The background is a solid light green color. In the four corners, there are stylized illustrations of green plants and leaves. The top-left corner features a branch with several long, thin leaves. The top-right corner shows a cluster of leaves. The bottom-left corner has a branch with leaves. The bottom-right corner features a branch with leaves and some small white dots, possibly representing seeds or small flowers.

# James 3:1-12

## Walk Your Talk











**DID YOU KNOW THAT  
WOMEN USE ABOUT  
30,000 WORDS A DAY  
WHILE MEN  
USE ONLY 15,000?**

Yes, because  
we have to repeat  
everything!

**What?**



# James 3:1-4

“Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers and sisters, since you know that we who are teachers will incur a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect (*teleios* = *complete, finished*) man, able to rein in the whole body as well. Now if we put the bits into the horses’ mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their whole body as well. Look at the ships, too: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are nevertheless directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot determines.

# James 3:5-8

So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of unrighteousness: the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one among mankind can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

# James 3:9-12

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way. Does a spring send out from the same opening both fresh (sweet) and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, bear olives, or a vine bear figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.”



# DIASPORA SYNAGOGUES (1<sup>ST</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> CENTURIES CE)



WORLD HISTORY  
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“Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, saying: ‘The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses. Therefore, whatever they tell you, do and comply with it all, but do not do as they do; for they say things and do not do them. And they tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as their finger. And they do all their deeds to be noticed by other people...And they love the place of honor at banquets, and the seats of honor in the synagogues, and personal greetings in the marketplaces, and being called RABBI by the people. But as for you, do not be called RABBI; for only One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And do not be called leaders; for only One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest of you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.” Matthew 23:1-12



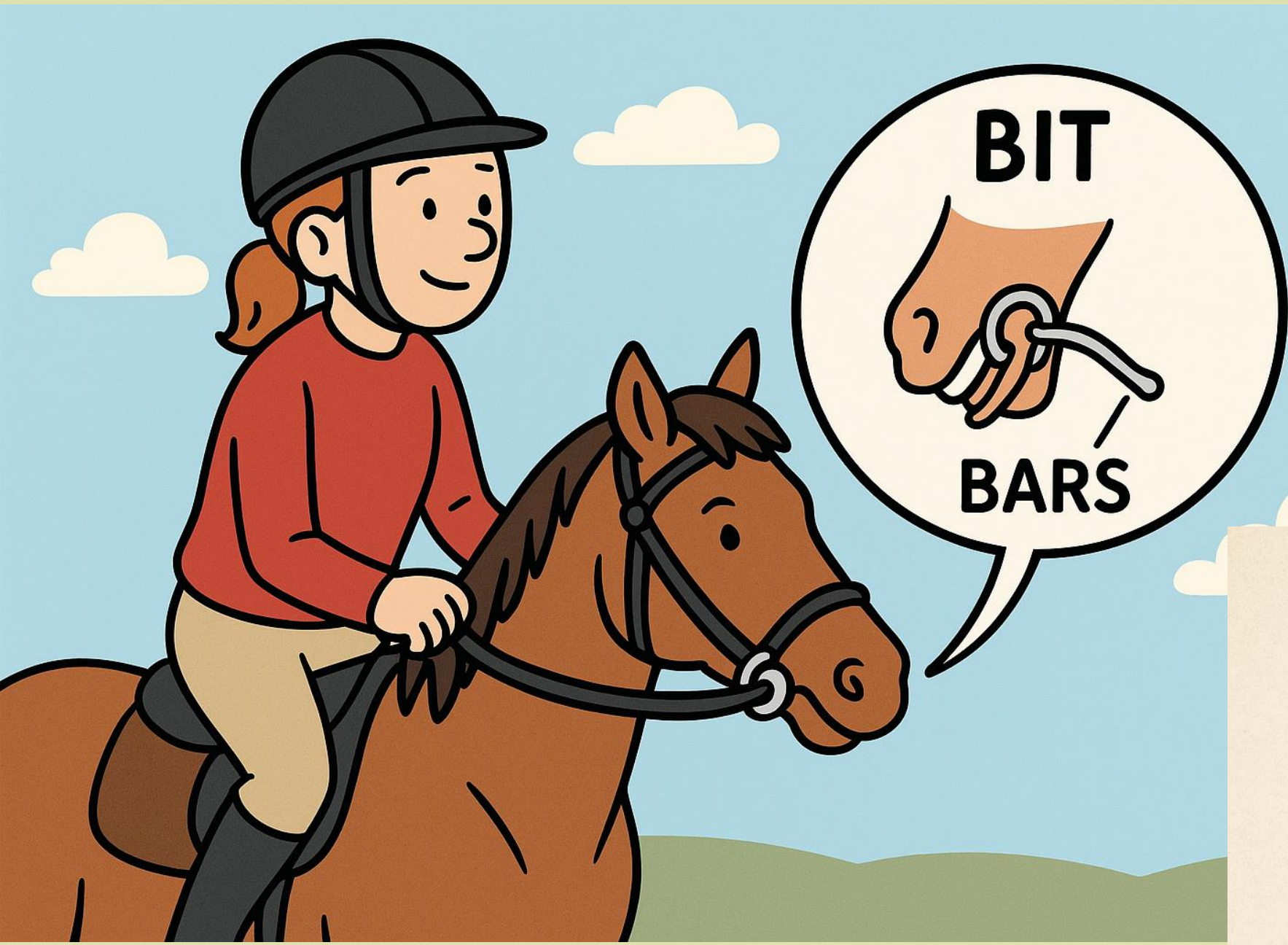






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# ANCIENT RUDDER SYSTEM



1ST CENTURY





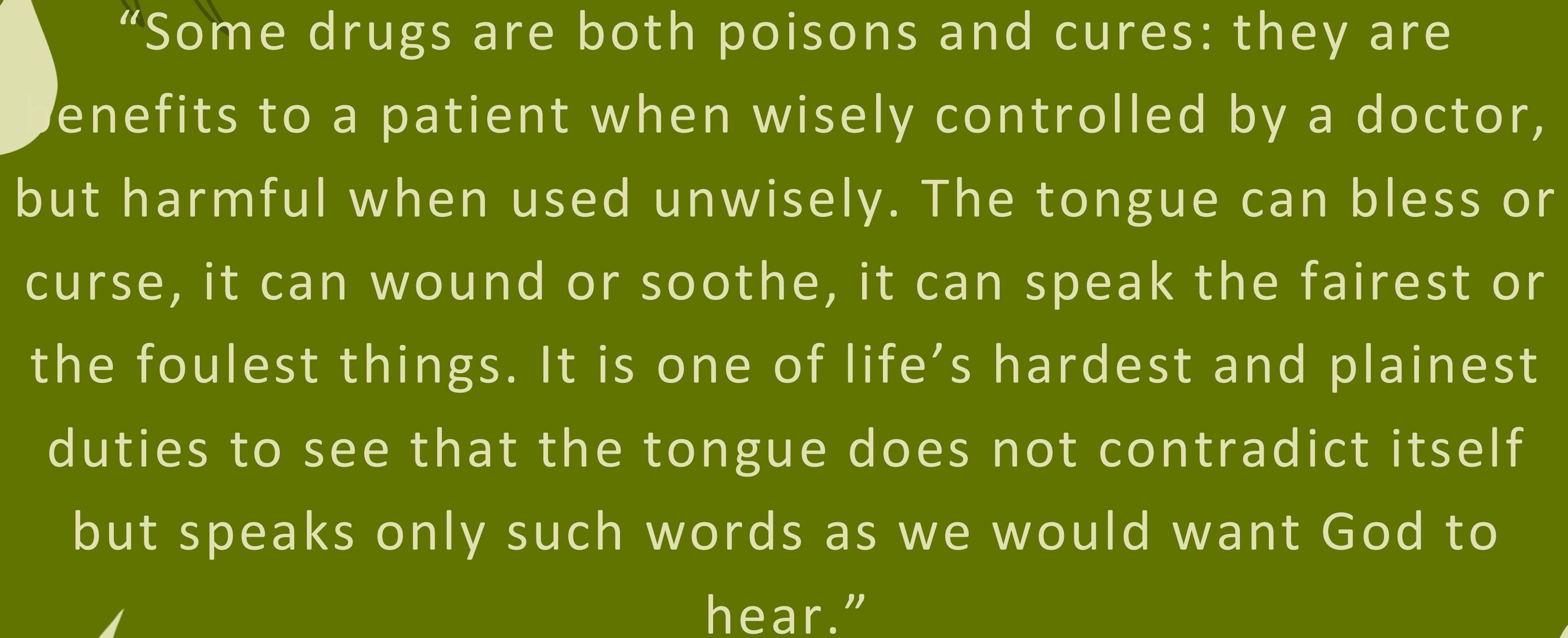
Then there appeared  
to them divided tongues,  
**AS OF FIRE**  
and one sat upon  
each of them.

(Acts 2:3)









“Some drugs are both poisons and cures: they are  
benefits to a patient when wisely controlled by a doctor,  
but harmful when used unwisely. The tongue can bless or  
curse, it can wound or soothe, it can speak the fairest or  
the foulest things. It is one of life’s hardest and plainest  
duties to see that the tongue does not contradict itself  
but speaks only such words as we would want God to  
hear.”

William Barclay The Letters of James and Peter



“Either assume the tree to be good as well as its fruit good, or assume the tree to be bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express any good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. The good person brings out of his good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of his evil treasure evil things. But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgement. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Matthew 12:33-37





**Let My Words Be Few**

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