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Moses Chapter Four

Moses Chapter 4

1 And I, the Lord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That Satan, whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, is the same which was from the beginning, and he came before me, saying—
Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; wherefore give me thine honor.

2 But, behold, my Beloved Son, which was my Beloved and Chosen from the beginning, said unto me—Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

3 Wherefore, because that Satan rebelled against me, and **sought to destroy the agency of man**, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also, that I should **give unto him mine own power**; by the power of mine Only Begotten, I caused that he should be cast down;

4 And he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, **even as many as would not hearken unto my voice.**

D&C 76

25 And this we saw also, and bear record, that **an angel of God who was in authority in the presence of God**, who rebelled against the Only Begotten Son whom the Father loved and who was in the bosom of the Father, **was thrust down** from the presence of God and the Son,

26 And was called Perdition, for the heavens wept over him—he was Lucifer, a *son of the morning*.

27 And we beheld, and lo, he is fallen! is fallen, even a *son of the morning!*

28 And while we were yet in the Spirit, the Lord commanded us that we should write the vision; for we beheld Satan, that old serpent, even the devil, who **rebelled against God**, and **sought to take the kingdom of our God and his Christ**—

29 Wherefore, he maketh war with the saints of God, and encompasseth them round about.

D&C 29

36 And it came to pass that Adam, being tempted of the devil—for, behold, **the devil was before Adam**, for **he rebelled against me, saying, Give me thine honor, which is my power; and also a third part of the hosts of heaven turned he away from me because of their agency;**

37 And they were thrust down, and thus came the devil and his angels;

38 And, behold, there is a place prepared for them from the beginning, which place is hell.

39 And it must needs be that the devil should tempt the children of men, or they could not be agents unto themselves; for if they never should have bitter they could not know the sweet—

Revelation 12

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the **great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole** world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Isaiah 14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit

Vita Adae et Evae

A . . . Woe unto thee, thou devil. Why dost thou attack us for no cause? What hast thou to do with us? What have we done to thee? For thou pursuest us with craft? Or why doth thy malice assail us? Have we taken away thy glory and caused thee to be without honour? Why dost thou harry us, thou enemy (and persecute us) to the death in wickedness and envy?

And with a heavy sigh, the devil spake: O Adam! All my hostility, envy, and sorrow is for thee, since it is for thee that I have been expelled from my glory, which I possessed in the heavens in the midst of the angels and for thee was I cast out in the earth. Adam answered, What dost thou tell me? What have I done to thee or what is my fault against thee? Seeing that thou hast received no harm or injury from us, why dost thou pursue us?

Vita Adae et Evae

The devil replied, Adam, what dost thou tell me? It is for thy sake that I have been hurled from that place. When thou wast formed, I was hurled out of the presence of God and banished from the company of the angels. When God blew into thee the breath of life and thy face and likeness was made in the image of God, Michael also brought thee and made (us) worship thee in the sight of God; and God the Lord spake: Here is Adam. I have made thee in our image and likeness.

And Michael went out and called all the angels saying:

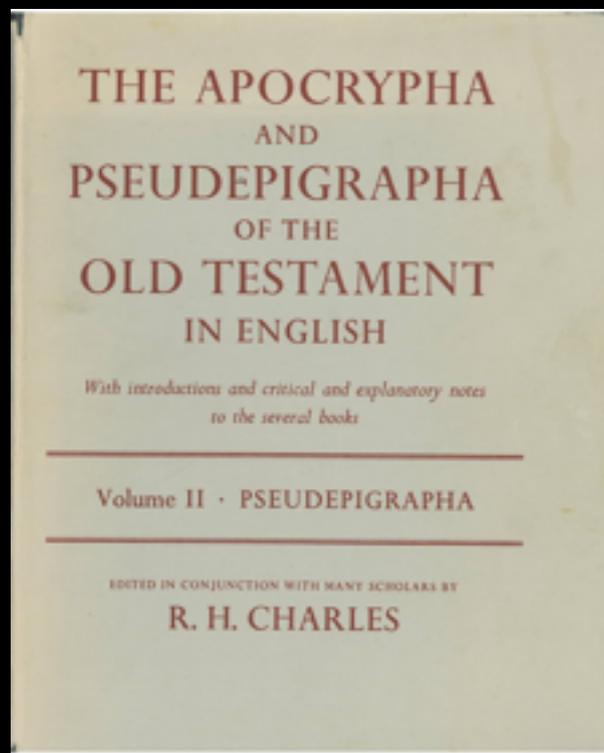
Worship the image of God as the Lord God hath commanded.

And Michael himself worshipped first; then he called me and said: Worship the image of God the Lord. And I answered, I have no (need) to worship Adam. And since Michael kept urging me to worship, I said to him, Why dost thou urge me? I will not worship an inferior and younger being (than I). I am his senior in the creation, before he was made was I already made. It is his duty to worship me.

Vita Adae et Evae

When the angels, who were under me, heard this, they refused to worship him. And Michael saith, Worship the image of God, but if thou wilt not worship him, the Lord God will be wrath with thee. And I said, If He be wrath with me, I will set my seat above the stars of heaven and will be like the Highest.

And God the Lord was wrath with me and banished me and my angels from our glory; and on thy account were we expelled from our abodes into this world and hurled on the earth. And straightway we were overcome with grief, since we had been spoiled of so great glory. And we were grieved when we saw thee in such joy and luxury. And with guile I cheated thy wife and caused thee to be expelled through her (doing) from thy joy and luxury, as I have been driven out of my glory. When Adam heard the devil say this, he cried out and wept and spake: O Lord my God, my life is in thy hands. Banish this Adversary far from me, who seeketh to destroy my soul, and give me his glory which he himself hath lost.= And at that moment, the devil vanished before him. .



2 Enoch

In 2 Enoch 29:4-6, Enoch is viewing the creation with angelic assistance, much like Abraham, and Moses in the Pearl of Great Price. Enoch seeing the orders of angels is told, by God, that:

One from the order of the archangels deviated, together with the division that was under his authority. He thought up the impossible idea, that he might place his throne higher than the clouds which are above the earth, and that he might become equal to my power. And I hurled him out from the height, together with his angels. (p. 148).

Why are these ones being tormented unceasingly? Enoch is answered that: **A These are those who turned away from the Lord, who did not obey the Lord's commandments, but of their own will plotted together and turned away with their prince . . . (p.114).**

The Gospel of Bartholomew

And Bartholomew saith unto him: Tell me who thou art and what is thy name. And he said to him: lighten me a little, and I will tell thee who I am and how I came higher, and what my work is and what my power is. 24. And he lightened him and saith to him: Say all that thou has done and all that thou doest. 25. And Beliar answered and said: If you wilt know my name, at the first I was called Satanael, which is interpreted a messenger of God, but when **I rejected the image of God** my name was called Satanas, that is an angel the keepeth hell (Tartarus). 26. And again Bartholomew saith unto him: Reveal unto me all things and hide nothing from me. 27. And he said unto him: I swear unto thee by the power of the glory of God that even if I would have aught, I cannot, for he is near that would convict me. For if I were able I would have destroyed you like one of them that were before you. 28. For, indeed, I was formed (*al.* called) the first angel: for when God made the heavens, he took a handful of fire and formed me first, Michael second [Vienna MS. Here has these sentences: for he had his Son before the heavens and the earth and we were formed (for when he took thought to create all things, his Son spake a word), so that we also were created by the will of the Son and the consent of the Father. He formed I say, first me, next Michael the chief captain of the hosts that are above], Gabriel third, Uriel fourth, Raphael fifth, Nathanael sixth, and other angels of whom I cannot tell the names.

The Gospel of Bartholomew

52. But the devil said: Suffer me, and I will tell thee how I was cast down into this place and how the Lord did make man.

53. I was going to and fro in the world, and god said unto Michael: Bring me a clod from the four corners of the earth, and water out of the four rivers of paradise. *(The world has been created, and the council in heaven takes place along with the physical creation of Adam)* And when Michael brought them God formed Adam in the regions of the east, *(A the east represents the pre-earth council in heaven , or the residence of God, the Savior will come from A the east)* and shaped the clod which was shapeless, and stretched sinews and veins upon it and established it with joints; and he worshipped him, himself for his own sake first, because he was the image of God, therefore he worshipped him.

54. And when I came from the ends of the earth Michael said: **Worship thou the image of God, which he hath made according to his likeness. But I said: I am fire of fire, I was the first angel formed, and shall I worship clay and matter?**

55. And Michael saith to me: Worship, lest God be wroth with thee. But I said to him: God will not be wroth with me; but I will set my throne over against his throne, and I will be as he is. Then was God wroth with me and cast me down, having commanded the windows of heaven to be opened.

56. And when I was cast down, he asked also the six hundred that were under me, if they would worship: but they said: Like as we have seen the first angel do, neither will we worship him that is less than ourselves. Then were the six hundred also cast down by him with me.

The Book of John the Evangelist

This text is found in: M. R. James, *The Apocryphal New Testament*, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1980 ed. Pp. 188-189

This text is in response to the questions of John, about evil, and the fall of Satan.

And I said: Lord, before Satan fell, in what glory abode he with thy Father? And he said unto me: In such glory was he that he commanded the powers of the heavens: but I sat with my Father; and he did order all the followers of the Father, and went down from heaven unto the deep and ascended up out of the deep unto the throne of the invisible Father. And he saw the glory of him that moveth the heavens, and he thought to set his seat above the clouds of heaven and desired to be like unto the Most High.

The text explains how Satan convinced the other angels to follow him, promising them that they A I will reign with you world without end thus, A seducing the angels of the invisible Father.

Then the Father commanded his angels, saying: Take away their garments. And the angels took away their garments and their thrones and their crowns from all the angels that harkened unto him.

And I asked of the Lord: When Satan fell, in what place dwelt he? And he answered me: My Father changed his appearance because of his pride, and the light was taken from him, and his face became like unto heated iron, and his face became wholly like that of a man: and he drew with his tail the third part of the angels of God, and was cast out from the seat of God and from the stewardship of the heavens. And Satan came down into this firmament, and he could find (make) no rest for himself nor for them that were with his.

The Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan

From: R. H. Platt Jr. ed. *The Forgotten Books of Eden*,
Bell Publishing Co., New York, 1980. pp. 36-37.

This particular text discusses the many conflicts or confrontations that Adam and Eve have with Satan, who, often appears as an angel of light. We begin after the fall of Adam and Eve, they are visited by the angels sent from the presence of God to give them instruction. Adam, asking about Satan, is given the following information.

Then the angels said unto Adam, A Thou didst harken to Satan, and didst forsake the Word of God who created thee; But now, O Adam, we will make known to thee, what came upon us through him, before his fall from heaven.

He gathered together his hosts, and deceived them, promising them to give them a great kingdom, a divine nature; and other promises he made them.

His hosts believed that his word was true, so they yielded to him, and renounced the glory of God.

He then sent for us -- according to the orders in which we were -- to come under his command, and to hearken to his vain promise. But we would not, and we took not his advice.

Then after he had fought with God, and had dealt forwardly with Him, he gathered together his hosts, and made war with us. And if it had not been for God's strength that was with us, we could not have prevailed against him to hurl him from heaven.

But when he fell from among us, there was great joy in heaven, because of his going down from us.

For had he continued in heaven, nothing, not even one angel would have remained in it.

But God in his mercy, drove him from among us to this dark earth; for he had become darkness itself and a worker of unrighteousness.

And he has continued, O Adam, to make war against thee, until he beguiled thee and made thee come out of the garden, to this strange land, where all these trials have come to thee. And death, which god brought upon him he has also brought to thee, O Adam, because thou didst obey him, and didst transgress against god.

Koran

Saurah 2:34

A And when We said to the angels: Prostrate yourselves before Adam, they all prostrated themselves except Satan, who in his pride refused and became an unbeliever.

Surah 7:11-18

We created you (Adam) and gave you form. Then We said to the angels: Prostrate yourselves before Adam.= They all prostrated themselves except Satan, who refused to prostrate himself.

Why did you not prostrate yourself when I commanded you? He asked.
I am nobler than he, he replied. You created me of fire, but You created him of clay.
He said: Off with you hence! This is no place for your contemptuous pride. Away with you! Henceforth you shall be humble.

He replied: Reprieve me (*allow me my way*) till the Day of Resurrection.

You are reprieved, said He.

Because You have led me into sin, he declared, I will waylay Your servants as they walk on Your straight path, and spring upon them from the front and from the rear, from their right and from their left. Then you will find the greater part of them ungrateful.

Begone! He said. A despicable outcast you shall henceforth be. As for those that follow you, I shall fill Hell with you all.

Koran

Surah 15:22-29

We Created man from dry clay, from black moulded loam, and before him Satan from smokeless fire. Your Lord said to the angels: I am creating man from dry clay, from black moulded loam. When I have fashioned him and breathed of My spirit into him, kneel down and prostrate yourselves before him.

The angels, one and all, prostrated themselves, except Satan. He refused to prostrate himself with the others.

Satan, said god, why do you not prostrate yourself?

He replied: I will not bow to a mortal whom You created of dry clay, of black moulded loam.

Begone, said God, you are accursed. My curse shall be on you till Judgement day.

Lord, said Satan, reprieve me till the Day of Resurrection.

He answered: You are reprieved till the Appointed Day.

Lord, said Satan, since You have thus seduced me, I will tempt mankind on earth: I will seduce them all, except those of them who are your faithful servants.

See also Surahs 17:61-63; 18:50; 20:115-124; 38:67-88.

DISCOURSE ON ABBATON
By Timothy, Archbishop of Alexandria

And He put breath into him in this way; He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life three times, saying, A Live! Live! Live! According to the type of My Divinity. And the man lived straightway, and became a living soul, according to the image and likeness of God. And when Adam had risen up he cast himself down before [My] father, saying, A My Lord and my God! Thou hast made me to come into being [from a state in which] I did not exist.

Thereupon My Father set him upon a great throne, and he placed on his head a crown of glory, and he put a royal scepter [in his hand], and My Father made every order [of angels] in the heavens to come and worship him, wether angel or archangel. And all the hosts of heaven worshiped God first of all, and then they worshiped Adam, saying, A Hail, thou image and likeness of God!

And He intended that the order of the angels who were fashioned [before Adam] should worship him, and My Father said unto him (i.e. their chief), A Come, thou thyself shalt worship my image and likeness.@ And he, a being of great pride, drew himself up in a shameless manner, and said, It is meet that this [man Adam] should come and worship me, for I existed before he came into being.

DISCOURSE ON ABBATON

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And when My Father saw his great pride, and that his wickedness and his evil-doing were complete, (had reached their highest pitch)



He commanded all the armies of heaven, saying, **Remove the writing** [which is] in the hand of the proud one, strip ye off his armor, and cast ye him down upon the earth, for his time hath come. For he is the greatest of them all, (the rebellious angels) he is the head over them and is like a king, and he commandeth them as the general of an army [commandeth his] soldiers; he is the head over them, and their names are written in his hand.





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Thus is it with this cunning one, and the [names of the] angels were written in his hand. And all the angels gathered together to him, and they did not wish to remove the writing from his hand. And my Father commanded them to **bring a sharp reaping-knife, and to stab him therewith on this side and that, right through his body to the vertebrae of his shoulders,** and he was unable to hold himself up. And straightway My Father commanded a mighty Cherubim, and he smote him, and cast him down from heaven upon the earth, because of his pride, and he broke his wings and his ribs and made helpless, and those whom he had brought with him became devils with him.



Moses Chapter 4

5 And now **the serpent** was more subtle than any beast of the field which I, the Lord God, had made.

6 And Satan put it **into the heart of the serpent**, (for he had drawn away many after him,) and he sought also to beguile Eve, for he knew not the mind of God, wherefore he sought to destroy the world.

7 And he said unto the woman: Yea, hath God said—Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (And **he spake by the mouth of the serpent**.)

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Moses 4:19

19 And I, the Lord God, said unto the woman: What is this thing which thou hast done? And the woman said: **The serpent beguiled me**, and I did eat.



Moses 4:20

20 And I, the Lord **God, said unto the serpent**: Because thou hast done this thou shalt be cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; **upon thy belly** shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life;

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**Everyone has a
“Philosophy of Life”**

The *Filter* that processes the information around you

**Your outlook on Life
How you see the World
Your set of Ideas
Your set of Beliefs
Your set of Values or Morals**

All of these have been given you by someone somewhere, They are not natural at birth as all are whole and pure.

This Philosophy may have come from

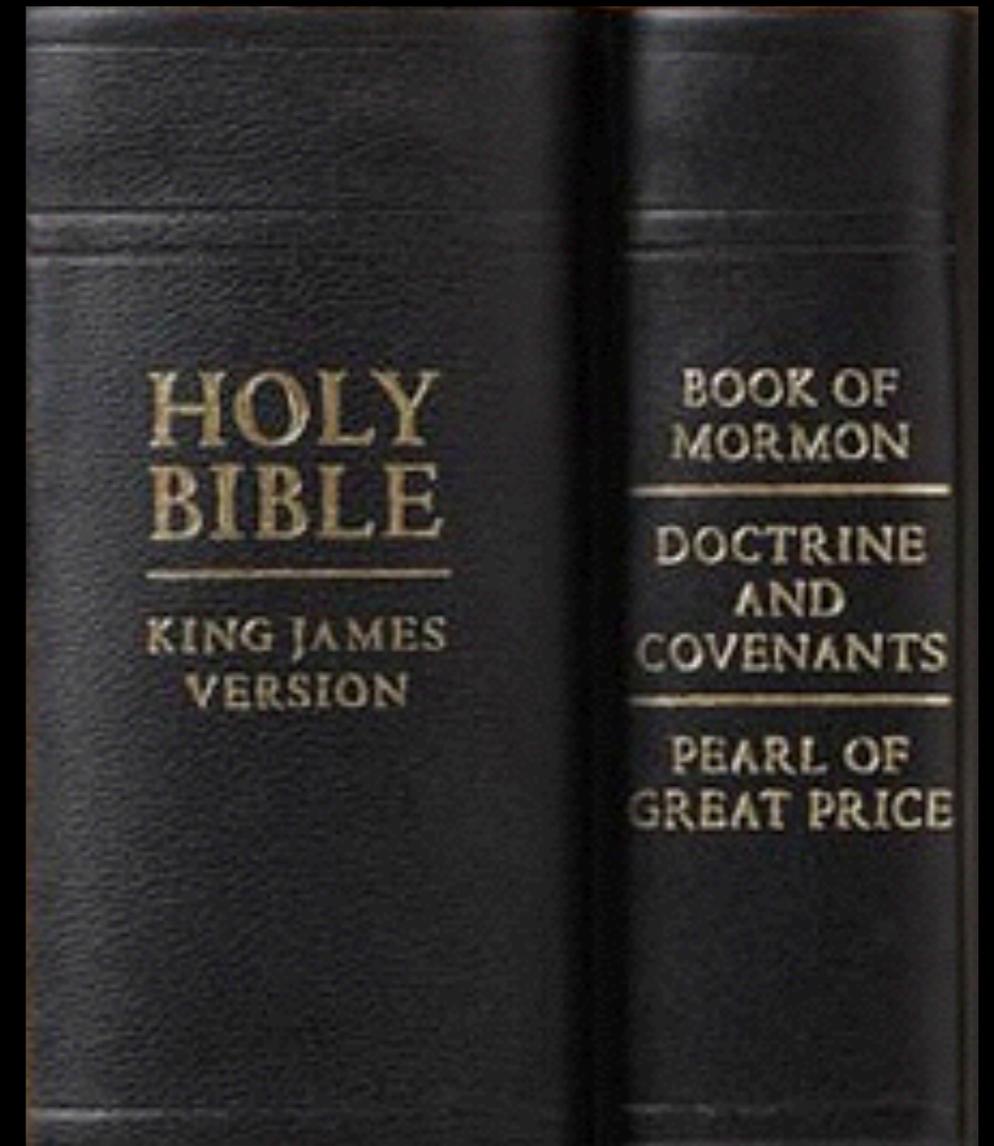
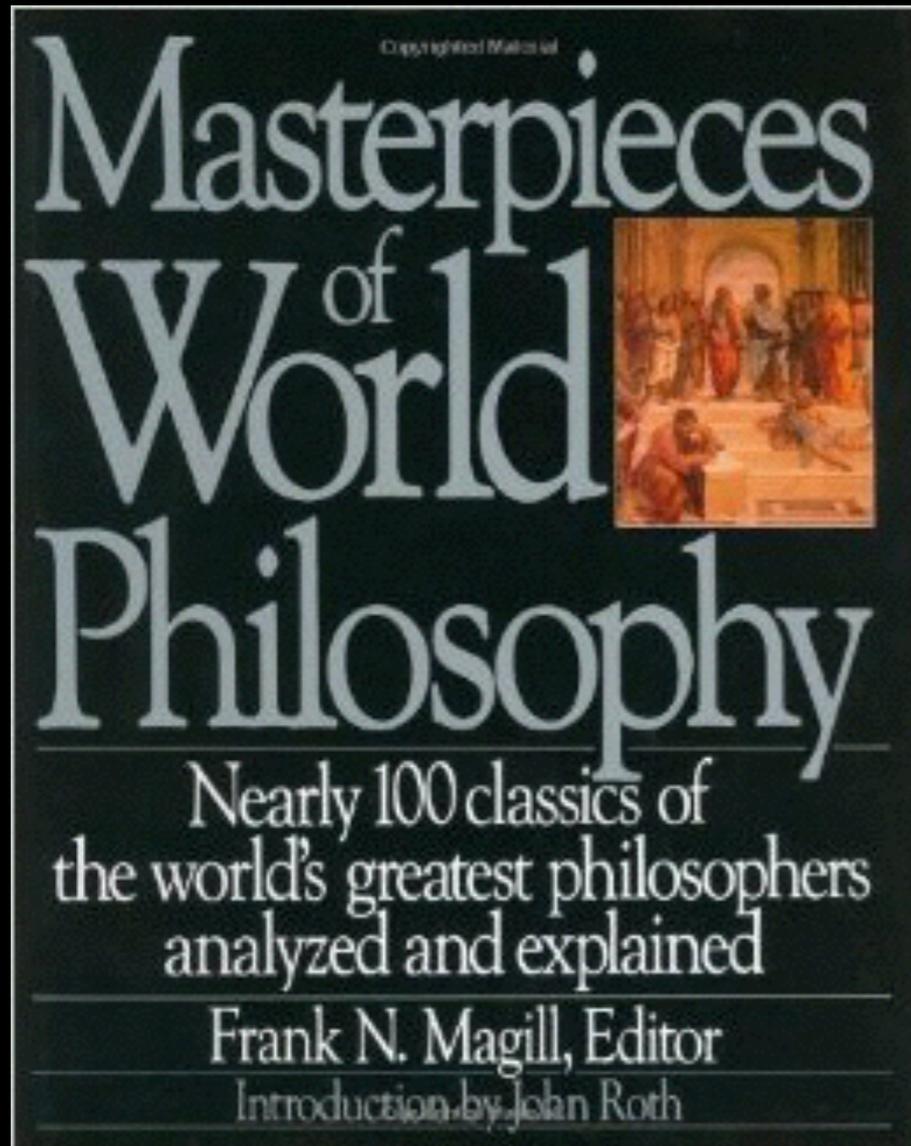
**Parents, Teachers,
The books you read
The Music you listen to,
Television.**



**This Philosophy is:
your beliefs, values, and ideas
that are used to make decisions
which become the “lens” through
which you view the world.**



The Philosophy of Men vs. The Philosophy of God

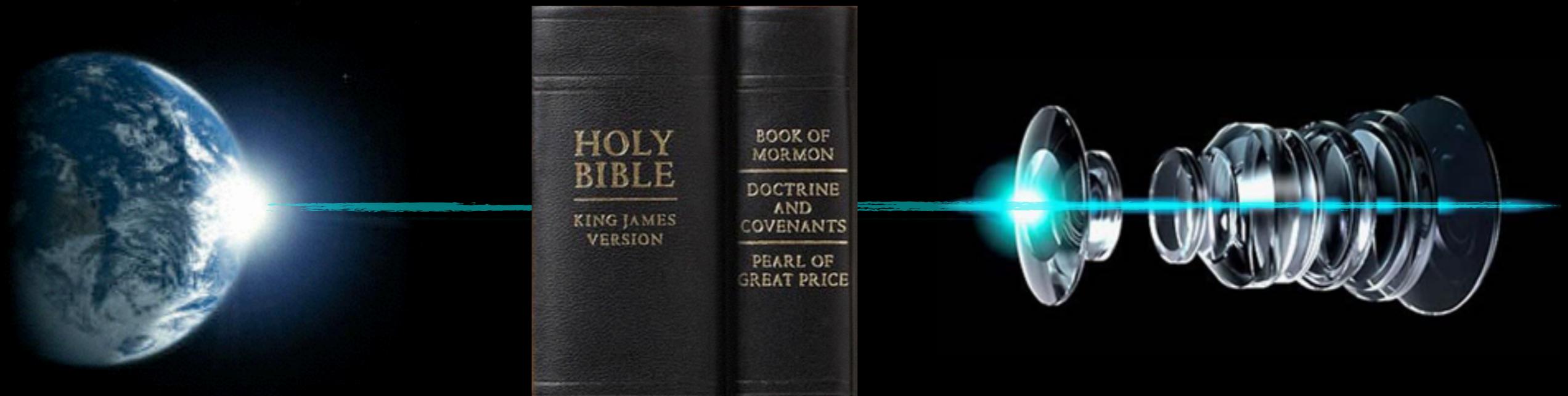


Which “Lens” is the most correct?

Only The Creator can write the correct Manual



The scriptures should be the lens through which we view life and salvation. Any other philosophy that is not from the creator Himself will have at best a blurred and perhaps a blinded point of view.



God is the same 'yesterday, today and forever' His vision and view for what is best for mankind has not changed.

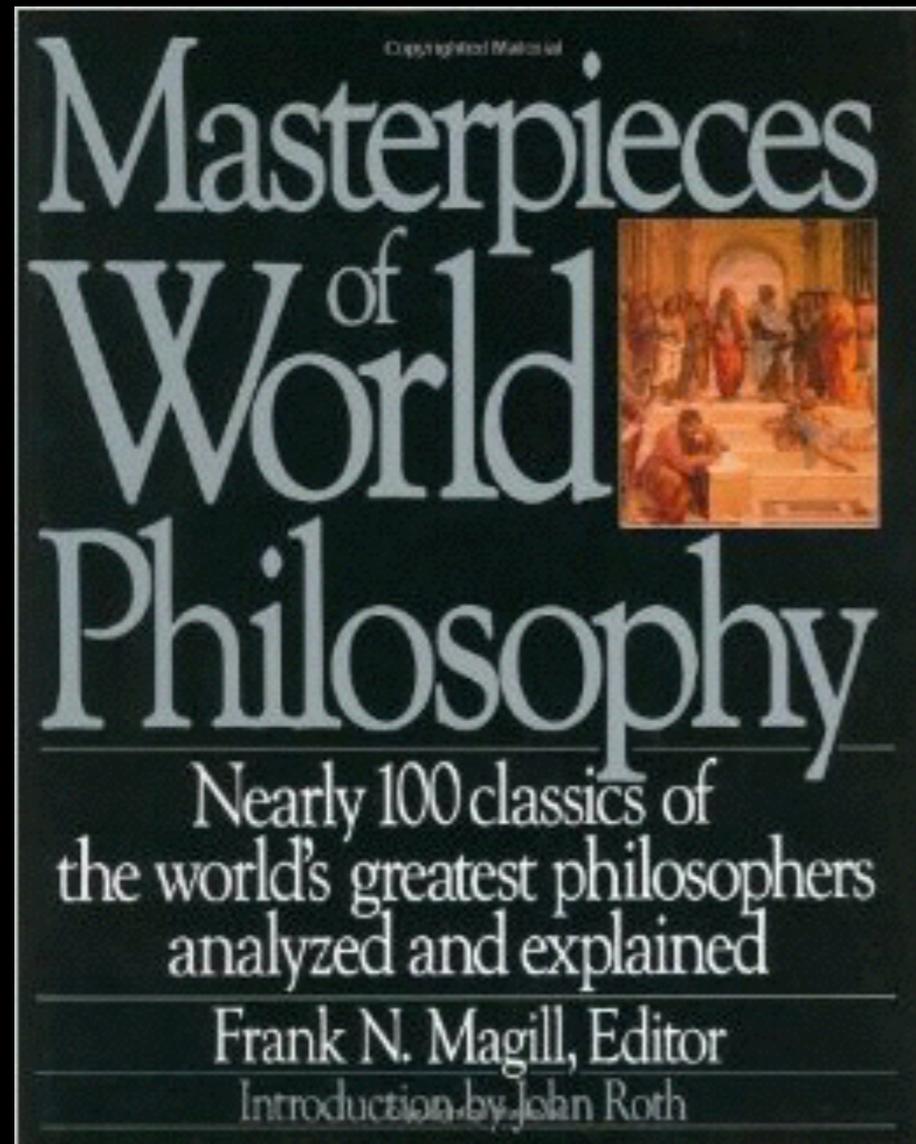
The Lens of Scripture

7 And behold, ye do know of yourselves, for ye have witnessed it, that as many of them as are brought to the knowledge of the truth, and to know of the wicked and abominable traditions of their fathers, and **are led to believe the holy scriptures, yea, the prophecies of the holy prophets, which are written, which leadeth them to faith on the Lord, and unto repentance, which faith and repentance bringeth a *change of heart unto them*—**

8 Therefore, **as many as have come to this**, ye know of yourselves are firm and steadfast in the faith, and in the thing wherewith they have been made free.

(Hel.15:7-8)

What if - your philosophy is wrong?



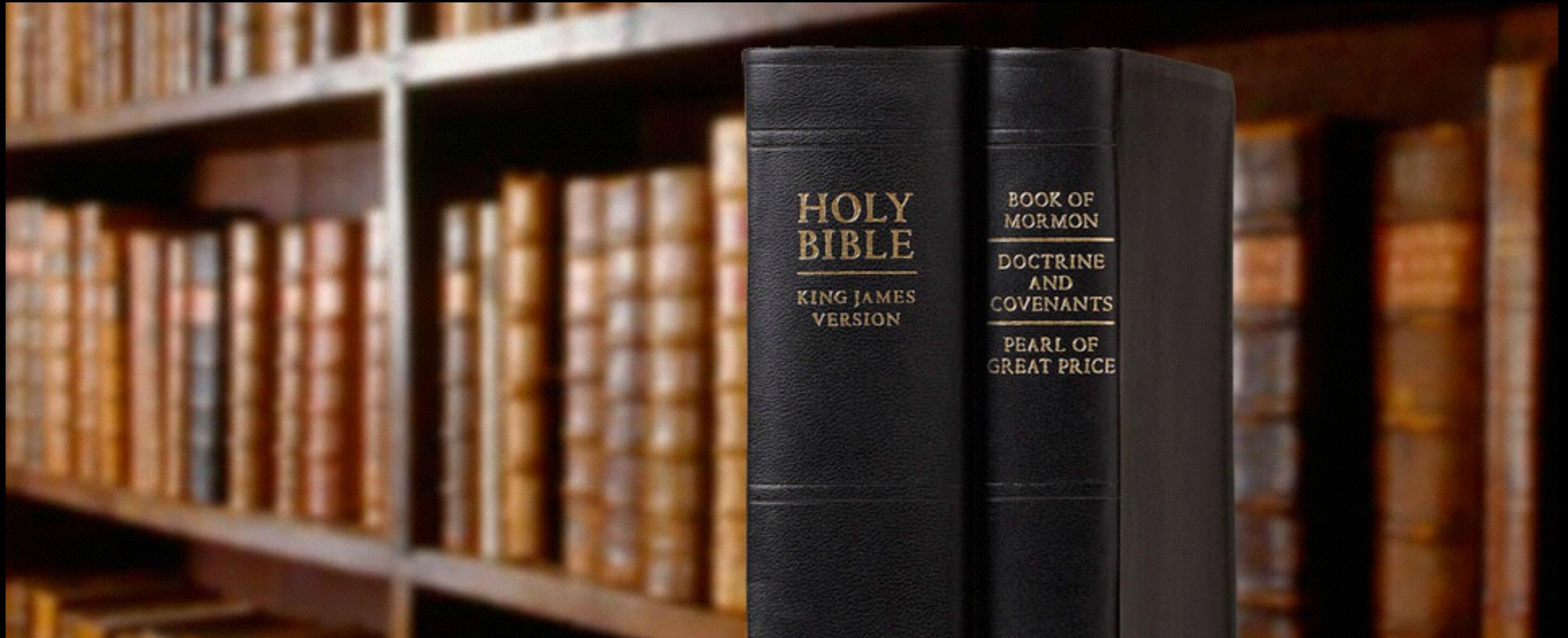
***What if - the lens through which you view
the world is wrong?***

***If*—those who provide your philosophy
have the wrong lens then you will have and
use the wrong lens to view life—**



**Your responses may be wrong
Your conclusions may be wrong**

To view, think and see, the right way, the vision must come through the lenses of the scripture



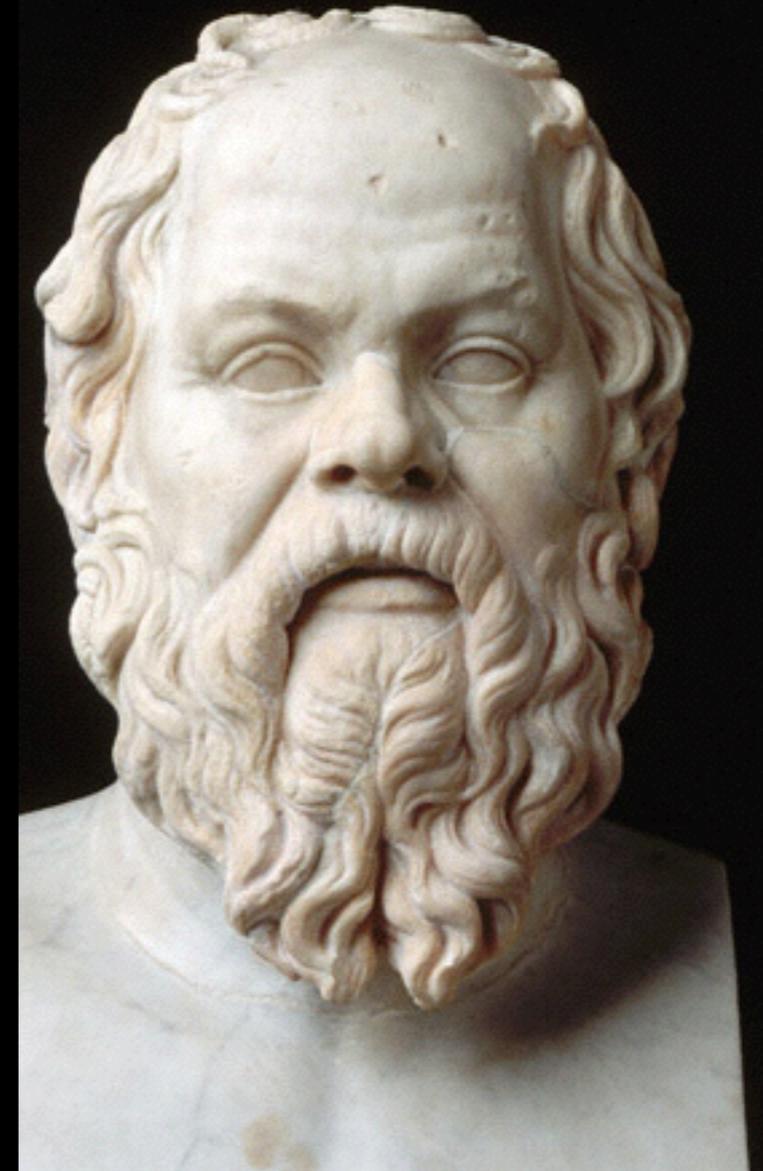
You cannot be any smarter than the person you choose to believe.
(you shall not surely die)

**Trust not in
the arm of
flesh—not
even your
own**



**In the end
you will
not like
what you
see**

“THE ONLY
TRUE WISDOM
IS KNOWING
THAT YOU
KNOW
NOTHING.”
SOCRATES



**Satan uses mankind to teach his philosophies,
his way of thinking.**

**Korihor
Sherem
Zeezrom**

**Political Leaders
Judges
Professors
Hollywood
Opra**

To lead people away from the lens of scripture

8 Beware (be on guard) **lest any man** spoil you through philosophy **and** vain deceit, **after** the tradition of men, **after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.** Colossians 2:8

Tradition—Opinion—Interpretation

**How many Wise men
The Stable and Birth of Christ
How many saw the New Star**

**The washing of Sins at Baptism
Forgiveness of sins by partaking of the Sacrament
Sealed into single family units
Adam and Eve knew the gospel before the fall**

**Let the Scripture speak for itself
Base your life on the words of God rather than:
The traditions, opinions and interpretations of men**



"If we hold
tightly to the
WORD OF GOD,
we will remain on
the pathway to
ETERNAL LIFE."

-Elder L. Tom Perry

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—Eve’s information is from the “Second Hand” of Satan—

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The Infection

**Satan seeks to infect your
mind and heart, by
persuading one to believe in
his (or his teachers)
philosophies and concepts
that are not found in
scripture.**

When one realizes that traditions, opinions and interpretations might be wrong, a faith founded on these rather than scripture, will cause one begin to question their own foundation of faith.

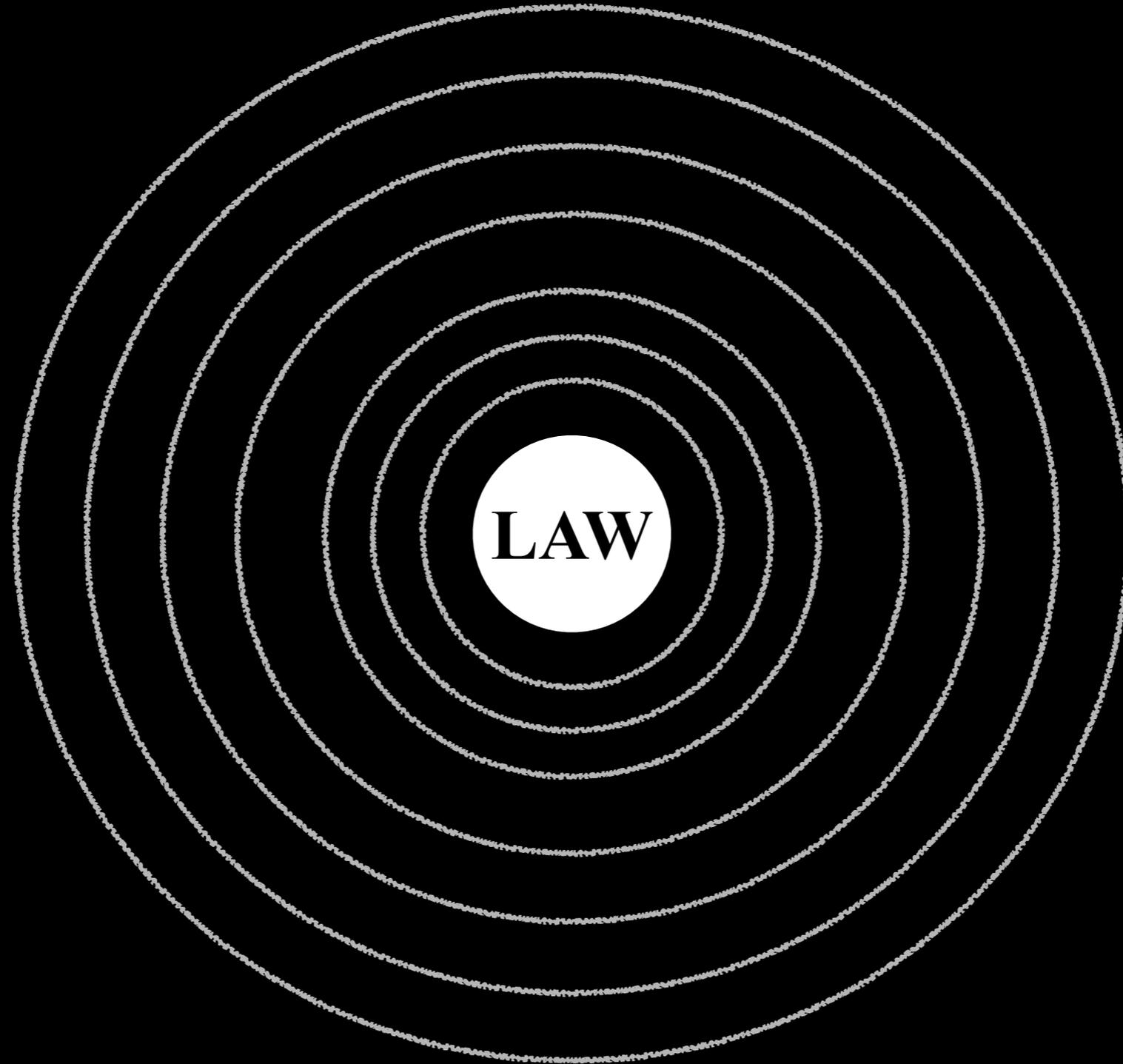
**Many will be blinded from the fact that the truth can be found in
Scripture**

Mark 7:13

**13 Making the word of
God of none effect
through your tradition,
which ye have delivered:
and many such like
things do ye.**

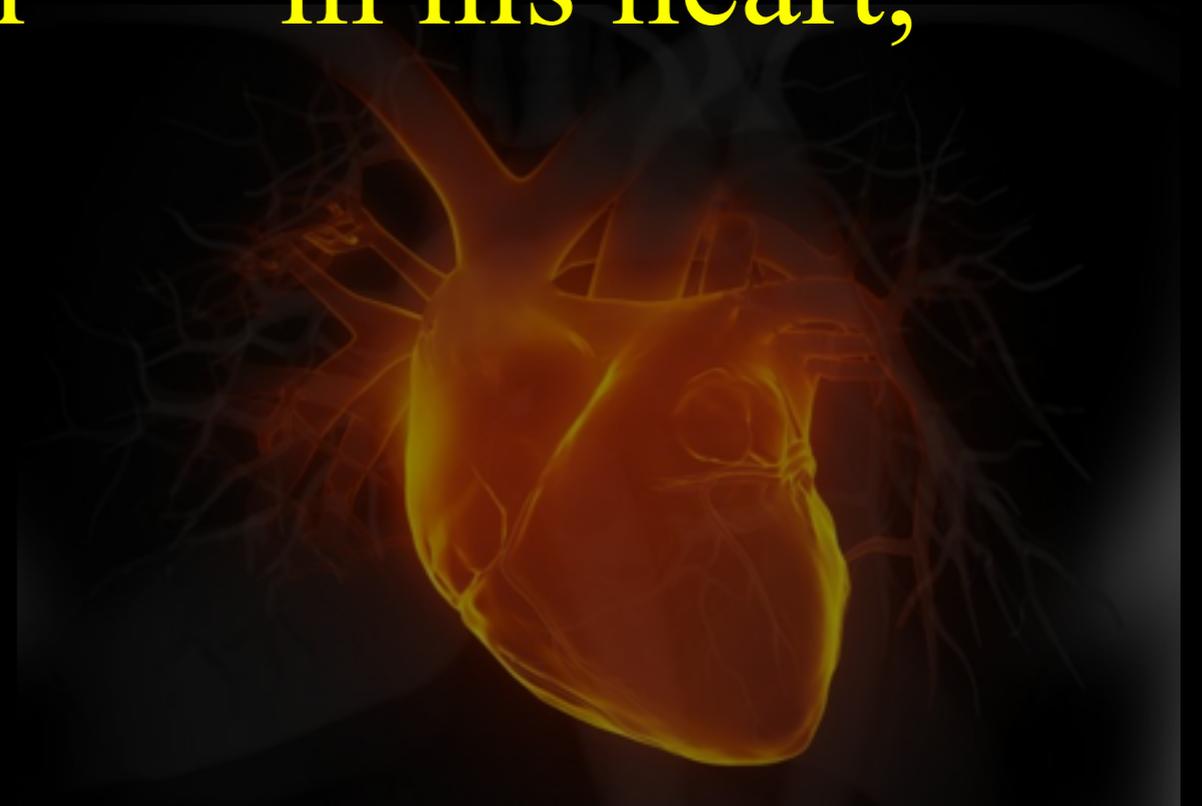
Some fences around the Law become the traditions by which righteousness is judged.

Tradition



**Satan understands that
his first effort is
focused to *infect* your
way of thinking by
causing you to use the
wrong lens or point of
view.**

7 For as a man thinketh in his heart,



so is he:

CHARACTER

**In Scripture:
Your Heart or Character is a
sum total of your way of
thinking**

**That which you exposure your eyes, and
ears and life to, will effect your way of
thinking**

What is going on in your life that will effect you?

What music do you listen to?

What do you watch?

What do you read?



**Your Eyes and Ears
are the Gateways to your mind.**

Your Philosophy

What you have been exposed to determines your thinking

The way you think determines how you feel

How you feel will determine the decisions you make

Your decisions will determine your actions

Your actions will determine your habits

Your habits will determine your character

Your Character will determine your destination

**To Change your destination, you must
change your life. To change your life
you must first change the way you
think. To change the way you think,
you must first change the lens through
which you view truth.**

23 Keep (guard) thy heart (character)
with all diligence; for out of it *are* the
issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

**Your life is a sum total of what is in your heart
Your heart is a sum total of what your thinking
Your thinking is based on what has been coming into
your mind through your eye gate and your ear gate
which will overflow through of the spillway of your
mouth**

Satan seeks to control your life and destination in the subtle and sure way, by infecting of your way of thinking.

Satan doesn't control people by his monstrous appearance or making heads spin and green vomit.

Satan just introduces a philosophy or a thought to see if you will *take the suggestion* and eat the forbidden fruit.

yea, hath God Said....Yea shall not surly die

Eve thought about it and saw that it was good for food, and that it would make her wise. She picked it, prepared it, and ate it, because Satan changed her way of thinking.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath *blinded the minds* of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Cor. 4:3-4

Moses Chapter 4

13 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they had been naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

14 And they heard the voice of the Lord God, as they were walking in the garden, in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife went to hide themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

15 And I, the Lord God, called unto Adam, and said unto him: Where goest thou?

16 And he said: I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I beheld that I was naked, and I hid myself.

Moses Chapter 4

17 And I, the Lord God, said unto Adam: Who told thee thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat, if so thou shouldst surely die?

18 And the man said: The woman thou gavest me, and commandedst that she should remain with me, she gave me of the fruit of the tree and I did eat.

Moses Chapter 4

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20 And I, the Lord God, said unto the serpent: Because thou hast done this thou shalt be cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life;

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Moses Chapter 4

22 Unto the woman, I, the Lord God, said: I will greatly multiply thy *sorrow* and thy conception. In *sorrow* thou shalt bring forth children, and *thy desire* shall be to thy husband, and *he shall rule* over thee.

23 And unto Adam, I, the Lord God, said: *Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife,* and hast eaten of the fruit of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying—Thou shalt not eat of it, *cursed shall be the ground for thy sake; in sorrow* shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

Moses Chapter 4

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29 Therefore I, the Lord God, will send him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken;

30 For as I, the Lord God, liveth, even so my words cannot return void, for as they go forth out of my mouth they must be fulfilled

Moses Chapter 4

31 So I drove out the man, and I placed at the east of the Garden of Eden, cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life.

32 (And these are the words which I spake unto my servant Moses, and they are true even as I will; and I have spoken them unto you. See thou **show them unto no man, until I command you, except to them that believe.**

Amen.)

2 Nephi 2

18 And because he had fallen from heaven, and had become miserable forever, he sought also the misery of all mankind. Wherefore, he said unto Eve, yea, even that old serpent, who is the devil, who is the father of all lies, wherefore he said: Partake of the forbidden fruit, and **ye shall not die, but ye shall be as God,** knowing good and evil.

2 Nephi 2

22 And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. And all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which **they** were after **they** were created; and **they** must have remained forever, and had no end.

23 And **they** would have had no children; wherefore **they** would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for **they** knew no misery; doing no good, for **they** knew no sin.

Alma 12

21 What does the scripture mean, which saith that God placed cherubim and a flaming sword on the east of the garden of Eden, lest our first parents should enter and partake of the fruit of the tree of life, and live forever? And thus we see that there was no possible chance that they should live forever.

22 Now Alma said unto him: This is the thing which I was about to explain. Now we see that Adam did fall by the partaking of the forbidden fruit, according to the word of God; and thus we see, **that by his fall, all mankind became a lost and fallen people.**

Alma 12

23 And now behold, I say unto you that if it had been possible for Adam to have partaken of the fruit of the tree of life at that time, there would have been no death, and the word would have been void, making God a liar, for he said: If thou eat thou shalt surely die.

24 And we see that death comes upon mankind, yea, the death which has been spoken of by Amulek, which is the temporal death; nevertheless there was a space granted unto man in which he might repent; therefore this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead.

Alma 12

26 And now behold, if it were possible that our first parents could have gone forth and partaken of the tree of life **they would have been forever miserable**, having no preparatory state; and thus the plan of redemption would have been frustrated, and the word of God would have been void, taking none effect.

27 But behold, it was not so; but **it was appointed unto men that they must die**; and after death, they must come to judgment, even that same judgment of which we have spoken, which is the end. (WJS: 63; 9 Feb. 1841)

28 And **after God had appointed that these things should come unto man**, behold, then **he saw that it was expedient that man should know concerning the things whereof he had appointed unto them**;

29 **Therefore he sent angels to converse with them**, who caused men to behold of his glory.

The main concepts or ideas in the Garden are connected to relationships.

- 1. Man's relationship to God**
- 2. The relationship of Knowledge to Power**
- 3. The relationship of Power to Agency**
- 4. The relationship of Agency to Action**
- 5. The relationship of Action to Character**
- 6. The relationship of Character to Consequence**

Alma 42

2 Now behold, my son, I will explain this thing unto thee. For behold, after the Lord God **sent** our first parents forth from the garden of Eden, **to till the ground, from whence they were taken**—yea, **he drew out the man**, and he placed at the east end of the garden of Eden, cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the tree of life—

3 Now, we see that *the man had become as God, knowing good and evil*; and lest he should put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever, the Lord God placed cherubim and the flaming sword, that he should not partake of the fruit—

Alma 42

6 But behold, **it was appointed unto man to die—** therefore, as they were cut off from the tree of life they should be cut off from the face of the earth—and man became lost forever, yea, they became fallen man.

7 And now, ye see **by this that our first parents were cut off both temporally and spiritually from the presence of the Lord;** and thus ***we see they became subjects to follow after their own will.***

8 Now behold, **it was not expedient that man should be reclaimed from this temporal death,** for that would destroy the great plan of happiness.

Alma 42

4 And thus we see, that there was a **time granted unto man to repent, yea, a probationary time, a time to repent and serve God.**

5 For behold, if Adam had put forth his hand immediately, and partaken of the tree of life, he would have lived forever, according to the word of God, having no space for repentance; yea, and also the word of God would have been void, and the great plan of salvation would have been frustrated.

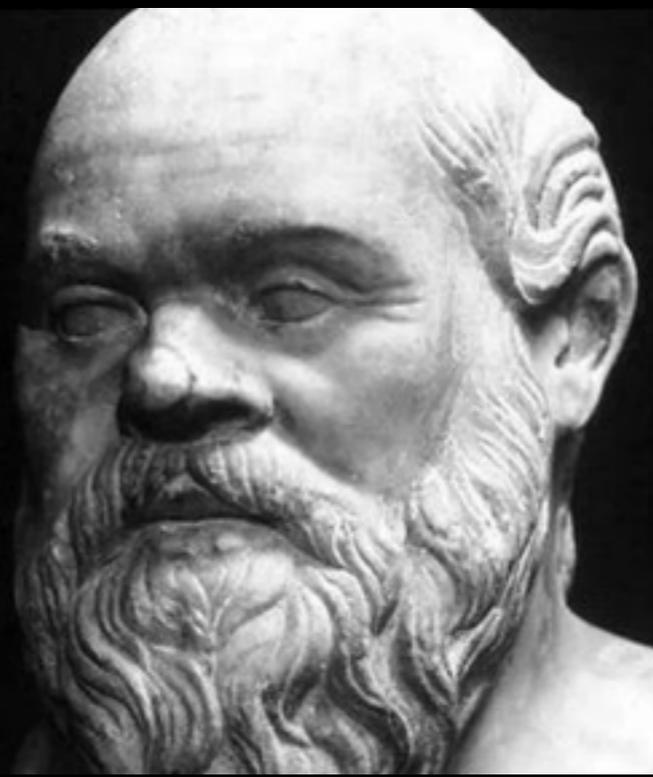
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9 Therefore, as the soul could never die, and the fall had brought upon all mankind a spiritual death as well as a temporal, that is, they were cut off from the presence of the Lord, it was expedient that mankind should be reclaimed from this spiritual death.

10 Therefore, as **they had become carnal, sensual, and devilish, by nature**, this probationary state became a state for them to prepare; it became a preparatory state.

I cannot teach anybody anything.
I can only make them think."

- Socrates



"The only true
wisdom is to
know that you
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