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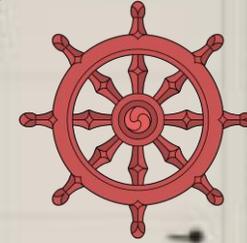
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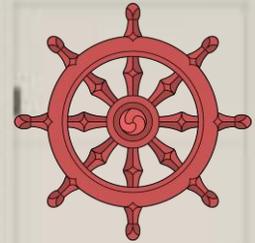
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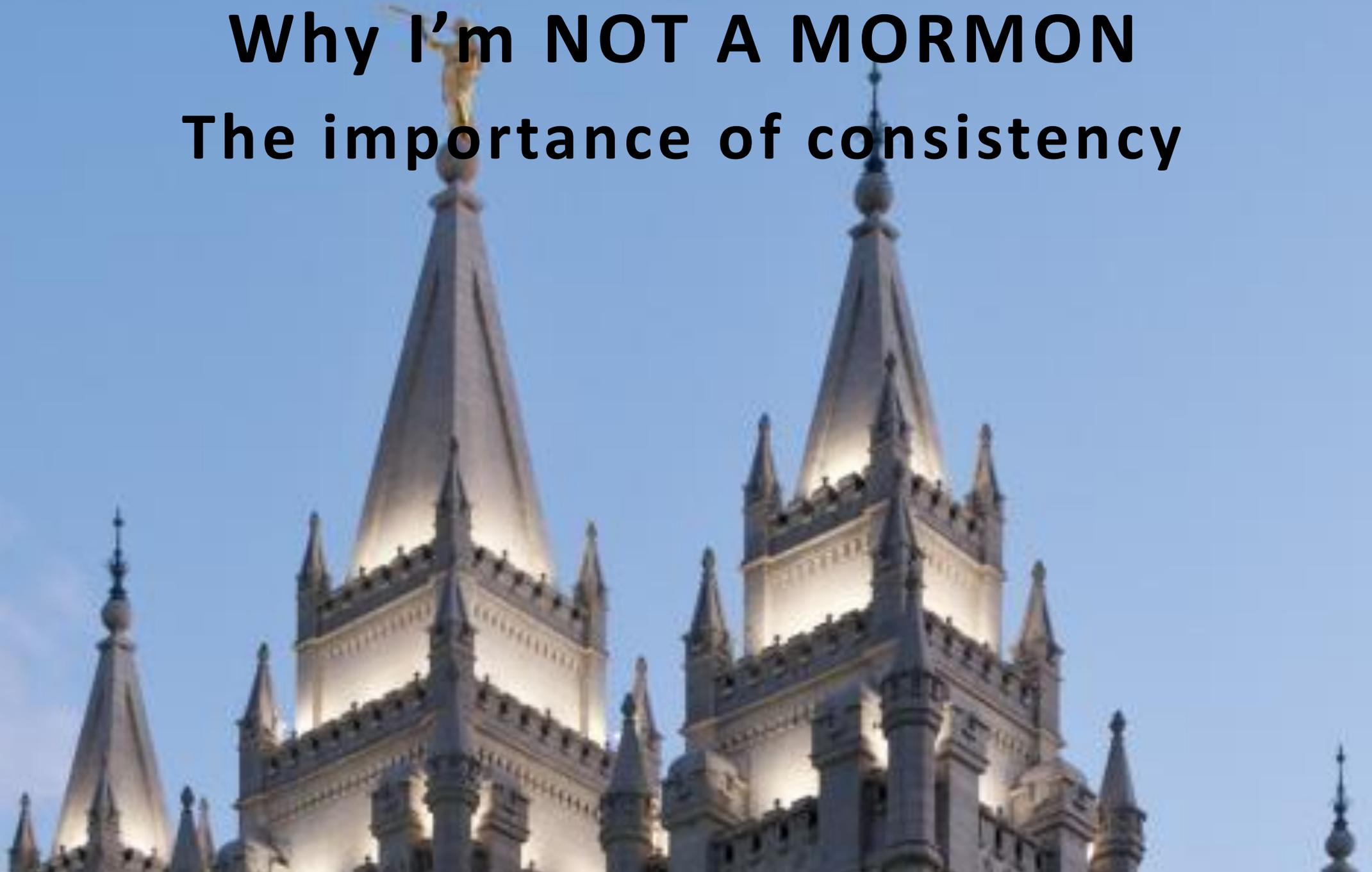


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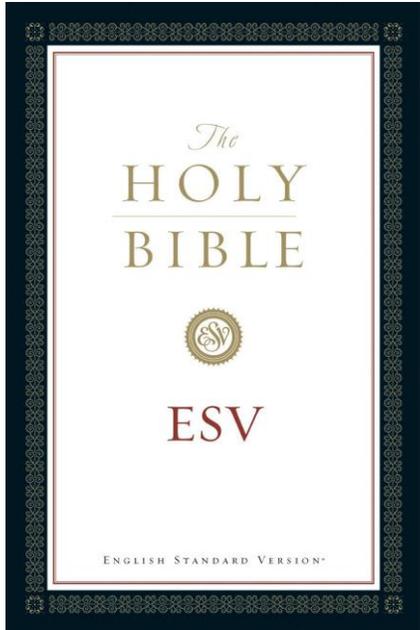
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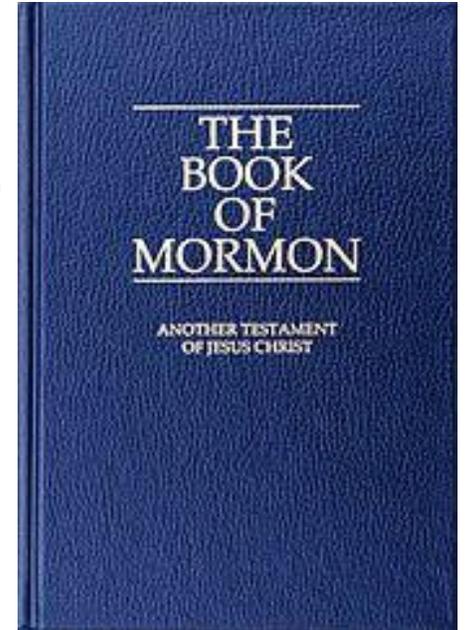


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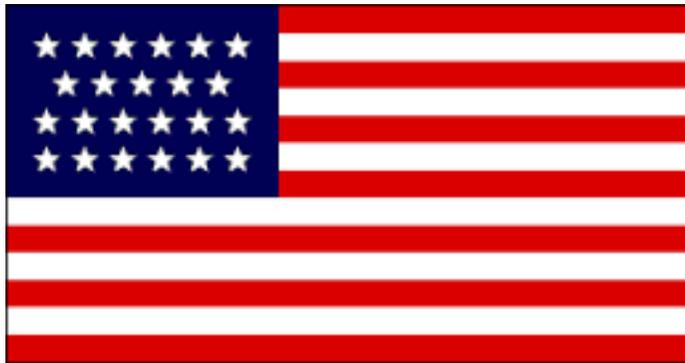
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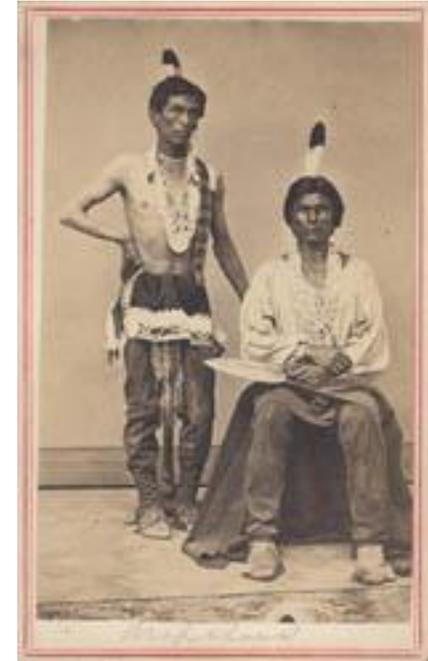
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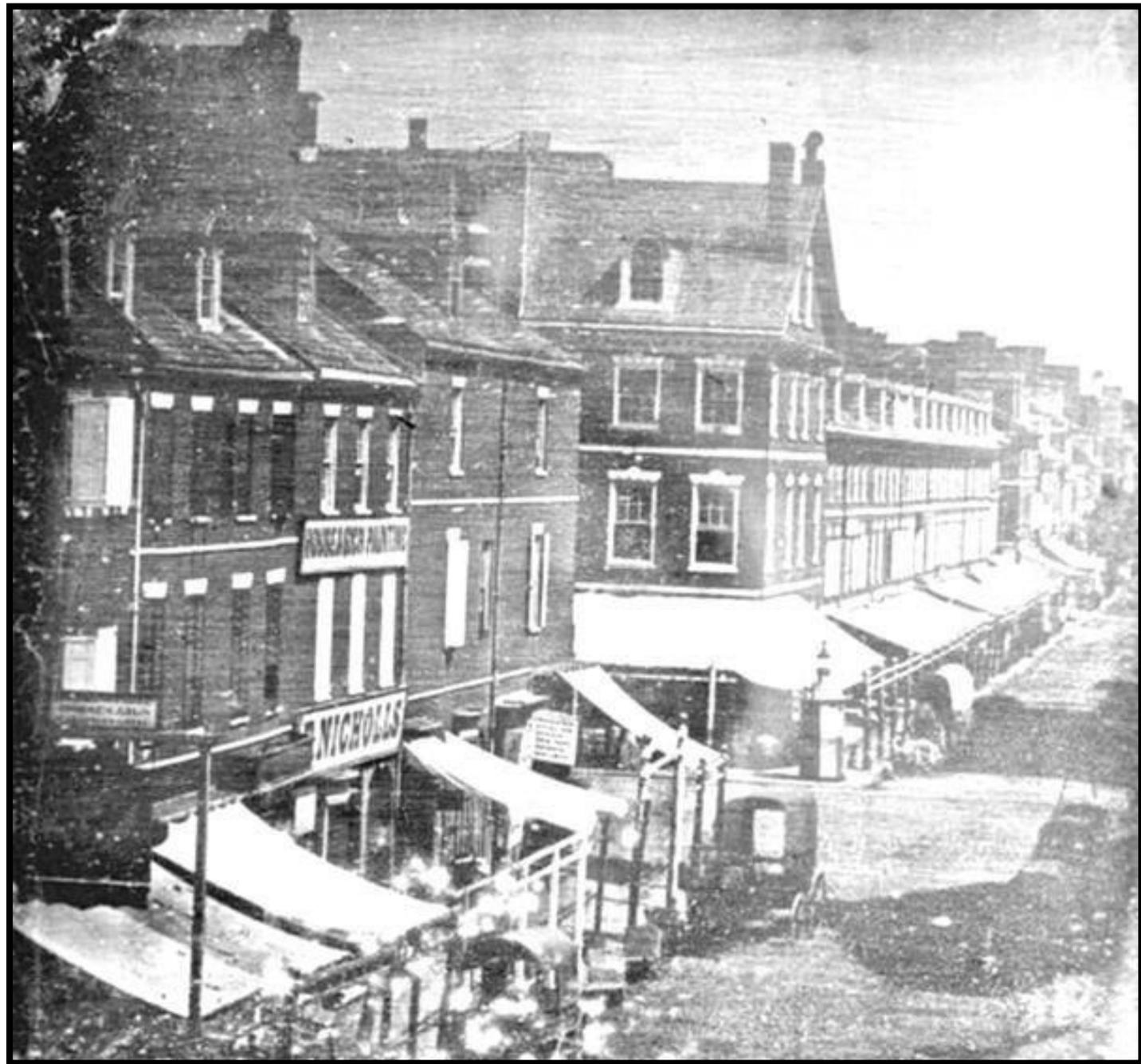
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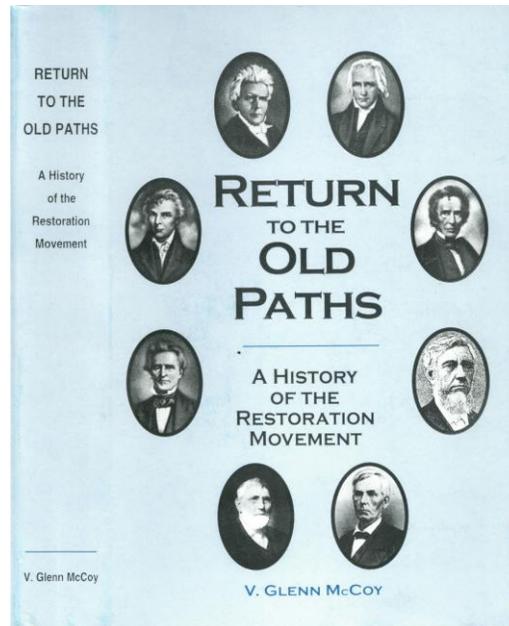
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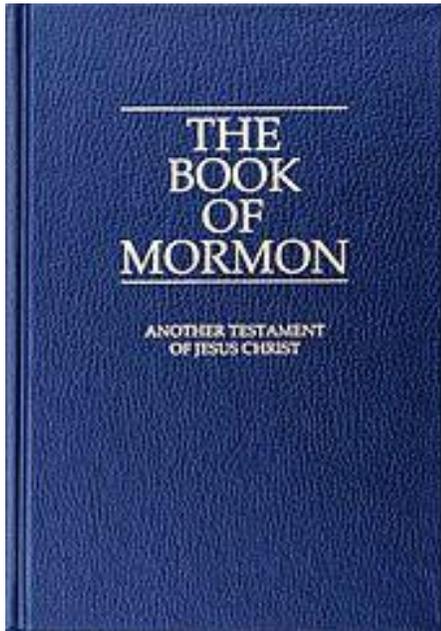
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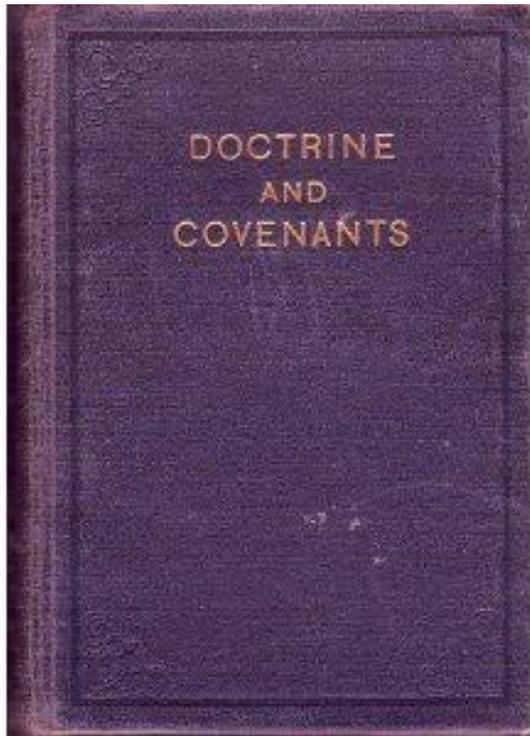
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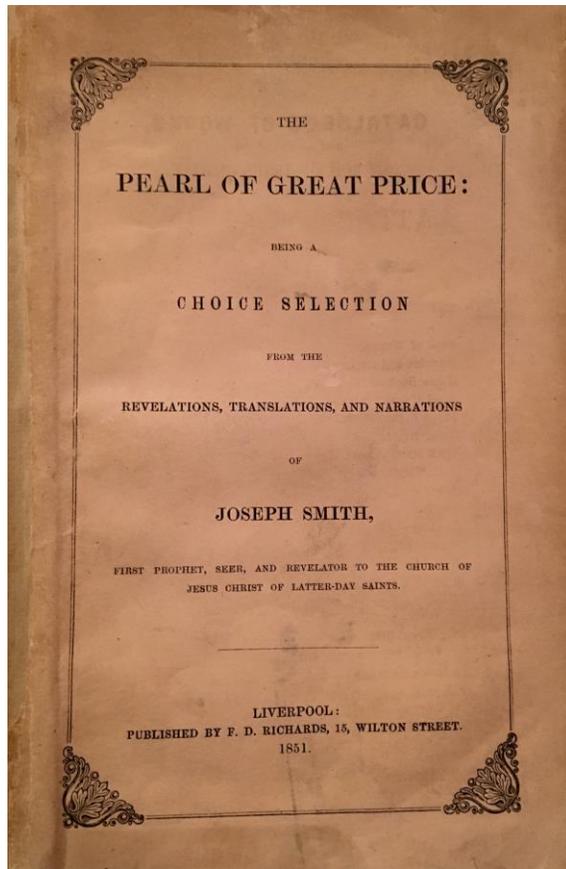
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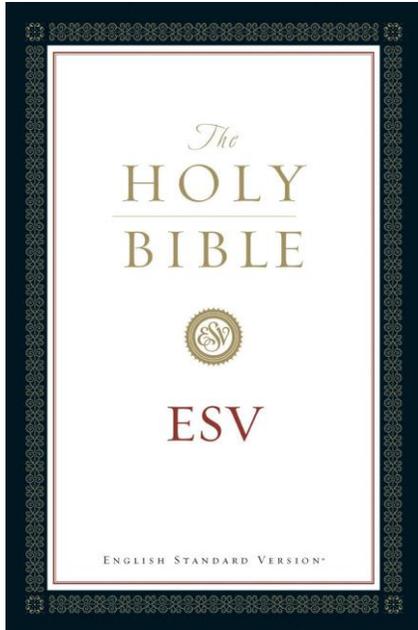
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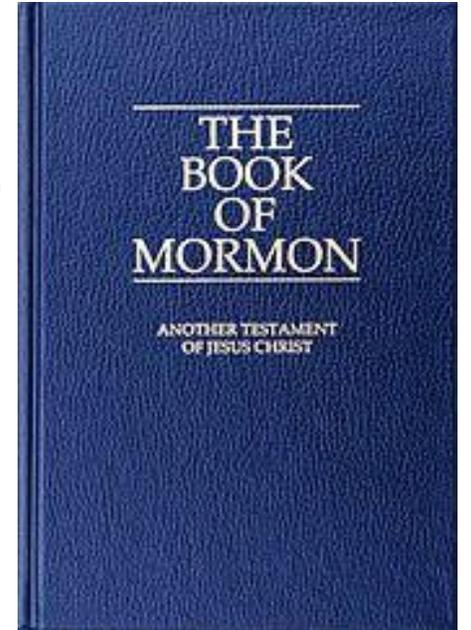


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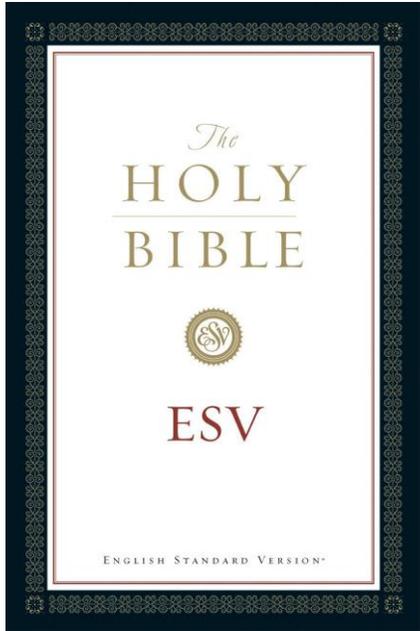
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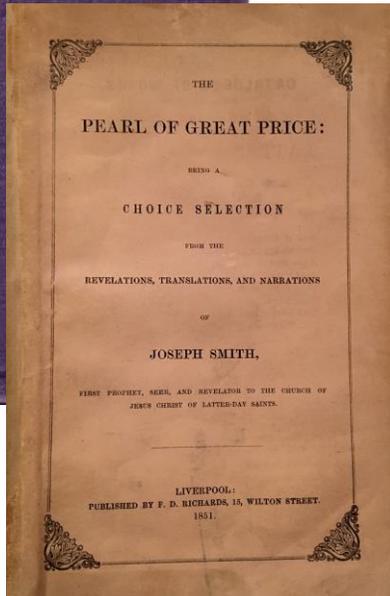
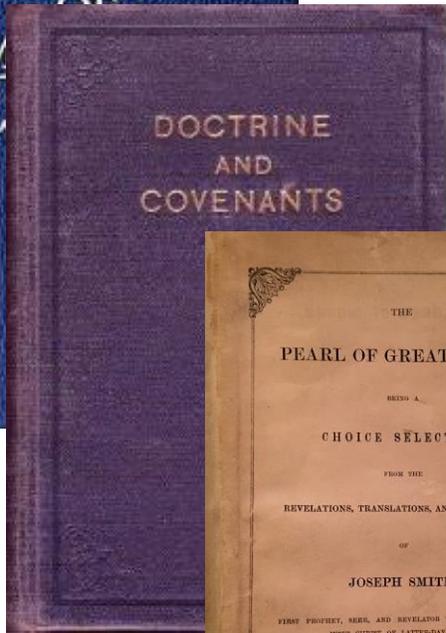
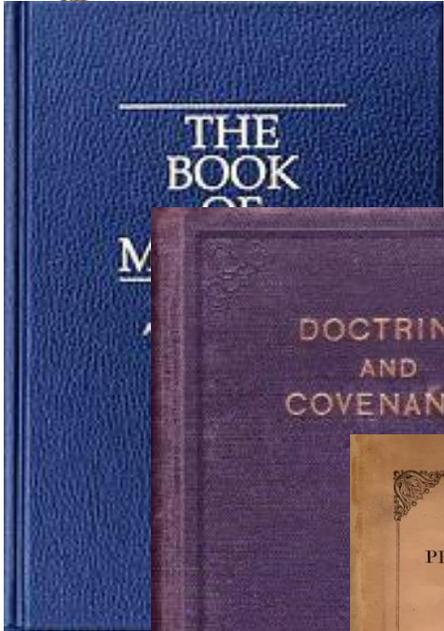
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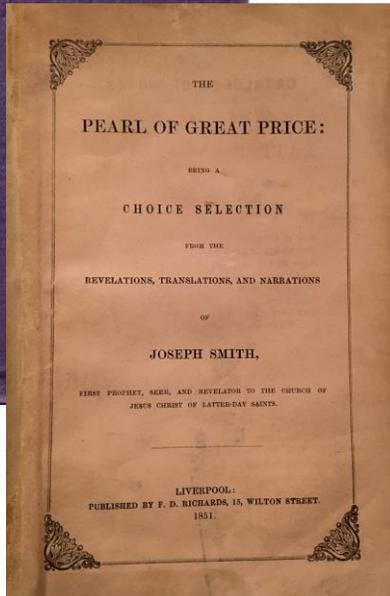
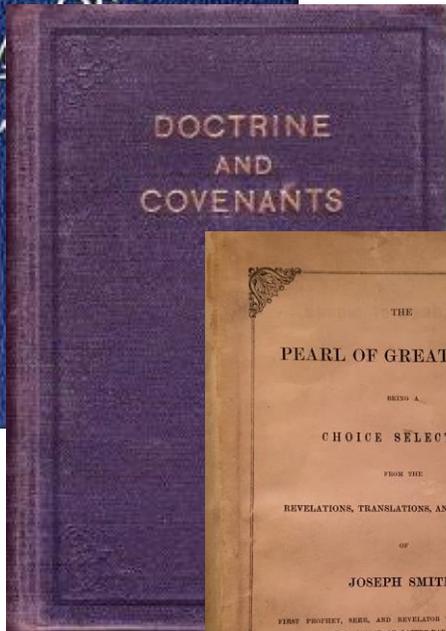
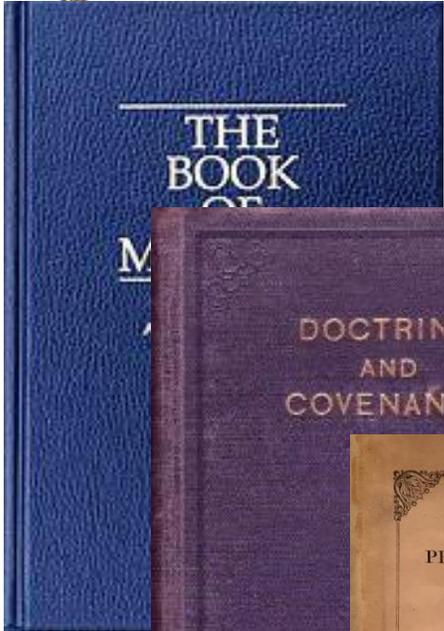
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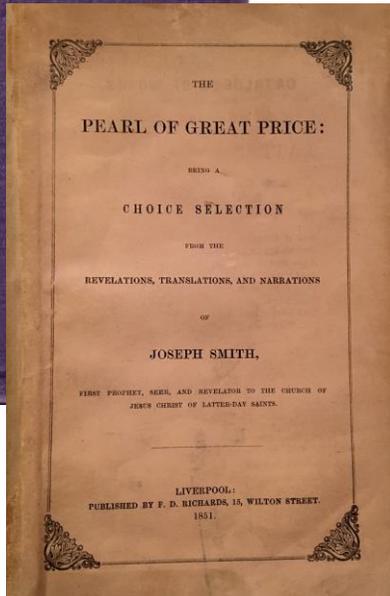
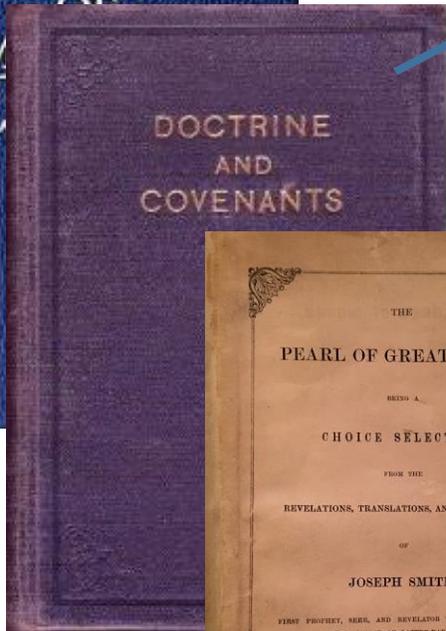
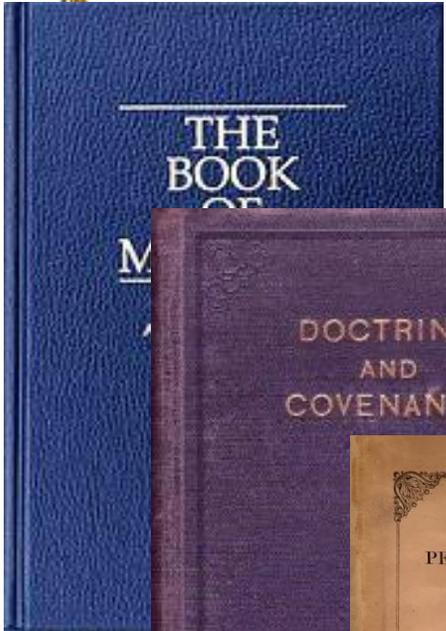
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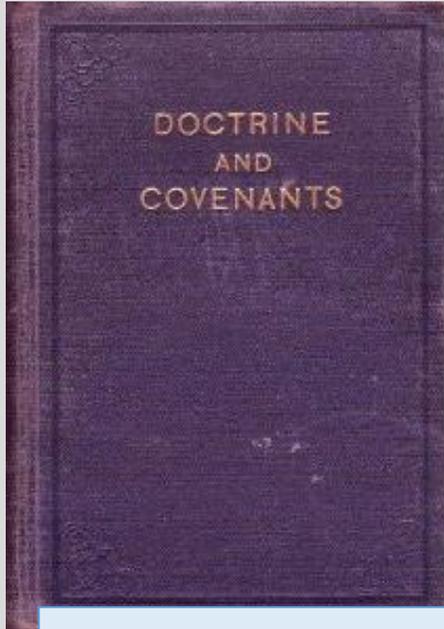
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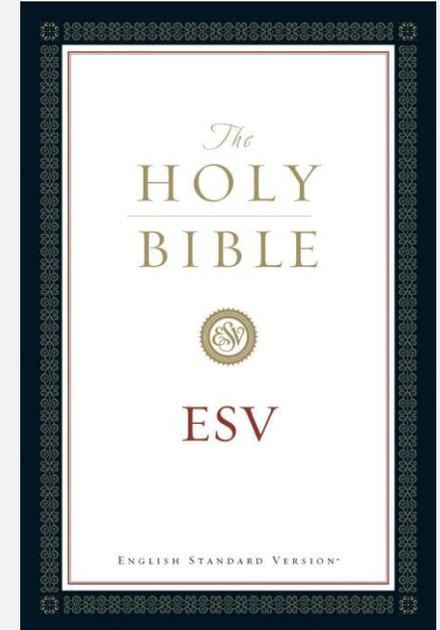


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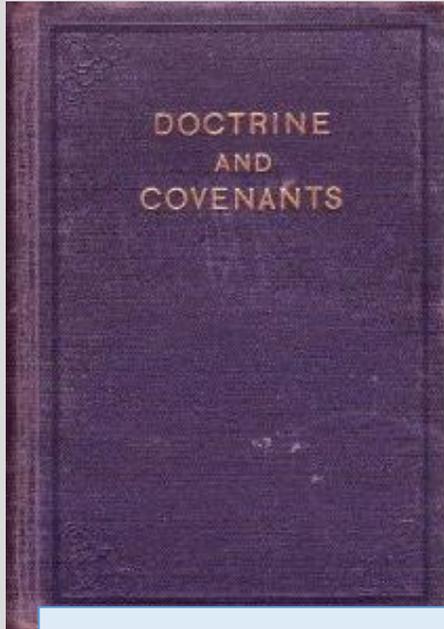
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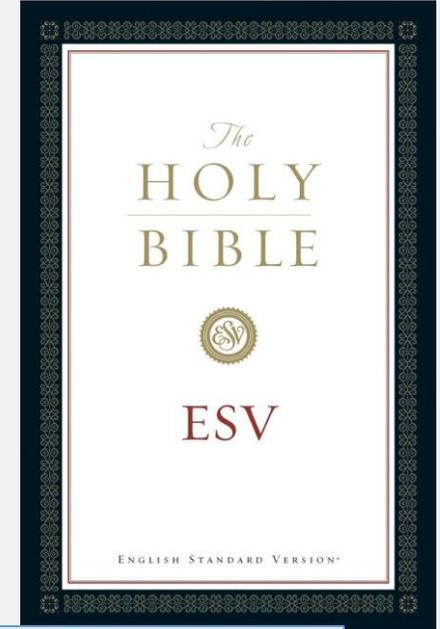
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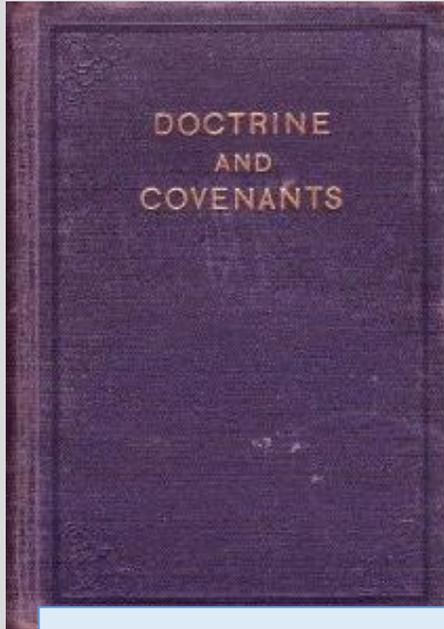


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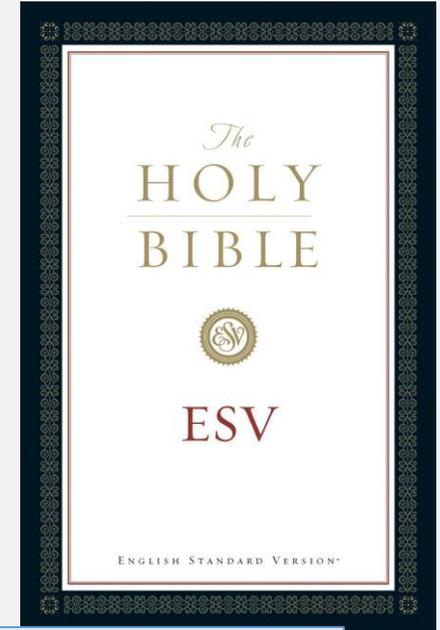
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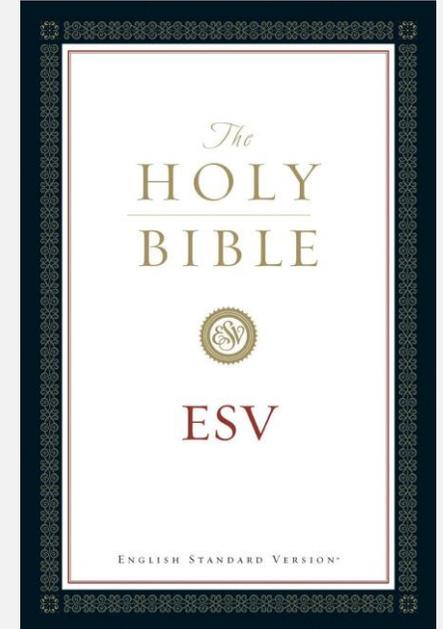
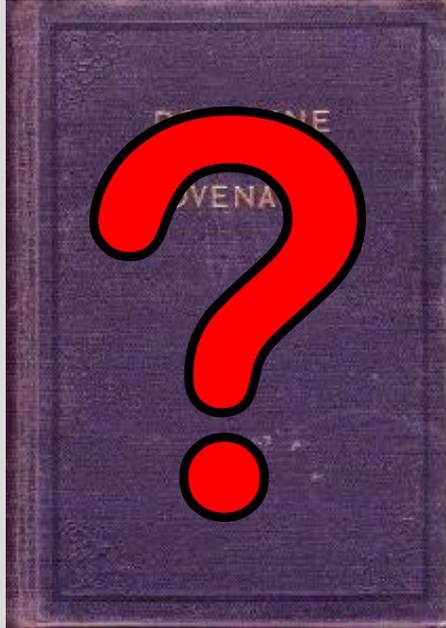
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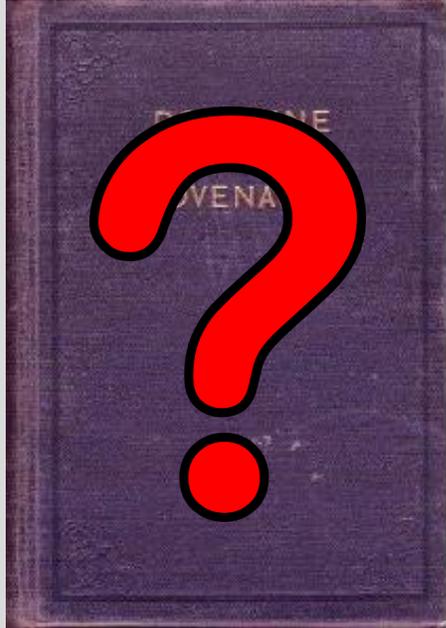


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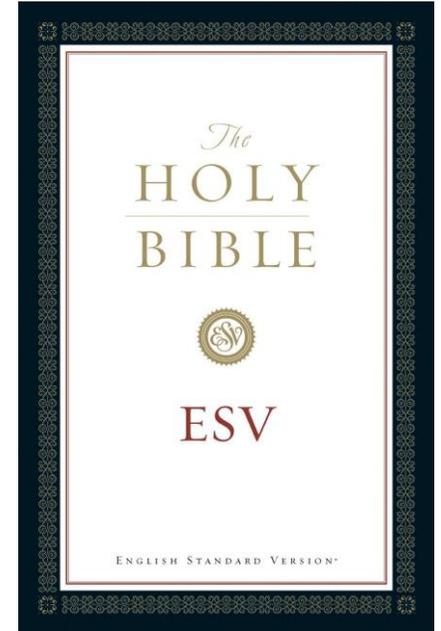
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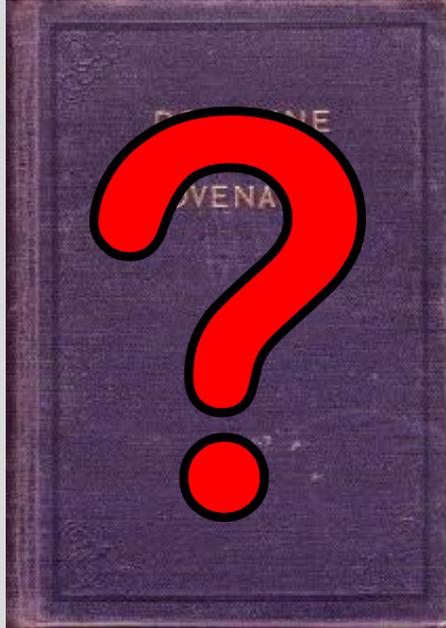
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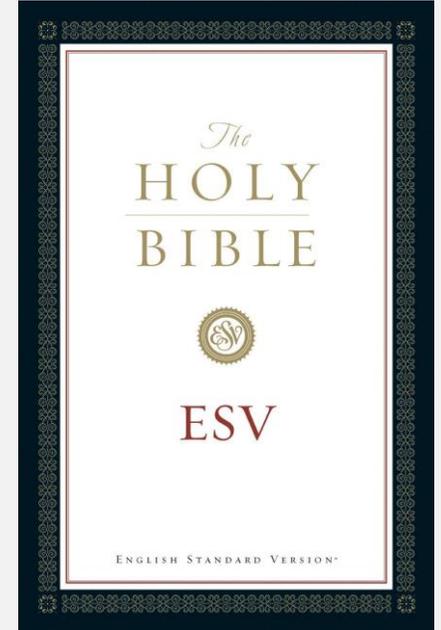
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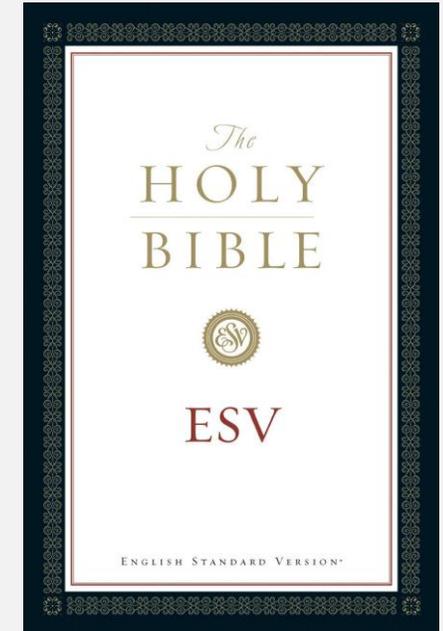
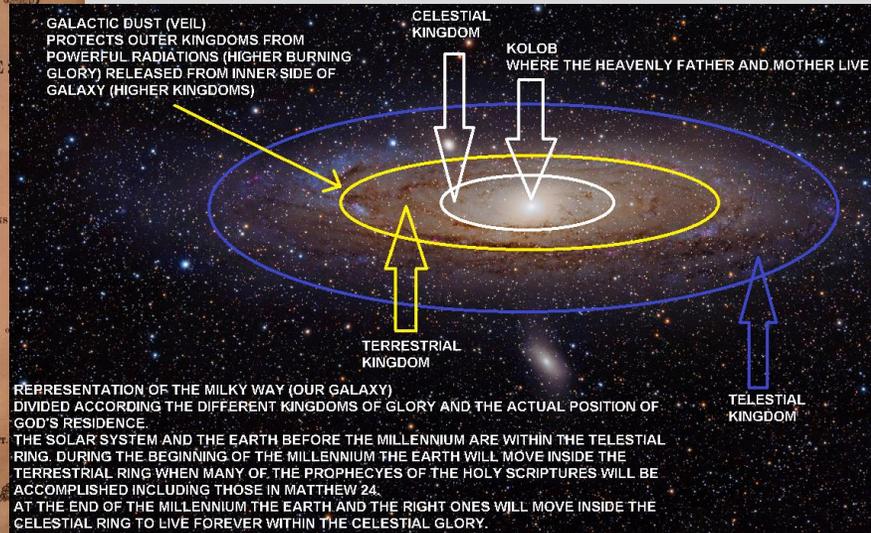
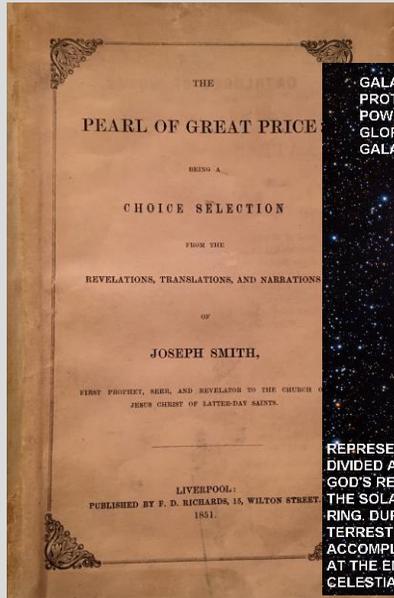
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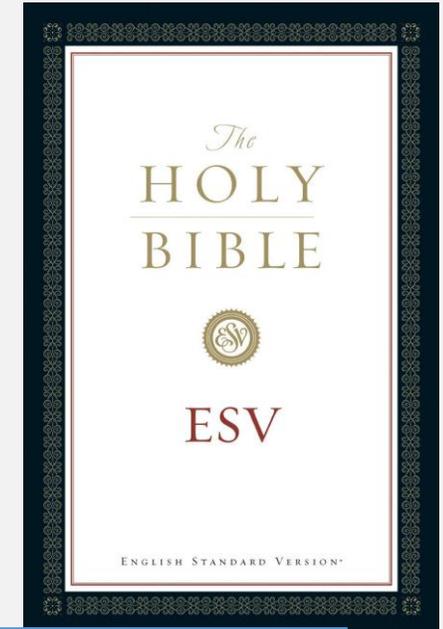
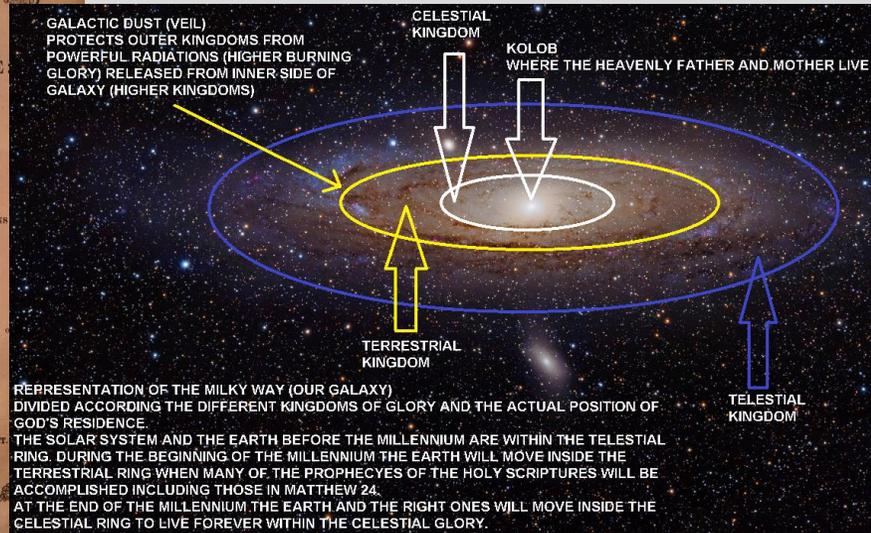
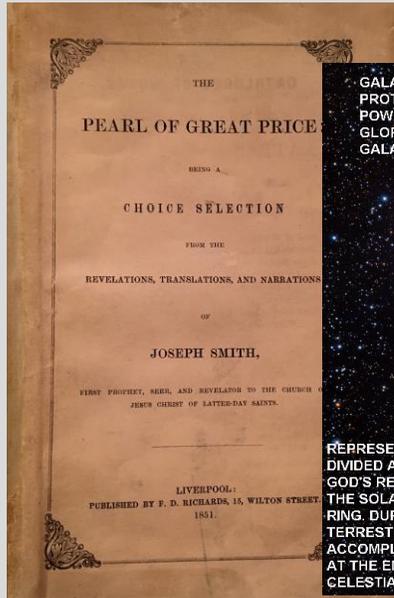
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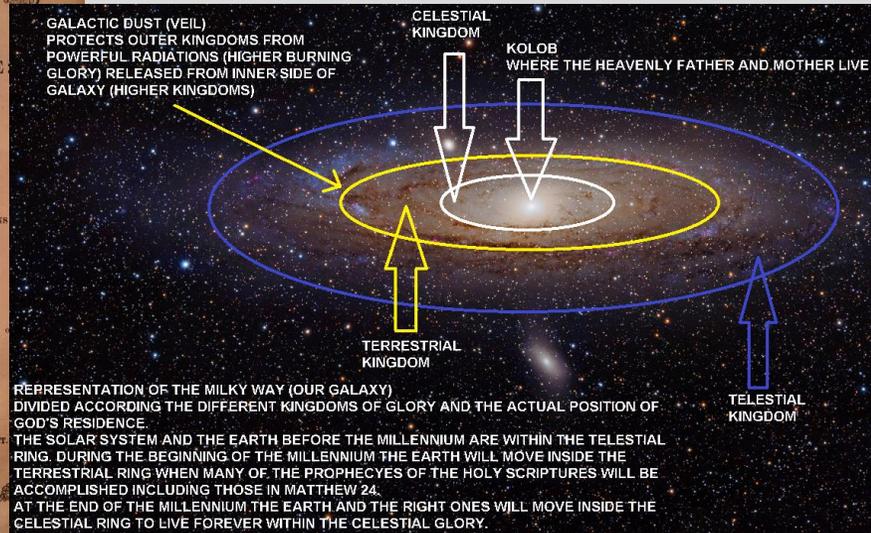
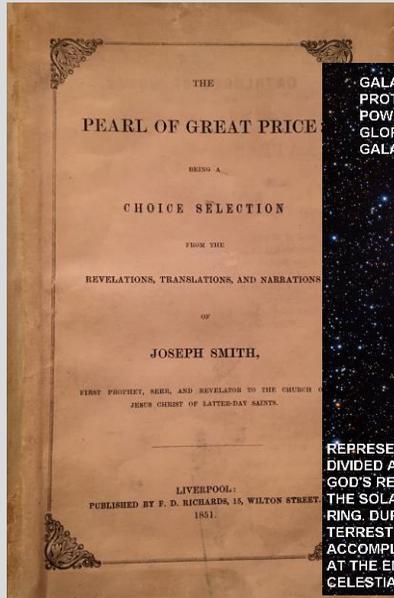
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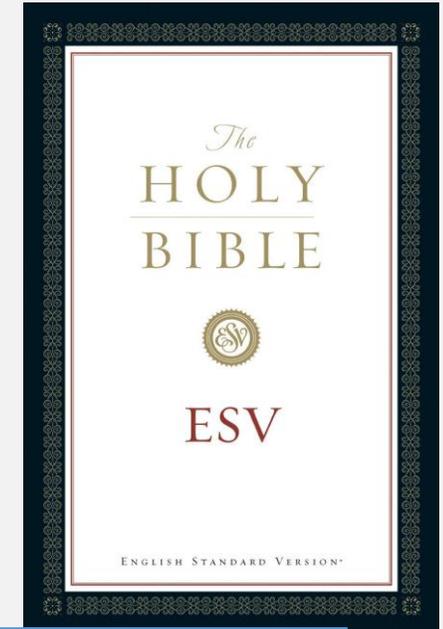
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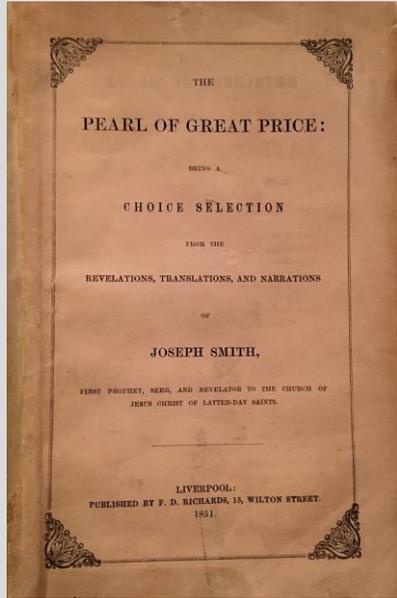
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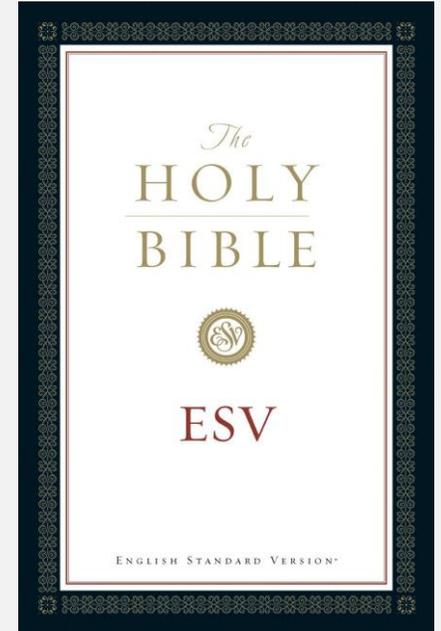


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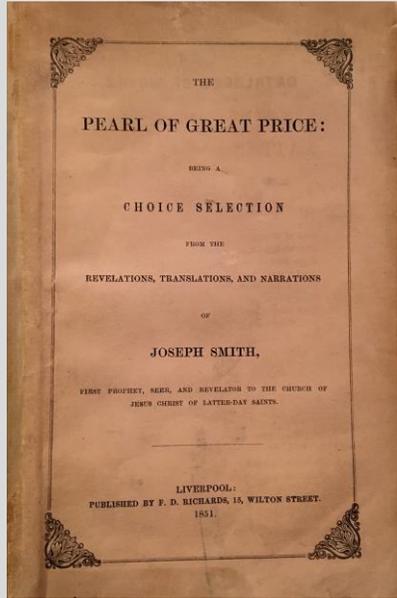
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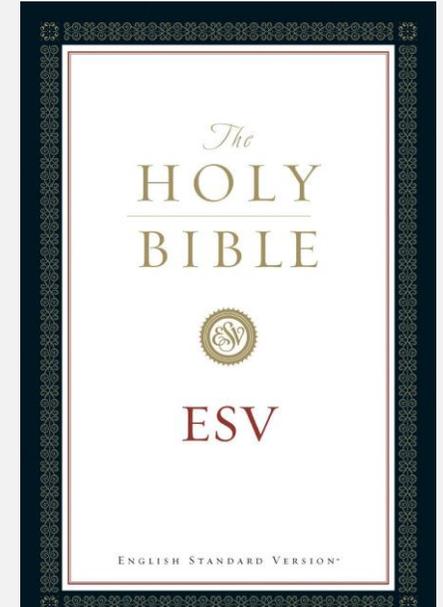
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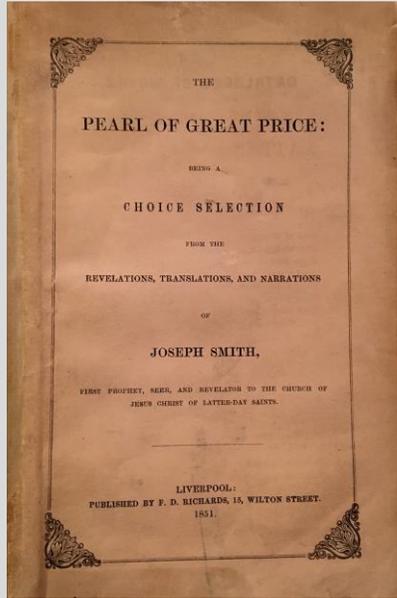


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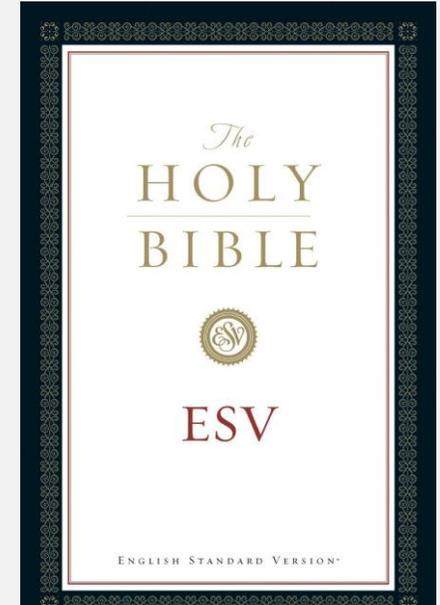
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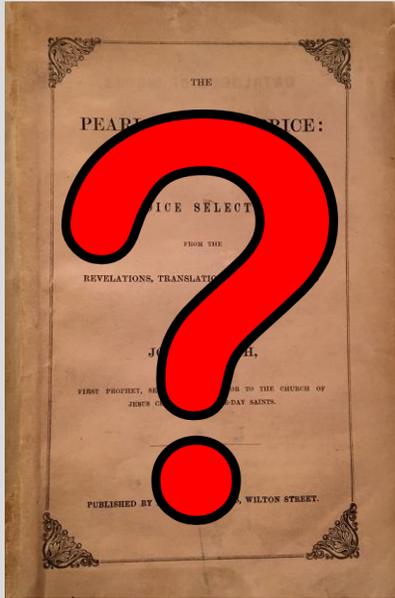
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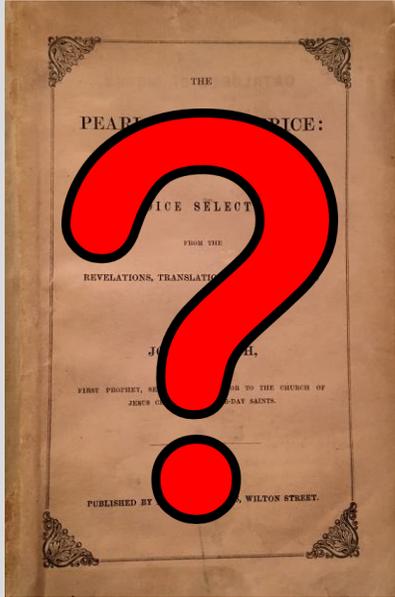
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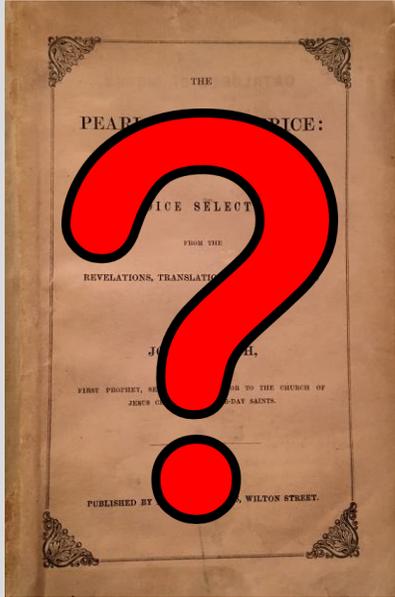
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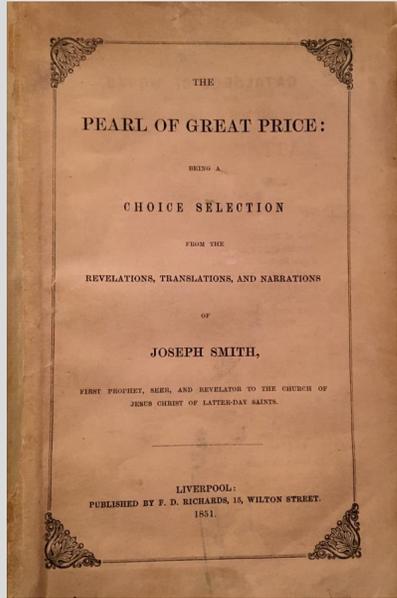


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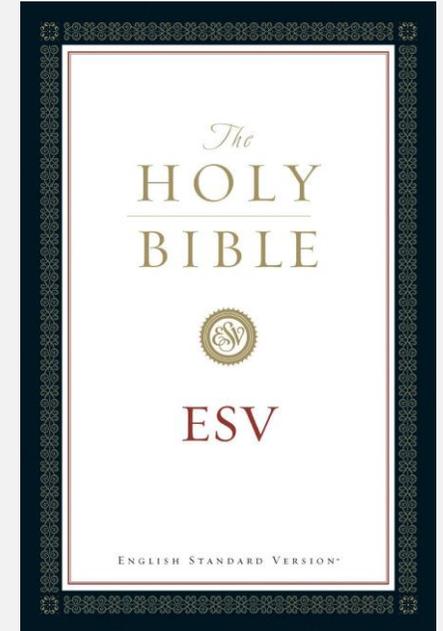


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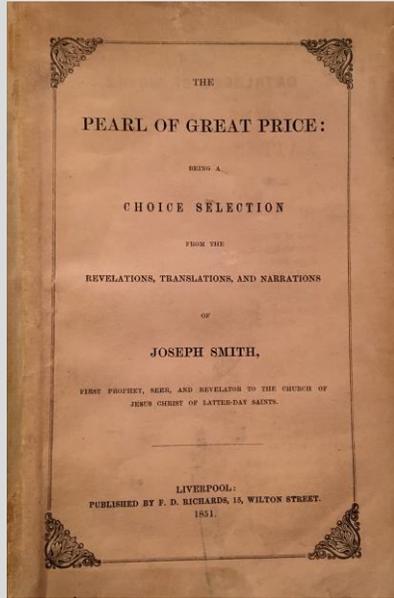
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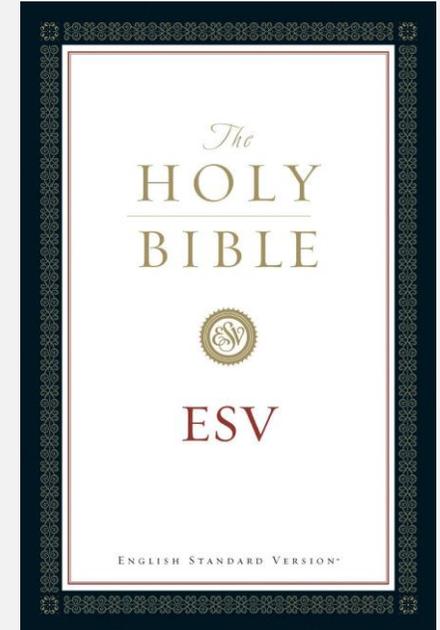


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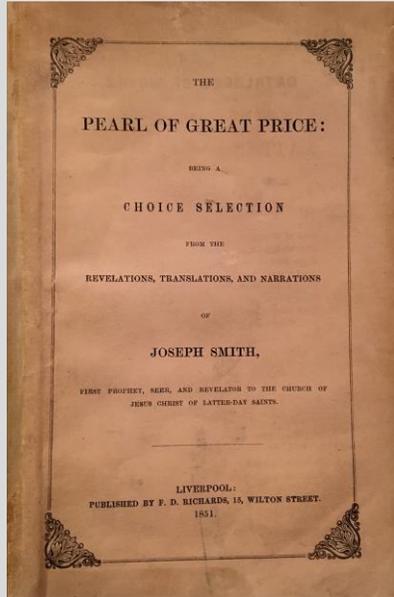


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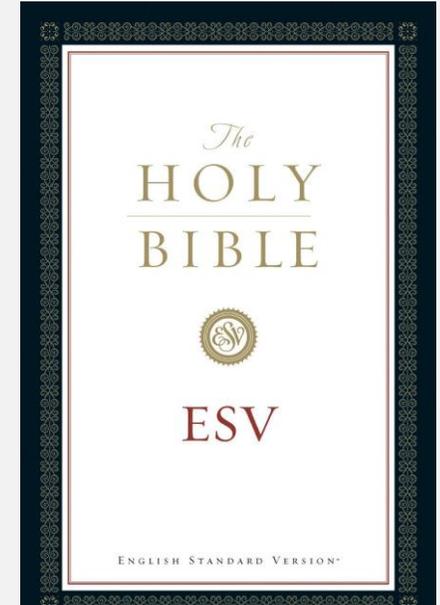


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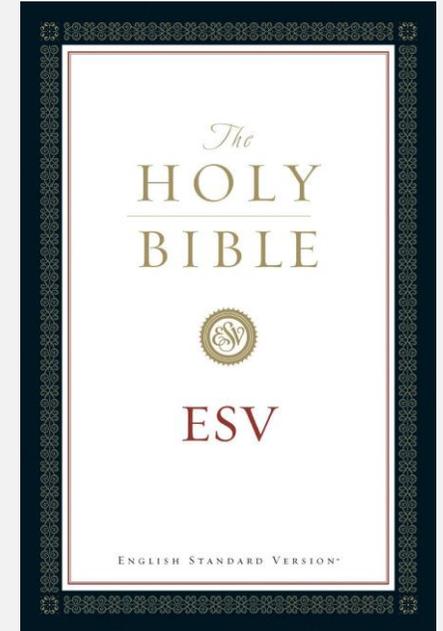
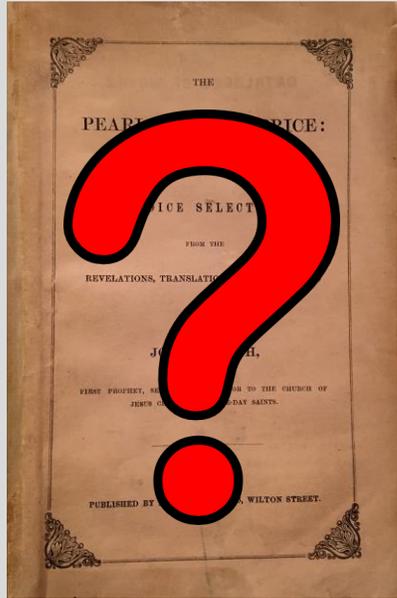
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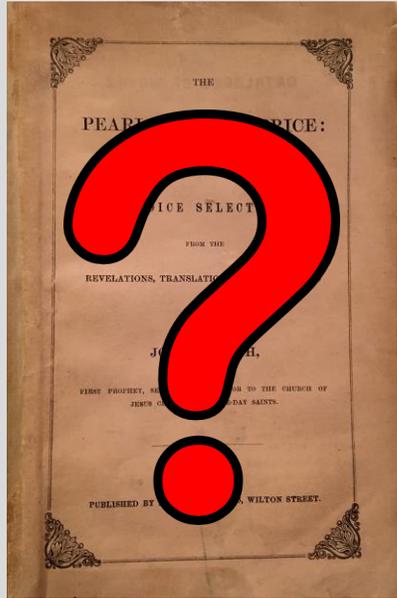
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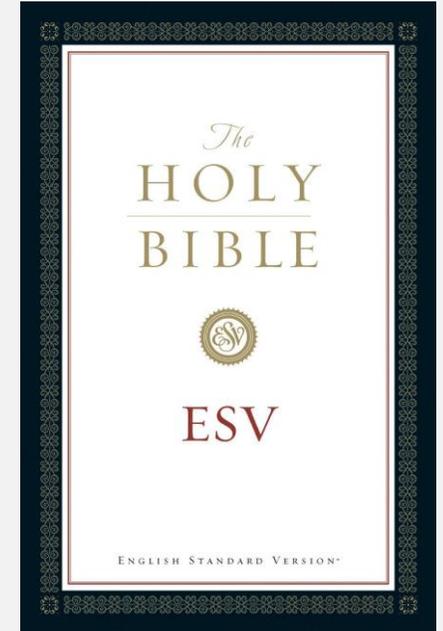


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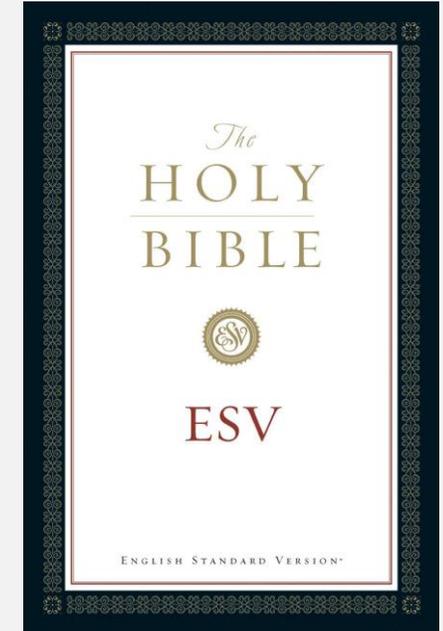
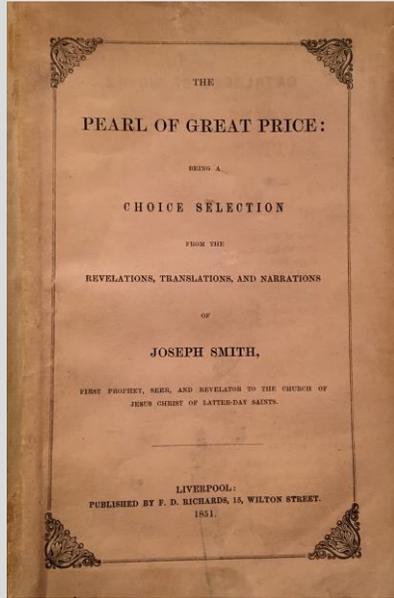


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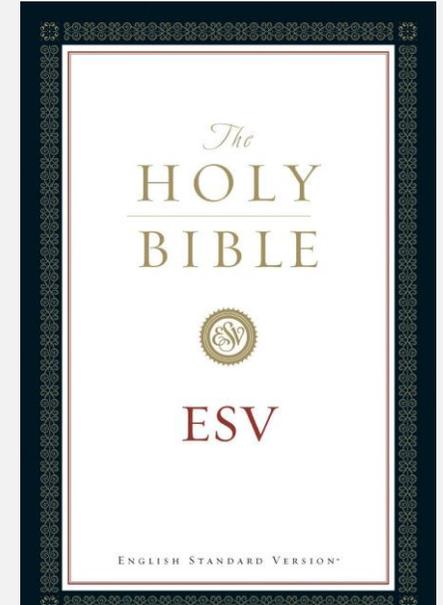
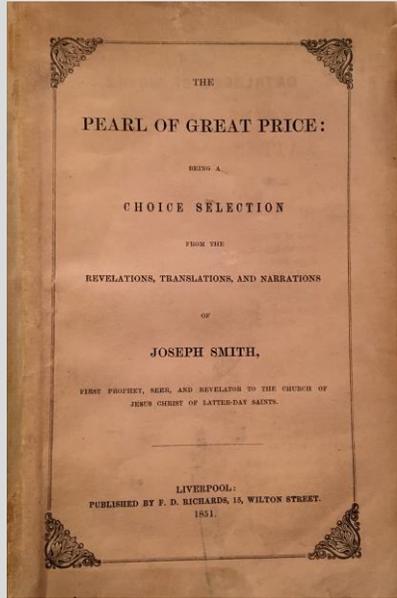
The importance of Context

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That Satan...came before me, saying—
Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son,
and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul
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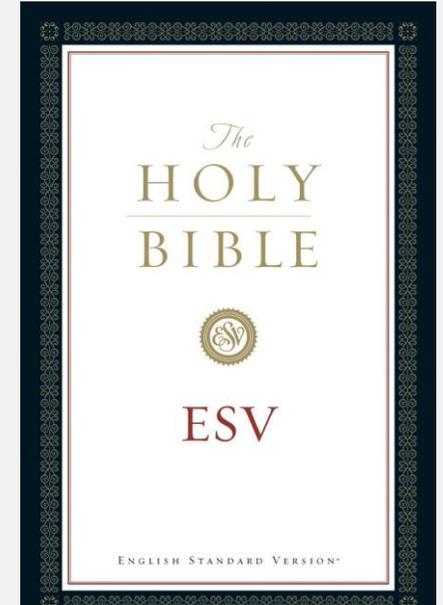
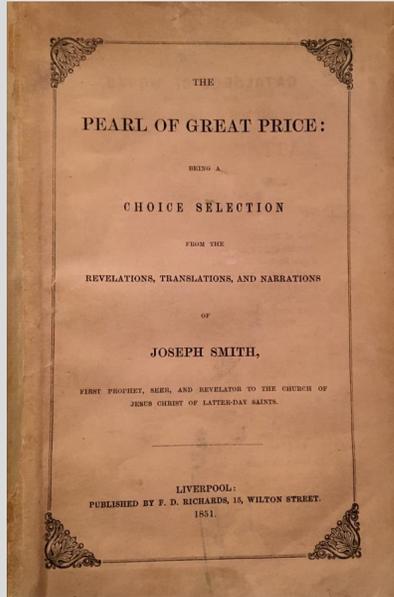
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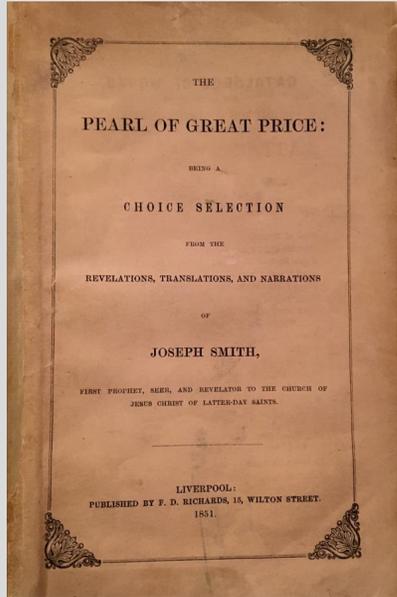
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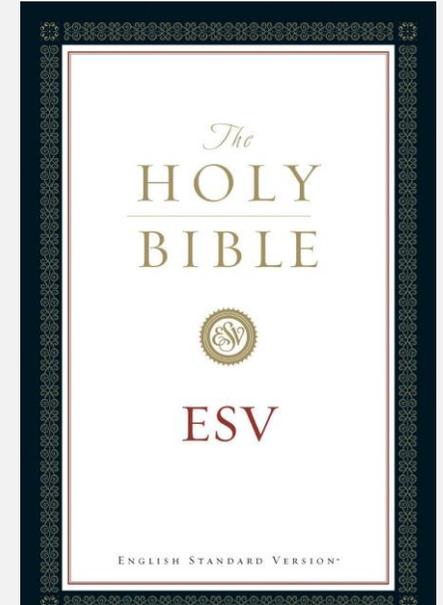
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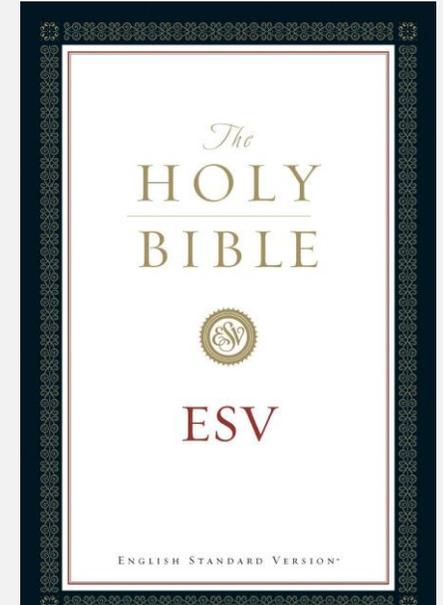
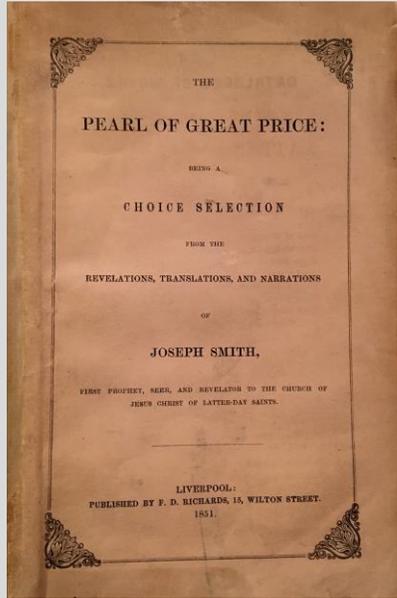
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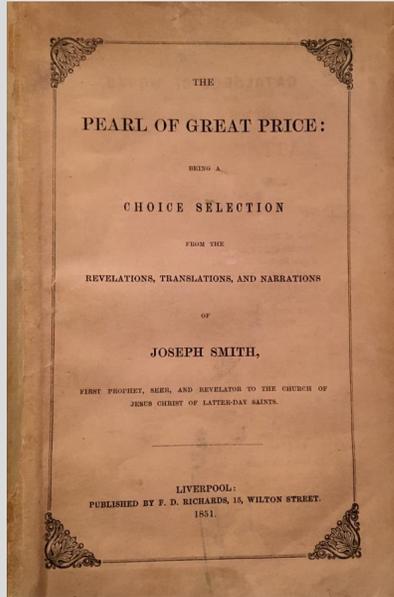
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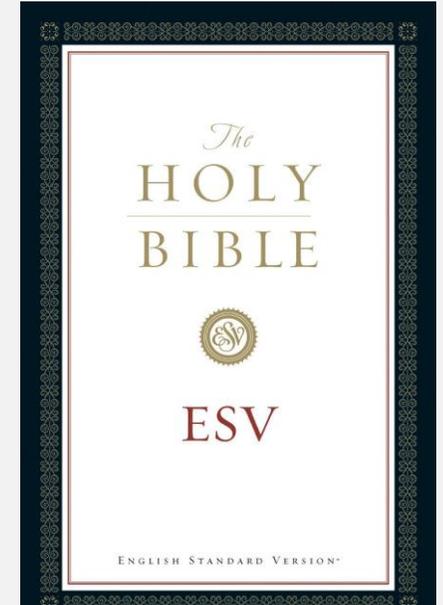
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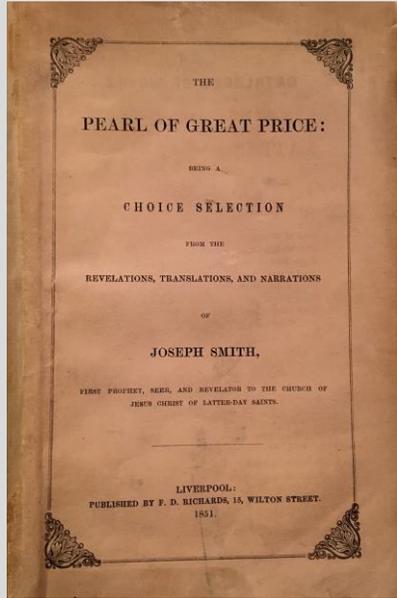
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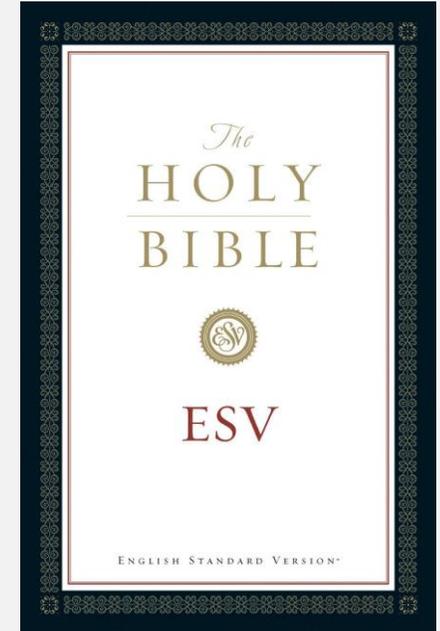
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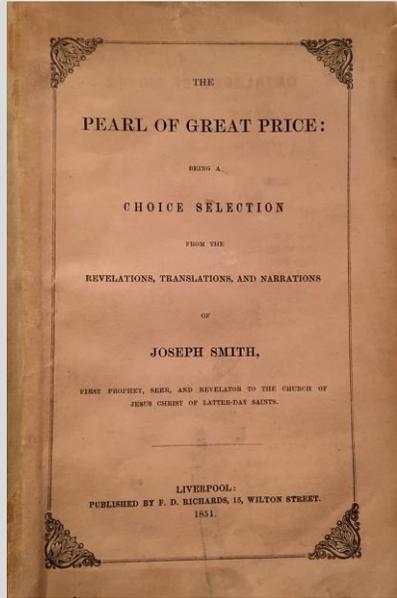


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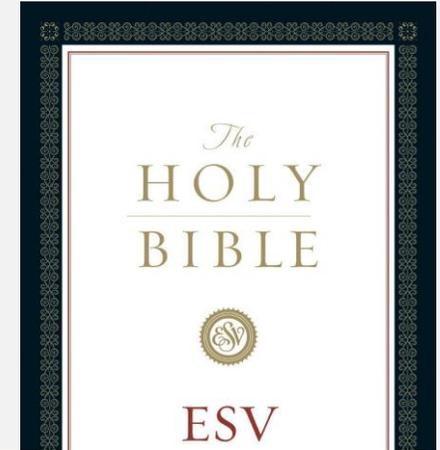
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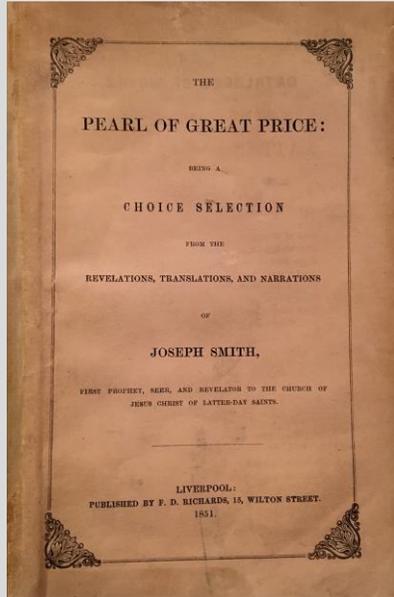
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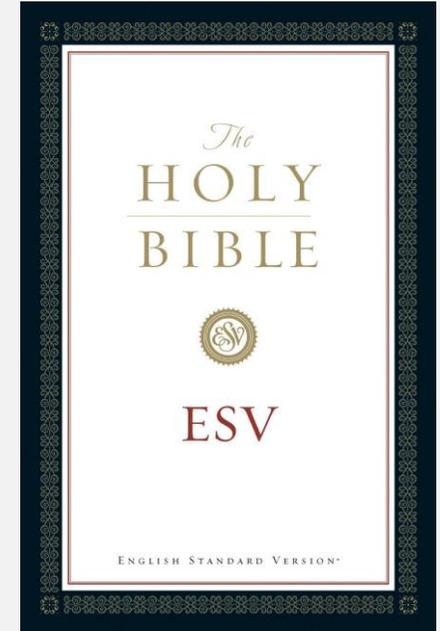


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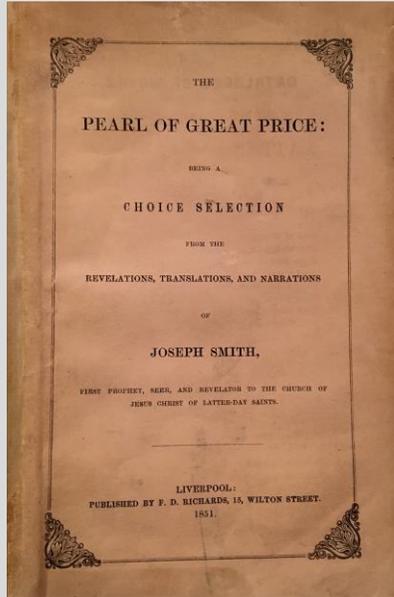
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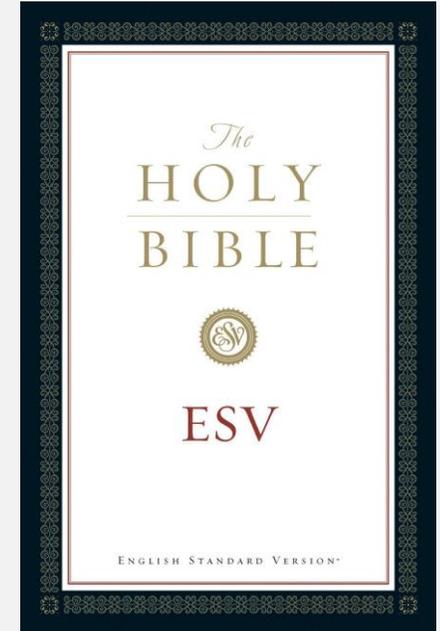


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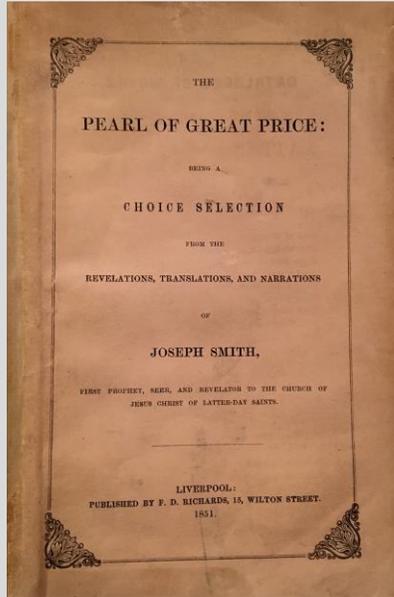


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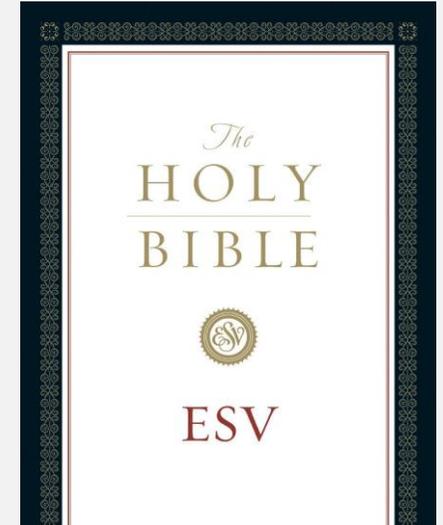


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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God (Jn. 3:16-18).

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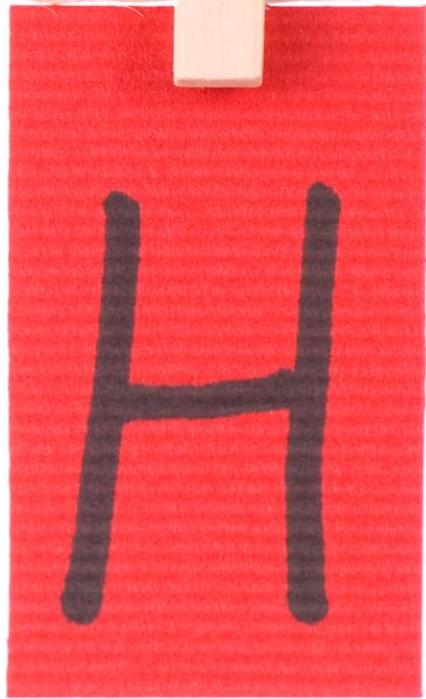
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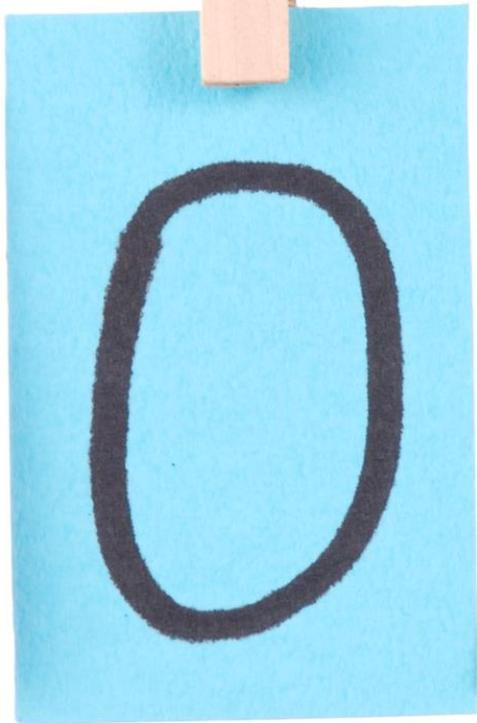
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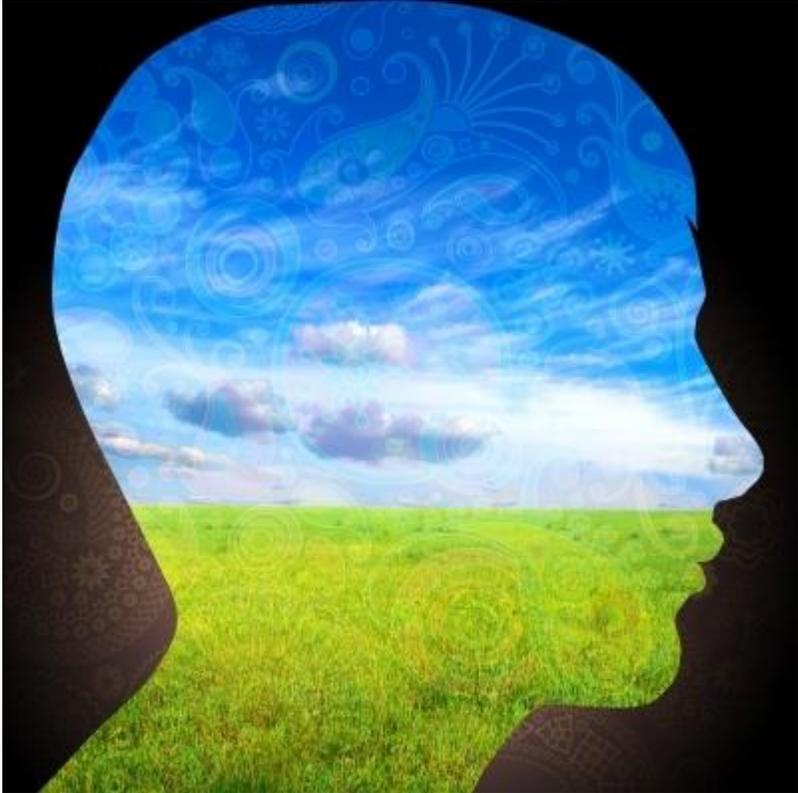


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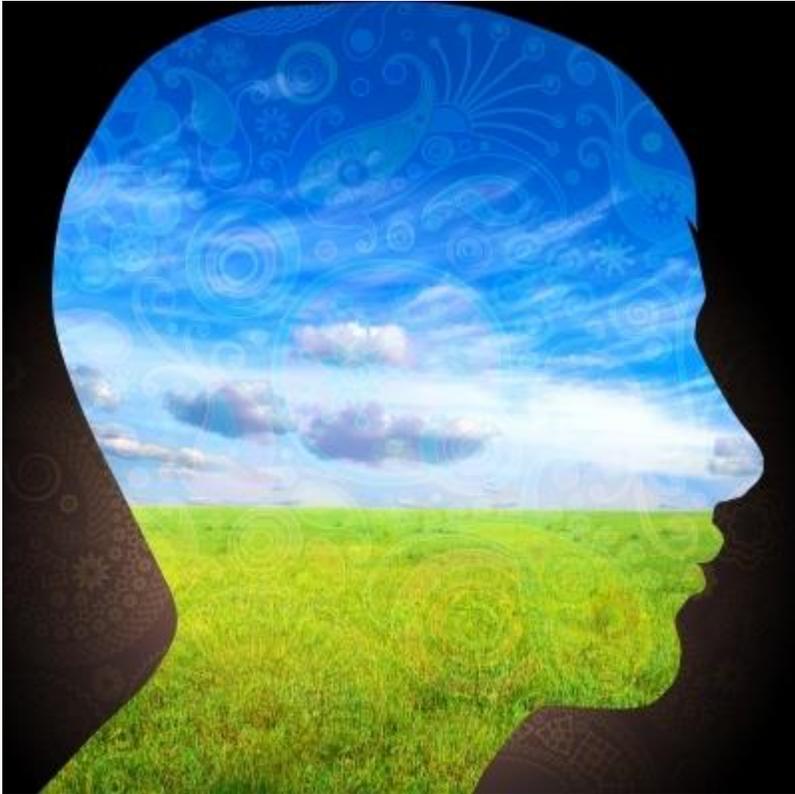


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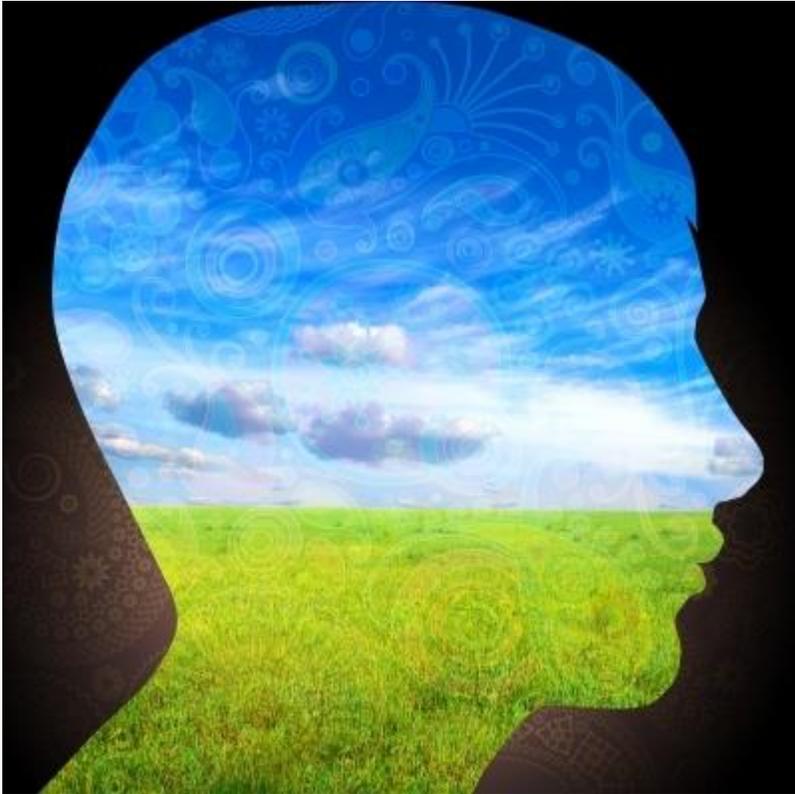


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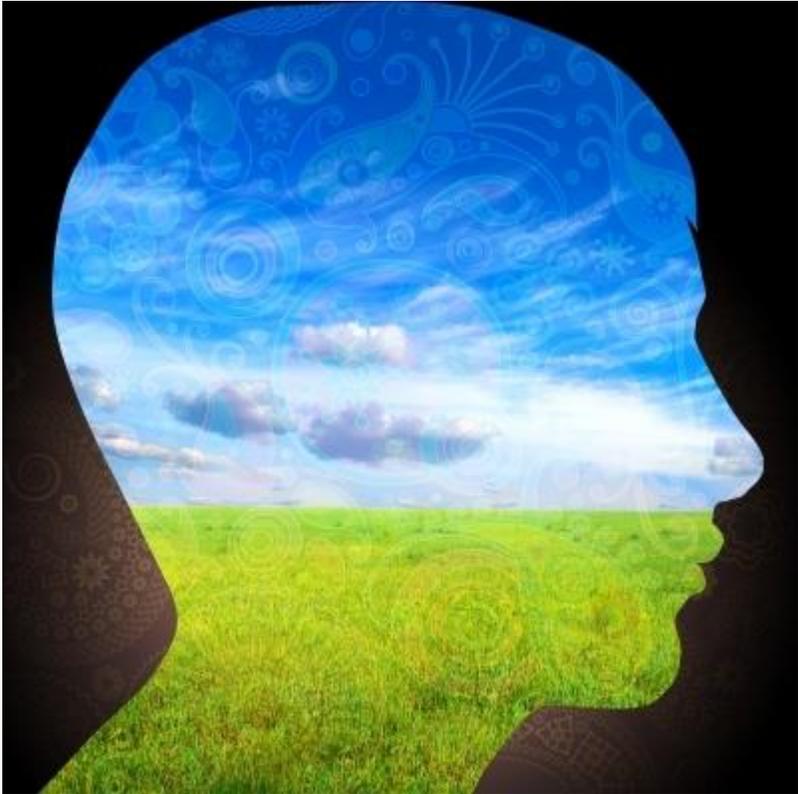


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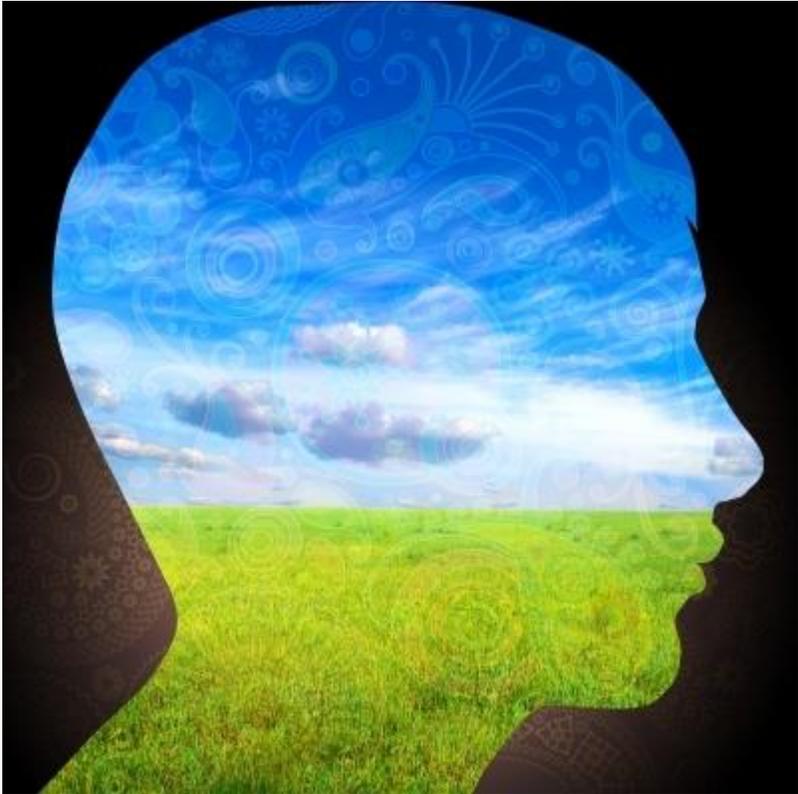
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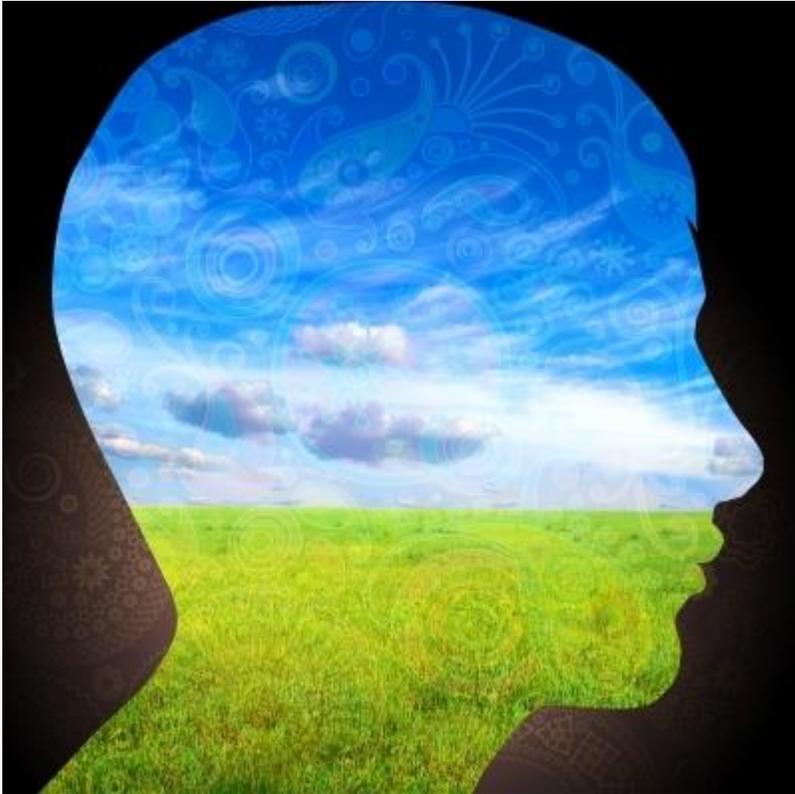
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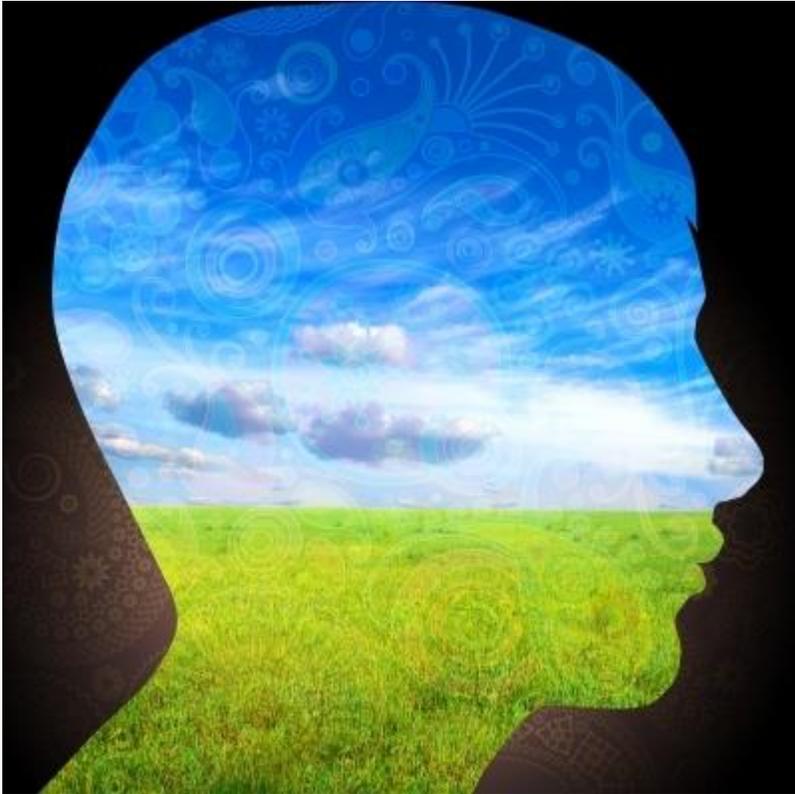
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