

Chapter 4

Is a person permitted to renounce his conversion to Judaism in order to save their life ?

The case material is a historical event. The question we pose.

X historically lived in the 16th Century. He was a Morano- a member of the 250,000 Jews who remained in Spain after August

1492 when all Jews and Moors were forced to convert to Christianity or be exiled from Spain. Any Jew or Moore remaining in Spain caught PRACTICING their religion was burned at the stake.

Now our question

Should a Jew elect to become a martyr and die for Kiddush Hashem for the sake of heaven ? Even if required what happens if he refuses to be a hero?

Does he/she go to hell if they choose to live and renounce their Judaism? WE WILL EMPLOY FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES X A MORANO LIVING IN SPAIN IN 1500 WHEN OBSERVING JUDAISM WAS A CRIME PUNISHED BY BURNING AT THE STAKE.

Response and Analysis

X was a Morono . His father already converted. He was raised with little or no Jewish background.

It is questionable if his mother was Jewish or not. Moranos as a rule married other Jews . However there exists no certainty that such was the case in the case of x's father. Even if the overwhelming majority of Moranos married Jews ,we do not follow the statistics when it is a question of saving a life. Ain holchim benofoshes achrei harov. Rav Moshe Feinstein. EVEN IF THERE EXISTS A FRACTION OF ONE PERCENT CHANCE WE DO NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES TO ENDANGER ONE'S LIFE BY FOLLOWING

JEWISH LAW. Laws of Sabbath regarding saving of life Talmud Yoma ; Shulchan Aruch ARUCH Chaim -Orech Hashulchon Mishne Brurah. Ibid.

Thus if there was a fraction of a chance x's mother was not Jewish we would state that x is not Jewish and was not obligated to sacrifice his life in order not to recant his Judaism and practice Christianity.

It was life threatening to observe

or teach Judaism. His parents did the right thing in not observing or have their children observe Judaism otherwise they would be burned at the stake. Pekuach nefesh doche kil hatorah kulo. The saving of life trumps all laws. Yoreh Dayoh 157:1

One is obligated to violate all laws to save one's life or the life of another. True, one is obligated to sacrifice their life not to violate the sins of murder fornication with a married woman and idol worship.

Christianity is not idol worship.

CHRISTIANITY IS SHUTFOS.
Christianity believes in God as the Father. In addition to the Father-God Christianity claims there exists a separate and distinct other God the Son and ANOTHER DISTICT GOD THE Holy Spirit. Each of these separate and distinct Entities is God. By some mysterious design all three distinct Gods are one. Each one of the separate Entities have distinct roles or Attributes. However all these

distinct Entities are BY SOME MYSTERIOR POWER- ONE.

Rambam in Morei Nevuchim md in Yesodei Hatorah explicitly states that such a belief is forbidden for Jews. This is called Shutfos having Partners to the God figure that Christians consider as the correct theology. Those Christians who question the distinctness of the Son and Holy Ghost are deemed Heretics.

The writings of such groups were

expunged from the Cannon of the New Testament burned as well as those individuals who PREACHED such heresy.

However The theology that the attributes of God are God and are personified by distinct different persons -the Son and Holy Ghost is permitted for non Jews but prohibited for Jews. See Ramo Orech Chaim 156 and citations from talmud and Rishonim. RAN FIRST CHAPTER AVODO ZORO; RABBENUE YERUCHIM

NUN YUD ZAYIN CHES HAI ; TOSPHOS BEGINNING BECHOROT

All agree that it is forbidden for a Jew to adopt any religion other than Torah Judaism. However one is not called to sacrifice his life as an act of Kiddush Hashem if one is forced to adopt Islam .

The Rambam ruled in Igros Taimon that Jews forced to adopt Islam are not obligated to sacrifice themselves.

Furthermore, the Mitzvah of Kiddush Hashem exists only if 10 Jews witness the execution. These Jews must all be one million percent observant of all laws of the Torah. CERTAINLY THE REQUIREMENT THAT WITNESSES TO KIDDUSH HASHEM BE RELIGIOUS IS NOT WORSE THAN THE REQUIREMENT THAT WITNESSES TO AN HALLCHIC MARRIAGE BE RELIGIOUS EVEN IF ALL THE RITUALS AND PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED THE MARRIAGE

IS NOT CONSIDERED BINDING.
THE WOMAN MAY NOT
REQUIRE A GET A JEWISH
DIVORCE. SUCH WITNESSES
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AND MAN TO MAN. THEY CAN
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THUS X HAS ANOTHER
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LOOPHOLE NOT TO SACRIFICE
HIS LIFE.

IN ADDITION TO THE
ABOVE TWO MENTIONED
DISPENSATIONS X IF HE
REFUSED TO SACRIFICE HIS
LIFE WOULD NOT SUFFER
HELL .

One is not punished for
violating any sin if he is forced.

That would apply even if he practices all Church rituals.
Rambam Yesodai hatorah 5:1,2,3,4

Furthermore according to the responsa of Rav Yehuda son of Rosh in Shomayim Rosh one is forbidden to sacrifice his her life when the Sanedrin is not in existence Kiddush hashem is taking of your own life must be preapproved by the Sanehdrin sitting at the gates of the Holy Temple. We do not possess the Holy Temple for 2000 years. We do

not have a Sanhedrin since the year
400 ACE.