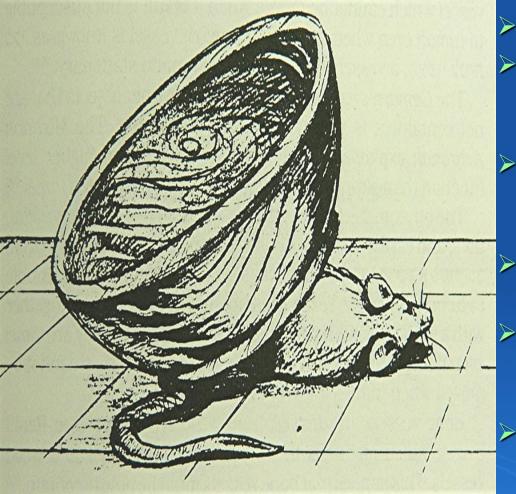


INANIMATE OBJECTS CAN BECOME UNCLEAN



Container = *keli*

- Wood, goatskin, cloth must be washed in water to remove uncleanness
- Earthen-ware (pottery) must be broken and never used again
- Liquid in container had to be destroyed
- Dead creature touches OUTSIDE of container, can be washed

Dead creature touches INSIDE of container, usually must be destroyed

WATER: CLEAN OR UNCLEAN?

- The presence of water in a vessel determines whether or not the contents becomes unclean
- Water attached to the earth cannot contract uncleanness
- Water put into a container CAN contract uncleanness
- Immersing an unclean object in water attached to the earth CLEANSES the unclean object

UNCLEAN



STHELLING LS M

SWARMING

A normally CLEAN animal that dies from disease or accident becomes UNCLEAN

Swarming creatures are UNCLEAN

- > Swarming = sharats
- Means it moves at random, darts about, crawls
- Detestable = shekets
- Worst class of unclean
- An abomination

THINGS MUST BE <u>HOLY</u> TO BE IN YEHOVEH'S PRESENCE

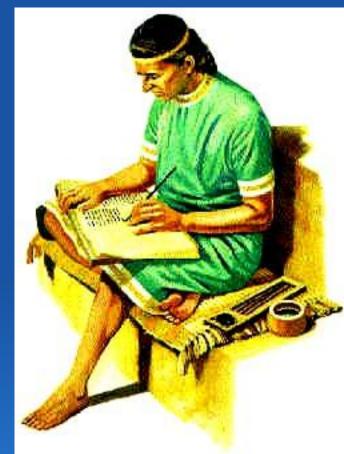
- No evidence, Scriptural or scientific, that animals are aware of God...ONLY MAN!
- > Vs. 47 typically reads: "...for <u>distinguishing</u> between....living things which may be eaten...."
- More literally says: ".....that there may be <u>separation</u> between the clean and unclean"
- Yahweh divides, elects, and separates

GOOD CLEAN HOLY GOD'S PEOPLE TAMEI

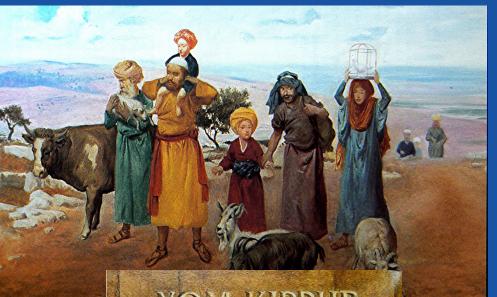
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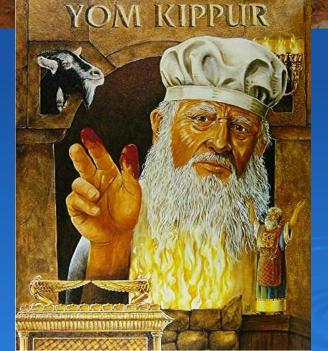
LEVITICUS 11: PUTTING THE PUZZLE TOGETHER

- The key to understanding the Bible is in recognizing the RELATIONSHIPS
- Current scholarly belief is that the Old Testament was written in HEBREW..... the New Testament was written in GREEK
 IMPORTANT! Bible was written by Hebrews



THE BIBLE: A <u>HEBREW</u> DOCUMENT





Culture matters!

- Language reflects its culture
- Culture is embedded in its language
- Tower of Babel didn't just create new languages; it created new people groups which developed separate cultures
- Every culture develops its own unique philosophies and concepts

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ARE LINKED

- Language and culture have unique concepts that are difficult to communicate to people OUTSIDE OF THAT CULTURE
- A) No <u>WORDS</u> invented in other cultures for those concepts
- B) BECAUSE, those concepts don't exist in other cultures



WHAT WORDS <u>MEAN</u> IS OFTEN DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THEY <u>SAY</u>



- Hebrews had a unique WAY of thinking
- This way was part of their language
- Today, the STYLE (way) of thinking in the world is Greek
- Bible translators, and all of us, think in a style called RATIONAL / LOGICAL

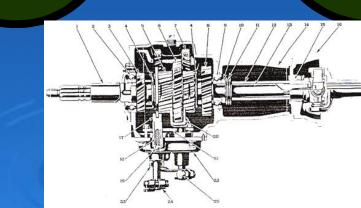
Hebrews thought in a style called ANALOGIC

RATIONAL/LOGICAL ANALOGICAL

- > Imbedded in Science
- Cause and Effect
- Systemized
- Main system can be broken down into subsystems
- > Western Medicine> Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning

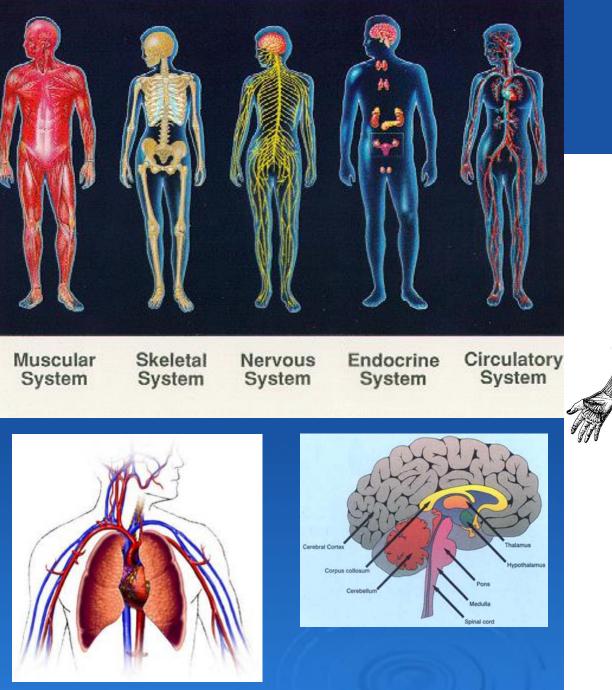
- > Operates based on patterns and models
- Searches for common truths shared by similar things
- Relies on relationships
- Sees things a microcosms

SYSTEM AND SUB-SYSTEMS

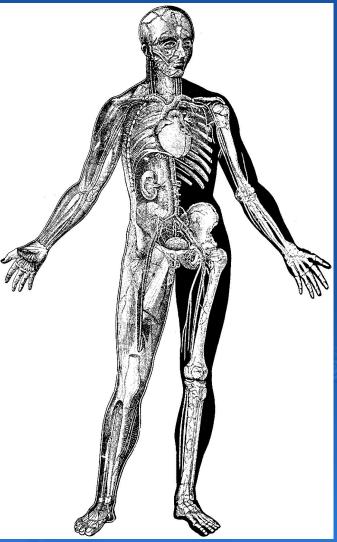


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WESTERN MEDICINE



2 TYPES OF REASONING

> <u>DEDUCTIVE</u>

- Fact #1: All dogs have 4 legs.
- > Fact #2: Rover is a dog.
- Conclusion: Rover has 4 legs

> <u>INDUCTIVE</u>

- Observation #1: John came to class late this morning
- Observation #2: John's hair was messy
- Experience: John's hair is usually neat and combed
- Conclusion: John MUST have overslept

RATIONAL/LOGICAL ANALOGICAL

- > GREEK THINKING Imbedded in Science
- Cause and Effect
- Systemized
- Main system can be broken down into subsystems
- > Western Medicine
- Reasoning
- > Evolutionary, linear
- > History is a straight line
- Man centered

- > HEBREW THINKING
 - Operates based on patterns and models
- Searches for common truths shared by similar things
- Relies on relationships
- Sees things a microcosms
- Cosmic or spiritual centered



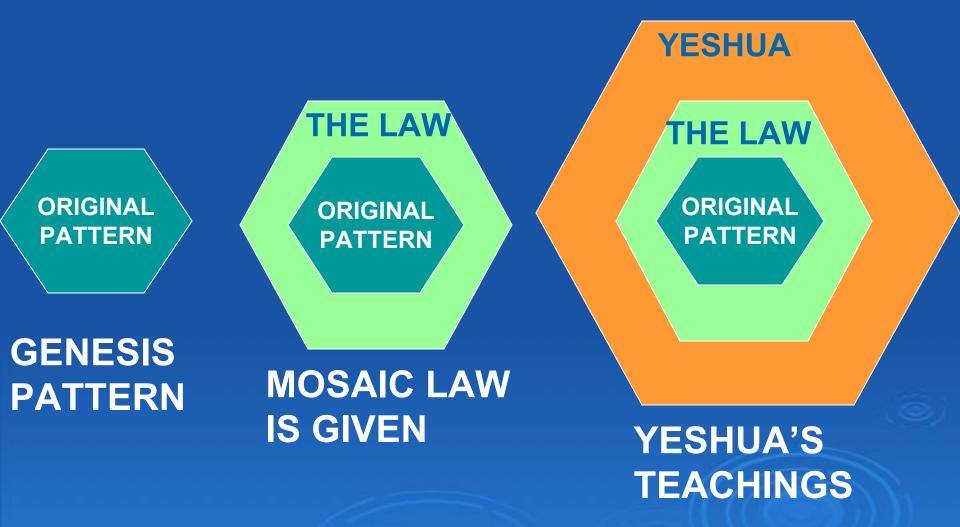


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RELATIONSHIPS

- The Torah does NOT attempt to give reasons for the laws and instructions
- INSTEAD..... It gives us ANOTHER new rule and law
- Question: "Why this new law?"
- <u>Answer</u>: "Because it conforms to the underlying principle behind all the laws".
 Parables of Yeshua are a kind of analogy

"WHICH <u>PATTERN</u> IS TRUE AND RELEVANT...."



IS A PARTICULAR LANGUAGE GOOD OR BAD?

- NO! God made all languages
- CHALLENGE: How do we look at analogic thought (Hebrew) through rational/logical (Greek) eyes?
- MUST have willingness to let go of false doctrines and traditions

<u>KEY</u>: WE NEED TO GIVE UP LOOKING FOR "<u>WHY?</u>" AND INSTEAD LOOK FOR "<u>WHICH?</u>" GOD-ORDAINED PATTERNS