynamics. But look, before you start rolling your eyes at your rabbi, attempting to discuss rules of thermodynamics at the dinner table, I have to tell you, that while there are an awful lot of things I am really, really not good at. While there are an awful lot of things, I have so much to learn about still. While there are so many things I am simply bad at. What I'm good at is navigating a boat. Well wait - wrong. I'm not talking about that. But what I'm also good at is explaining complicated topics. And in a way that makes sense to people who don't know much about that particular topic. That's what I do. And so, I urge you not to do what for a number of years my daughters would do, which when I would start on a topic, they'd roll their eyes extremely noticeably no more than noticeably they'd roll their eyes conspicuously and obtrusively. And demonstratively, they'd roll their pretty eyes, as if to say,

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oh, no, not again, dad is off on some complex technical topic. But little by little, they came to see that if they did not turn off their minds, if they didn't shut off their intellects, if they didn't extinguish their natural curiosity, it was possible to understand at least the basic points I was making, without having to worry about delving into the intricacies of calculus that might have been necessary for a numerical analysis of what we're taught what we were talking about. So let me give you an example of what I'm saying. And I urge you to bear with me.

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Um, the binary system of counting is important today in a way, it wasn't 50 years ago, because computers work on the binary system. Now. You might say, What's this got to do with anything? Bear with me? Would you just for a moment, because I think you'll find that not only interesting, but useful as well. And I hope I'm right, because the entire focus of this show is to provide value to listeners, above all, I never want to waste your time. And so, computers operate on the binary system, what is a binary system mean? Well, we're accustomed to the base 10 system, which means that there is a zero and nine digits or if you like, a total of 10 digits, 0123456789, and then the next digit after you've counted, now, you know, you start off and say, Now there are no matches on the table zero, okay, here's one match, add match to add a match three, we're up to nine matches. When we add one more match, we don't say and now we've got wobbled the matches on the table, we don't we go, we only use these 10 digits, and we take the first one, and we do it, we add a zero to it. And then we take the first one, we add a one to it, and we take the first one and we add a two to it. So we get 10, 11, 12. And then when we get to 19, we don't go to wiggle the wobble the, we say okay, now we'll take the second, the next digit, which is two, and then we'll add a zero to it. And then we'll add a one to it, and the tutor will get 20, 21, 22. So all the numbers we need are created out of 10 Basic digits. Well, that's a base 10 system

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A binary system, or alternatively, a base two system, you can call it what you like, depends on two digits, a zero and a one, that's all. And as soon as you understand it's, it's parallel to our accustomed base 10 system, then you see how it works. And the reason this is so important, is because an electrical circuit can be an analog circuit, where you can say the circuit carrying one volts, two volts, three volts, but it's not nearly as accurate as simply saying this circuit is either on or off live or dead. And if we decide to call it off, and name that zero, and we call it one, and we name that on, well, now it is possible to create digital computers, which are very accurate and very useful and very quick. But to do that, we have to become accustomed to expressing all the numbers you and I need. Right? I've got a check that I got to write for \$75.22 to the electric company. How do I write \$75.22 in binary? Okay, well, it's it's really very simple. And it might be useful if you're interested in this. And I sure hope you are, might be interesting, if you go ahead and take a pen and paper in front of you. And what I'll do is, I'll take a quick short break as we go into the next segment, to give you just enough time to make sure you have a pen and paper. And I'm really not going to devote more than another two minutes to this. But I think those two minutes will be useful to you, and will be mind expanding and will open up some ideas as well as allowing me to go into the topic of discussion today, which is about making fewer mistakes, diminishing the number of bad decisions you and I tend to make in our day to day lives.

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I am trying to demonstrate how it is that we commonly find secular Americans dismissing religious Americans Some kind of primitive fools. We even had a powerful politician a few years ago. speak disparagingly about many Americans who cling to God and their guns, you know, and and it was said in such a tone of disdain and contempt. As if people who follow the Bible and believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are somehow diminished in intelligence and they are simpletons. Another mistake people make is, of course, the other way around, where religious people say, well, secular people are blind and stupid. None of these things are true. Very often political conservatives think liberals are idiots. And of course, liberals think that conservatives are dinosaurs and obnoxious and very foolish and stupid and have low intelligence. None of these things are true. What happens is that in all of these cases, there is a primary fundamental question, which has two answers. And how you answer it then sets you on an executable path that is absolutely predictable. And you may think that you are exercising your freedom of choice as as I would. But the fact is that once you have made a decision about that fundamental question, the rest all follows almost inevitably. And the interesting thing is that that fundamental question, almost always has a default state. Something that if you don't consciously contemplate it, you will come to a conclusion anyway, you will answer it one way or the other. And so everything follows from the fundamental question. And so very often, two people can be yelling at one another saying, you know, you're wrong, no, you're wrong. You're an idiot. No, you're an idiot. And the truth is that neither is an idiot, and neither is wrong. They both start, or they each start, I should rather say, from a fundamentally different answer to a basic existential question.

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And so bear with me, if you would, while I give you an is like one of my favorite examples, so I'm going to give it to you, this is an example I think you will find useful. And I only asked you not to roll your eyes, like my daughters would do. And instead, grab your pen and paper and just contemplate this for a moment because the outcome is actually useful, not only for the topic of today's discussion, but also for the understanding of so much of the digital economy today, the digital information age. Okay. So let's take a simple question. I might say to you, what is 11 plus 10? And you don't even have to think about it you right away, say 21. Right? That's simple enough. And if you do think about it, you'll say, Okay, here's 11, then I'll write 10. Under that. One plus zero is one, one plus one is two. And there we go. 21 is the answer. But meanwhile, I might sit here that same question, and I respond 11 plus 10? The answer is five. And you say, I'm an idiot, because everyone knows the answer is 21. And I say you think the answer is 21? You're an idiot? The answer is five. How do you explain this? It's very simple,

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very simple. We you are using the base 10 system with which we are all familiar from the time we are toddlers. And in that system, there are at nine digits plus a zero, that's base 10. There's 10 possible alternatives. And so 11, What does 11 mean? Well, 11 means one 10 plus one 1. In other words, those columns are labeled from the right 110 100. I'm not doing a complicated or big sum of 100 today, so it's ones and 10s. Or you may have heard 10s. And units when you were in school, like I did was done. They should have I mean units who knows what units I didn't. But 11 is simply one 1. Okay, plus one 10 and 10 and 1 = 11. Okay, I got it. And we're adding to their 10. What's 10? Well, it's zero ones, but it's 110. See, there it is because the columns starting from the right In the base 10 system, our 1, 10, 100, 1000. That's, that's and so if you get a number 1321, reading from right to left, it means one 1, two 10s, three 100s and one 1000. You add them all up, you get 1321. You know, you're you're sketching this out with your pen and paper, it's making perfect sense to you. No, it really is. I know, some I know, I know you're rolling your eyebrows, stop it. Okay, now, me I was using the base two system, I thought in this digital age, that's what we're talking about. So for me, one, one doesn't just mean 11. One means one 1, and one, two.

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And so you know those because the columns in the base two system are not like the base 10 system where the columns starting right to left are 1, 10, 100, 1000. Now, in the base two system, the columns have a number of 1, 2, 4, and so 8, 16, and so on, and so forth. And so the number 11 means one 1, and one, two, it means a one, and two, and a two and a one added together become a three. So 11 actually means three in conventional numbers, and 10. One, zero means zero ones, but one two, which just means two. And so 11 plus 10 really means three plus two. But let's let's add it up, right? Put down a one 111, and then 100, right, a one zero. Now you'll remember the way we did it before base 10, the answer came to be 21. But now we're going to use the base two system, one plus zero. Well, that's straightforward. That's one. Remember that in the base 10 system, when you reach 19, or nine, you go back to the beginning one plus zero, when you reach 19, you go to plus zero, so adding our call our two numbers, one, one plus one zero, we get one plus zero is one, and then we get one plus one, but there is no two in the base 10 system in the same way, there was no woggle-d-gook in, the base 10 system. And so one plus one is one, zero. So the answer to 11 plus 10 is 101. Now, what does the number 101 mean? Well, it means starting from right to left means 110 twos and one, four. So it's four plus one, which is five.

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I hope I hope that was in a way, I hope it wasn't wasting your time, I don't think it is. Because if you just spend a few moments looking at it, you see that it is possible for you and me to argue over what 11 plus 10 is. And if we never ever discussed what the fundamental underpinning presumptions are, then we each cling to our viewpoints. And we're each correct. We're each coherent. We're each consistent. And we are utterly and completely incompatible with one another. You are base 10. And so you say 11 and 10 is 21. And you're right. And I'm based to a binary. And I say 11 plus 10 is actually five. And I'm right, exactly. That is what I want us all to understand. And so it is that the basic rule, the basic and fundamental existential question underlying everything is really very simple. And that is - your initial response will probably be to laugh, and I'm happy to make you laugh, of course, because laughter and

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happiness go together, that's good. It's wonderful. Keep a smile on your face, I don't want you to be miserable. But if this makes you laugh, so be it. The underlying fundamental question at the base of everything, is how did human beings arrive at this small speck of dust called Planet Earth, in the middle of a solar system, which is in the middle of the Milky Way, which is in itself, a small galaxy on the outer edges of the universe. And so far, we have found absolutely no evidence of life anywhere else in the universe. And if we do, it doesn't worry me, that's fine. But if we don't, well, then we have a huge problem. Because for life to exist to occur accidentally, and on a random basis in only one occasion in all of the space time continuum. Well, that's frankly, plainly impossible.

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And so the basic question is how did we human beings arrive on this planet? Now, you might subscribe to the theory of Elon Musk. And he holds that foreign, little green aliens on some remote and distant planet put us here as part of a vast cosmic computer game to entertain themselves. But I don't really take that approach very seriously. If for no other reason, then all it does is postpone the question of where did they come from? So let's confine ourselves to the only two possible answers to that question. One is that we were put here by a good and loving God who created us in his image, and placed us here on Earth. That's one approach. I can't prove it. But how I live my life will be enormously impacted by how I decide to answer that question. This is why I've often said that what a human believes tells me much more about him than what a human knows. You tell me about his beliefs. And I'll know much more about him than if you tell me about his degree and his qualifications, and the body of knowledge he possesses. The alternative is that we arrived on this planet by activities of lightning on methane gases, which eventually produced amino acids, and little by little over huge periods of time, by a random process of an aided unaided no god involved an aided materialistic evolution. Primitive proto plasm turned into proctologists and plumbers, into bookkeepers and ballerinas. That's, and we shouldn't laugh. I mean, that's, that is a belief system. These are the only two ways of answering the fundamental question. It's exactly the same as the fundamental question of do you use base 10 or base two. And once you've decided that, almost everything else follows in perfectly logical, consistent, coherent sequence. You don't have to worry, it's all pretty straightforward.

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So studying the underlying premise of the religion of secular, progressive fundamentalism. That's right. Secular progressive fundamentalism launches off the fundamental premise that human beings are here

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as part of a continuum that leads from bacteria, through alligators, to mammals, to primates, like chimpanzees, and finally to human beings. And that means that you and I are fundamentally no different. At least qualitatively, we're no different from a fox terrier, or a sheep or a kangaroo, or a camel or a cow. We are qualitatively different. We run less quickly than some we run more quickly than tortoises. We have less hair than some more hair than others. These are merely qualitative quantitative distinctions along the spectrum line, but qualitatively we are all nothing but animals. Now they're obviously some very real consequences to that. Have you ever wondered why it is that secular progressive fundamentalists, which by the way, has a hierarchy as well, it has its high priests, so for a period of time, and maybe it's still true, people like Al Gore, you might remember the famous inventor of the internet [cough cough], would fly private charter plane to events where he would screen his silly movie, *An Inconvenient Truth* and talk about the dangers of excess carbon. You know, people used to sometimes asked what we don't understand, you know, if he's so concerned about extra carbon, why does he fly private? And why does his huge mansion in Tennessee have so much heating and cooling? And it's, it's just not very carbon friendly at all? And it's a silly question, the answer is very simple. And that is that the, the, the religion of secular progressive fundamentalism has a hierarchy, it has its high priests, and their job, self anointed as they are, is to look after the masses.

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If you've ever wondered, why government bureaucracies and you understand that secular progressive fundamentalism is the official state religion of the United States of America, that is the religion of the American government. And part of its doctrinal approach is something that sounds very patronizing. You know, the idea, you've got to do this for the poor, you got to do this for these people. Not why not consider the possibility that the poor in America are not a static group, people who are in the poor this year are not necessarily in the poor last year or next year. So, for instance, a neurosurgery resident sharing an apartment with three other doctors actually is classified as poor. Because his income is low, his living conditions are not particularly good. The fact is, though, that he finishes his residency, this coming summer, and his very first year on the job, his annual salary will be in excess of \$300,000 a year. So he's moving, he's not the same, but wait a second. That's not part of how the religion of secular progressive fundamentalism sees it. Here's something else they do. People who may or may not have groped a woman or done something disrespectful or unpleasant, not criminal, but unpleasant 30 or 40 years ago, they are still culpable. Why. Because in the religion of secular progressive fundamentalism, and in that religion, we are all animals, there is therefore no soul. And therefore, there is no such thing as atonement, remorse, spiritual growth, and overcoming something from the past. We for the most part, we recognize that human beings are capable of feeling mortification about things they did when they were young, many years ago. And to, to, to grow beyond that, and to overcome some of that. But that's only possible if you have a soul that's only possible if you're capable of growth. Animals are not a cow is a cow is a cow, it was born a cow, it'll die a cow. And that's all it ever is. Human beings are not like that. A cow is only as good as its ability to deliver milk and to produce offspring. In other words, purely materialistic, but the value of human beings is quite different.

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Right What what Bill Gates accomplished, right was not materialistic. It was it was spiritual. It came out of his brain. extraordinary thing. And, and yet, when Bill Gates was born, he didn't look that different from somebody else who was born and who turned into a vicious thug in later life. Human beings can go in different directions. Because we are not animals. We are unique. We are touched by the finger of God. We are humans. And the fact is, I don't know if this is true for you. But me, I certainly would not want to be judged today on what I was 10 years ago or 20 years ago, 30 years ago, I like to think I've improved. I'd like to think that I've worked on myself, if you're going to judge me judge me the way I am now, don't judge me the way I was, then. Because I'm a human being, I grow. Or, unfortunately, it's also possible for a human being to go downhill and to deteriorate. In which case, you still also have to judge him the way he is now. But, but that's the difference between people and animals. Now, with animals, we accept that animals do things on instinct. You know, we don't hold symposia to discuss how brilliant birds are for being able to navigate huge distances. We don't hold conferences to discuss the declining morality of dogs. You know, we don't do that. Animals operate on instinct. Or if you like, feeling is, you know, animals feel what they have to do. And they go ahead and do it. It's, there's no choice involved.

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Notice that the religion of secular fundamentalism tends to ascribe exactly the same mechanisms to human beings, that you cannot possibly blame a person for robbery or murder, because he grew up poor, which, of course, is a horrible insult to my grandparents, and maybe yours, who were considerably more poverty stricken than anybody living in America today, and never stole as much as a loaf of bread. But nonetheless, if your religion a secular fundamentalism, that it's like deciding you operate in the base to binary system, everything else follows. If you've established that, in fact, we are here as a result of nothing but a mechanistic, an aided materialistics program of evolution. Well, then we're animals. And if we're animals, then obviously we operate on instinct, and we can't possibly be blamed for what we do. Any more than a dog can be blamed for biting somebody, or a lion can be blamed for eating a Spring buck in the African feld, no, that's what animals do.

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And so the religion of secular progressive fundamentalism, views human beings in exactly that same way, and takes this patronizing approach to all human beings on exactly the same basis, that they can't help what they do. And when they do do something, wrong, atonement is impossible. Salvation or redemption is impossible. You are what you are. And you're always be exactly that. That is the grim and dark picture of the human being through the eyes of secular progressive fundamentalism. And this is why it is that in the culture that has been generated by that faith, the the approach is that feelings trump facts, heart trumps head. And I have spoken about this a little bit over the last few weeks, it could hardly be over stressed in terms of importance.

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Because if you think about it, and what I'm about to tell you is as true for me as it is for you. And that is that in the next 24 hours, I think it's safe to say that in the next 24 hours, you will have the opportunity to make at least three decisions that impact your life. I don't know what they are, of course, maybe one

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of them is whether or not to press the cursed snooze bar on your alarm clock tomorrow morning. Now that is operating with feeling. That's your heart calling you. That's your heart sank. I feel like another 20 minutes in my nice warm bed. But your head is saying I set my alarm clock at the time I said it because I knew I needed to be up at that time. So you have a choice. Do you press the cursed snooze bar? Or do you just get up? That's one possibility. Maybe it's a question of responding to someone social overture that you know, will lead to dark places. You know, heaven knows particularly on the internet. It's it's very, very easy to move a connection on the internet beyond a mere into intellectual or electronic connection. into something that contains elements of emotional bonding. And the you know, in your circle as in mind, you know, people whose lives were upended because of relationships that were formed online. Again, it's head versus heart, I wanted to I felt like it, I was drawn to him or to her.

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Maybe it's nothing more than yielding to your toddler's temper tantrum. When your head tells you, I've got to teach my child that my word means my word, that when I say no, it means no, that even if you scream and stamp your feet, even if it's in public, I don't change my mind on that. And my head says, I know that's what I have to do. My heart says, you know, I just haven't got the energy to fight with this kid anymore. Or maybe it's responding angrily to a work associate, instead of smiling and postponing the continuation of the discussion, right, what your head says, I know what I should do, I should really end the conversation here and say, I have a pressing engagement, I have to get to or I need to think about it, can we continue this conversation tomorrow where you'll be a little cooler, and you'll be able to respond correctly, instead of the way you're doing now. Alright? Or maybe it's spurning data and going with your gut always mistrust the phrase when people say I just I want to go with my gut on this. If you're going with your gut means going with what your head has evaluated the data to be okay. But if your gut is just another word for your heart and following your feelings, then that would not be such a good idea. Right? So these are examples of what we're talking about. And, and then something very, very interesting that I've been experimenting with over the last couple of weeks, I've been asking people, where in the Bible, do you find the verse? And you shall follow your heart? Where do we find that? And it's really interesting how many people buy in again, these are, you know, Uber drivers that have been taken me here or there. People I've met on on an airplane. And so just in conversation, I say, by the way, I'm doing a survey, I'm just curious to know how many people know were about in the Bible, it says, And you shall follow your heart. And what's interesting is that the majority of people, the majority of people respond by saying, oh, yeah, I just can't put my finger on it. But, but I know I've seen it. Give me a clue as New Testament to Old Testament as in, I don't want to give you a clue. Are you telling me? And certainly the overwhelming majority of people I speak to tell me yes, they do believe that somewhere in the Bible, it says you shall follow your heart. Well, nothing could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact, in Numbers, chapter 15, verse 39, among other places, it says, And you shall not follow your heart to go astray. Because the Bible recognizes that our heart generally leads us in the wrong direction. Now, I'm not saying you shouldn't have emotions, obviously. You know, if, if somebody is asked why he found, you know, why, why did he marry his wife? Or why did he he started going out with his wife? You know, the correct answer is that he was incredibly drawn to her emotionally. And I understand that. Now, that's a very good reason to be drawn to a woman, it's not necessarily good

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reason to marry a woman. And so yes, the heart has to be there, obviously. But when it comes to making a life changing decision for that, we use the head.

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And, and so it is with, with, with everything, and that's why the Bible is so absolutely firm about this point. What's really interesting is and if you want to see it in writing, you can go to the website RabbiDanielLapin.com and look at recent thought tools. And one of the thought tools there was published, end of September, beginning of October 2018. was all about head and heart It was I think it was called feeling your way to failure. And that's exactly what we're talking about is points out that in the Bible, there is material Your attention paid to prepositions. And in many times, by the way, the English translation I've noticed is almost always wrong on this. The English translation almost inevitably says, And he said to himself, or she said to herself, the Hebrew always says, And he or she spoke to his or her heart. He or she said, in her heart, she will see he said to her heart, now in in many places, it says to her heart, or his heart, in many places, it says in the heart, and here's the amazing thing with absolutely 100% consistency throughout Scripture throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. All I know, whenever it's something good happening, is he spoke to his heart, meaning he the head was not subsumed in the heart. The head is separate in the head talks to the heart. It's all very good.

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God says in Genesis a 21. says, And God spoke to his heart. English translation often says, he said to himself, but that's missing the whole point. Because in Jeremiah 13:22, it's there it says, And he said, in his heart, and it speaks of disaster and depravity. Esau says, in his heart, I think I have to kill Jacob chapter 27, verse 41, in Genesis, yeah, that's right. He's gonna kill Jacob, he said it in his heart, because if his head was working, he wouldn't have made that decision. But his head said, was in his heart. So that's what happened. In Psalms 14, verse one, again, speaking of disaster and calamity, he said in his heart. In the first book of Samuel, chapter one, verse 13, the pious and righteous woman, Hannah, spoke to her heart. That That's right. In Samuel one, chapter 27, verse one, King David, speaking of something good and positive, spoke to his heart, again, consistently throughout Scripture, enormous emphasis on this idea that head and heart are separate. As human beings, we're very aware of both. And as human beings, we also are aware that it's necessary to keep the head and the heart both operational, but to use the head, rather than the heart, when it comes to making key decisions, to use data, rather than feelings, to use facts, not feelings, to use head rather than heart to use brain and rationality over emotions. Now, all of this is a lot easier said than done, of course, because our feelings are immensely strong, we are drawn to things we feel like doing. And it takes considerable strength of will, in order to resist that and say, No, I have to go with my head. The good news is, every time you do it, your ability to do it gets strengthened just a little bit. Conversely, of course, every time you yield to your heart, you become a little more self indulgent, and in that sense, self destructive. Think about it. It's a really, really important thing.

Daniel Lapin 48:21

Now, the, I'll tell you what we're going to do now, the the next and last segment of the show, is going to be a speech I delivered for the Center for National Renewal. Last Friday, I suppose the event was

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being held actually in a beautiful room in the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. First time I've ever spoken, in that I called it a foundational edifice of Western civilization. It is the Library of the United States called out. This is the Library. It is, I believe, the biggest and most important library in the whole world. And I felt privileged to be able to speak there. You'll hear how I introduced the my speech, all of that will be coming right up in the in the next segment. I hope you enjoy it. And that that will be all for now. The website RabbiDaniellapin.com. Take a look at the thought tool books at RabbiDaniellapin.com. And I also would urge you to make sure you are on the mailing lists for whatever mailings you want either for Thought Tools or Ask the Rabbi or Susan's Musings, preferably all three.

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Pastor Mike and Pastor Kathy I call them back thank you enough for granting me the privilege of standing shoulder to shoulder with you. And with so many old friends, that it has been so wonderful to connect with so many new friends, I've had the opportunity to meet this morning. I'm almost overwhelmed. Here we are in one of the foundational edifices of Western civilization. I'm almost law schools. But I think you'll all agree with me, that pastors and rabbis are selling fast forwards. Even that original first Rabbi Moses, stood at the burning bush, and proclaimed to the Lord, oh, I am not a man of words. And then he spoke nonstop for 40 years.

Daniel Lapin 51:09

Well, we have a few minutes together. And it's a few minutes, in which I want to remember that what Moses began, there was the first religious revolution in the history of the world. And a year later, they left Egypt and seven weeks after that, they stood at the foot of Mount Sinai. And the publicly based Judeo Christian tradition runs in a straight line from them, to us here today.

Daniel Lapin 51:58

There have been fantastic spiritual renewals. It is an arguable that the very founding of America and the successful victory in the revolutionary war that took place because of the moral vitality that radiated from the pulpits of colonial church. It is an arguable that when slavery was finally eradicated, the movement for abolition was propelled by the Christian fervor that flow from America's churches. And it is indeed time for one more great religious renewal. Because my friends, we are in a war.

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And here's one rule about war that everybody knows, which is that He who doesn't realize it loses, right? We are in now, it is not a war between blacks and whites. And it's not a war between rich and poor. It's not a war between men and women. And it's not a war between Jews and Christians. None of those lie at the root of the religious struggle that is tearing apart a country and whose manifestation of which we only see all the time that we've seen in stock Technicolor in the last few weeks driving this very city where the entire issue is the right to destroy a baby must remain national policy. What is this not a religious struggle? That's what is going on. It is a war between those who viewed biblically based Judeo Christian principles as primitive obstructions to the progressive agenda. And on the other hand,

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those of us here today and those millions we represent, we know that those biblically based Judeo Christian principles are vital for our nation's varying survival. Yeah.

Daniel Lapin 54:48

That's the mind spoke at the beginning of this morning's proceedings about how difficult it is when we lack the key To understand and explain the war, when we lack the lens through which everything becomes clear. Well, the one lens through which everything becomes clear, is very simply the answer to the most fundamental existential question of life. How did we all get here? How do people arrive on this planet? Now discounting Elon Musk's vision that little green men and spaceships put us here as part of a vast cosmic computer game. The only remaining options are that the good Lord created us in His image and put us here. Or alternatively, by a lengthy process of an aided materialistic evolution, primitive protoplasm turned into ballerinas and bookkeepers. shouldn't laugh because it's kind of rude to laugh in other people's religious beliefs is religion. We have to understand that the word religion doesn't automatically mean Judeo Christian perfectly based traditions. And religion is a belief system and belief system that is driving frantic, furious, fanatical and feverish attempts to derail a Supreme Court nomination. It's all religious. That is what's happening. We've got to understand that there are real life consequences to our beliefs. How we answer that question tells us everything. How do we answer the question of how did humanity arrive on this planet? Well then answers everything. In every possible way. I have to tell you a story about a teacher of mine was traveling to Israel on an airplane, by one of those divine circumstances that humans often dismisses coincidence for which another word exists in the Lord's language. The person sitting next to him, was the head of the Communist Party in Israel. This is going back a number of years. And during the course of the flight, the rabbi's sons who were traveling with him, constantly kept coming forward from their seats in coke, to bring the rabbi food take shoes bring slippers, bringing reading material, eventually, the Communist Party head with whom the rabbi had been chatting, said, I have to tell you something. And I'm amazed to see how your sons respect you and serve you. I've got four sons. And in my whole life, I don't think I remember a time where they ever did anything for me, all I had happens is I paid for them. And the rabbi said, Don't be upset. Your children have followed your teachings as faithfully as mine followed. You see, you've taught them that we are here as descendants of chimpanzees. That means they are one generation more developed and you you are closer to the chimps than they are. It therefore makes sense for you to serve them. But my children believe that we are touched by the finger of God created us. And that means I am one generation closer to that divine source. It is only appropriate that they serve me, my friends, how we live and believe and teach the answer to that fundamental question of How did human beings arrived on this planet? answers everything is absolutely inescapable. It's not only in the area of personal liberty, that things are affected by how we answer that question. And I should tell you that if in order to try and get a sense of where somebody you've just met stands, and you say to them, tell me how do you believe that human beings arrived on this planet? Anytime the answer begins with the word well, that kind of means the other way.

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But everything flows from the bat. Think about what we really are saying if through a lengthy process of unaided, nobody loved and hated materialistic evolution, primitive protoplasm became plumbers,

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anthropologists, well, then we've got to understand that we human beings are nothing but nine or \$10 worth of common chemicals arranged by some accidental process. Because there is nothing in the world that is not material. And that is why people who subscribe to that religion are believers in materialism only because there is no spiritual reality in that world. And so think about monetary policy. Money is in itself profoundly spiritual, in the sense that there is absolutely no way to touch money. Oh, you can touch metallic disparate pieces of paper, or perhaps even look at zeros and ones on your bank's computer. None of that is really money. Money exists because of a God given system of human economic cooperation. It's no accident that no tyrannical and atheistic regime has ever created a functioning economy. It is an accident that the words In God We Trust, do not appear on the walls of churches, beyond the very currency. Because the founders of the country that has created the world's greatest engine of prosperity, knew and understood that money is spiritual and a God given idea. But if money is only material, and there is nothing spiritual, well, then it is subject to under the basic rules of physics, which is that a material object can only be in one place at one time. If I have a saxophone, on the podium behind me, and a few minutes later, I turned around is gone. But it is now on the table in front of Pastor Mike. Well, it's very simple, he took my saxophone. It's not hard to figure out. But if I possess a tune, and you'll be relieved to know and can no such seeming. But if I had a tune, and I taught it to you, I've now given all of your tune, I'm not less anything. I'm not missing a tune. The world is now a whole musical place. A saxophone is physical. Music is spiritual. It's nothing but the vibration of air molecules until it reaches and human brain, the human hearts and the human soul. That's when it becomes news. Right now, rhinoceros does not dance to any music. This is something unique. We touch by the finger. And so if money my friends is needed is merely physical. Well then if I had some, and now I see you haven't, you took it from me. It's obvious. And therefore, the only moral approach is masters redistribution of money. It has to happen. It's exactly what a zookeeper or Farmer of any responsibility would do. If they discovered that their elephant or a cow had gotten more hay or straw food than the other animals. It ran in a with a shovel and redistributed obviously, because animals are materialistic. Humans have a soul changing. But the system please never say that believers in that religion are fools. They are not. They are wrong. But they are utterly consistent within the coherence system of that religion of secular fundamentalism. They are absolutely accurate. If you start off that we are nothing but materialistic creatures of random and accidental evolution, then absolutely. Children must be educated to become little socio economic cogs in the machinery of the state.

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Yes, and if we are nothing but materialistic creatures of evolutionary and random accident, that it is entirely appropriate. That money is held by government, the farm, the farmer or the zookeeper in the beltway, they are the ones who are supposed to look off that All of us mere materialistic animals, is a completely coherent and reliable system. That is how it works. We've watched extraordinary events over the last week, where otherwise intelligent and one would hope responsible men and women listened to somebody violating the rules of Deuteronomy, that only by the presence of witnesses, can any matter be established. And we have watched otherwise seemingly intelligent and responsible people saying, I listened to him or her, and I felt they sounded credible. What are you a wizard? You felt? Yes. According to the religion of secular fundamentalism, feelings of all that is more important than the edge, which is why one of the hymns of secular fundamentalism, no, follow your But ladies and

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gentlemen, in the book of Numbers, it says very clearly you shall not go astray after your heart. And when the Bible says, Judge, honestly and accurately, Exodus 23, three, what is the saying? It says, don't favor the end with a thought the next word would be rich, because wouldn't you think corrupt judges would favor the rich? God says don't favor the poor. Wow, what's that? Because God knows that when you abandoned his book, when you abandon his way, the natural instinct is for you to become governed by your heart. And when you become governed by your heart, you start believing those for whom you feel our heart. But that's not the way our justice system was intended to work. Only by witnesses shall be established. But that makes perfect sense. Animals function on instinct, what is the instinct, instinct means you do what you feel like doing. And we are also nothing but animals, which is the fervent belief of secular fundamentalism, as an official government religion in America today. Why then, we human beings, must also be driven by feeling that's very simple. Friends, this is really the war. It's a war between the Biblical faith of the Judeo Christian tradition, and the equally foe committed, finally, powerful religion of secular fundamentalism. That that is the struggle. And the only hope for America, just as it was in 1776. And just as it was in the middle of the 19th century, here on the threshold of the 21st century, we are once again hold to battle. You cannot evangelize for a political party. But you can evangelize for faith. And when we change hearts, everything else follows. We will lead people into the pages of his book, we have nothing to worry about. Because the coherent and consistent pattern that emerges from our heart that is committed to the biblical truth is not to be emotional, not to be materialistic. And we understand, obviously, to back religion of secular fundamentalism, of course, because we do everything we can to foment struggle between rich and poor, and between black and white and between everybody, because these are all materialistic human decisions. But if I remember correctly, Martin Luther King said look inside. It's not that the

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skin will Yes, because he subscribe to the Judeo Christian tradition. But those who subscribe to secular fundamentalism, there is no within. When a wolf eats the sheep of a rancher, we don't hold a symposium to discuss the declining morality of wolves. The wolf ate the sheep because he felt it and people want kill babies, I feel like nothing is more important in the religion of secular fundamentalism. And in our world, nothing is more important than he who learns too late, that there is a war losers that it is an enormous privilege to stand shoulder to shoulder with you do everything we can to bring about a fervent, passionate, exciting undefeatable new Christian renew. Yeah, at the Center for national renewal. And perhaps the only thing that this orthodox rabbi should be doing now, but well, is to lead you in a set a rousing rendition of Christians.

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real bargain on Kindle they really are. And it's not a bad way to to read as well, actually better than I thought I used for a long time. I stayed away from Kindle I thought I wasn't gonna get involved in digital reading. But about I don't know maybe a quarter or a third maybe even of the of my reading is actually on Kindle these days. So take a look at the thought tool volumes by Rabbi Daniel Lapin and, and also by Susan Lapin both of us. And you can easily download that onto your Kindle if that's the way you go. So, until next week, I am your rabbi Rabbi Daniel Lapin and I wish you a week of really good times, in your faith in your family, in your friendships and in your finance. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless.