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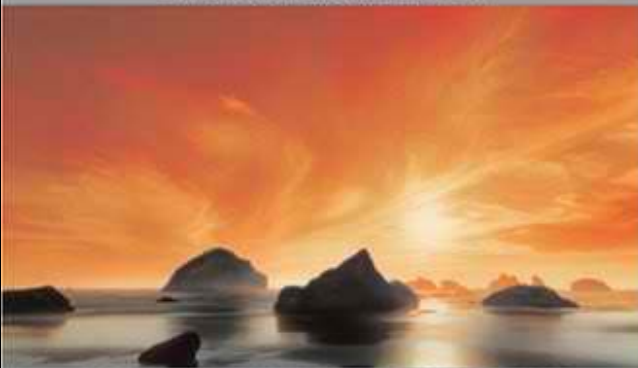
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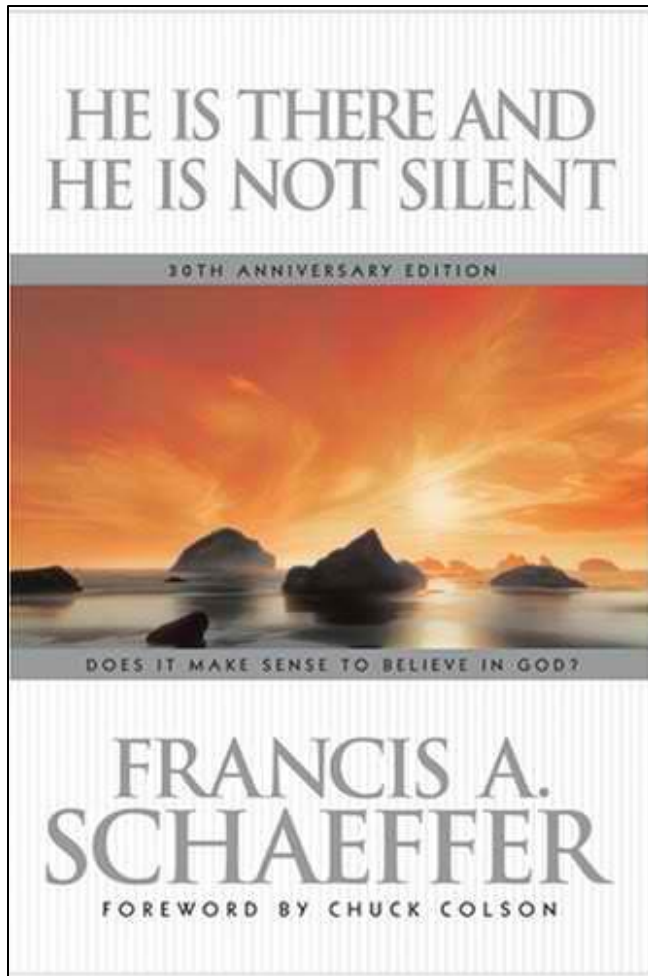
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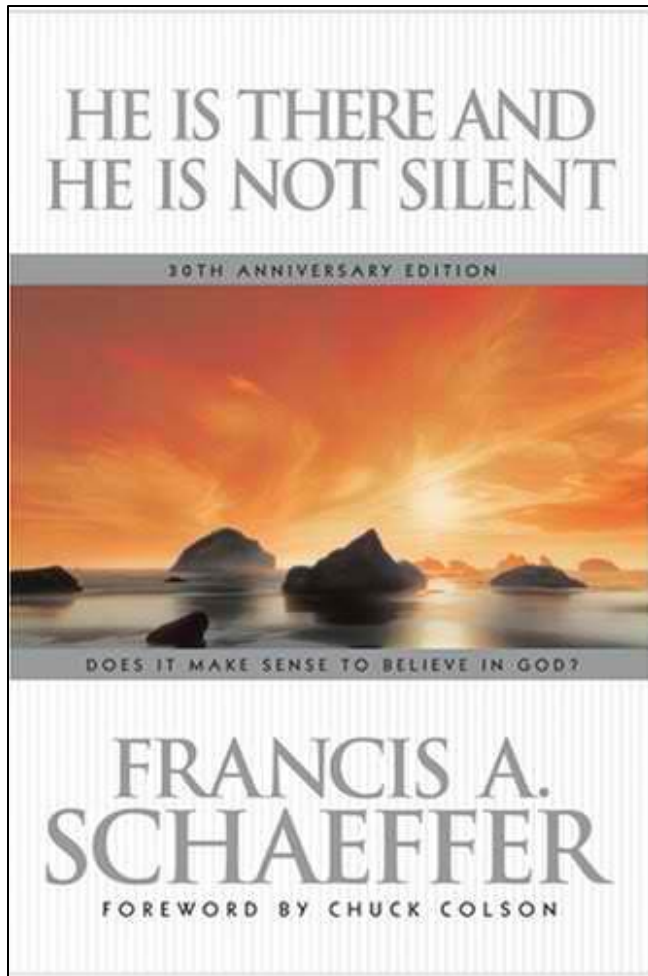
DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO BELIEVE IN GOD?

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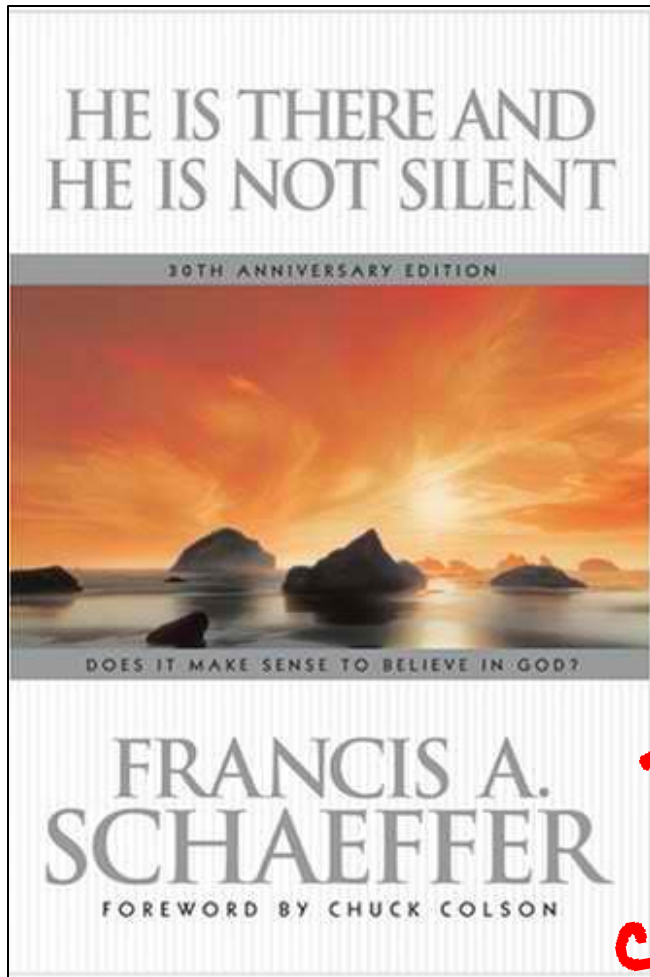
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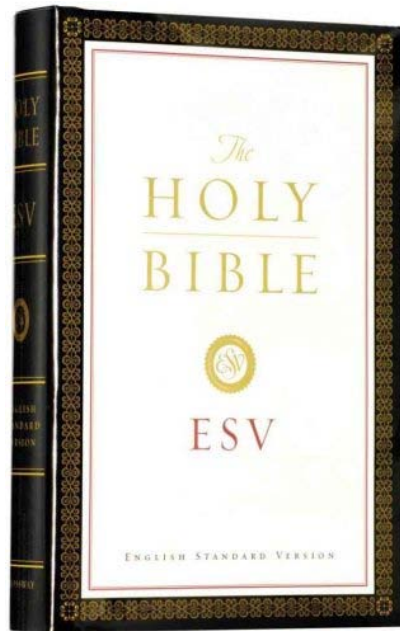
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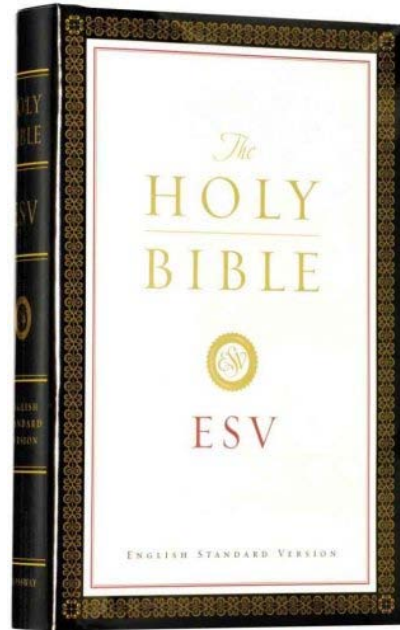


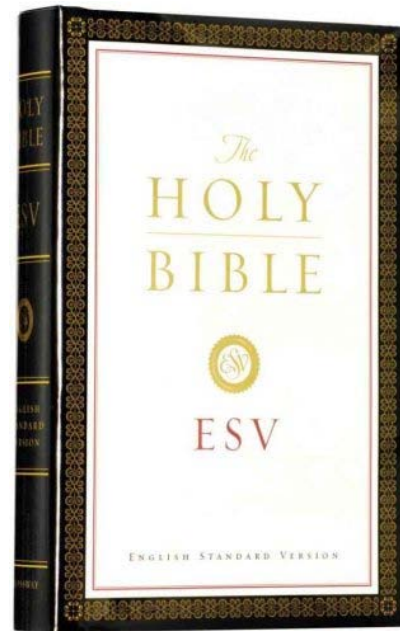
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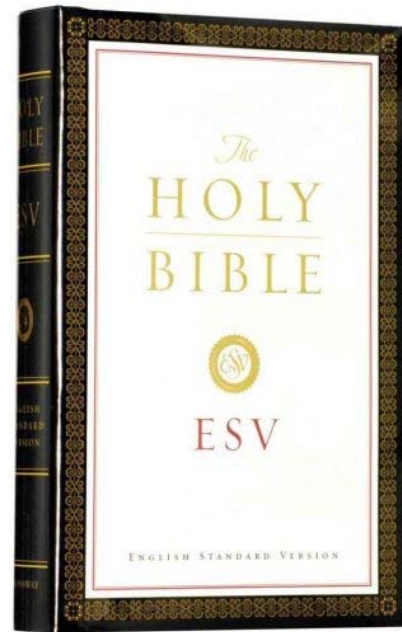


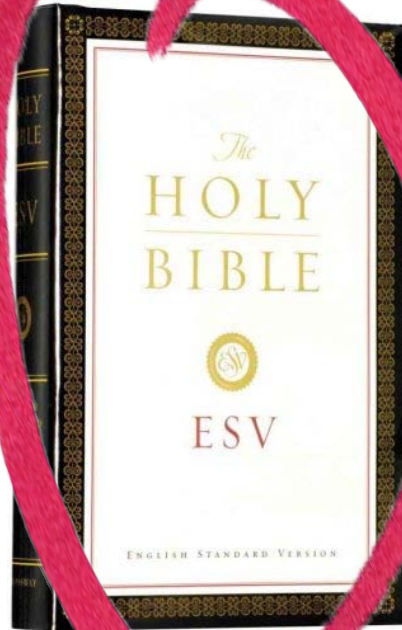
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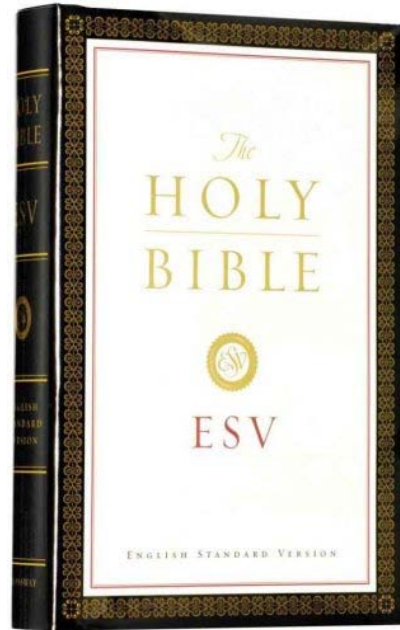


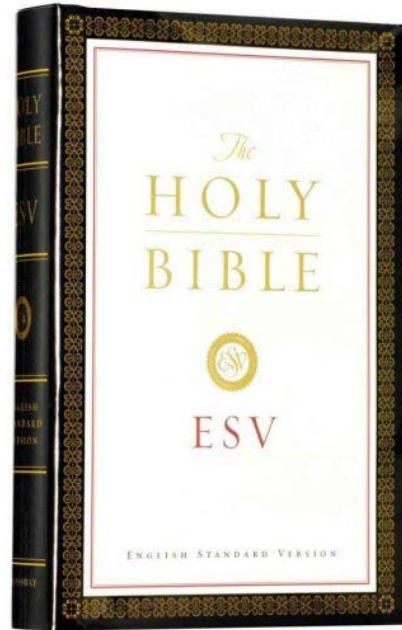


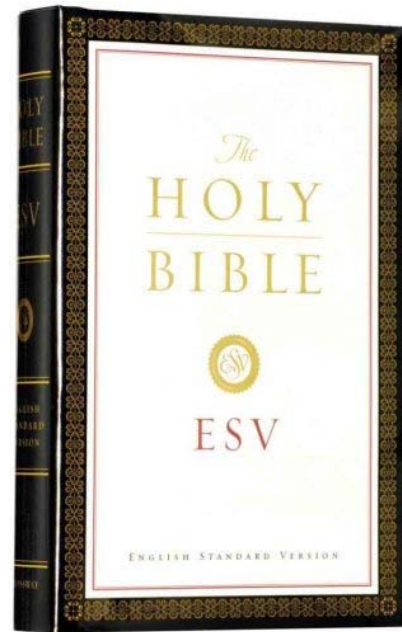


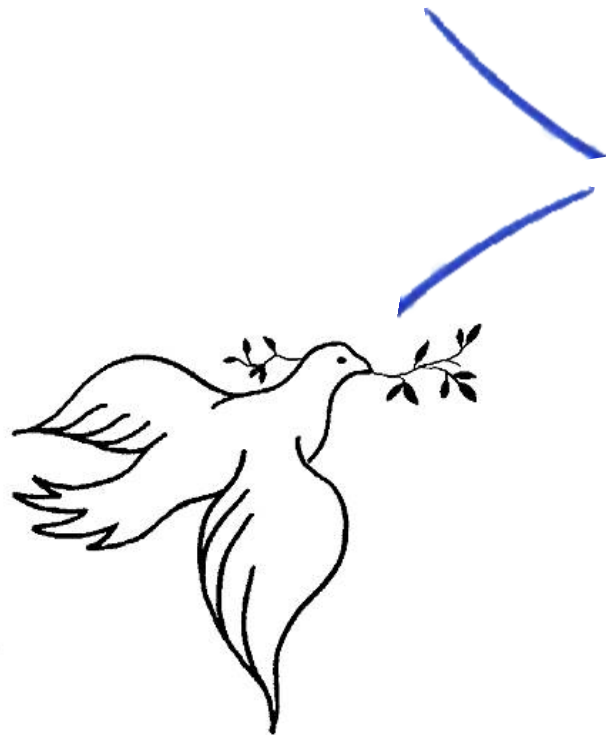
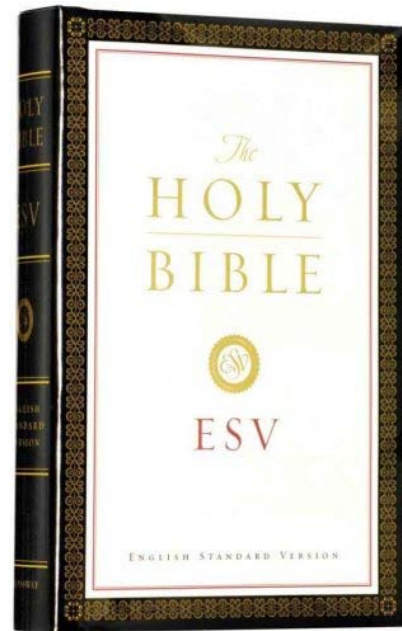


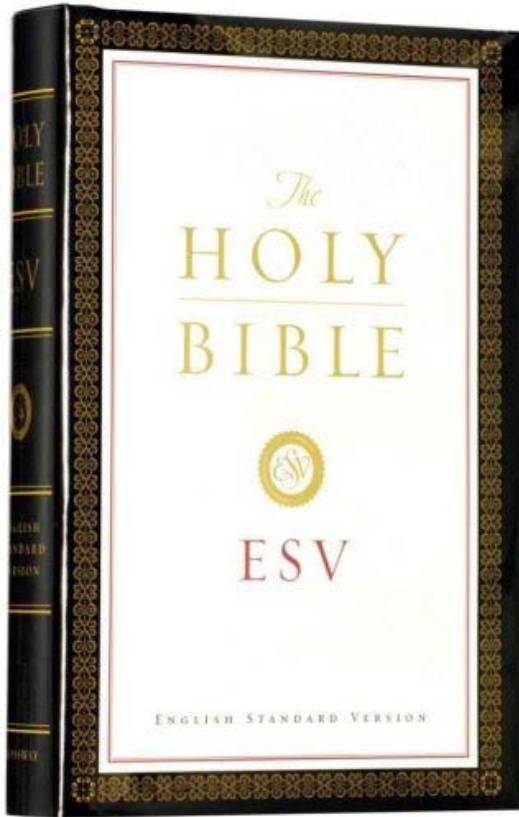


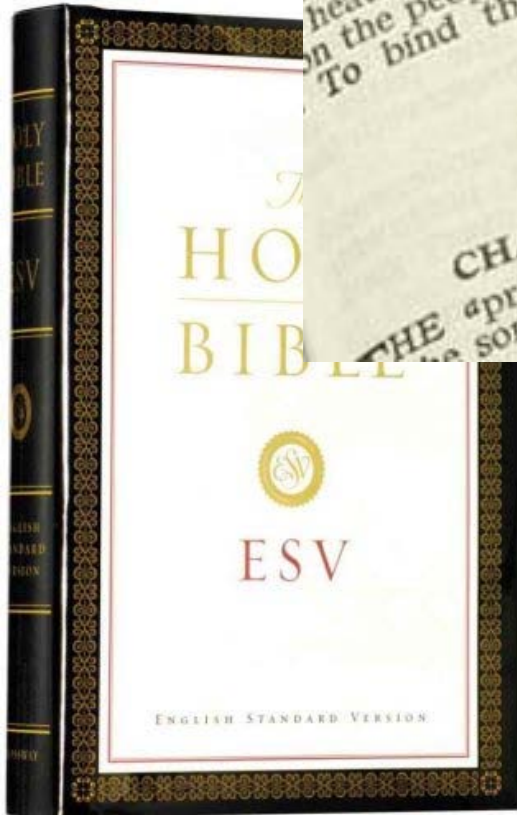












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Rev. 1. 18
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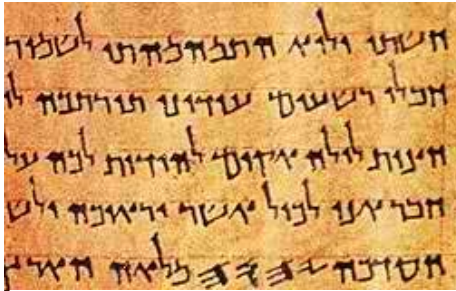
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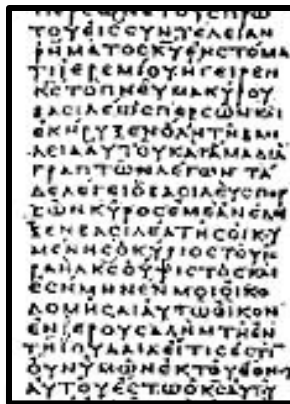
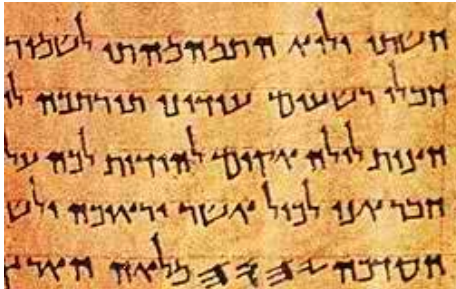
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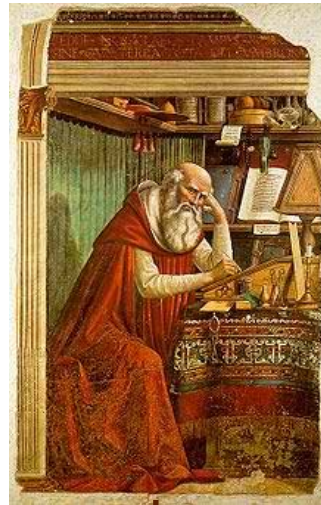
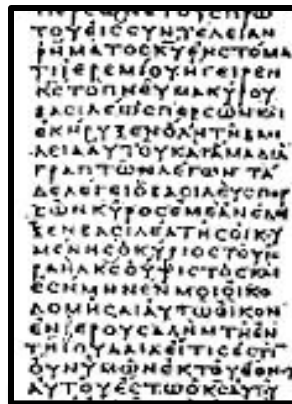


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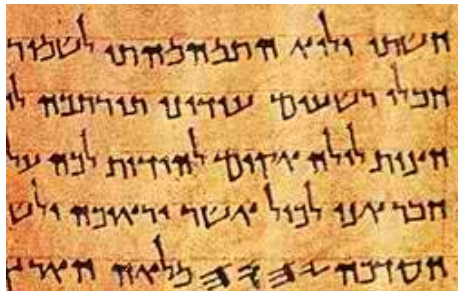
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Who wrote Proverbs?





Amen-em-opet





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Give thy ears, hear what
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Give thy ears, hear what is said. Give thy heart to understand them. To put them in thy heart is worthwhile



Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you.



Amen-em-opet



Do not carry off the landmark at the boundaries of the arable land.



Amen-em-opet



Do not carry off the
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arable land.

Do not move the
ancient landmarks
that your fathers
have set.



Amen-em-opet



Guard thyself against
robbing the oppressed
and against overbearing
the disabled.



Amen-em-opet

Unlike Amen-em-opet, the Proverbs are recast to reflect the role of Yahweh



Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate.



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Words of
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Praises of the
prudent wife

WARNING:

Proverbs teach us how to **live wisely**, not absolute **magic rules**

Exm: Prov. 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

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“Heart” includes all your mind!

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In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

“**Understanding**” includes the moral element

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*In all your ways acknowledge him, and
he will make straight your paths.*

This pits the choice between
humble submission to God
against **arrogant self-sufficiency**.

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Here is the assurance of the **future** from the God over time



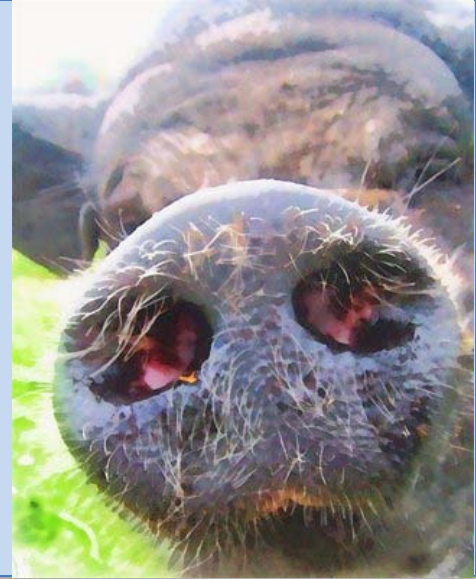
‘Nuff said!

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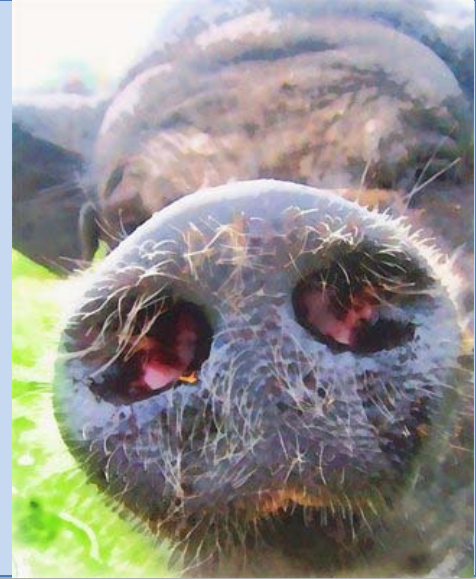
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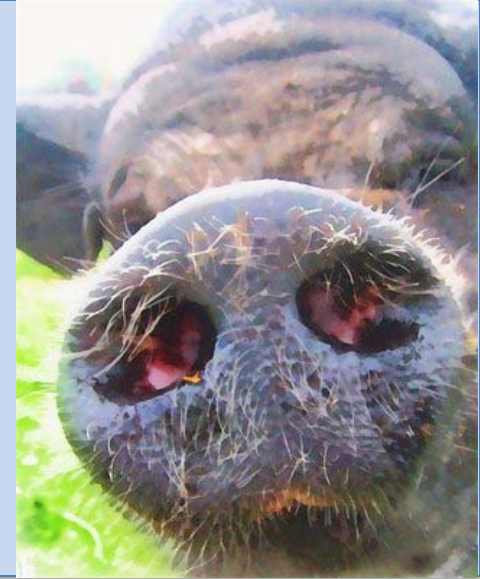


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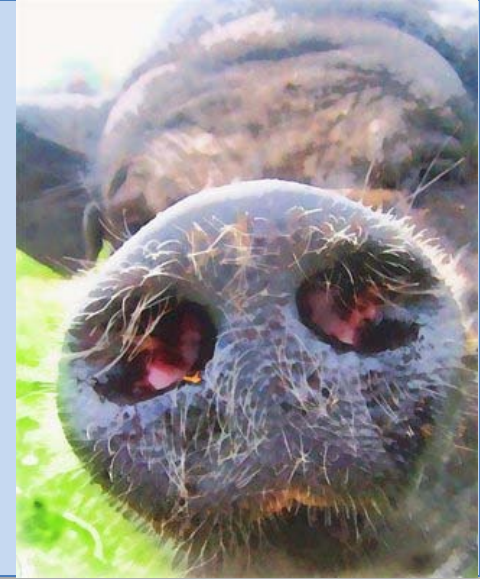
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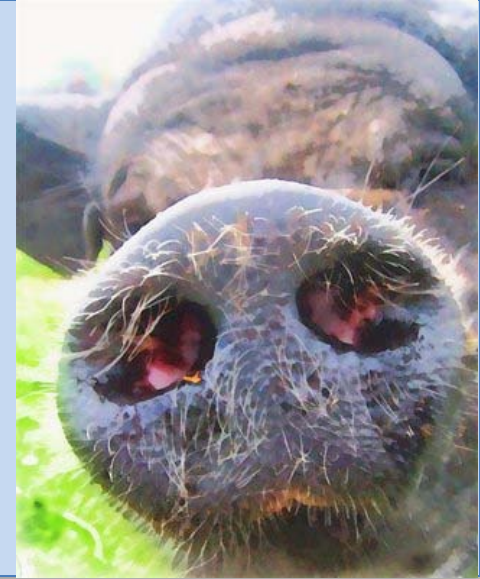
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15:1

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“**Soft**” means **gentle** or **mild**.

I.e., When faced with anger, a **soft**
or **gentle** response helps defuse
the situation

22:1

*A **good name** is more desirable than **great riches**; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold*



Is this really true?

YES!



22:17-19

Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge... That your trust may be in the LORD, I have made them known to you today, even to you.

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Incline your ear means
Pay attention!

22:17-19

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**This is about more than
living wisely!**

The Words of Agur



30:1ff

I am weary, O God, and worn out. Surely I am too stupid to be a man. I have not the understanding of a man. I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.

30:1ff

Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth?

30:1ff

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