

Episodio 7: Un filósofo, un rabino y un baño: la modernidad y el judío.

Mishná, Avodá Zará 3:4

Proklos son of Philosophos asked Rabban Gamliel [a question] in Akko, while he was bathing in the bathhouse of Aphrodite. He said to him: "It is written in your Torah ([Deuteronomy 13:18](#)): 'And let none of the condemned cling to your hand;' why then are you bathing in the bathhouse of Aphrodite? He said to him: one does not respond in the bathhouse.

When he left, he said to him: "I did not come into her territory; she came into my territory. They did not say [when they built this bathhouse]: 'Let us make a beautiful bathhouse for Aphrodite.' Rather, they said: 'Let us make Aphrodite for the beauty of the bathhouse.'

Another reason: [even] if they gave you a lot of money, you would not enter before your idolatry naked and defiled and urinating in front of it. Yet she stands on the sewer pipe and the entire nation urinates in front of her. The verse ([Deuteronomy 12:3](#)) only applies to "their gods;" that which he treats like a god is prohibited, and that which he does not treat like a god is permitted."