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We will be gleaning from quite a few different sources as we go through this. We have learned a lot from the folks that are on the same journey and have information that helps this all makes sense and keep us on the proper path as laid out by Yahuah in Scripture. We will be as usual changing the GD and other offending titles and names to the proper one in comic sans font. Here are a few if you want to check them out.



We will be gleaning a lot in this series from Steve Berkson of MTOI. He is an awesome teacher and the link will get you to a ton of teachings.

https://www.mtoi.org/learn_with_us/learn_with_us.shtml

The downside for us is, he uses Paul and Yahweh and has a different view of who Yahusha is. That is why we offer up his nuggets of information filtering these things out. We have learned a lot, and with discernment we highly recommend his teachings.



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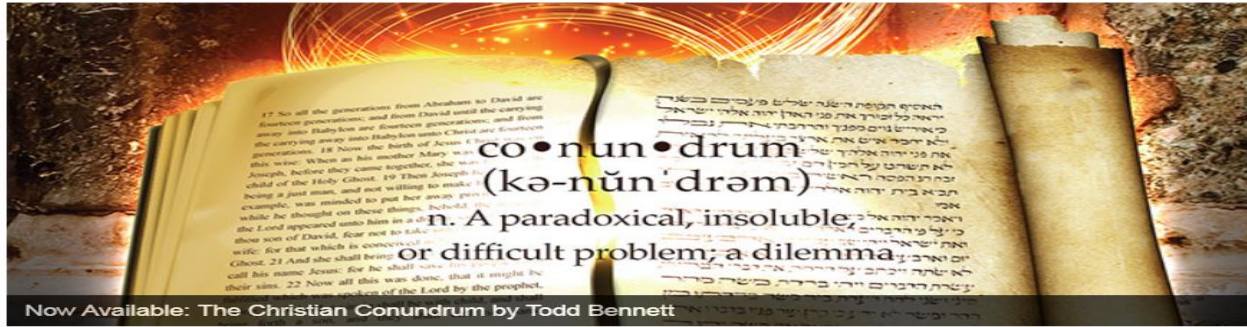
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http://anintroductiontogod.com/An_Introduction_to_God-00.0-Prelude-Who_is_Yahowah_What_Does_He_Want.Torah

We will also be folding in some thoughts from Craig Winn from His book "An Introduction to God". It is free to download on this website. While we do not agree with still using the title God, and some other conclusions he has determined, we will share what we think is solid information. As always, we give you the direct links to these resources so you and determine with out our editing, if they hold merit. We encourage this for sure. Anyone's study must be further studied for accuracy. No one holds all the pieces of the puzzle. We have learned a great deal from Craig and he has definitely been one of our sources of guidance on this journey.



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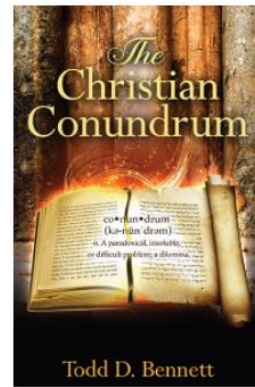


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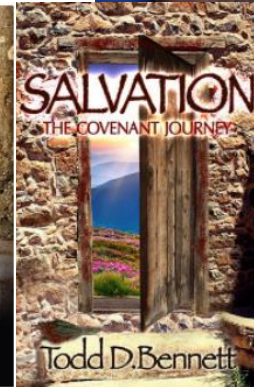
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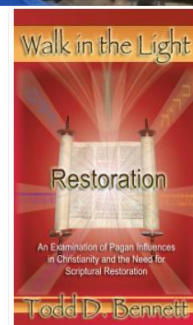
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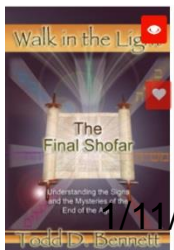
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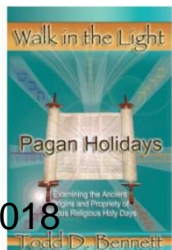
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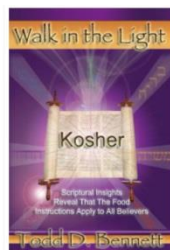
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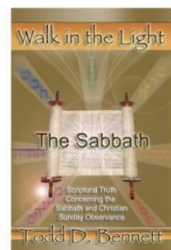
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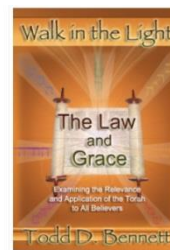
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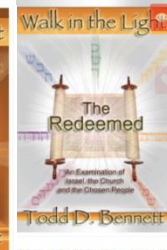
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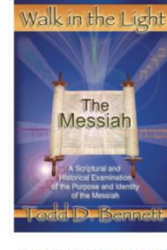
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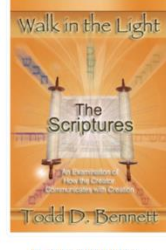
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THE SCRIPTURES - WALK IN THE LIGHT VOL. 3

There are words and concepts that will keep repeating in this study because they are the threads that create the tapestry picture of how we get from where we are to where we are going. We are creating a PDF with all the words we explore as a handy reference guide.

Decisions

Trust

Truth

Change

Turning around - Teshuva

Humbleness

Expectations

Self Sovereignty

Courage

The Covenant

Fear

Shalom-Peace

Righteousness

Consistent

Dependable

Integrity

Endurance

Knowing-understanding

Guarding

Seeking

Searching

Knocking

Listen-Pay Attention

Love with all your heart

Gratitude

I
AM
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

Word Glossary



Quick re-cap from MOTI

- Yah has disturbed our peace
- We have begun our journey
 - We are asking and seeking and knocking
 - We are looking for and desiring the TRUTH
- We are beginning to recognize that we don't know, what we what we thought we knew
 - We are making a conscious choice to accept Yah as He is over our own version of Him which has been shaped by our personal preferences (self-sovereignty, cultural influences, "Babylon" influences, etc.)
- We realize that this is not easy because of the battle that is taking place in our minds and hearts
- We accept that we must "LET" the Torah/Truth of Yahusha be in us so that we can be transformed and immolate his success in pleasing Yahuah.
 - To do this we must submit completely to the Torah's molding us into that image
 - We are to be clay in the hands of the Potter • Isa 64:8-9 Jer 18:1-6
 - Luke 8:4-15 – The Parable of the Sower
- Luke 9:62 – "No one having put their hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the reign of Eternal."

The reason we recapped was to prepare the ground of our hearts and minds to have the intention and expectation to accept what the Word says even if it goes against what we may have always believed it to say...and then to walk in it.

The Heart of the Matter Part 1

What does
Yahuah
want from
us?



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5_wfjeM3gE

לֵבָב

Transliteration

lebab

Pronunciation

lā·vāv' (Key)

Part of Speech

masculine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

From לָבַב (H3823)

לָבַב

Transliteration

labab

Pronunciation

lā·vav' (Key)

Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

A primitive root

Gesenius says: As the heart is the central point of the blood and the seat of life, it often means- the soul, life. Hence the heart is said to live, be refreshed, to be sick, even to sleep and wake. To stay the heart is applied to those who take food and drink. It is also regarded by Hebrew writers as- the seat of the senses, affections, and emotion of the mind of various kinds, as love, understanding, even the faculty of thinking. Sheba spoke all that was in her heart or all she knew. He told her all his heart or all that he knew.

Men of heart or understanding. The saying "I also have understanding as well as you" Job 36:5 is spoken of the highest wisdom of Yahuah. A fat heart is one that is dull, devoid of sense. It is the middle part, interior, in the midst of as in the sea or heaven.

It is applied to the mode of thinking and acting; a sense in which a pure heart is ascribed to any one, a sincere heart, faithful, upright and on the contrary, a perverse heart is stubborn, deep, i.e. not explored, impious. A double minded man is said to speak with a double heart. A sincere heart is wide, great, high, signifies joy but can also be pride. It is the seat of will and purpose. It has been said of this to be willing an or rebellious.

Intellect and wisdom are also ascribed to the heart.

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon [?]

לָבַב a root unused in Kal; prob. i. q. נָבַב (comp. Job 11:12), TO BE HOLLOW ["prob. TO BE FAT, the primary idea lies in the smoothness of fat things." See Thes.]; hence לֵב, לָבַב, לָבָה the heart, and לֵבִיבָה a kind of cake, so called from its hollow form, [but see above as to the meaning of this root].

KJV Translation Count — Total: 5x

The KJV translates Strong's H3823 in the following manner: ravished my heart (2x), make (1x), made cakes (1x), be wise (1x).

Poetically a sick, wounded or grieved heart is ascribed to the sorrowful; a melted heart to the timid; a hard heart is like a stone; uncircumcised hearts are stubborn and inflexible.

The words too, by which we utter those feelings are poetically attributed to the heart, thus the heart can cry out, to lament, to sigh, and those are said to pour out their heart who pour out their tears.

Deut 6:4 “Listen, Pay attention to, understand and take heed –Shama H8085 O Yisra’el: הוֹי הוֹי our Eternal, הוֹי הוֹי is one **6:5** “And you shall love- Ahab H157 as a strong covenant mark, הוֹי הוֹי your Eternal with all your heart – Lebab H3824, and with all your being – Nephesh H5315, and with all your might, exceedingly -to the highest degree –Ma-ode H3966. **6:6** “And these Words which I am appointing you today shall be on and lay over your heart –Lebab H3824,

6:4 שמע ישראל יהוה אלהינו יהוה אחד:

6:5 ואהבת את יהוה אלהיך בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך
ובכל מאדך:

6:6 והיו הדברים האלה אשר אנכי מצוך היום על לבבך:

עַל־לִבָּבְךָ: *‘äl-l^ebā·bě'·kā*

when anything is put on the upper part of another, so as to stand or lie upon it, or have it for its substratum.

Gesenius, W., & Tregelles, S. P. (2003). Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee lexicon to the Old Testament Scriptures (p. 626).

עַל (‘äl): prep. and c.; ≡ **Str 5921**; TWOT 1624p—1. on, over, on the surface, upon, i.e., a spatial position upon another object

Swanson, J. (1997). Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)

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Isn't that interesting! Yahuah wants us to lay over or cover our hearts with His words. Wrapping our hearts in His word gives our seat of emotion, wisdom and will a protective barrier but also as filter to double check our choices which should result in the Ruach-
 The Set Apart Spirit to nudge our conscience if we getting off the path. Then to bind it up as a reminder we wear the Tzitzits. So beautiful is Yahuah's plan!

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This is the first place where we get the instruction to love Yahuah in the Torah is here. This is a total love. Not just emotional (all your heart), but logical (all your mind) and physically (with all your might) showing Him. The words He is speaking are therefore Torah Instructions. We will start a list in the back of Instructions as we come upon them.

Once you have accomplished the first task- then Yahuah gives us the next piece. He is very good about giving the steps in order. Once we have this down then we must teach our children what we learned and really make that impression deep within them. He also tells us how.. Repetition.

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Deut 6:7 and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall **spea**k of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up, 6:8 and shall **bind, closely associate them** as a **sign as something to remember**, on your hand, and they **shall be as frontlets-bands** between your eyes. 6:9 “And you shall **write** them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

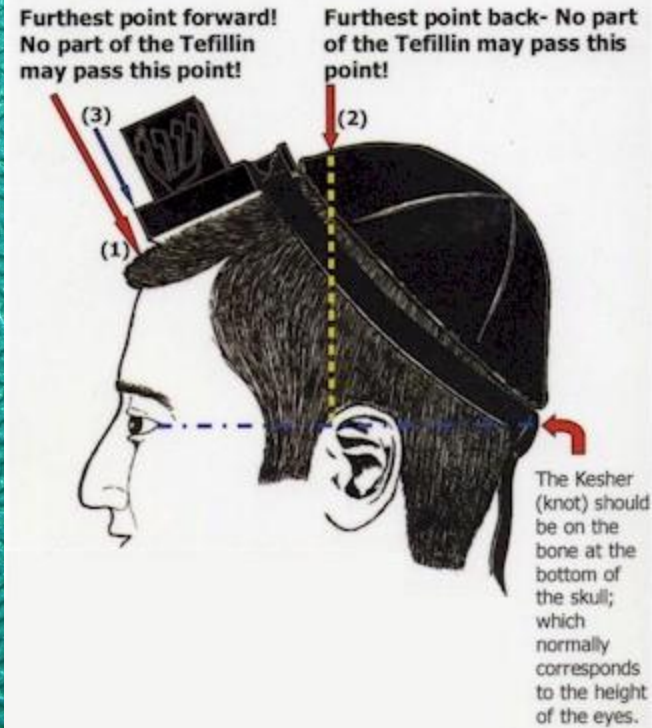
Yahuah is helping us learn **how to imprint His words on our heart**. We **spea**k them out loud, we **read** them in Scripture, we **teach** them to the children, we **think** about them all the time and we **physically write** them on our houses and gates.

He is hitting every level of sensory perception except smell. We have to desire it and participate. Once we accomplish these steps with a joyful and willing heart there is a **blessing to be had**.

Notice though that just like He wants us to lay these on our hearts which we cannot physically do - insert a written Torah, He is asking that what we do with our hands should be bound together with the Torah in our actions because we have remembered them. And just like “bands” between our eyes. Not real bands, just like having bands - to bring to mind - always have the Torah in the forethought of our day. Reading and studying puts Torah before our eyes- cements our knowledge and memory of what He said. We can however physically write them on our door posts and on our gates. Internal instructions and outward tasks. All for the same purpose to **remember what Yahuah said so we will be protected by His word**.

טוּטְפוֹת *Toe-taa-pote* S²⁹⁰³ TWOT^{804a} GK³²¹³ n.f.pl. bands (NH תּוּטְפוֹת; Aramaic אַתְּפוֹת, and especially pl. תּוּטְפוֹת *id.*)—*always bands, frontlet-bands, between the eyes (fig. of dedication of firstborn Dt 6:8.—This injunction, orig. fig. for perpetual remembrance was taken literally by later Jews, and hence the custom of wearing phylacteries; v. Di (on Ex 13:16) WinerRE Ri (art. Denkzettel) SmithDict. Bib. (art. Frontlets) Sta 1894, 312 f., 317.*

Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (pp. 377–378). Oxford: Clarendon Press.



Pslams 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my Eternal: yes, Your Torah [is] within-in the middle of my heart.

Whoa! Wait a minute! Were we not taught we had to wait till Yahshayahu -Jeremiah 31:33 until the Torah is written on our hearts? That is what the churches want you to believe. Even though they don't instruct in Torah nor are they aware Yahuah was talking to Yahuda (Judah) and Israel. Hmmm wrong on all three accounts! Shatan is doing a great job in the confusion department.

Daud or David was not supernatural or unique like Yahusha and he is living proof and witness that it is not too hard for us mere mortals to have the Torah with in and on our hearts NOW. He walked the walk just like we are supposed to do. That is our function and the will of Yahuah.



So far this is the list of instructions that we have noticed in our study.

- We should love יהוה • our Eternal with all our heart, and with all our being, and with all our might.
 - The Torah should be in our heart.
 - Teach the Torah to our children
- Think about the instructions all the time
 - Read the Torah out loud
 - Write them on our property.
 - Serve Yahuah
 - Guard the Instructions

Yahusha gives us directions as to the first and foremost priority as we start on our journey.



Mat 22:34 But the Pharisees, having heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, were gathered together, **22:35** and one of them, one learned in the Torah, did question, trying Him, and saying,

Mat 22:36 Master, ^{G1320} which ^{G4169} *is* the great ^{G3173} precept ^{G1785} in ^{G1722} the ^{G3588} Torah? ^{G3551}

Mat 22:37 (^{G1161}) Yahusha ^{G2424} said ^{G2036} to him, ^{G846} **Thou shalt love** ^{G25} Yahuah ^{G2962} **your** ^{G4675} Eternal ^{G2316} **with** ^{G1722} **all** ^{G3650} **your** ^{G4675} **heart,** ^{G2588} **and** ^{G2532} **with** ^{G1722} **all** ^{G3650} **your** ^{G4675} **soul,** ^{G5590} **and** ^{G2532} **with** ^{G1722} **all** ^{G3650} **your** ^{G4675} **mind.** ^{G1271} **Mat 22:38** **“This is the first and great precept”.**

Mat 22:39 “And the second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **22:40** “On these two precepts hang all the Torah and the Prophets.”

Mark tells a similar story but here Yahusha quotes Deuteronomy 6:4 - 5

Mar 12:28 And one of the scribes coming near, hearing them reasoning together, knowing that he had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first precept of all?” **12:29** And יהושע answered him, “The first of all the precepts is, ‘Hear, O Yisra’el, יהוה our Eternal, יהוה is one. **12:30** ‘And you shall love יהוה your Eternal with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first precept. **12:32** And the scribe said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one Eternal, and there is no other besides Him. **12:33** “And to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the being, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the burnt offerings and offerings.” **12:34** And when יהושע saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the reign of Eternal.” And after that no one was bold *enough* to question Him.

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In Luke we have a different take on the conversation but at least Yahusha's answers are the same. Matthew and Mark was answering what is the greatest precept- in Luke the question is how do we inherit everlasting life.

Luk 10:25 And see, a certain one learned in the Torah stood up, trying Him, and saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit everlasting life?”
10:26 And he said to him, “What has been written in the Torah? How do you read it?” **10:27** And he answering, said, “ ‘You shall love יהוה your Eternal with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” **10:28** And he said to him, “**You have answered rightly. Do this and you shall live.**”¹ Footnote: ¹Mt. 19:17.

Mat 19:16 And see, one came and said to him, “Good Teacher, what good shall I do to have everlasting life?” **9:17** And he said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except One – Eternal. But if you wish to enter into life, **guard the precepts.**”¹ Footnote:¹See Lk. 10:28, John 12:50, Rev. 22:14.

Luk 10:29 But he, wishing to declare himself righteous, said to יהושע, “And who is my neighbor?” **10:30** And replying, יהושע said, “A certain man was going down from Yerushalayim to Yeriho, and fell among robbers, who, both stripping and beating him, went away, leaving him half dead. **10:31** “And by a coincidence a certain priest was going down that way. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **10:32** “And likewise a Lēwite also, when he came to the place, and seeing, passed by on the other side. **10:33** “But a certain Shomeronite, journeying, came upon him. And when he saw him, he had compassion on him, **10:34** and he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And having placed him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn, and looked after him.



10:35 “And going out on the next day, he took out two pieces of silver, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Look after him, and whatever more you spend I shall repay you when I return.’ **10:36** “Who, then, of these three, do you think, was neighbour¹ to him who fell among the robbers?” **Footnote:** ¹Mt. 17:18. **10:37** And he said, “He who showed compassion on him.” Then יהושע said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

I THINK ABOUT U



DAY AND NIGHT

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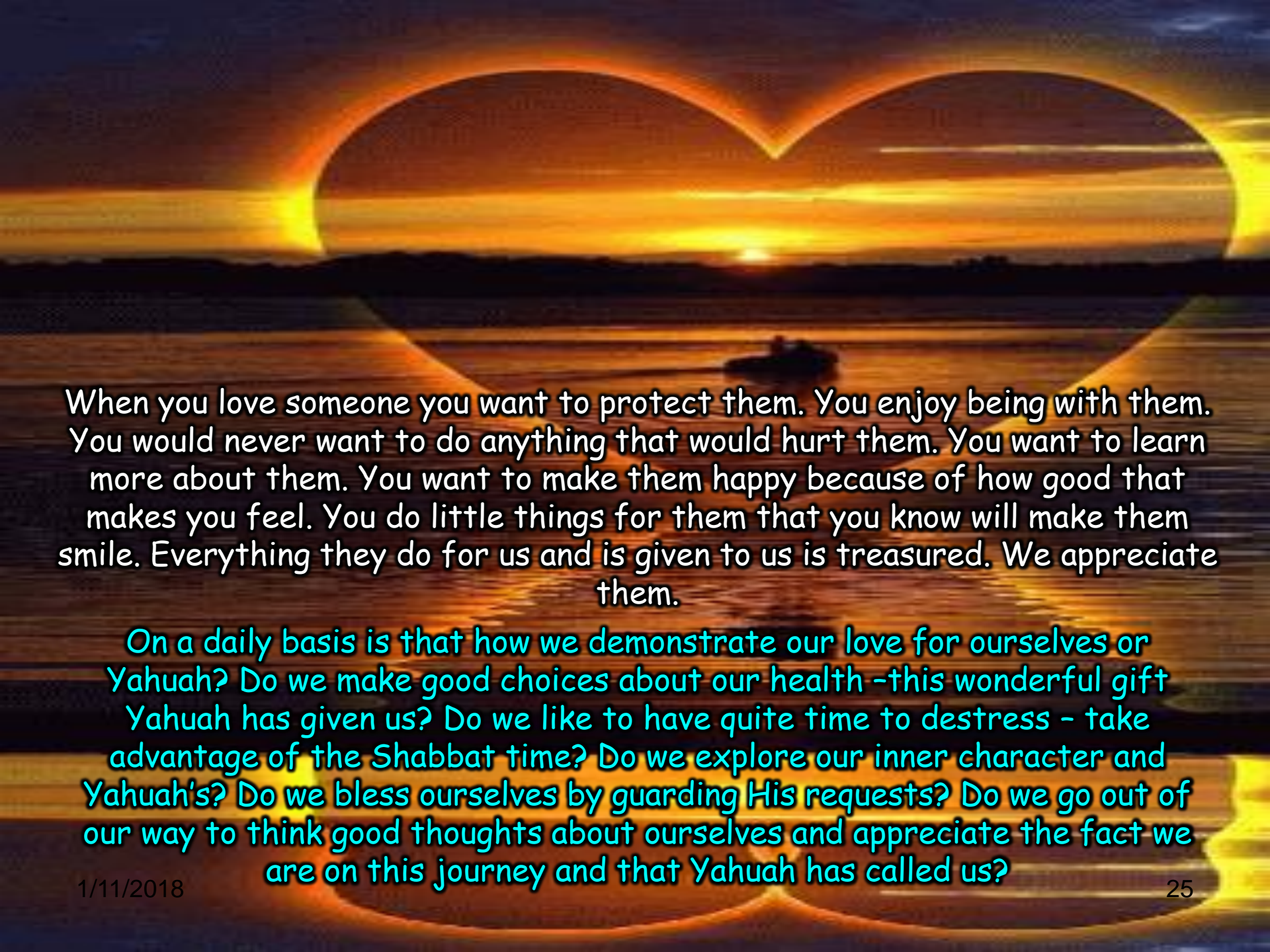
The concept of love is complicated because most all of us have loved and also have been hurt by someone we loved. That trust was broken. We are now asked to love Yahuah with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The problem is most of us do not love ourselves. Our life experiences have damaged us and so we need to reconnect to what love is about.

Reconnecting to personal positive perspectives about ourselves can be one of the hardest things we can do but we must because if we do not start there we will not have the capacity to love anyone else.

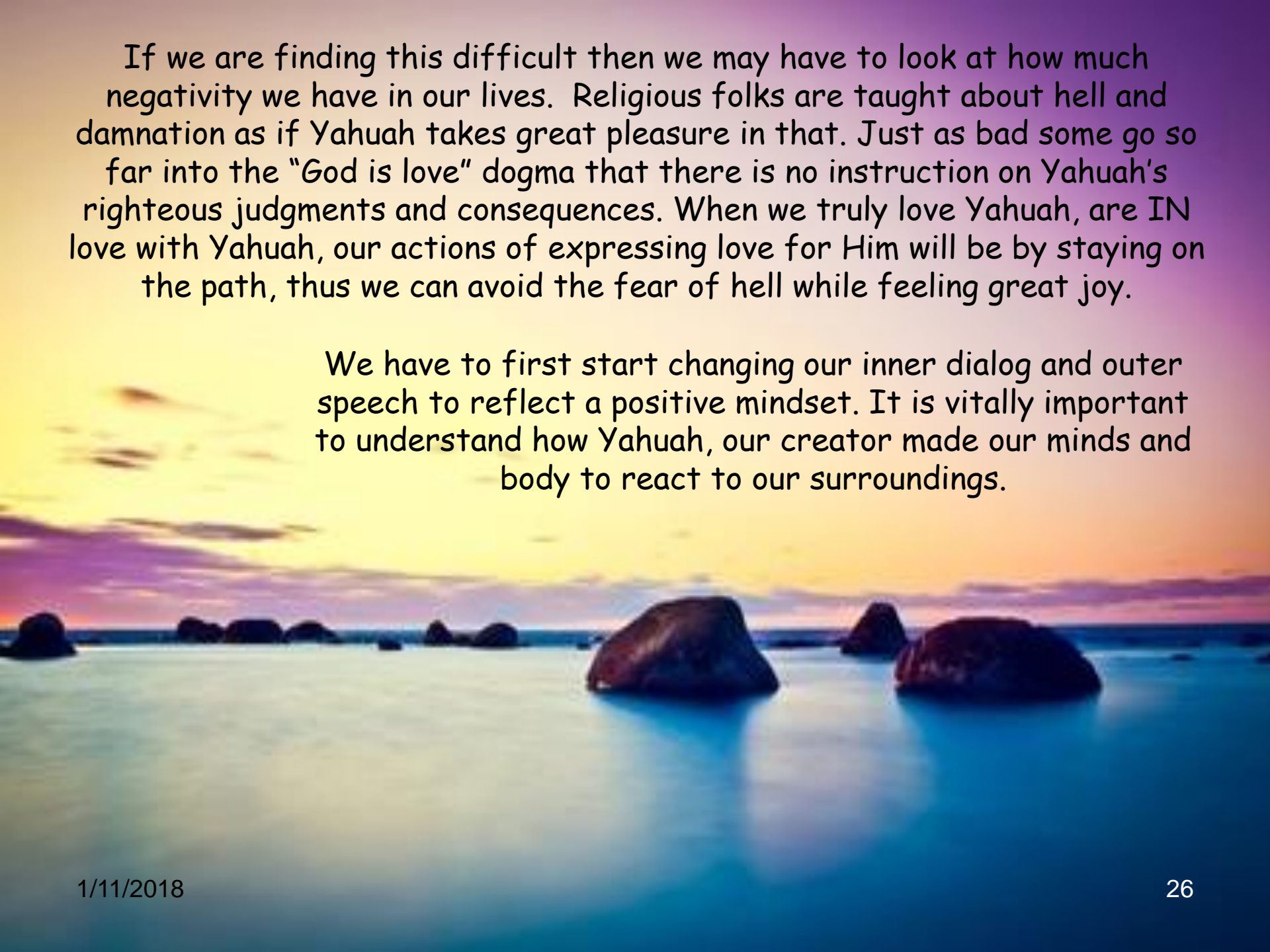
“...Love your neighbor as yourself” Mark 12:31a



A sunset over a body of water with a boat in the distance, framed by a large heart shape. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The water reflects the light, and a small boat is visible in the middle ground. The entire scene is enclosed within a large, dark heart outline.

When you love someone you want to protect them. You enjoy being with them. You would never want to do anything that would hurt them. You want to learn more about them. You want to make them happy because of how good that makes you feel. You do little things for them that you know will make them smile. Everything they do for us and is given to us is treasured. We appreciate them.

On a daily basis is that how we demonstrate our love for ourselves or Yahuah? Do we make good choices about our health -this wonderful gift Yahuah has given us? Do we like to have quite time to destress - take advantage of the Shabbat time? Do we explore our inner character and Yahuah's? Do we bless ourselves by guarding His requests? Do we go out of our way to think good thoughts about ourselves and appreciate the fact we are on this journey and that Yahuah has called us?

A serene sunset over a calm sea with large rocks in the foreground. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and yellow, reflecting on the water. Several large, dark rocks are scattered across the beach and in the shallow water.

If we are finding this difficult then we may have to look at how much negativity we have in our lives. Religious folks are taught about hell and damnation as if Yahuah takes great pleasure in that. Just as bad some go so far into the "God is love" dogma that there is no instruction on Yahuah's righteous judgments and consequences. When we truly love Yahuah, are IN love with Yahuah, our actions of expressing love for Him will be by staying on the path, thus we can avoid the fear of hell while feeling great joy.

We have to first start changing our inner dialog and outer speech to reflect a positive mindset. It is vitally important to understand how Yahuah, our creator made our minds and body to react to our surroundings.

The body water constitutes as much as 93% of the body weight of a newborn infant, whereas some obese people are as little as 15% water by weight.^[3] This is due to how fat tissue does not retain water as well as lean tissue.

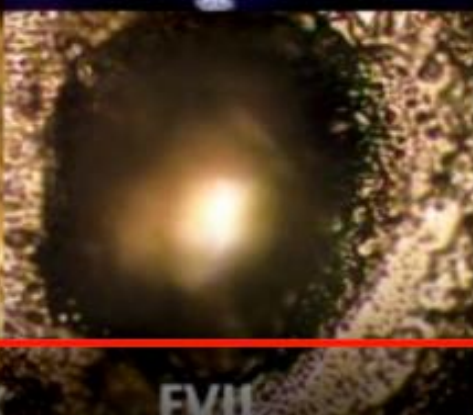
According to a study performed by H.H. Mitchell, published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, the amount of water in the human heart and brain is 73%, the lungs are 83%, muscles and kidneys are 79%, the skin is 64%, and the bones are around 31%.

What Is the Function of Water in the Body?

- **Water is the primary building block of cells.**
- **It acts as an insulator, regulating internal body temperature. This is partly because water has a high specific heat, plus the body uses perspiration and respiration to regulate temperature.**
- **Water is needed to metabolize proteins and carbohydrates used as food. It is the primary component of saliva, used to digest carbohydrates and aid in swallowing food.**
 - **The compound lubricates joints.**
- **Water insulates the brain, spinal cord, organs, and fetus. It acts as a shock absorber.**
- **Water is used to flush waste and toxins from the body via urine.**
- **Water is the principal solvent in the body. It dissolves minerals, soluble vitamins, and certain nutrients.**
 - **Water carries oxygen and nutrients to cells.**

What does this have to do with love? Because our bodies react differently to positive and negative vibrations. All living things do. Let's take a look some very interesting videos that explain this.

Look at the effect of negative and positive words on these water drops and understand how much water is in your body and mind.



You will never speak bad words again after watching this! The Power of Words are HUGE



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In 1988, Jacques Benveniste discovered that water has memory

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'Water Has Memory': Scientific Proof from 'Oasis HD' Channel

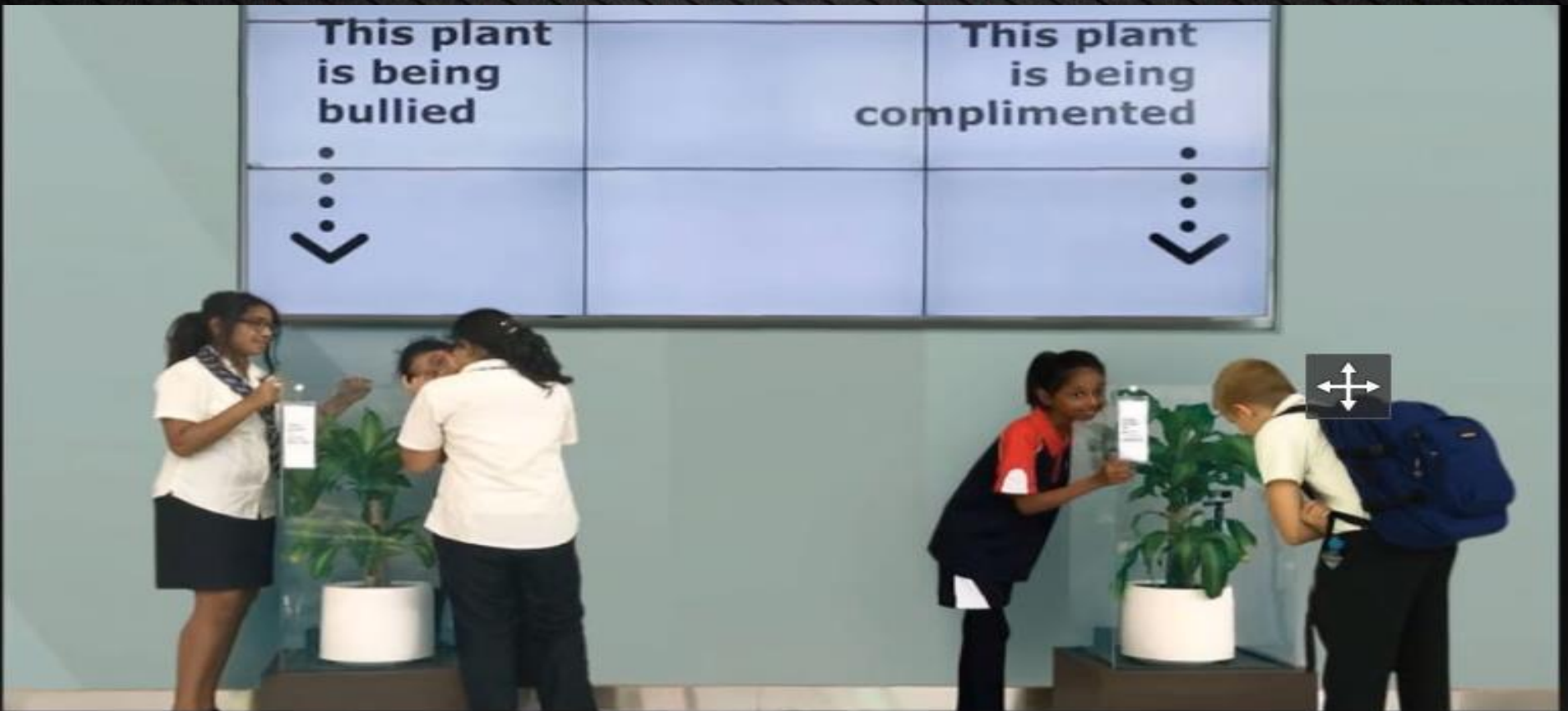
1. When a substance is diluted in water, the water can carry the memory of that substance even after it has been so diluted that none of the molecules of the original substance remain; and

2. The molecules of any given substance have a spectrum of frequencies that can be digitally recorded with a computer, then played back into untreated water (using an electronic transducer), and when this is done, the new water will act as if the actual substance were physically present.

Water holds a "memory" that we can digitally record; and we are able to digitally re-write other water, even when the substance is no longer in it.

We have put countless things in our water, and supposedly "removed" them. Right now, there are pharmaceuticals (among other things) in the water, which no water treatment plant was ever designed to remove. Our water is holding this in its "memory". At the very fundamental level, water is truly fascinating and its properties have undoubtedly lead to the creation of life on this planet.

IKEA Asks People To Bully This Plant For 30 Days To See What Happens, And Results Are Eyeopening



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What would happen if you bullied a plant for 30 days straight?

Both plants were treated strictly the same



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The end result speaks for itself

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Mat 5:22 “But I say to you that whoever is wroth with his brother without a cause shall be liable to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘**Raka!**’ shall be liable to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘**You fool!**’ shall be liable to fire of Gehenna. The Scriptures

Matt 5: 22. But I say to you that anyone who provokes to anger his brother without cause, is condemned to judgment and anyone who should say to his brother, **I spit on you**, is condemned to the assembly, and anyone who should say, **you are a coward**, is condemned to the Gehenna of fire. AENT

II. In a figurative sense. As Ns. ריק and ריק **vain, empty, worthless.** See Deut. xxxii. 47. Psal. iv. 3. Jud. ix. 4. 2 Sam. vi. 20. 2 Chron. xiii. 7. Prov. xii. 11. xxviii. 19. Hence the Syriac *raca*, Mat. v. 22.† As particles ריק **in vain, to no purpose.** occ. Ps. lxxiii. 13. Isa. xxx. 7. לריק the same. Lev. xxvi. 16, 20. Isa. lxxv. 23. ריקם **vainly, without cause.** Ps. vii. 5. xxv. 3.

Here we see there is a difference between the Greek/Hebrew and Aramaic.

Difficult Bible Passages: Matthew 5:22

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The main difficulty about the last portion of this verse is pretty evident: Yahusha tells us here not to do something which is done repeatedly in Scripture, and even often done by Yahusha himself. This threefold warning found here has puzzled many, especially the third one which seems to make an absolute prohibition of the use of the word “fool”.

So how are we to understand this text? As is often the case, context greatly helps in such cases. Bear in mind that Matthew 5:21-26 speaks of the broader issue of hatred in the human heart, and how it is really the same as murder. It is in this context that we are to understand this verse. Human hatred may begin with harsh words, but can easily lead to something worse.

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"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:"

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Matthew 5:44 (KJV)

As one New Testament scholar explains in *Hard Sayings of the Bible*, “Behind the offending word lies the hostile thought. It is there that the guilty process starts; and if the hostile thought is not killed off as soon as the thinker becomes aware of it, then, although no earthly court may be in a position to take cognizance of it, that is what will be the first count in the indictment before the judgment of Yahuah.”

And the qualifying phrase “without a cause” used in the first of the three warnings would likely be seen as part of the other two. That is, there are times where doing or saying such things are unjustified, but by implication, at other times they may be justified.

The entire six verses here then show us that v. 22 is not so much concerned about a particular word, but the inner condition of a man. Inner anger will find outward expression, if not checked. John Nolland comments:

In effect Yahusha is saying: If you want to apply the instruction solely within a legal framework, then you will need to feed into the legal system every case where there has been a rush of anger or words of insult; what is more, you need to treat all of these as capital cases, or, more exactly, your courts will need to be able to send the culprit to hell. For the Matthean Yahusha, the instruction can have its proper force only if it is allowed to speak against every expression of human alienation from and hostility towards another and if its proper final sanction is viewed as the judgment of Yahuah.

That this is not an absolute prohibition of the use of this particular word is clear not just from the rest of the Bible, but even from just the rest of Matthew. Yahusha himself uses the word on various occasions. Consider these passages where the word for fool (moros), or a version of it, is used by Yahusha . Matt 7:26, 23:17, 25:2-3.

The fool in scripture

The Bible speaks much of the fool and folly, but the Wisdom literature especially makes much of this theme. John Davies, in his article on “Folly” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings* nicely lays out the basics on understanding folly and the fool:

Folly is the antithesis of wisdom (Prov 15:21; Eccles 2:13, 19), and the fool is one who hates knowledge and the fear of Yahuah (Prov 1:22, 29). The book of Proverbs in particular offers an extensive character study of fools and their ways, while the book of Psalms and Ecclesiastes further illustrate the nature of folly....

The fool is contrasted with the righteous and closely identified with the wicked, who delight in doing evil (Prov 10:21, 23; 13:19), just as the wise and the righteous are coreferential (Prov 9:9; 23:24; Eccles 9:1)....

Such folly is the result of not a lack of intelligence but rather of a morally perverse stance (wickedness is folly, or perhaps folly is wickedness (Eccles 7:15).

By way of summation, Bruce Waltke, after discussing the terms for the fool and the wicked says this: “These ethical terms imply the fool’s moral culpability, not his lack of intelligence.” Thus we often speak of an educated fool. There are plenty of learned folks out there who are nonetheless fools.

And obviously the greatest fool there is, is the one who denies that Yahuah exists. As both Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1 say: “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no Yahuah’.” Other passages speak to this, including Psalm 74:22: “Rise up, O Yahuah, and defend Your cause; remember how fools mock You all day long.”

Obviously plenty more such passages from throughout the Scriptures could be offered here. The idea of folly and fools is a key biblical teaching, and whatever exactly Yahusha had in mind when he said what he did in Matthew 5:22, it should be obvious that the terms are fully Scriptural and fully appropriate to utilize in a wide variety of situations.

The wider purpose of Matthew 5:21-26 is to guard our hearts, and cause us to remember that not just outward acts are judged by Yahuah. Just as important, if not more so, are our inward dispositions, attitudes and thoughts. That is so very crucial for Yahusha.

Thus Matthew 5:22 cannot mean we must never use the word “fool”. It does mean we must be very careful in all that we say, and we must be very careful about all that we think and feel as well.

Yahuah has asked us to love Him, ourselves and others. We have learned how our words affect our physical world around us. James warns us about our speech. Yahuah asks us to speak out loud His words.

His words are our protection. The living waters within us provide life. His words spoken out loud are powerful as well as when we read them. They change us - our water reacts to it.

Joh 4:10 יהושע answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of Eternal, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me to drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

Joh 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water I give him shall certainly never thirst. And the water that I give him shall become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Joh 7:38 “As the Scripture said, out of his innermost shall flow rivers of living water.”¹ Footnote: ¹Isa. 44:3, Jer. 2:13, Jer. 17:13, Zech. 14:8, Ps. 36:8,9, Prov.14:27, John 4:10, Rev. 7:17, Rev. 21:6, Rev. 22:1 & 17.

Jer 2:12 “Be amazed, O heavens, at this, and be frightened, be utterly dried up,” declares יהוה. **2:13** “For My people have done two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of **living waters**¹, to hew out for themselves cisterns, cracked cisterns, which do not hold water. **Footnote:** ¹See 17:13.

Jer 17:13 O יהוה, the expectation of Yisra’el, all who forsake You are put to shame. “Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken יהוה, the **fountain of living waters.**”¹ **Footnote:** ¹See 2:13.

Zec 14:8 And in that day it shall be that **living waters flow** from **Yerushalayim**¹, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea, in summer as well as in winter. **Footnote:** ¹Rev. 22:1-2.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a **river of water of life**, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of Eternal and of the Lamb.
22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.



Psa 36:7 How precious is Your kindness, O Eternal! And the sons of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. **36:8** They are filled from the fatness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. **36:9** For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. **36:10** Draw out Your kindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Pro 14:27 The fear of יהוה is a fountain of life, To turn away from the snares of death.

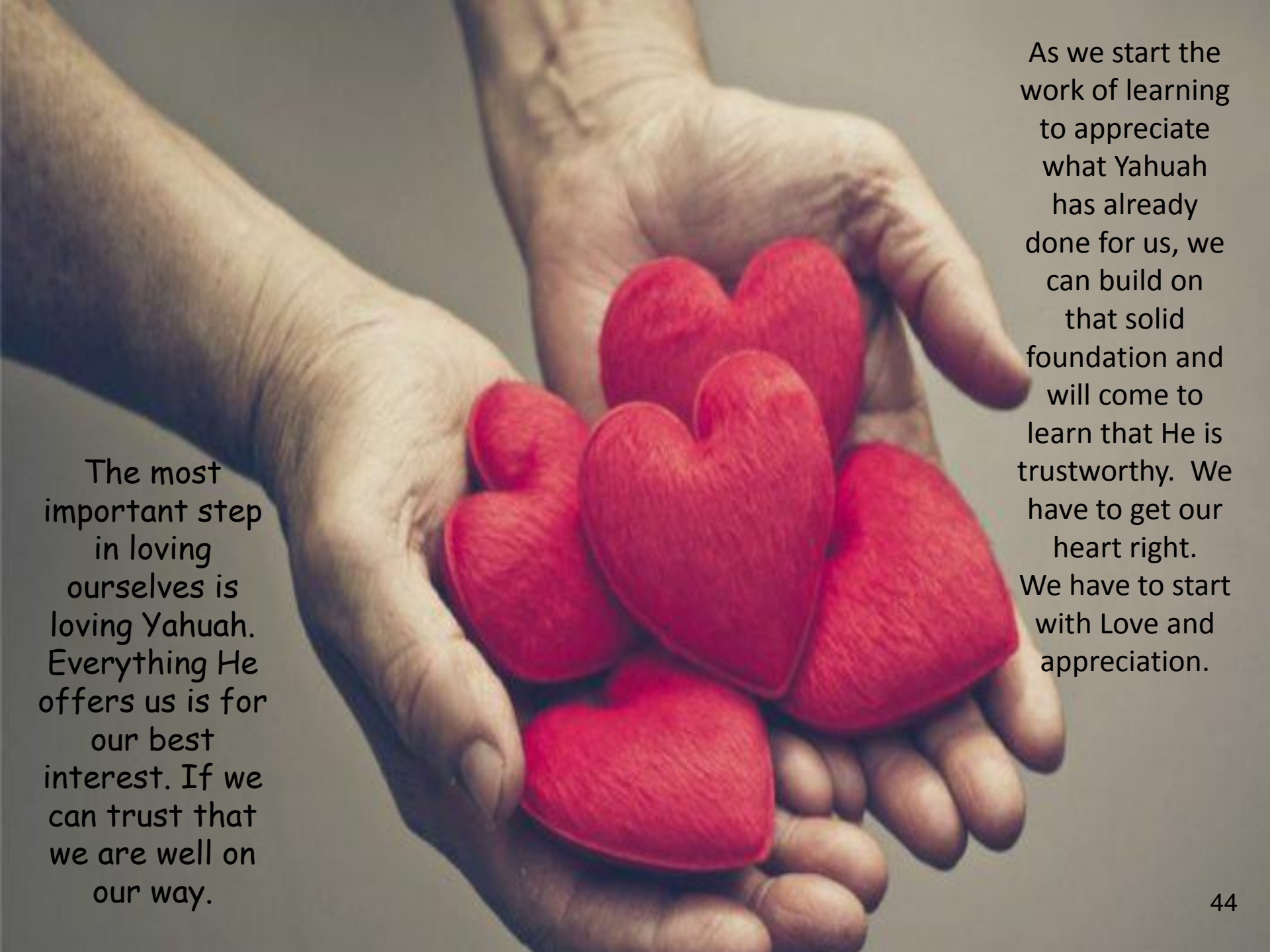
Rev 7:17 because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall shepherd them and lead them to fountains of waters of life. And Eternal shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Rev 21:5 And He who was sitting on the throne said, “See, I make all *matters* new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and trustworthy.”
21:6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the ‘Aleph’ and the ‘Taw’, the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts I shall give of the fountain of the water of life without payment.

Just like what the
Torah says; The
words that
have the ability to
cleanse the water
most powerfully
was this
combination..

Yahuah
is amazing!

Love & Gratitude

A close-up photograph of two hands, one slightly behind the other, holding a cluster of approximately ten bright red, textured hearts. The hearts are of various sizes and are piled together in the palms. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

The most important step in loving ourselves is loving Yahuah. Everything He offers us is for our best interest. If we can trust that we are well on our way.

As we start the work of learning to appreciate what Yahuah has already done for us, we can build on that solid foundation and will come to learn that He is trustworthy. We have to get our heart right. We have to start with Love and appreciation.

We can not rush the love and appreciation stepping stones.

For most of us this will be a huge change in personality. Making better choices out of love for ourselves, Yahuah and others will help clean our sprit.

To all: Be kind and patient.

Keep searching and keep asking and in the meantime keep reading Scripture and do your own study and research.

TRUST IN THE DARK,

**THE DECISIONS
YOU MAKE IN THE LIGHT**

1. We should love יהוה י your Eternal **with all our heart**, and **with all our being**, and with all our might.
2. The Torah should be **in our heart**.
3. Teach the Torah to our children
4. Think about the instructions all the time
5. Read the Torah out loud
6. Write them on our property.
7. Fear/Revere Yahuah
8. Serve Yahuah
9. Guard the Instructions
10. Love ourselves
11. Love our neighbors

What is the Path?

Yahuah's functional instructions laid out by the Torah and Prophets.

How do we stay on the path?

Seek out what those instructions are and guard them as you find them. Learn from the examples in the Scriptures of what to do and not to do. Use Yahusha as your guide of where you need to change your character.

How do we get off the path?

By rejecting or turning away from the plan Yahuah has set out through the Torah instructions.

How do we get back on the path?

Recognize or come to understand the instruction. Sincerely apologize to Yahuah for the errant behavior or mind set and vow – guard to not continue to do it.

Where is it safe?
Only on the Path.

What is unsafe and dangerous?
Everything off the path.

Its is an on going process. We will not always walk this out perfectly. But if we learn the art of gentle self-correcting and Teshuva, turning back around to Yah, we will stay on the path more than get off of it.

Our Statement of Trust in Yahuah

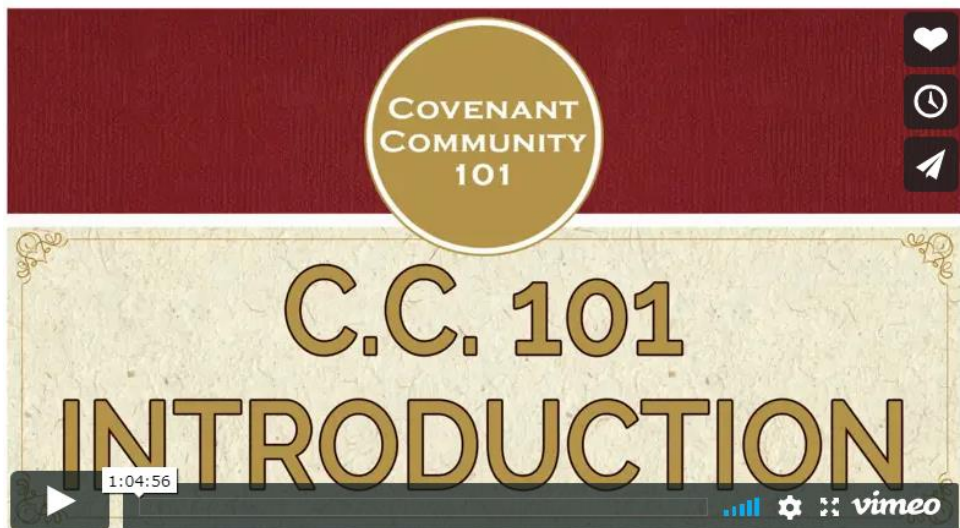
- 1. He alone is the sole creator of the universe and beyond and all that is in it.**
- 2. We will base our decisions upon Yahuah's code of wisdom and will consult Him in all our decisions.**
- 3. We accept and are blessed that Yahuah will continually disturb our peace to test us and keep us on the path.**
- 4. We will learn to love ourselves so we can completely love and appreciate Yahuah.**
- 5. We will love our neighbors.**

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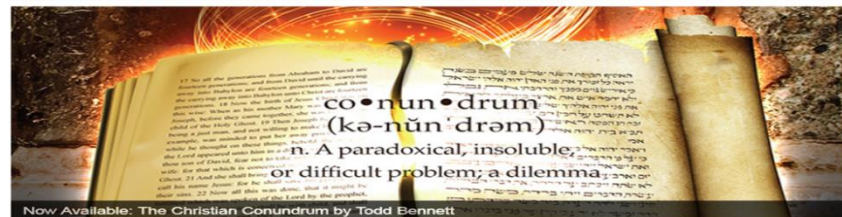
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