



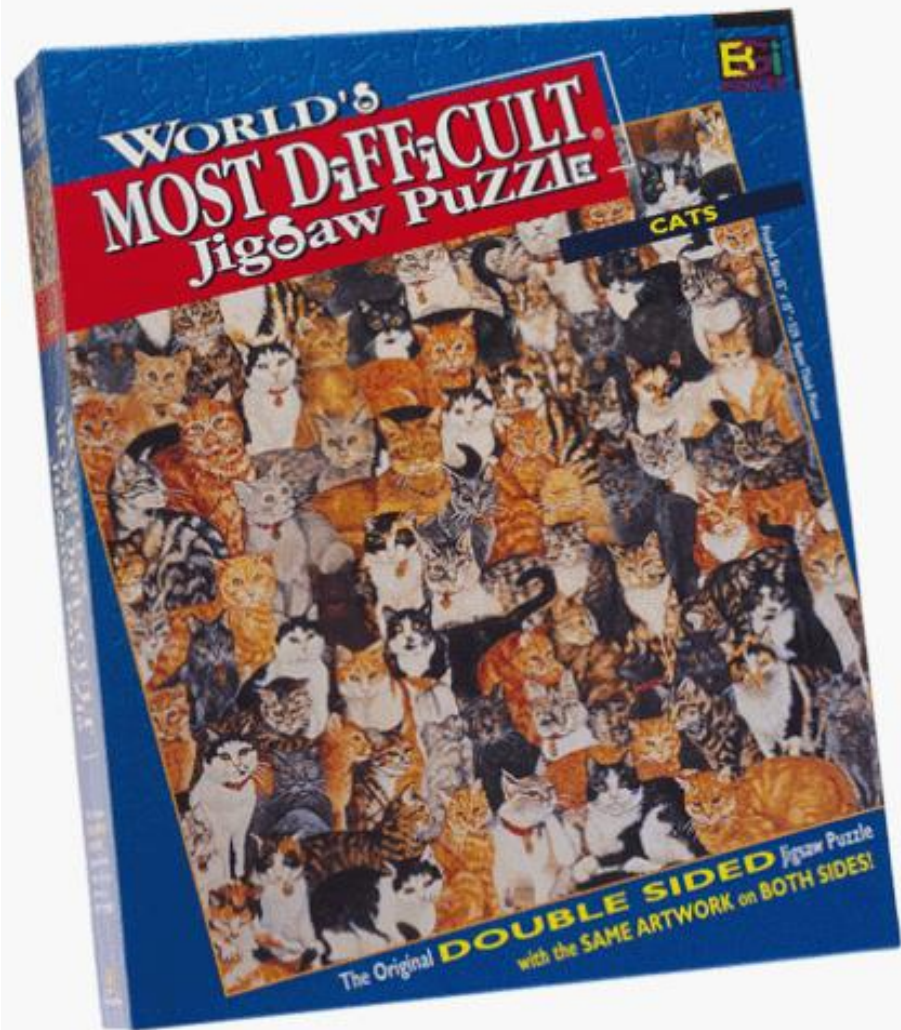
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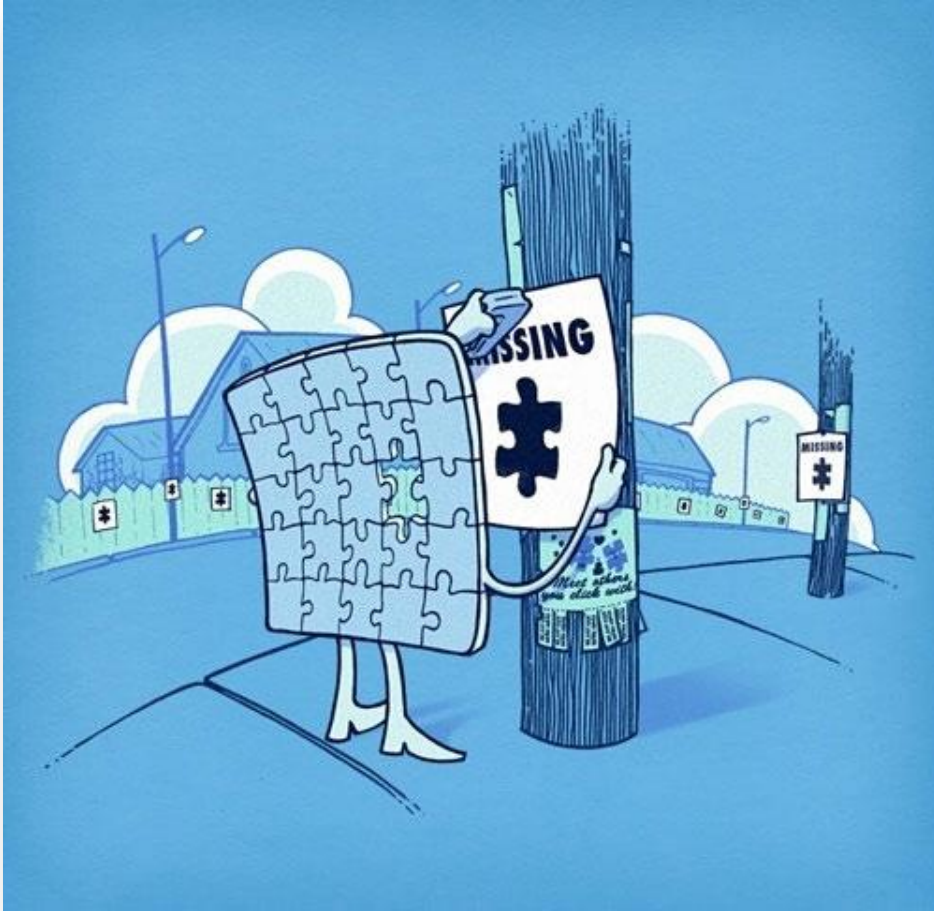






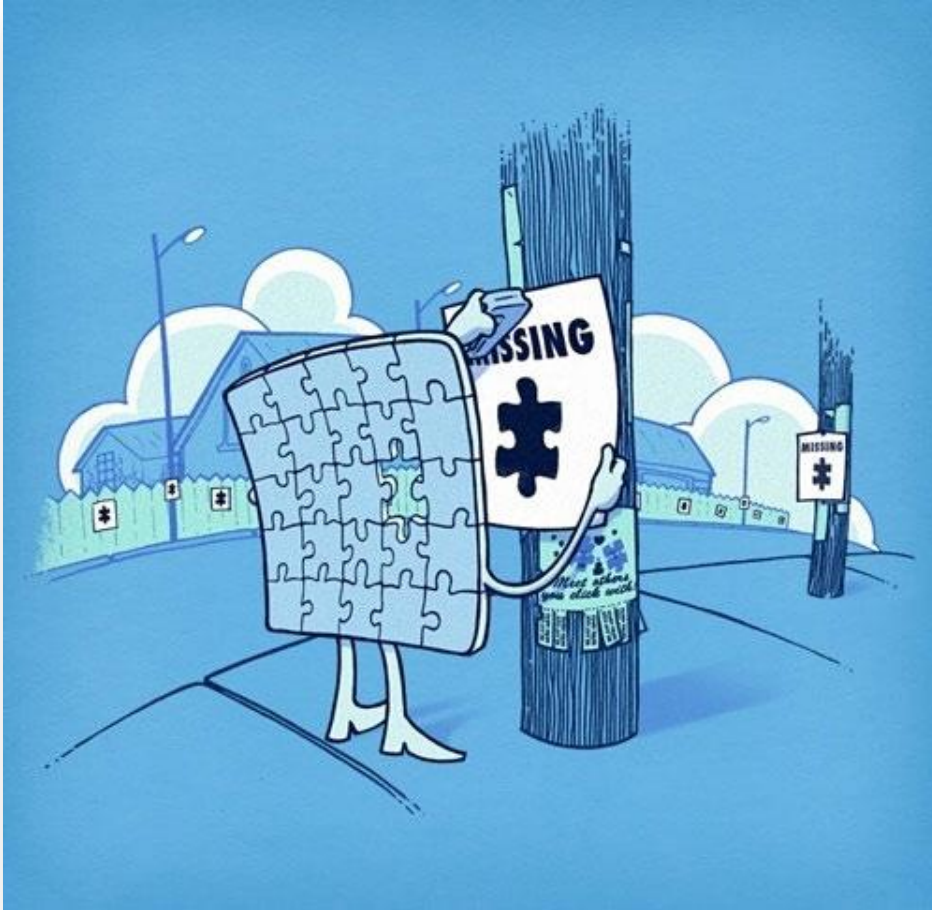
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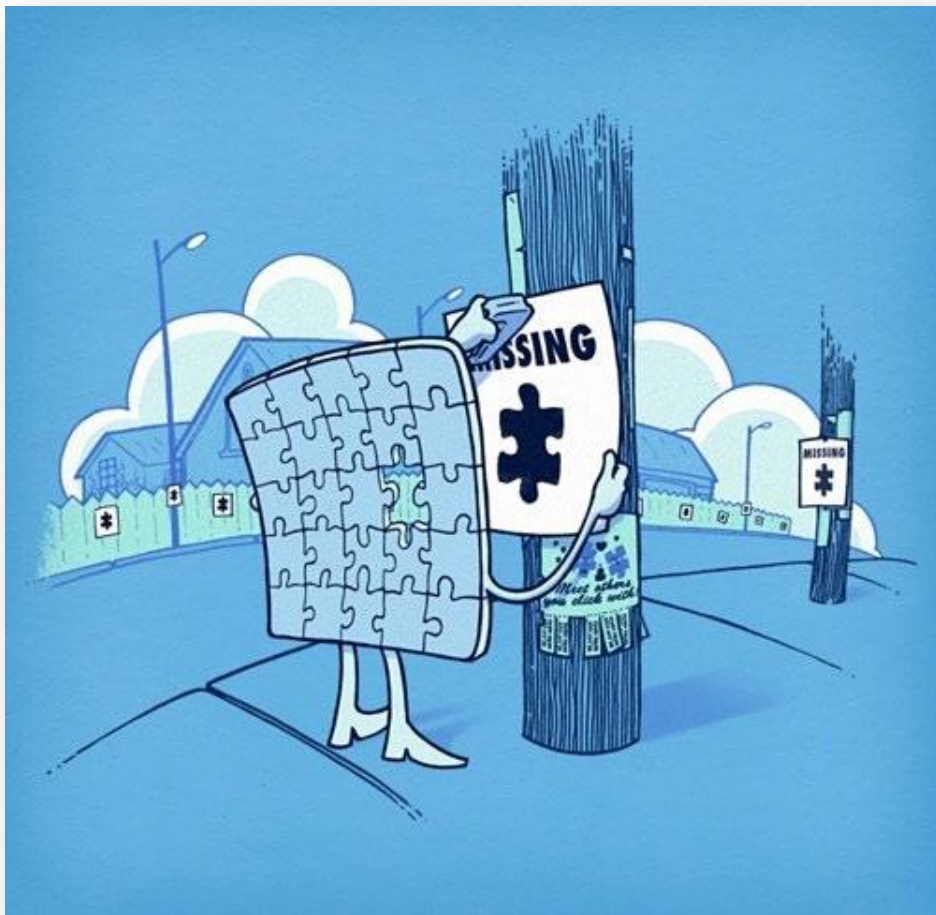
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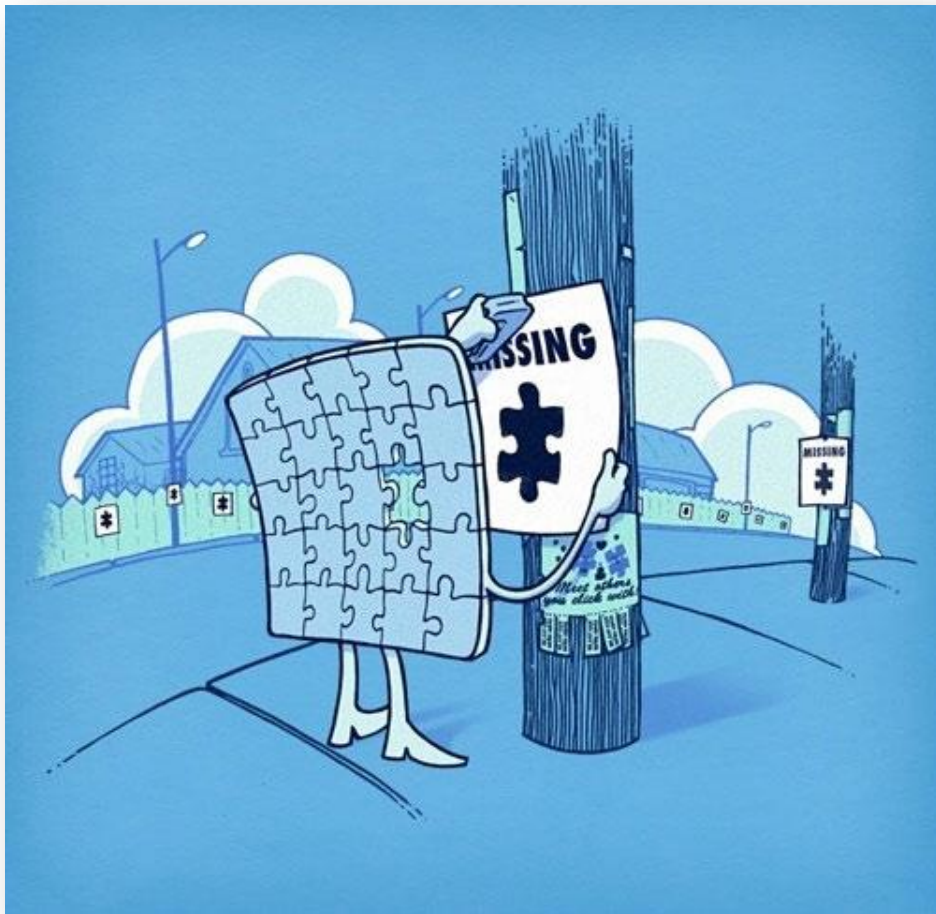




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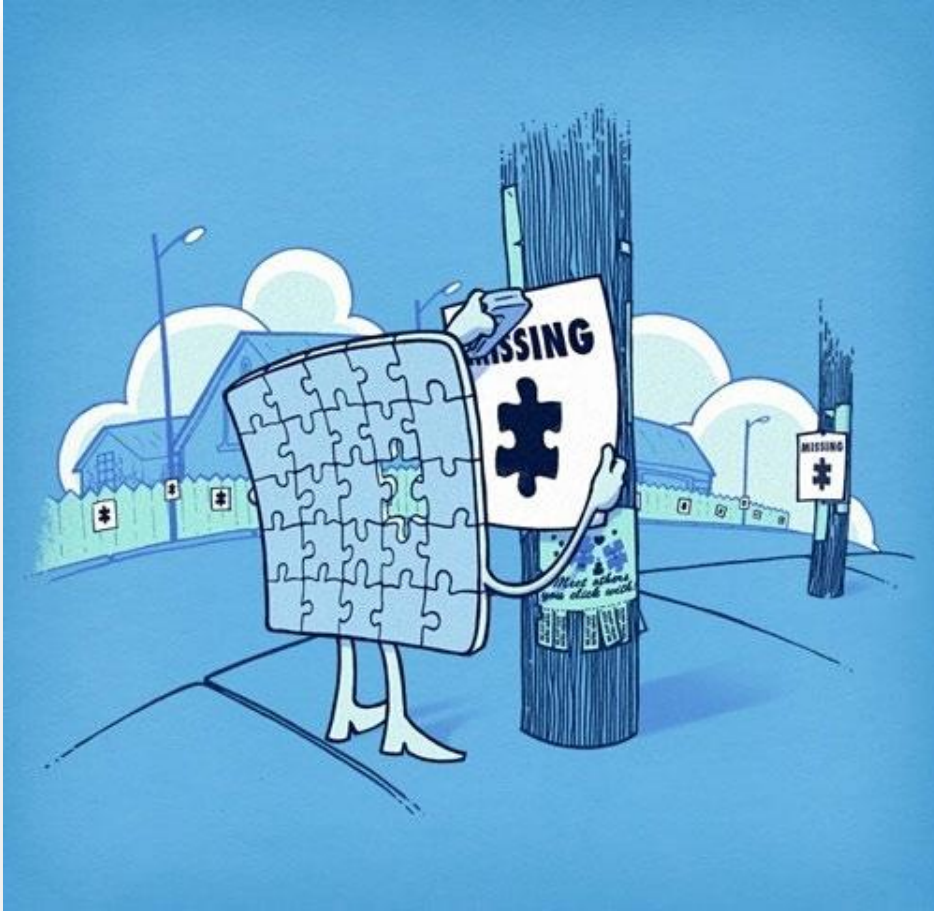
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Paul found the Church a small Jewish community with crude Messianic conceptions; he left it a world organization in which there was neither Jew nor Gentile



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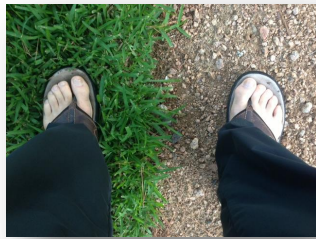


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a man of middling size, and his hair was scanty, and his legs were a little crooked, and his knees were projecting, and he had large eyes and his eyebrows met, and his nose was somewhat long, and he was full of grace and mercy; at one time he seemed like a man, and at another time he seemed like an angel



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The characterisation of Paul in Acts is so detailed and individualised as to prove the author's personal acquaintance. Moreover, the Paul of Acts is the Paul that appears to us in his own letters, in his ways and his thoughts, in his educated tone of polished courtesy, in his quick and vehement temper, in the extraordinary



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versatility and adaptability which made him at home in every society, moving at ease in all surroundings, and everywhere the centre of interest, whether he is the Socratic dialectician in the Agora of Athens, or the rhetorician in its University, or conversing with kings and proconsuls, or advising in the council on shipboard, or cheering a broken-spirited crew to make one more effort for life.



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This is you and me!



This



This



Not that



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“Do you know Greek?”
(Acts 21:37)



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Look for chances to use the gifts and
abilities God has given us for his kingdom



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Can we see how this is the constant
drumbeat to all we do?



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