

## **JEW'S HAVE FAITH ONLY IN HASHEM** **BULLETIN 39**

### **SOMEONE WHO TRUSTS SOLELY IN DOCTORS AND THEIR MEDICATIONS WHEN HE IS SICK, IS ON THE LEVEL OF AN ATHEIST, BE IT OVERT OR COVERT**

For instance, when you see someone professing belief in G-d with his lips, saying, “G-d is the One Who gives a livelihood and impoverishes, brings into life and causes death, smites and heals,” yet secretly trusts in his accumulated wealth and the success of entrepreneurship, and when he is sick he secretly trusts in the medications the doctor prescribes — this type of person is a wicked person, as the verse says, “The wicked man...thinks: There is no G-d” (Tehillim 10:4).

Such people are dependent on transient means and false hopes, the very epitome of what the prophets and righteous men abhor. This is what David Hamelech said them: “I despise those who long for transient and pass things, but as for me, unto G-d do I trust” (ibid. 31)

They are close to being atheists, the only difference be that their lack of belief is shrouded, invisible to the public eye.

This is the point on which Iyov exonerated himself (31:24), saying, “If I have made gold my hope, or h said to the fine gold, You are my trust.” The prophet likewise said, “Cursed is the person who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from Hashem” (Yirmiyahu 17:5).

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*IT IS BETTER FOR A PERSON TO BE CONSIDERED A  
FOOL THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE LIFE BY MAN, THAN  
TO BE CONSIDERED WICKED FOR ONE MOMENT IN  
THE EYES OF G-D (MISHNA EDUYOT 5:6)*

*DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE FURTHER PEOPLE ARE FROM THE TRUTH THE MORE  
THEY CONSIDER SOMEONE WHO TURNS AWAY FROM EVIL TO BE A FOOL?  
REBBE NACHMAN, SEFER HA MIDDOT, EMET*