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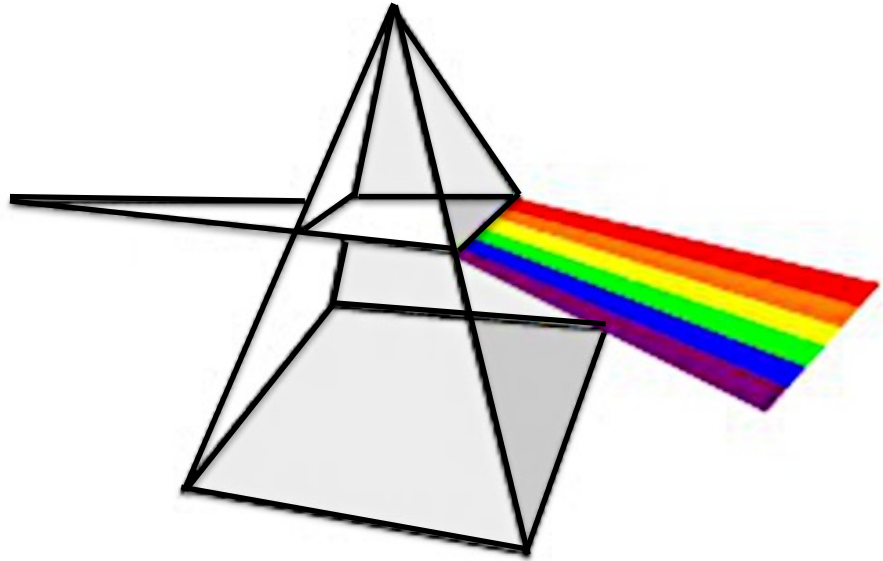
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And where was God  
in all of this?

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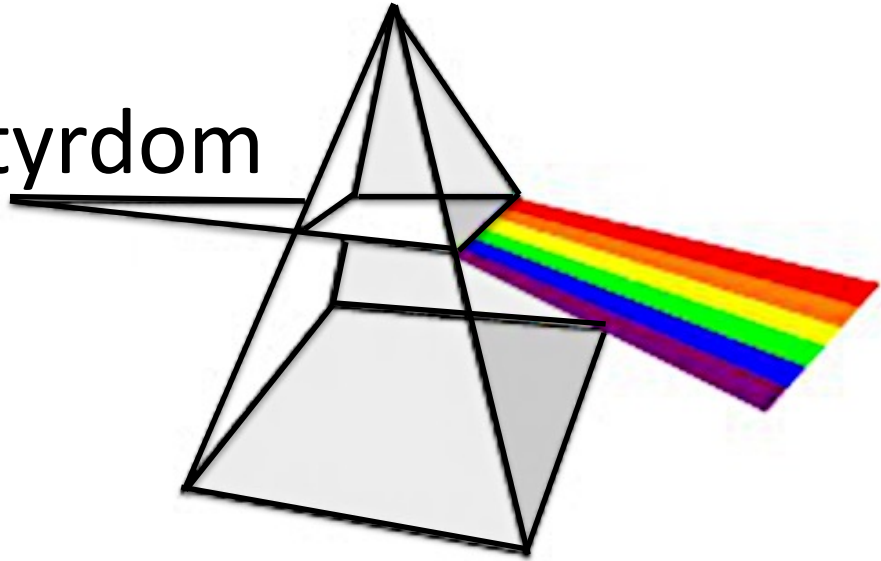
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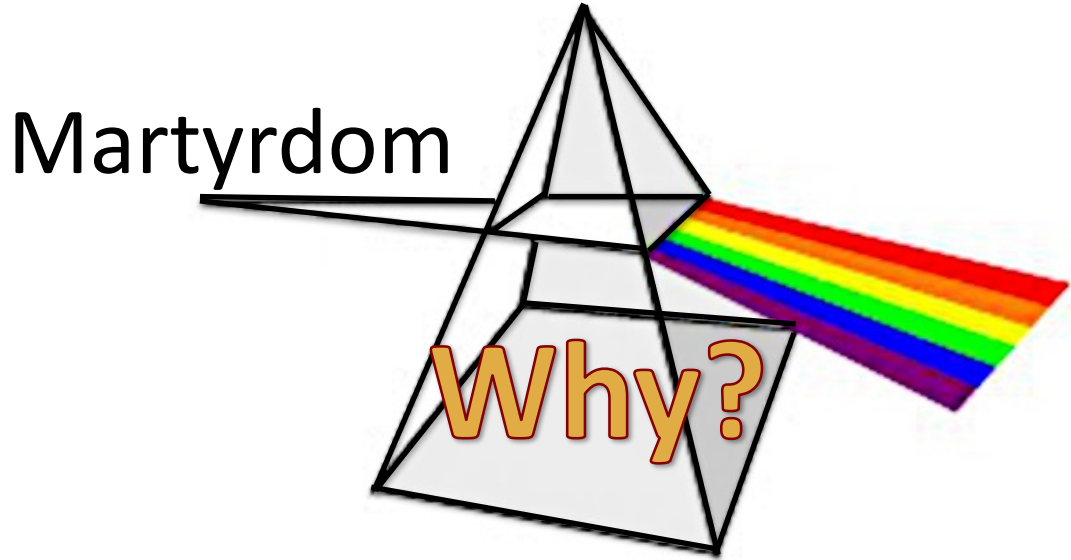
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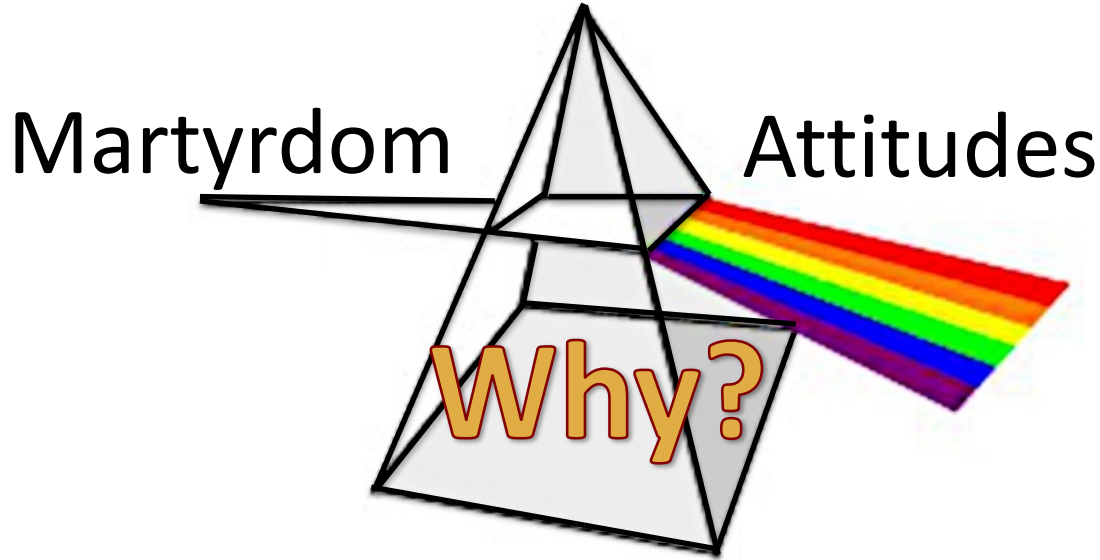
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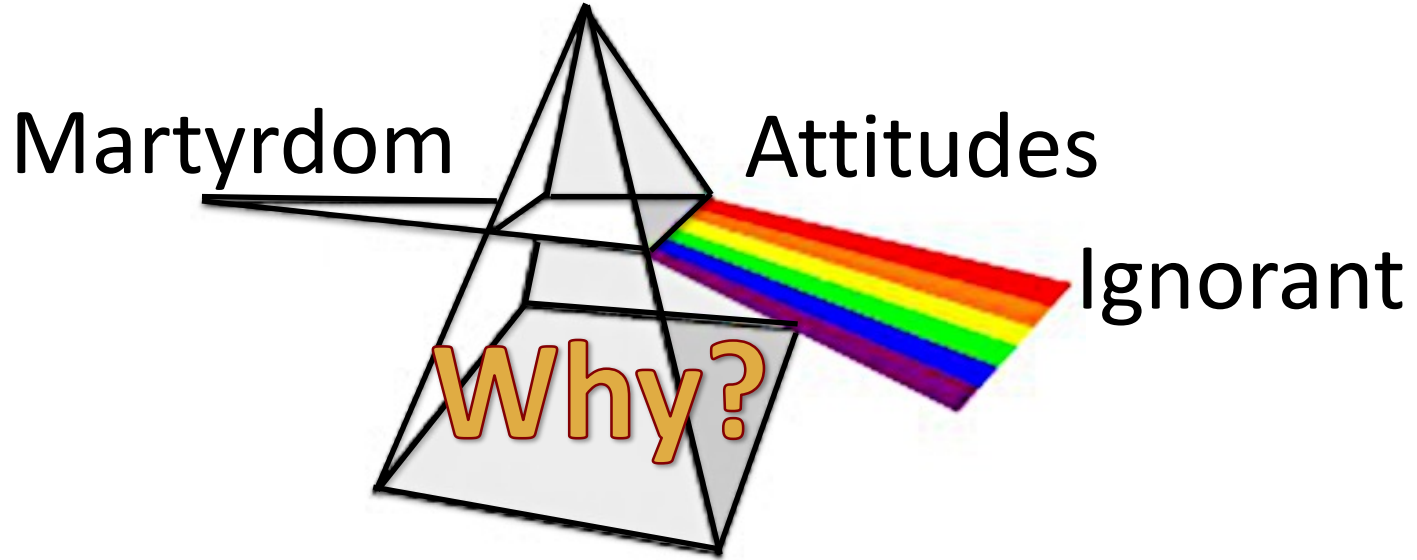
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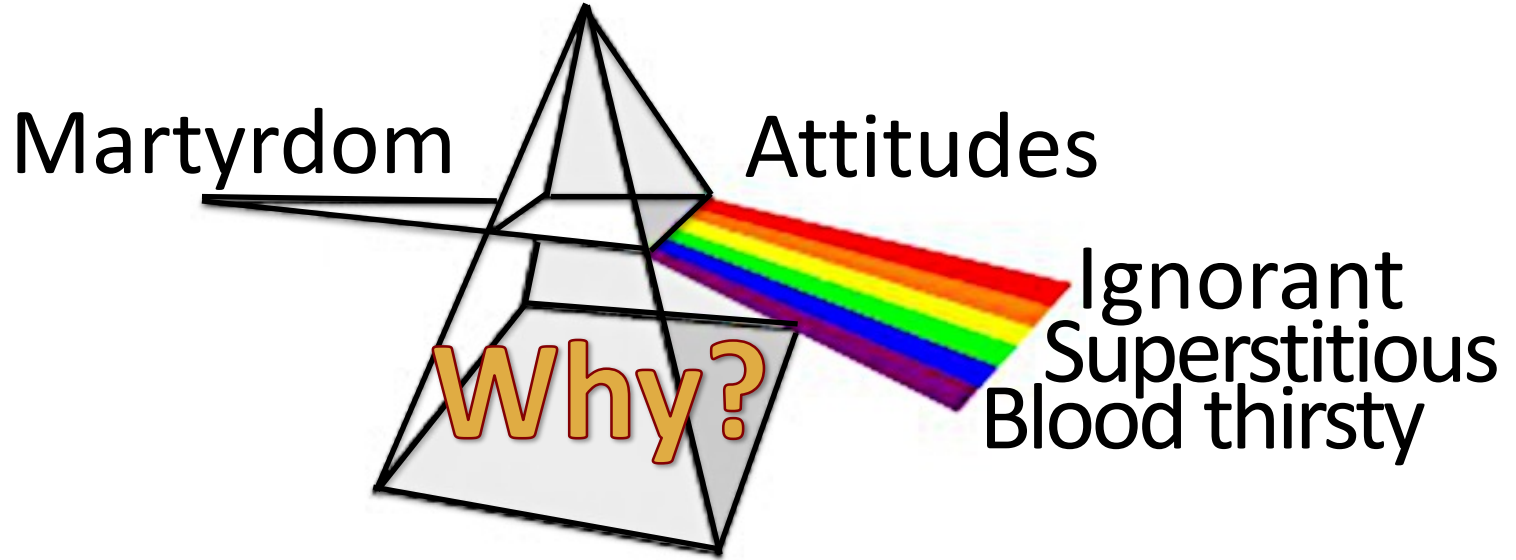
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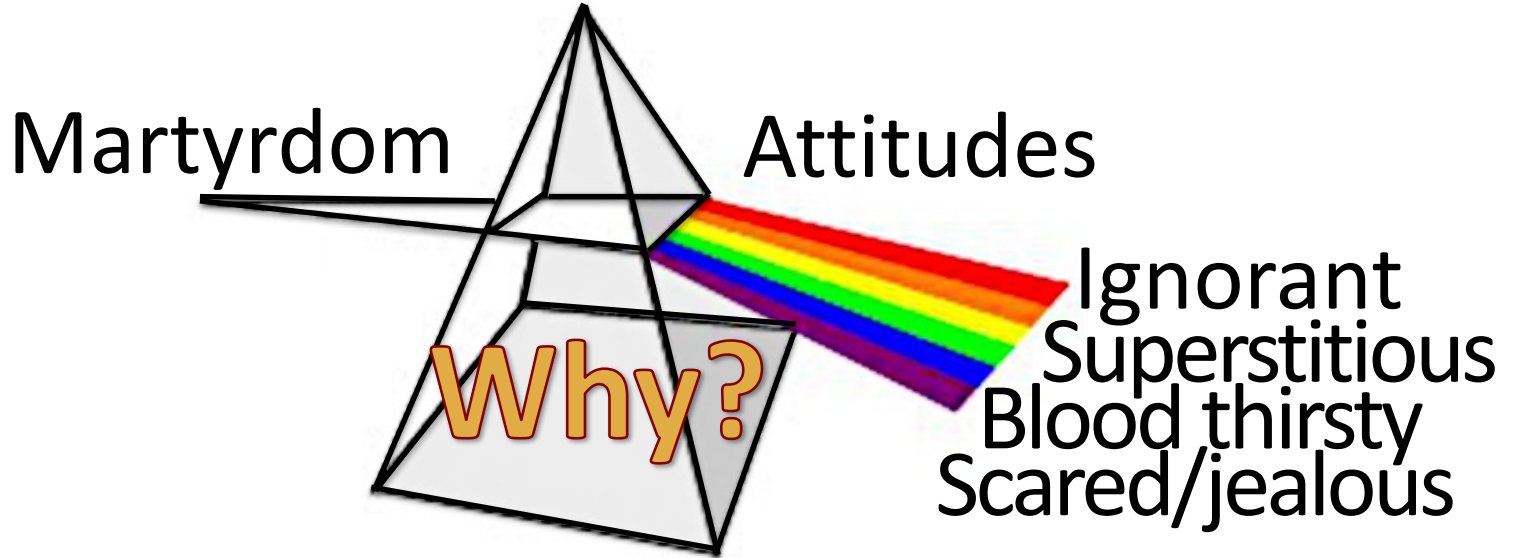
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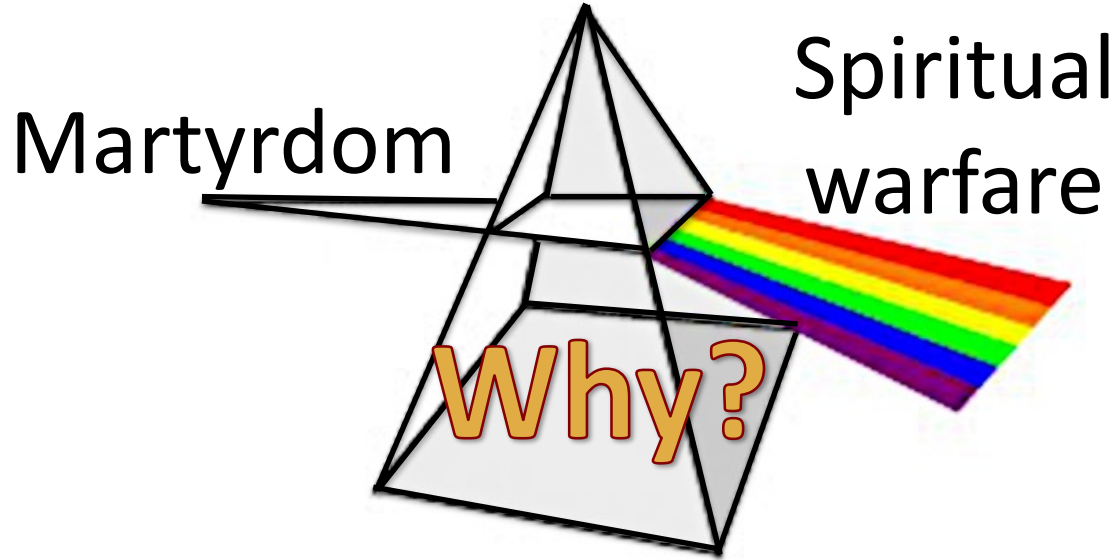
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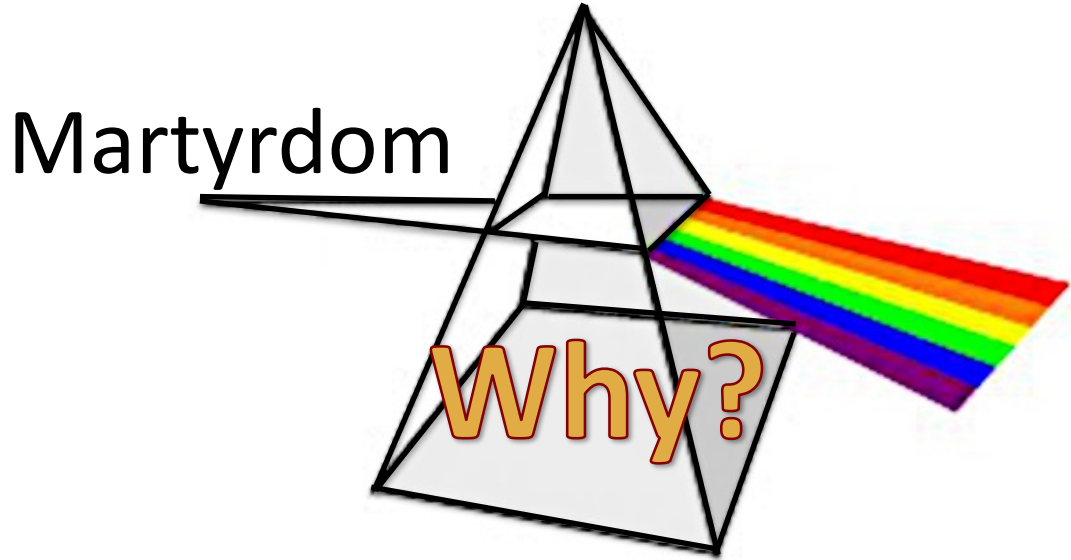
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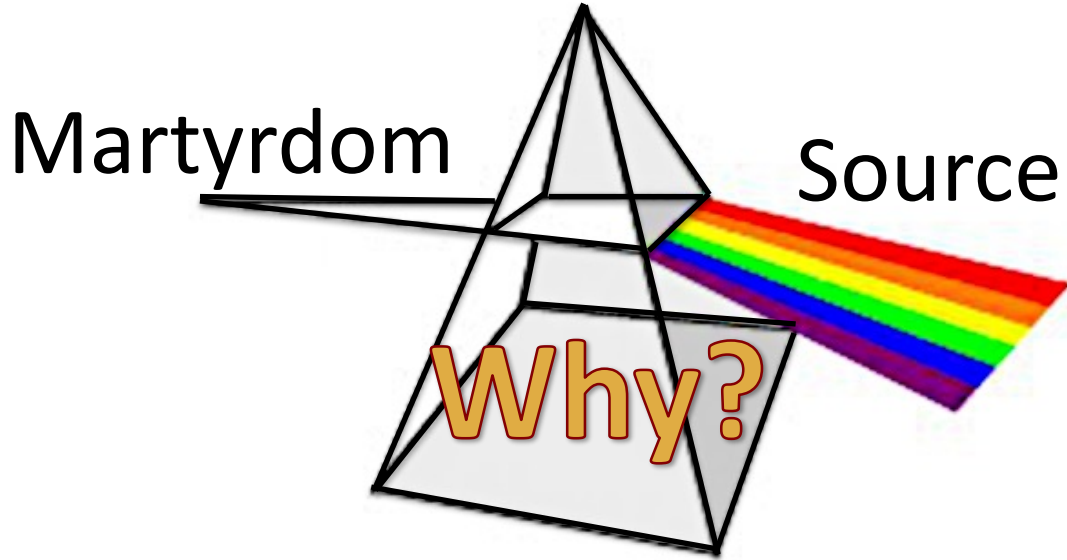
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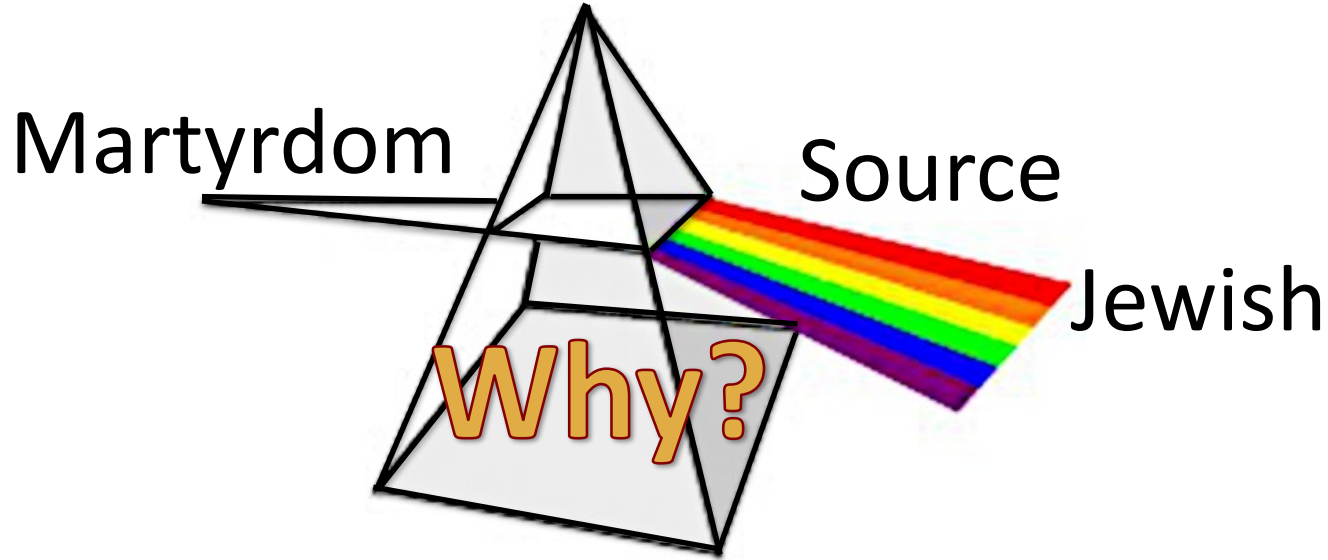
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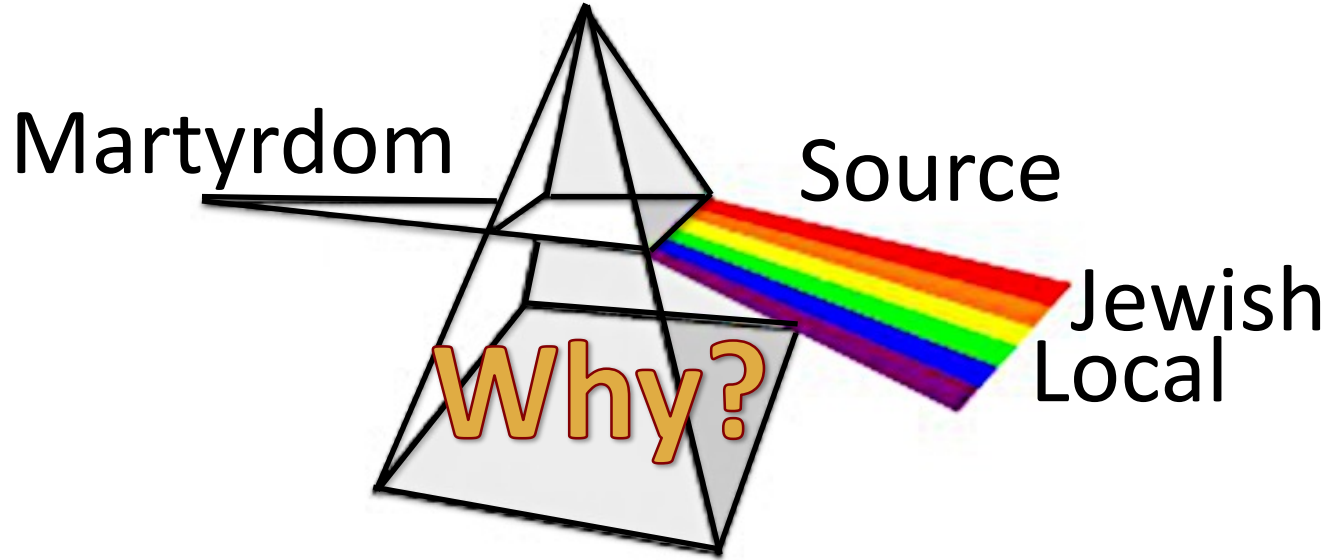
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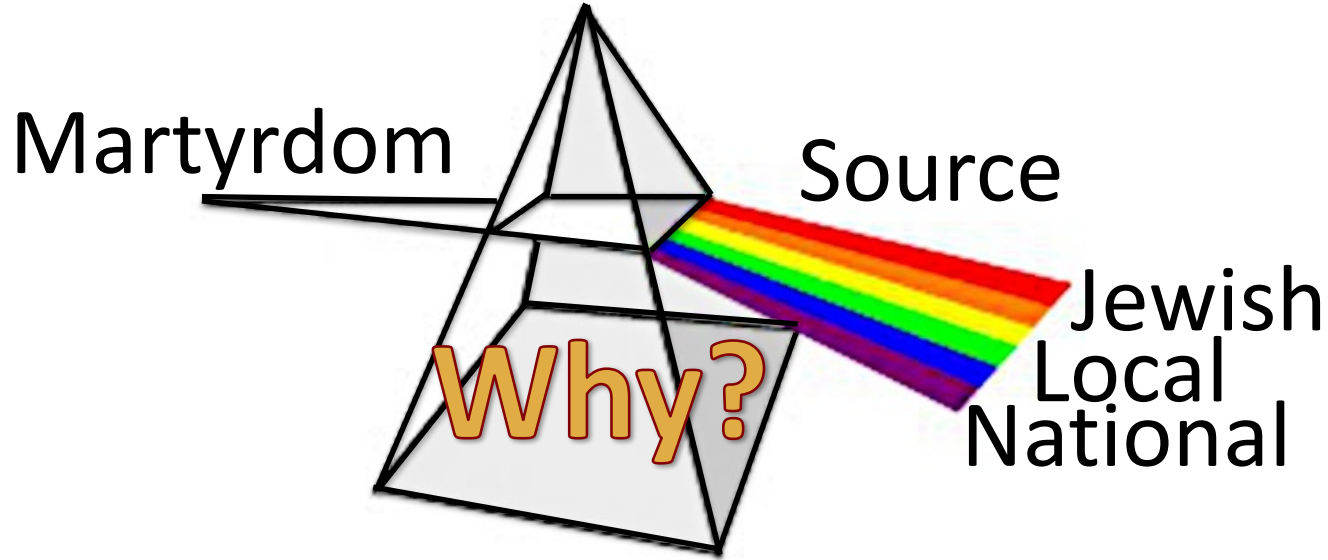
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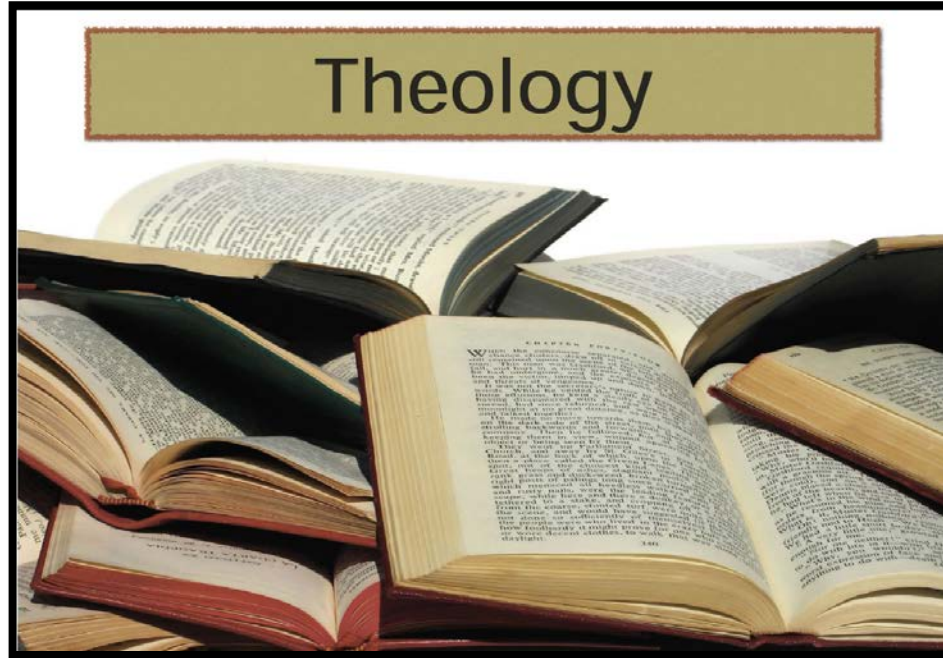
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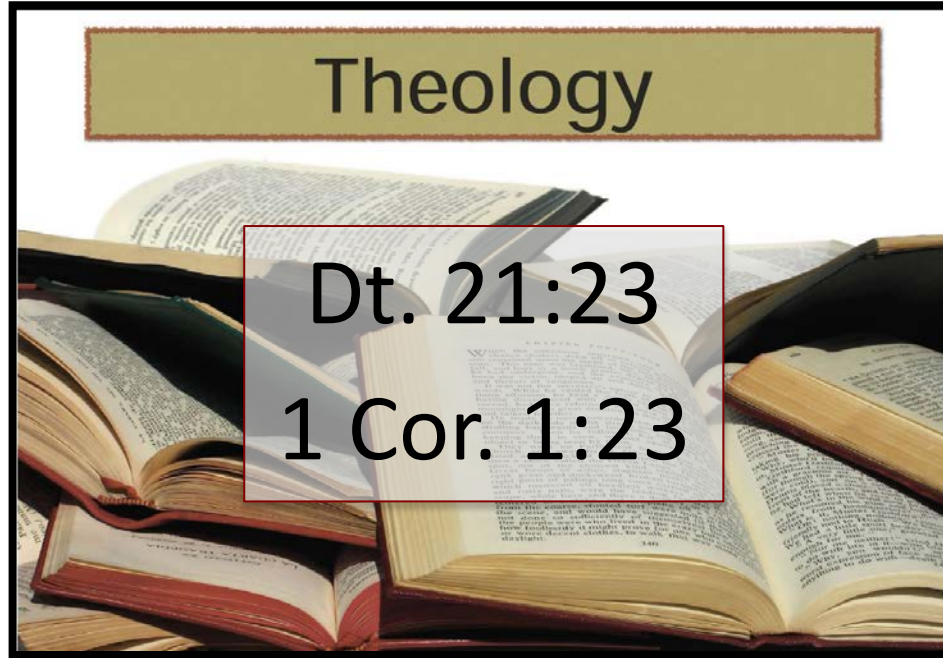
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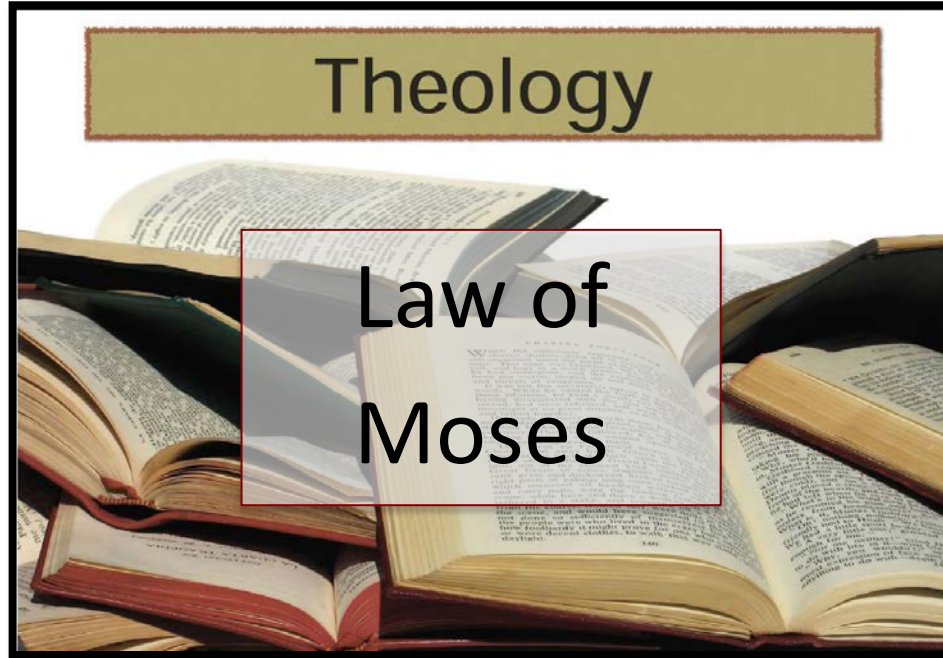
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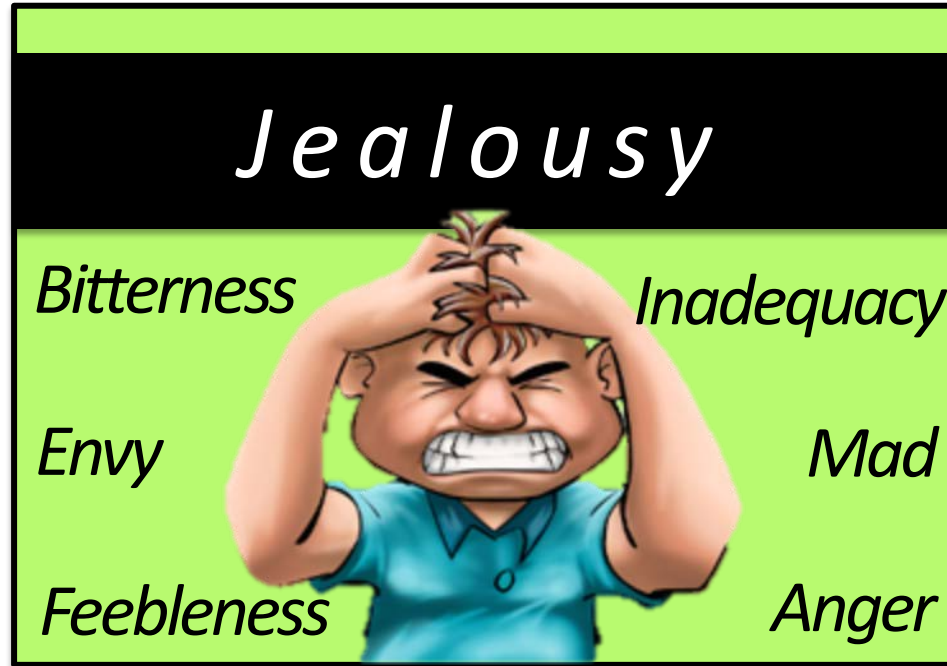




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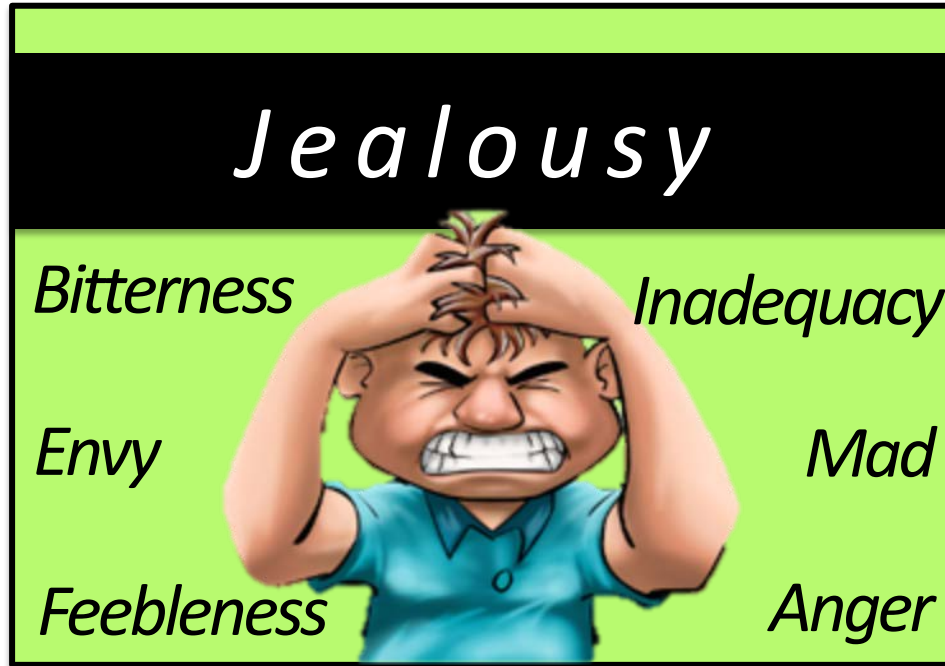
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Acts 5:17

Lk 22:2

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Jn 4:21-24

Jn 2:13-16

Acts 24:1-9

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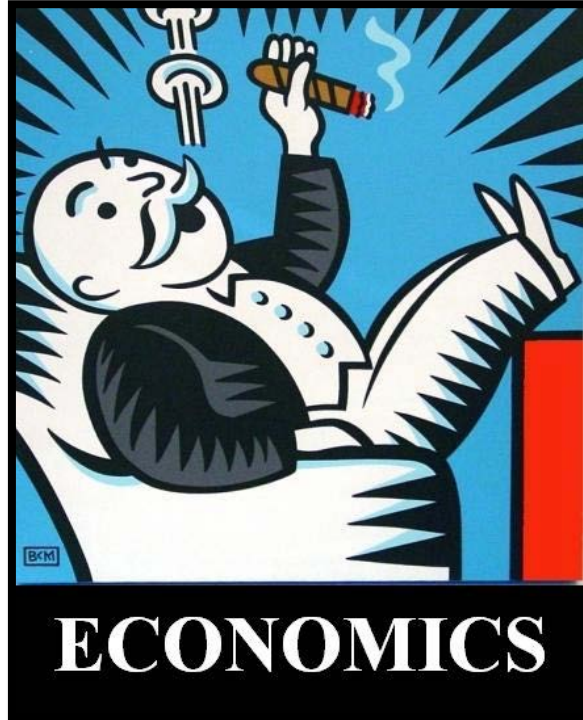
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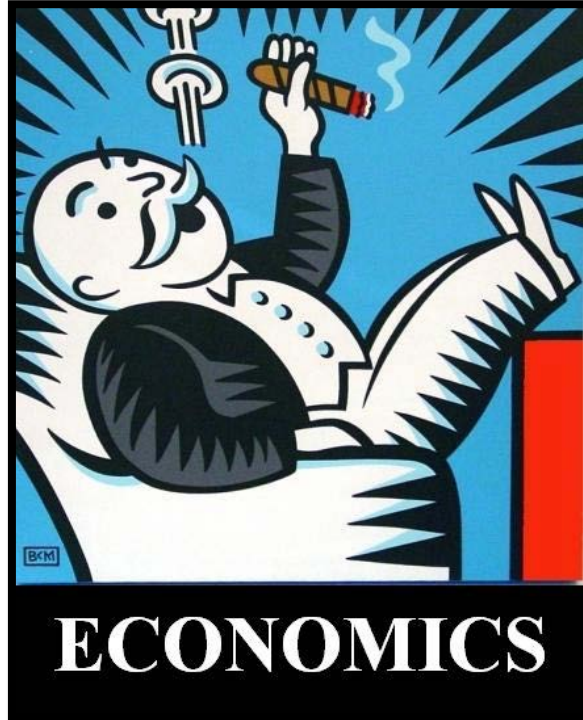
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Acts 19



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They consider that the Christians are the cause of every public calamity and every misfortune of the people. If the Tiber rises as high as the city walls, if the Nile does not rise to the fields, if the weather will not change, if there is an earthquake, a famine, a plague—straightway the cry is heard: “Toss a Christian to the lion!”

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Incest? Cannibalism?



Minucius Felix  
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They know one another by secret marks and insignia, and they love one another almost before they know one another. Everywhere also there is mingled among them a certain religion of lust, and they call one another promiscuously brothers and sisters.... I am told that, because of I know not what foolish belief, they consecrate and worship the head of a donkey, the meanest of all animals.



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“Alexamenos worships his God”



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Nero and  
Rome's fire





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Domitian  
*(Emperor 81-96)*

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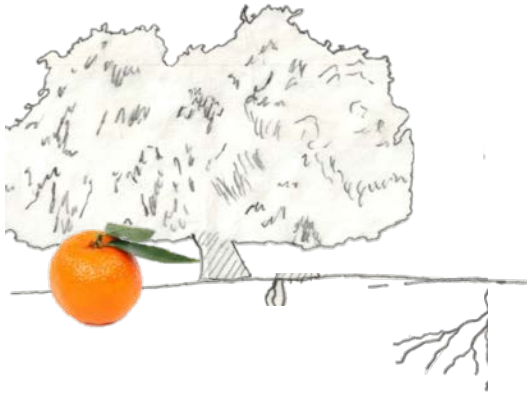
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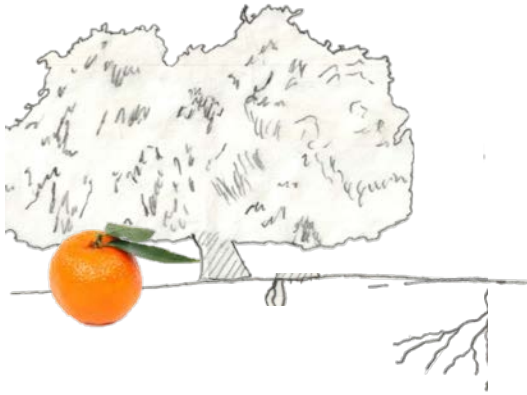
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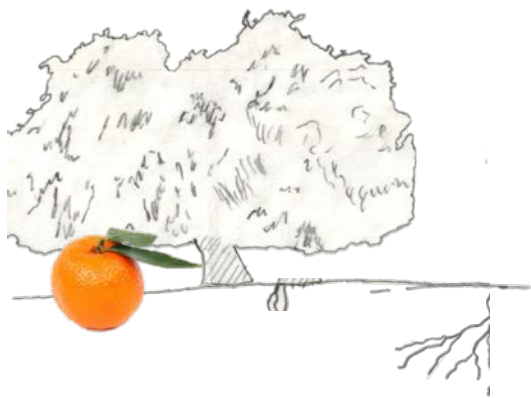


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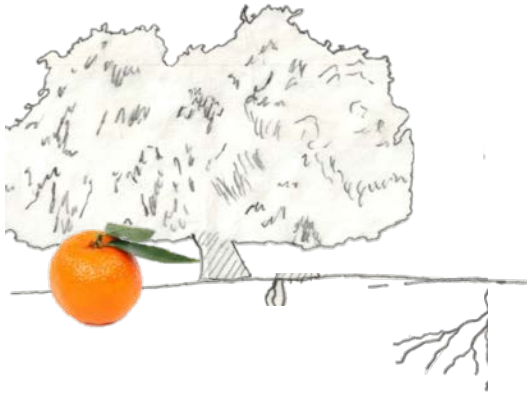
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**May service trump the easy life!**

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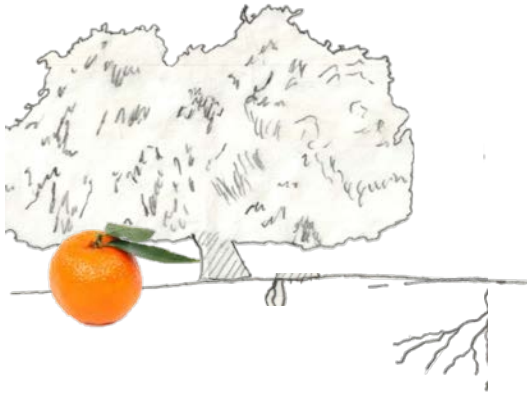


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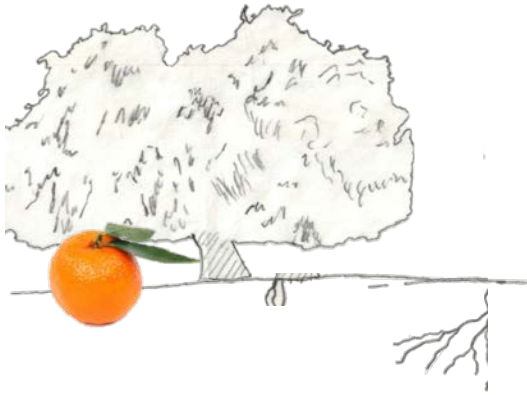
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**I want to live obviously different!**

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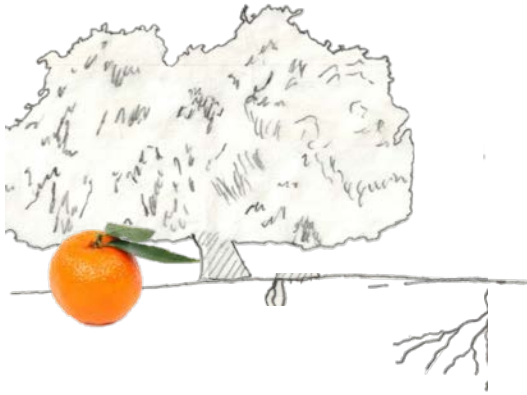


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**This needs to be core!**



Committing the Word of God  
to memory in 2015

Next week: 1 John 1:1-8  
(English Standard Version)