

Mediation „Frag’ den Rabbi“

Dear Julian,

I hope you are doing fine and could enjoy the holidays. I couldn’t. It was Christmas and my grandmother was there. Besides that I wasn’t very productive, either.

Nevertheless I read the suggested article “Aus der Rubrik “Frag’ den Rabbi”: Rache – ein bilisches Prinzip?” (From the rubric “ask a rabbi”: is revenge a principle from the bible?) from hagalil.com published at 20.09.2017 and found the answer quite interesting.

First, Ben Rabbi Nathan, who wrote the letter, states that it is a big topic and he gave 3 key points:

- In every early culture, revenge was a legitimate punishment. Also there was no institution that could punish someone.
- “Eye for an eye” was meant to calculate the indemnification not as a principle for revenge
- The prophet Ezekiel already repealed the setting of revenge when it was written in the tora.

He gave a link for more information but it doesn’t work anymore. Luckily if found something similar [here](#). If you are interested, I can translate it, too.

Then, in the last paragraph, he says that Christians project their own flaws onto the flaws of Jews because it’s way easier and more comfortable, especially if you have feelings of guilt.

I’m looking forward to your answer and wish you a happy weekend.

All The Best

Jakob

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