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No Question Is Taboo

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We live in a time when no topic should be shunned. There is too much שקר (*falsehood*) in this world. When a topic is made taboo because it is complex or sensitive, it often breeds resentment, confusion, and doubt. Especially in the חינוך (*education*) of children and בעלי תשובה (*returnees to observance*), questions are a good thing. A question does not make someone a heretic, nor, by itself, place him in opposition.

There was a זאָג (*saying*) often used in ישיבה when someone had a קשיא (*difficult question*) on רש״י: "The קשיא is on you, not on Rashi." There is truth in that, and it may even be accurate, but it often lacks sensitivity.

Today, when my children or others ask me such questions, I try to respond differently. I say: "Good question. It is difficult." If I can answer it, I do. If I cannot, I try to find someone who can. And often I say that if Rashi were here, I am sure he would have a powerful explanation.

A question is not a bad thing. But it also does not stop us from our עבודת השם (*service of Hashem*). It is a question, nothing more. The תורה is perfect and pure. A challenge to our intellect, or to our capacity to understand Hashem's infinite wisdom, does not invalidate the Torah. Questions are good — a person just should not let them break his Avodas Hashem. May we all keep asking questions and growing together!

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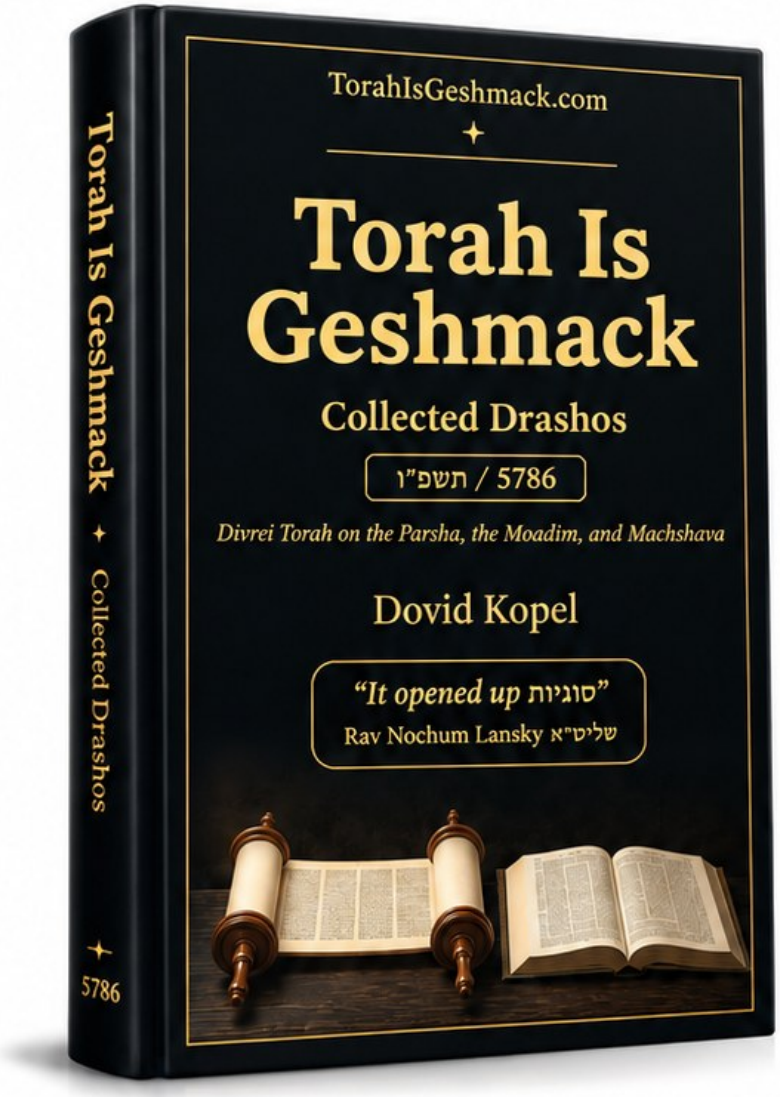
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