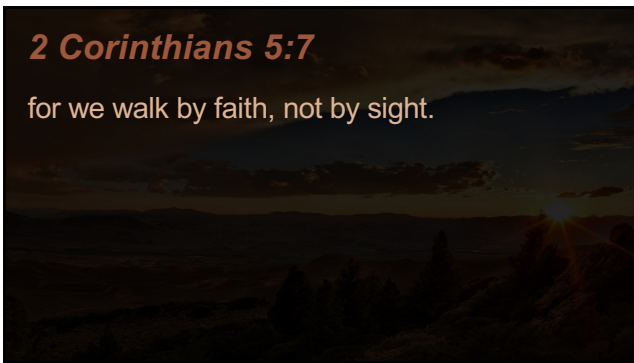


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Joshua 9

1 As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, 2 they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.

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Joshua 9

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended,

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Joshua 9

5 with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. 6 And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us

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Joshua 9

7 But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?"

8 They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?"

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Joshua 9

9 They said to him, "From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth.

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Joshua 9

11 So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, "Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us."

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Joshua 9

12 Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly.

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Joshua 9

13 These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.”
14 So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord.

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Joshua 9

15 And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

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Another Bad Decision

Joshua did not seek the counsel of the Lord on the important strategic decision of signing a treaty with a foreign nation. This is incredible considering Joshua just made a similar error of not seeking the counsel of the Lord in the battle of Ai a few weeks earlier.

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Deceive

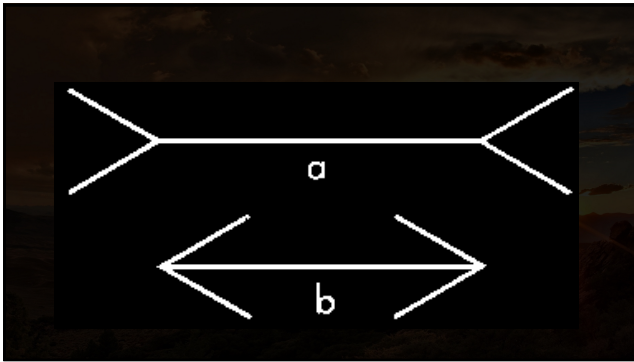
to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid

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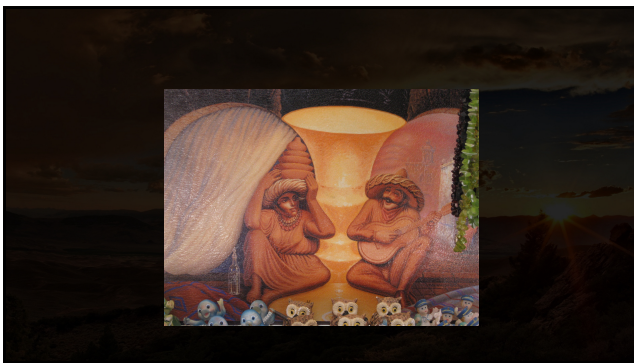
Illusion

- 1. An erroneous perception of reality.
- 2. a misleading image presented to the vision
- 3. Something that deceives or misleads

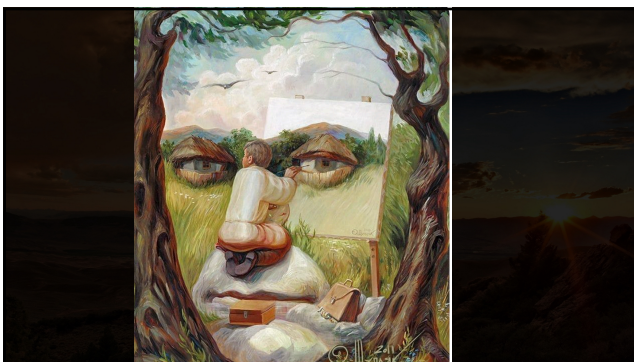
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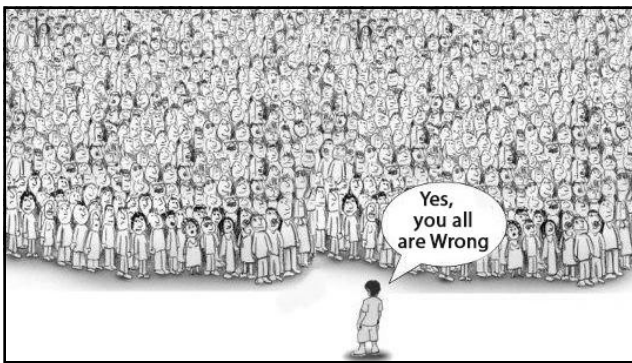
Jeremiah 9

4 Let everyone beware of his neighbor, and put no trust in any brother, for every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer.

5 Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity.

6 Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the Lord.

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Corporate Disciplines

Confession	<i>Confession is the grace through which the sins and sorrows of the past are forgiven.</i>
Guidance	<i>Guidance is the experience of knowing the theocratic rule of God over our lives.</i>
Celebration	<i>Celebration is being, as Augustine said, "an alleluia from head to foot!"</i>

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Proverbs 4:5-9

5 Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. **6** Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.

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Proverbs 4:5-9

7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. **8** Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. **9** She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

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Types of Learning

- 1. Knowledge**
- 2. Understanding**
- 3. Wisdom**

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Knowledge

knowing something with familiarity
gained through experience or study

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Understanding

the power to make knowledge intelligible
by applying concepts and categories
the power of comprehending
mental grasp

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Wisdom

The ability to apply knowledge and
understanding to make good decisions
or give good advice.

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Biblical Wisdom

For us to be truly wise, in the Bible sense, our intelligence and cleverness must be harnessed to a right end. Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. - J. I. Packer

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Biblical Wisdom

Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fullness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariably wise. - J. I. Packer

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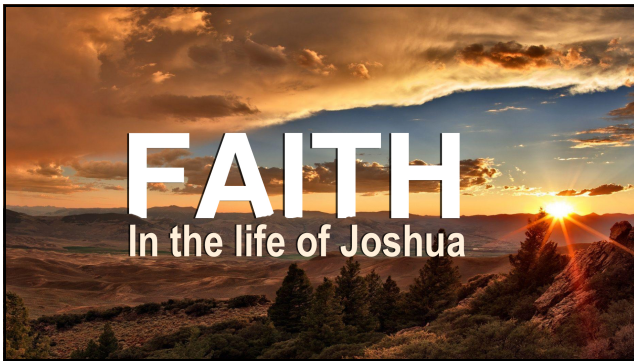
The right goal and the right path to get there

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Proverbs 8:34

Blessed is the one who listens to me
[wisdom], watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.

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