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In a letter from Paris to his son-in-law, R. Eliezer Elijah, dated Tammuz 1, 5641 (June 28, 1881), he wrote in similar vein, apparently in connection with Baron Gunzberg's plan to found a Rabbinical Seminary. "How do we know whether to rely on a decisor? The Torah provides us with no test, unless it be that the person had studied Torah originally for its own sake ... From the few G-d fearing residents abroad we can reason back (from the results) that the basis of their learning was for their livelihood, and many breaches were made from the lighter (i.e. leniency in dealing with the decisions of the Later Authorities) to the graver, until the plague spread further. Hence, as long as we have some life left in us, let us flee their ways. Please give this close attention."

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