



**SPEECH AND SPIRITUALITY  
PART 1  
JAMES 3:1-5**

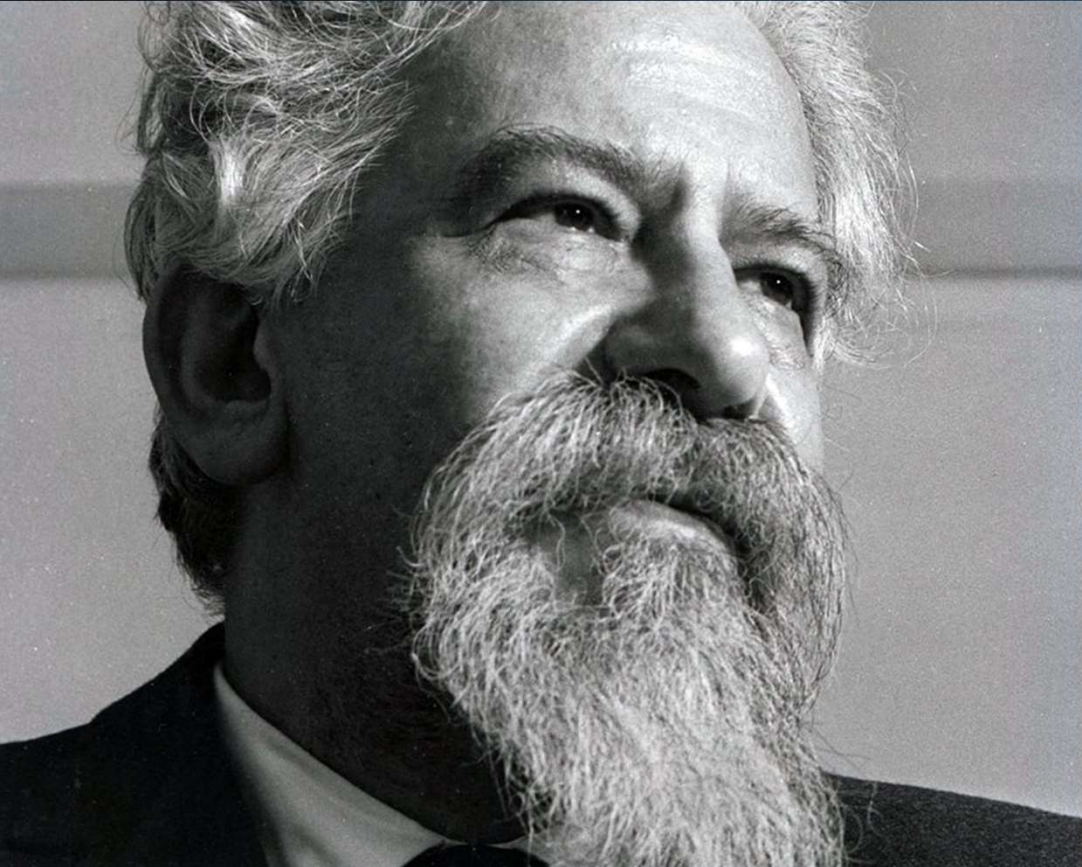


## BIBLICAL WORDS

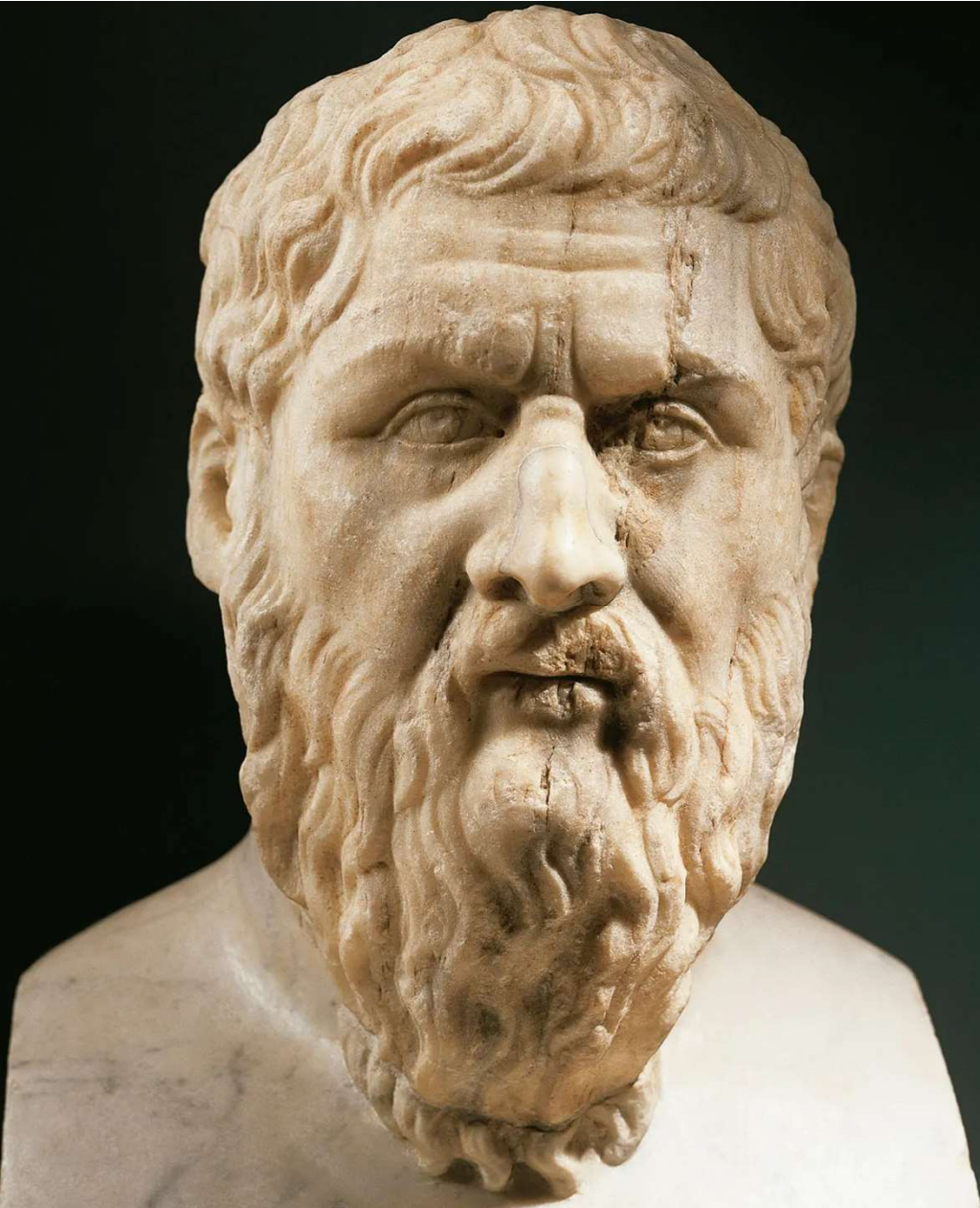
Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity

Lips, mouth, tongue, talk, cry, words, comfort, edify, prophesy, teach, blasphemy, boasting, cursing, evil speaking, reviling, swearing, oaths, slander, and flattery

# ABRAHAM JOSHUA HERSCHEL



*Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed." -*



## **THERE IS A CONNECTION**

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.



## **THERE IS A CONNECTION**

Better to remain  
silent and be thought  
a fool than to speak  
out and remove all  
doubt

# TRUE SPIRITUALITY



James 1:26

## Speech control

James 1:26 (ESV) If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

## Social action

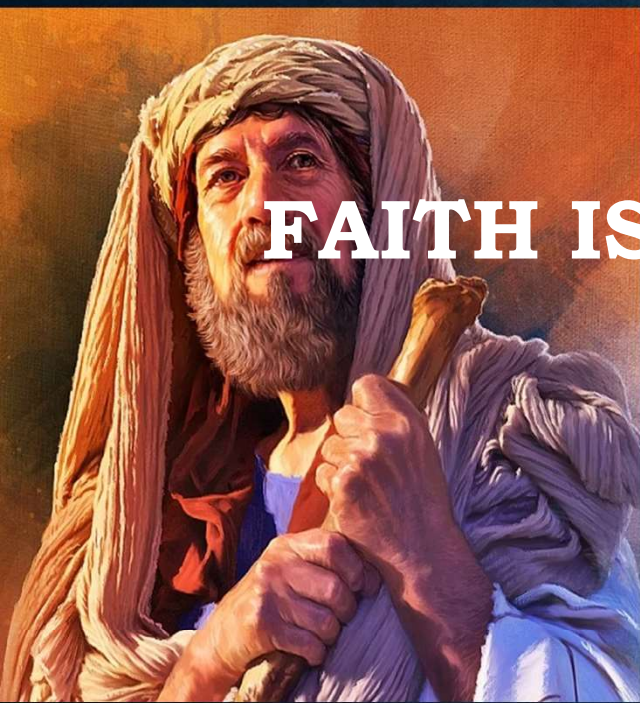
James 1:27 (ESV) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction,

## Personal holiness

and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## James 2

# FAITH IS AUTHENTICATED BY ACTION



Faith that works

Not status or social  
standing or merit

Hebrews 11:17 By faith  
Abraham, when he was tested,  
offered up Isaac, and he who  
had received the promises  
was in the act of offering up  
his only son,

Hebrews 11:31 By faith  
Rahab the prostitute did not  
perish with those who were  
disobedient, because she  
had given a friendly  
welcome to the spies.

# FAITH AND WORDS



W o r d s

m a t t e r



## JAMES 3:1-12

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## SINS OF SPEECH WILL BE JUDGED

James 3:1 (ESV) Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

# THE STATUS OF TEACHERS

Rabbi

Social rank





## STATUS OF TEACHERS

Matthew 23:5-8 (ESV) They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. 8

If one's parents were captured by the enemies, duty dictated that a person should rescue the rabbi first



**FOLLOWING OF DISCIPLES**

# JUDGED ON PRODUCT

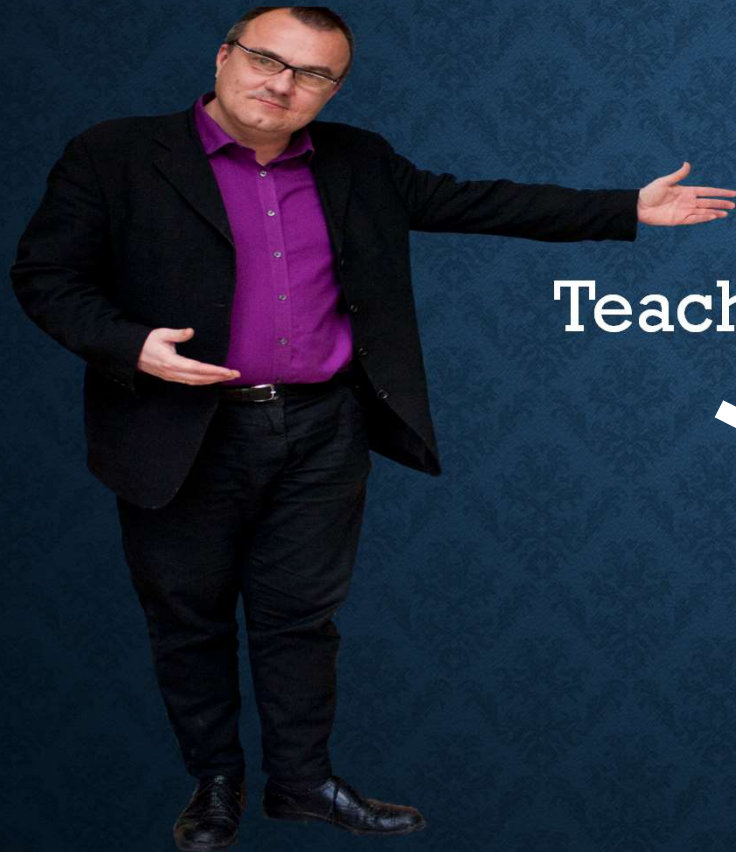


**WORDS**



**POTS**

# RESPONSIBILITY



Teacher

The truth of the Word

**Not personal opinions**

14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,  
guard the good deposit entrusted to you

(2 Timothy 1:14 ESV)

Evidence of the Word  
The way his life is lived



Matthew 12:34-37 (ESV) You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. 36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”





Matthew 5:22 (ESV) But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

# PAUL'S FAREWELL SPEECH TO EPHESIAN ELDERS



Acts 20:26-30 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.



## ENEMY WITHIN



Acts 20:29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them



2 Peter 2:1-3 (ESV) But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.



Galatians 1:6-7 (ESV) I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

# PROSPERITY GOSPEL DISTORTION



*If we worship a poor Saviour we will always be poor. But if we worship a Saviour who we know to be rich and prosperous (...) we will be changed to reflect that*



## YES JESUS WAS RICH!! BUT...

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



Philippians 2:4-8 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

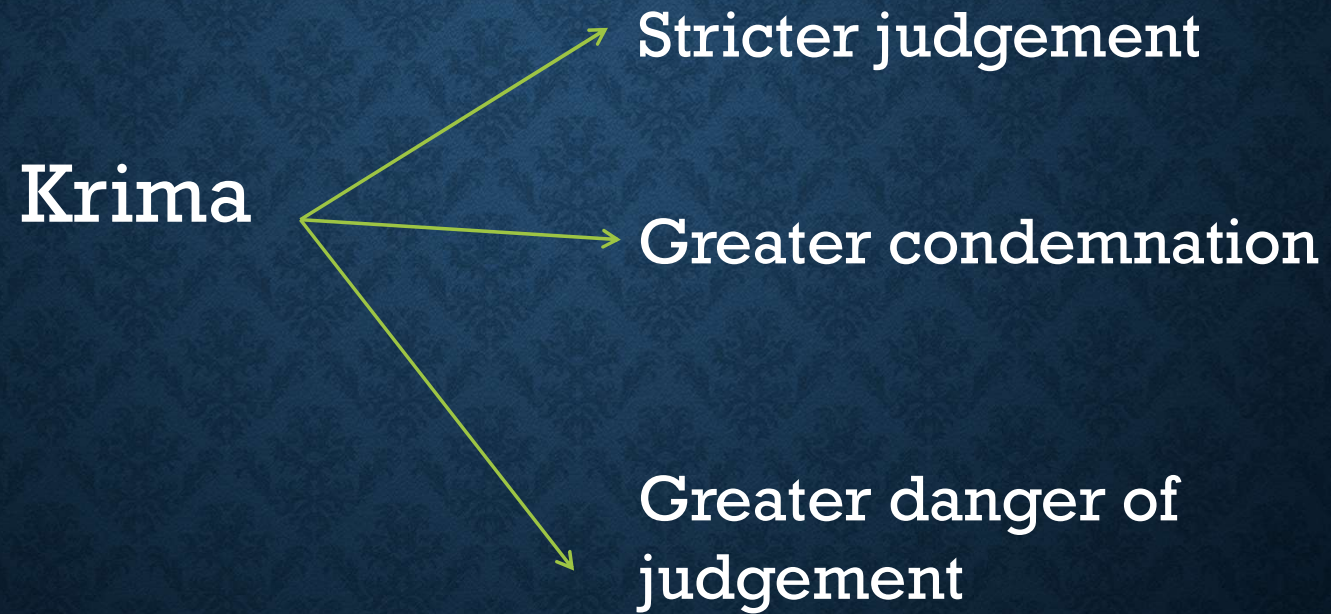


# JUDGEMENT

Final  
Judgement -  
salvation

Judgement of  
Believers

# JUDGEMENT



# BELIEVERS JUDGEMENT



1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (ESV) If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.



2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



- James 1:19 (ESV) Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;
- James 2:12 (ESV) So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.
- James 4:11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law.
- James 5:12 (ESV) But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

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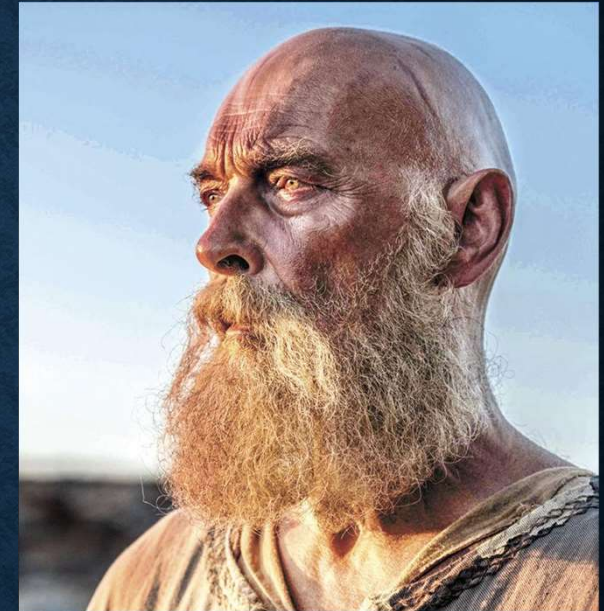
# THE DANGER OF TONGUES



Genesis 3:4 (ESV) But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die



Isaiah 6:5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;



Romans 3:13-14 Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” 14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”



## NOT CONFINED TO TEACHERS ONLY

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James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.



Life's challenges

Lutheran minister.

Roman Catholic priest

Baptist minister



## Hot Mike Moments Unconscious

"Sen Obama has been talking down to black people on this faith based .... I want cut his nuts off"




A photograph of three men in dark suits and ties standing outdoors. The man on the left is Jacques Chirac, the man in the middle is Nicolas Sarkozy, and the man on the right is David Cameron. They appear to be in conversation. A black text box is overlaid on the image.

## Jacque Chirac criticises England

“The only thing that they have ever done for European agriculture is mad cow disease. You cannot trust people who have such bad cuisine.”

## PETER--IRONY



Matthew 16:15-17 (ESV) 15  He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

# PETER



Mark 8:32-33 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”



## APOSTLE PETER

Matthew 26:33 (ESV) Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

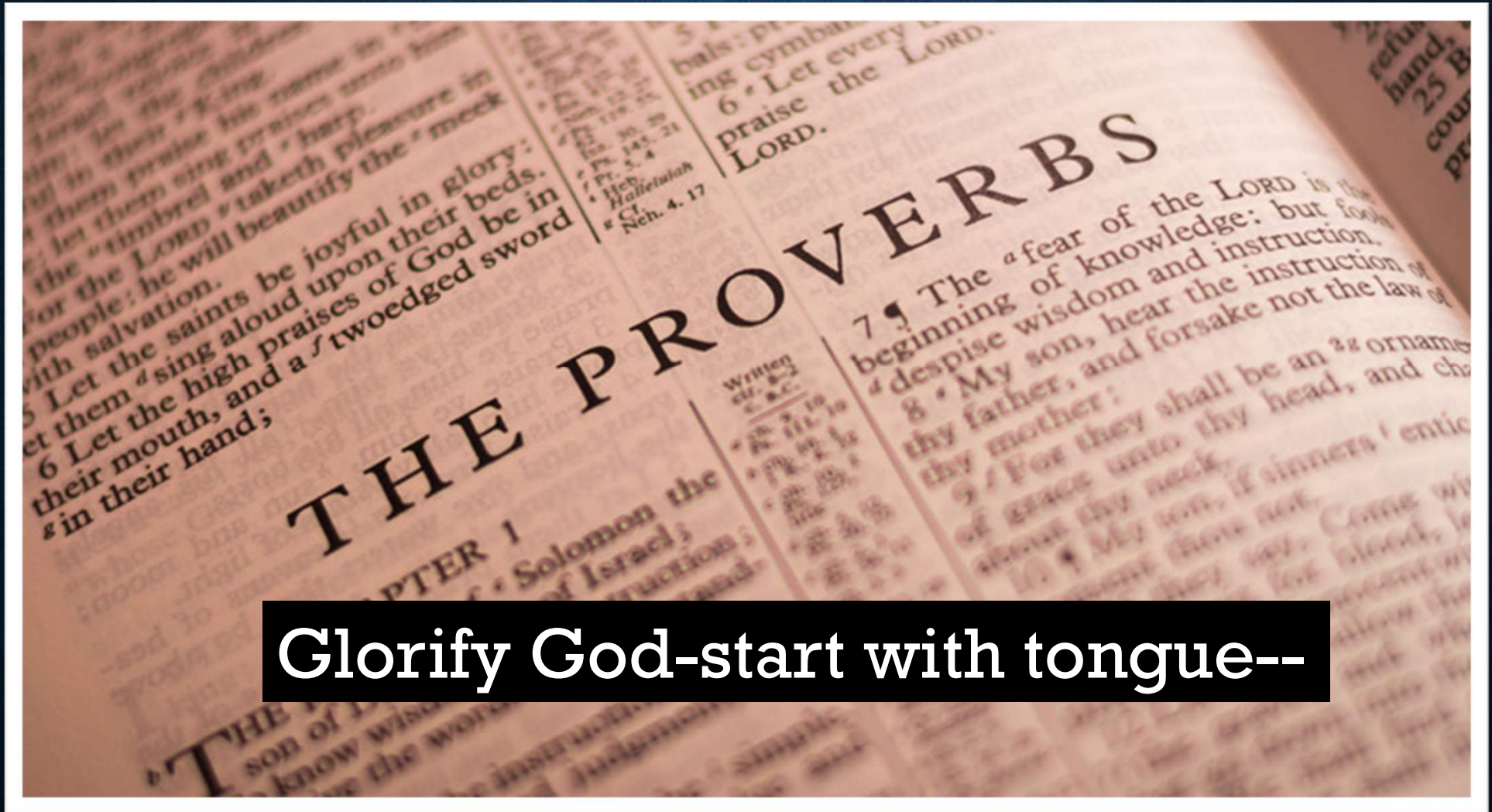
Matthew 26:74-75 Cursed  
..denied Jesus



## APOSTLE PETER

- John 13:7-13 Refuse to have Jesus wash him

# 90 proverbs about speech --



**Glorify God-start with tongue--**



A close-up portrait of Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, an older man with a full white beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket and a white collared shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a dark, out-of-focus blue.

**RABBI JOSEPH  
TELUSHKIN**

*“If you cannot go for twenty-four hours without drinking liquor, you are addicted to alcohol. If you cannot go for twenty-four hours without smoking, you are addicted to nicotine. Similarly, if you cannot go for twenty-four hours without saying unkind words about others, then you have lost control over your tongue.”*

16,000 words/ day

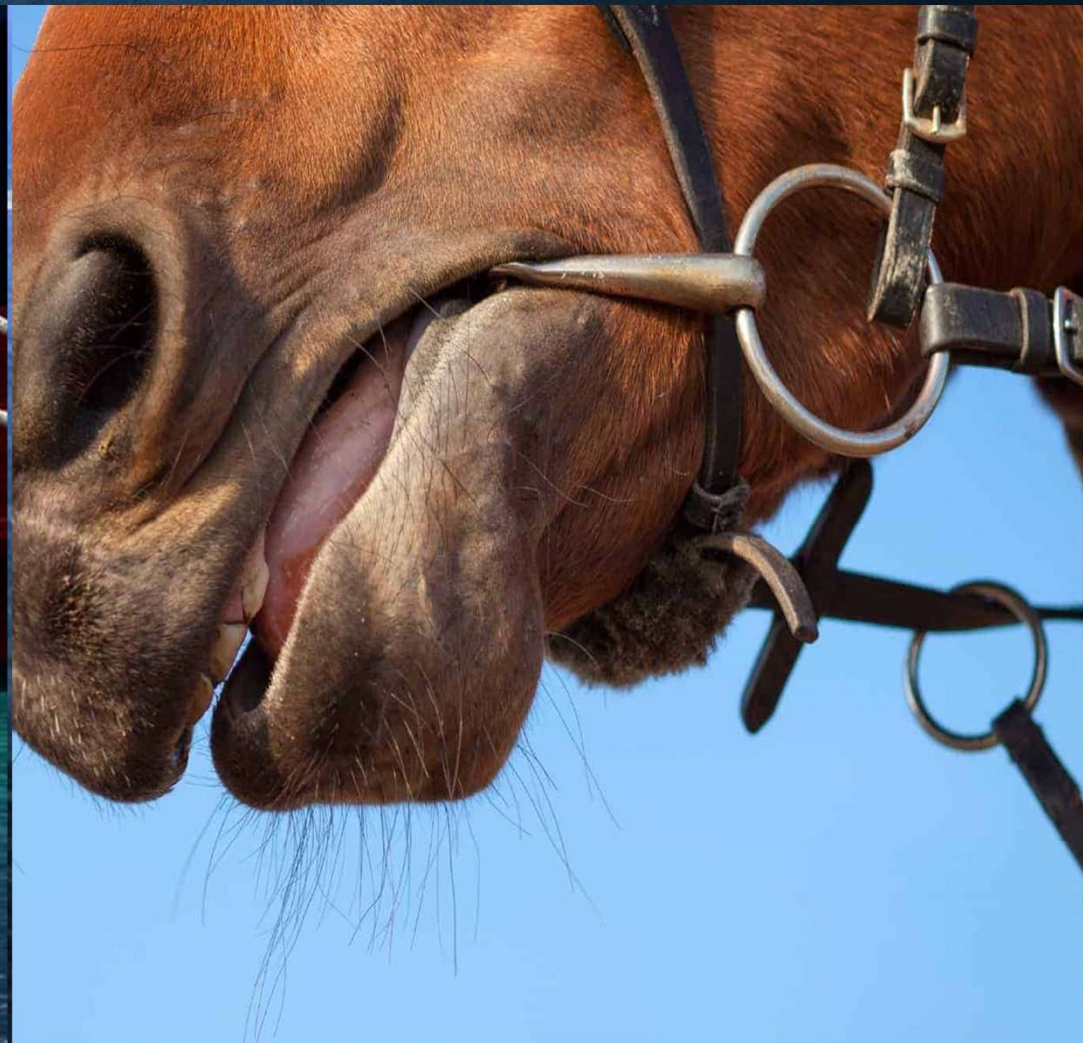
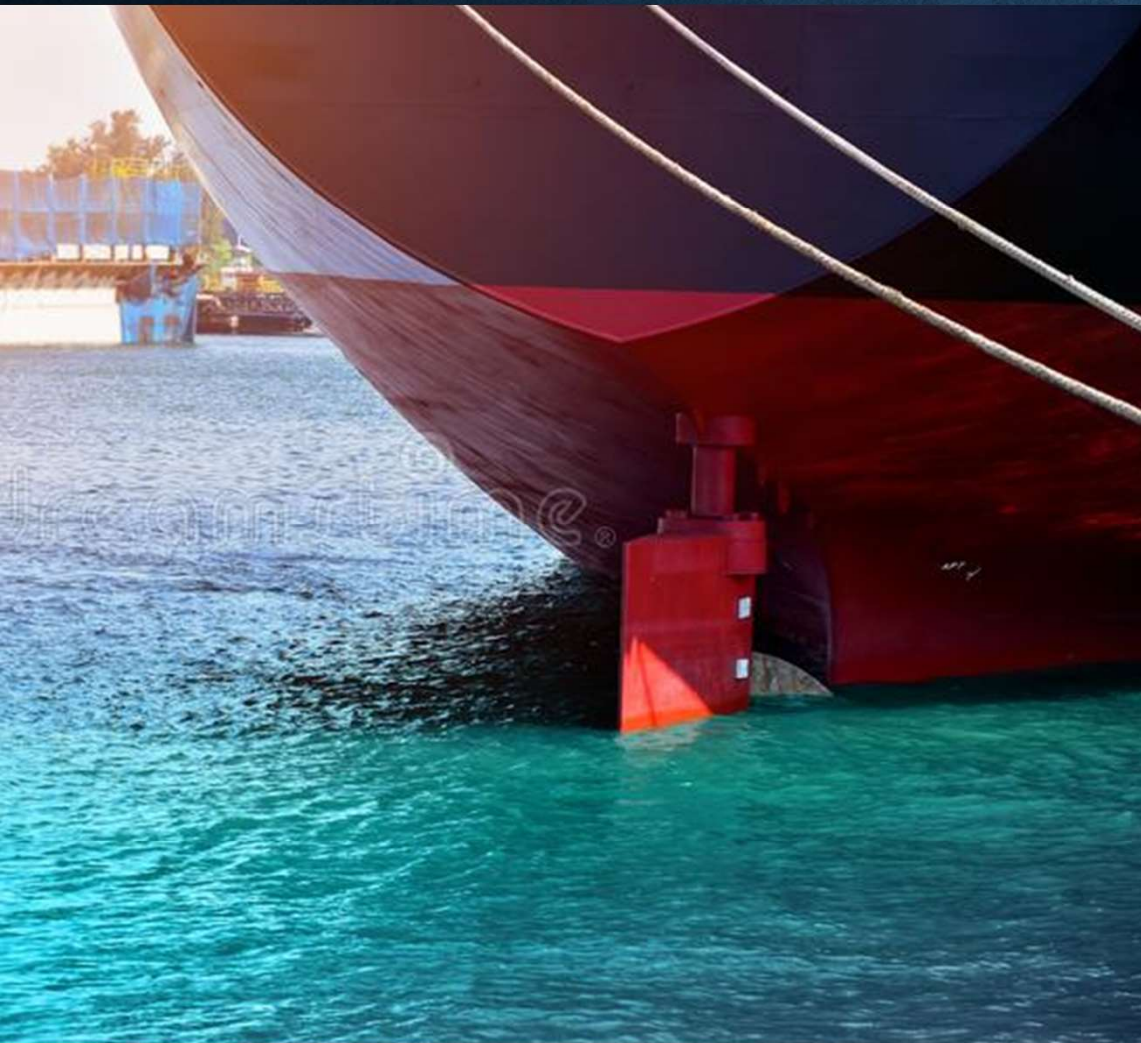
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James 3:3-5 (ESV) If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.



**I DO**





**CANCER FREE**

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.





Numbers 30:2 (ESV) 2 If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

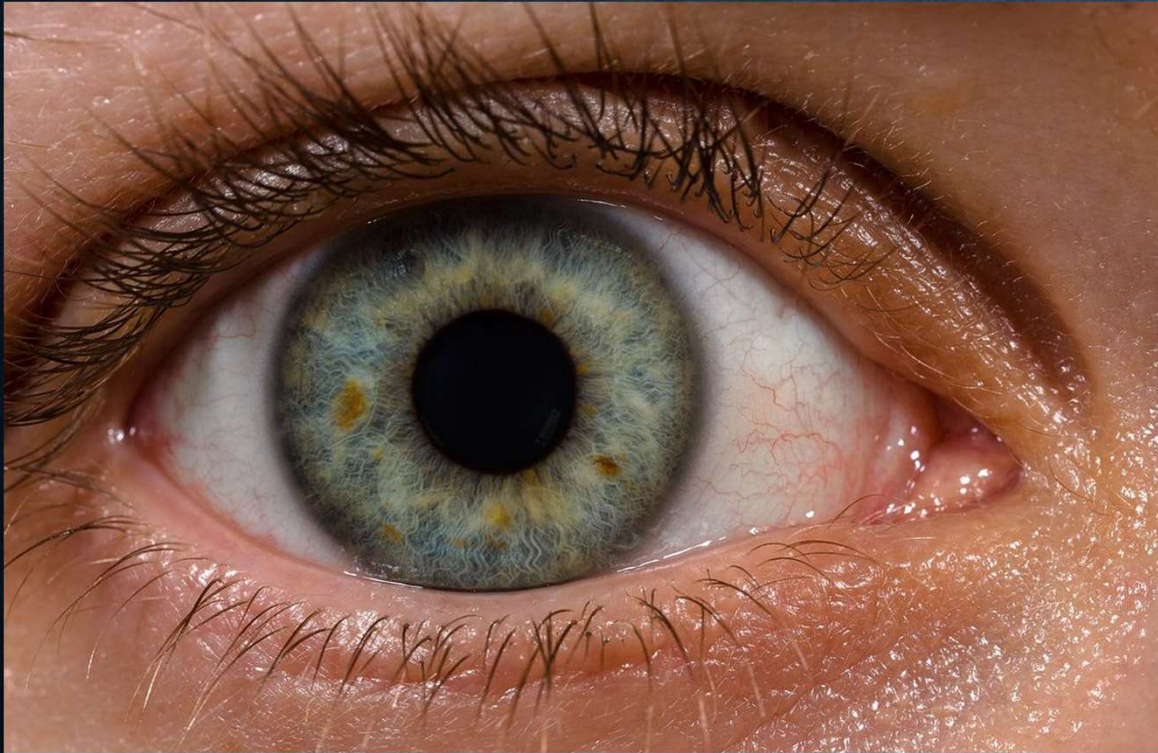
## JEPHTHAH'S VOW

Judges 11:30-32 (ESV) And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, 31 then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering."

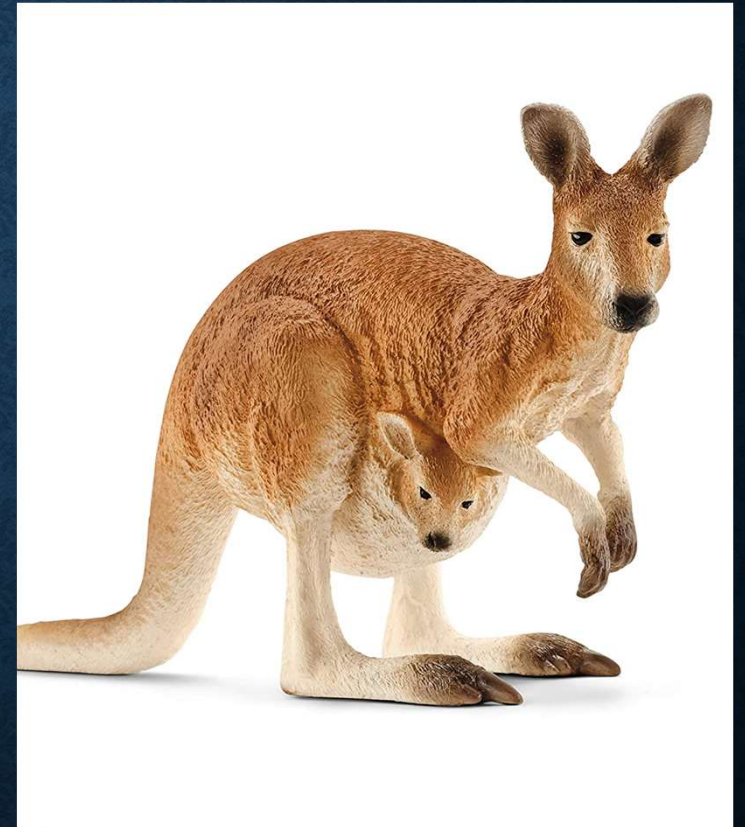
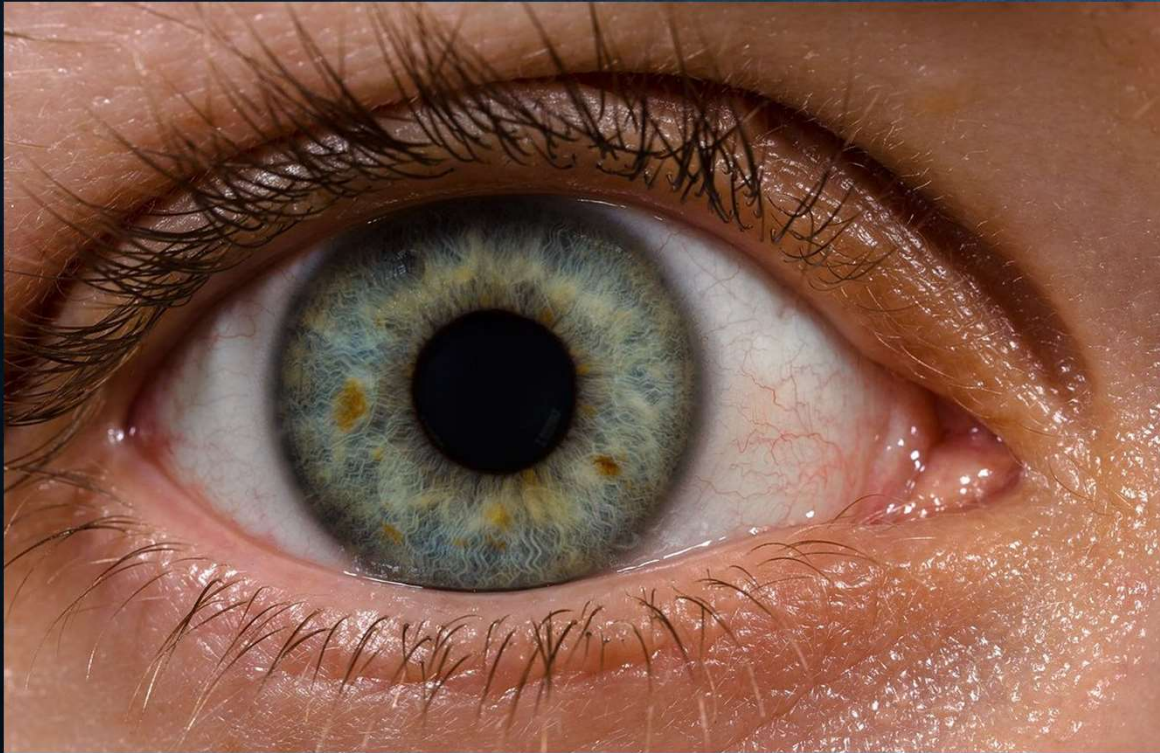
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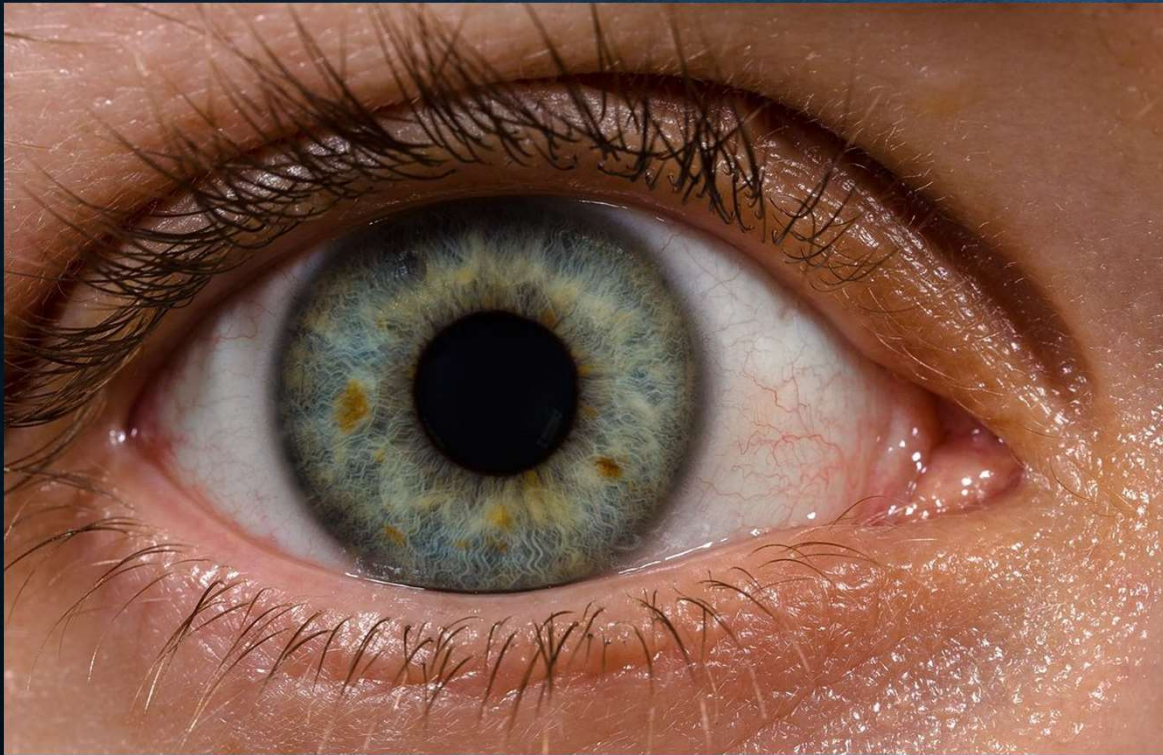
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**HEARING**

**PUMPKIN  
KANGAROO**



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*”In the case of vision, what we consciously perceive seems to be deeply shaped by our knowledge and expectations.*

*And those expectations can be altered with a single word.”*

UW–Madison cognitive scientist and psychology professor Professor Gary Lupyan, and Emily Ward, a Yale University graduate student,.

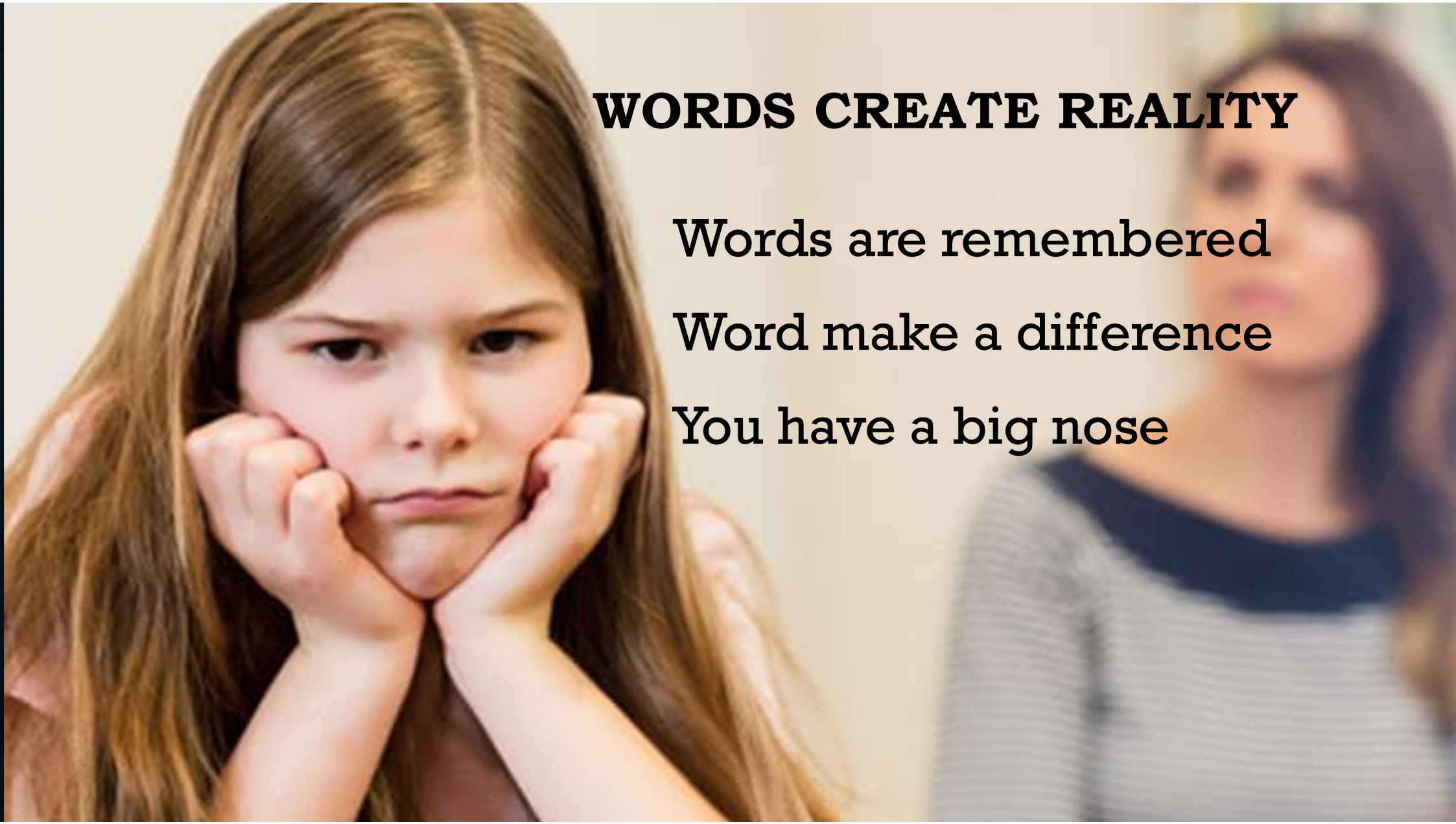
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**WORDS DETERMINE  
PERCEPTION**

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## **WORDS CREATE REALITY**

**Words are remembered**

**Word make a difference**

**You have a big nose**

*"I am more deadly than the screaming shell from the Howitzer. I win without killing. I tear down homes, break hearts and wreck lives. I travel on the wings of the wind. No innocence is strong enough to intimidate me. No purity pure enough to daunt me. I have no regard for truth, no respect for justice, no mercy for the defenseless. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea and often as innocent. I never forget and seldom forgive, and my name is gossip."*



*Morgan Blake*



## **SIGMUND FREUD**

*Words have a magical power. They can bring either the greatest happiness or deepest despair; they can transfer knowledge from teacher to student; words enable the orator to sway his audience and dictate its decisions. Words are capable of arousing the strongest emotions and prompting all men's actions.*

A cyclist wearing a white helmet and dark clothing is riding a road bike on a paved path. The path is lined with large trees, and the scene is illuminated by warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The cyclist is in a forward-leaning position, typical of road racing or time trial riding. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the cyclist in the foreground.

**Effects of Motivational Self-Talk on  
Endurance and Cognitive Performance  
in the Heat**

Med Sci Sports Exerc  
. 2017 Jan;49(1):191-199.

Motivational self-talk is effective in altering the internal psychophysiological control of exercise and plays a role in improving endurance capacity and executive function in the heat

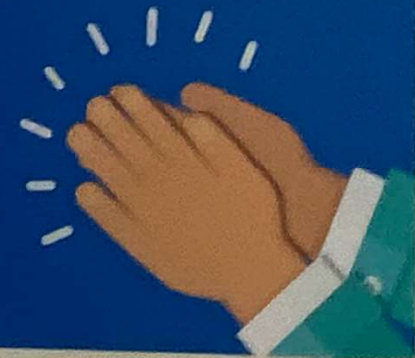


Dilarang merokok  
No smoking

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GUESS WHAT? **CLIMBING THE STAIRS** COUNTS TOWARD YOUR **30 MINUTES OF DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.**

NOW YOU HAVE CLIMBED **79 STAIRS!**



**DR M INDOCTRINATED US TO HATE DAP,**  
ZAHID-DECEMBER 28, 2022 8:30 AM



A black and white portrait of John F. Kennedy, looking slightly to the right with a slight smile. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. The background is dark and out of focus.

## JOHN F KENNEDY 1961

*“ask not what your  
country can do for  
you--ask what you  
can do for your  
country.”*



**“I HAVE A DREAM.”**



*“Tear down  
this wall!”*

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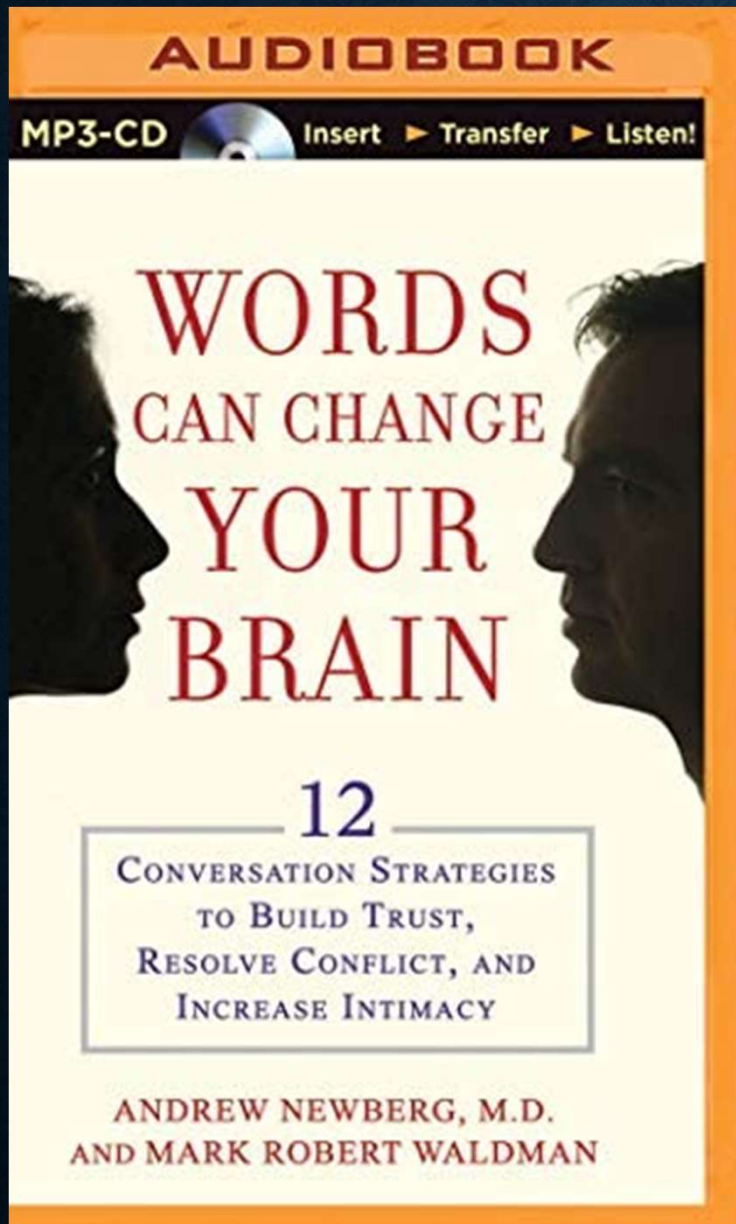
**PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN**

West Berlin, June 12, 1987

**JUNE 4 1940**



“we shall not flag or fail. We shall go to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender,”

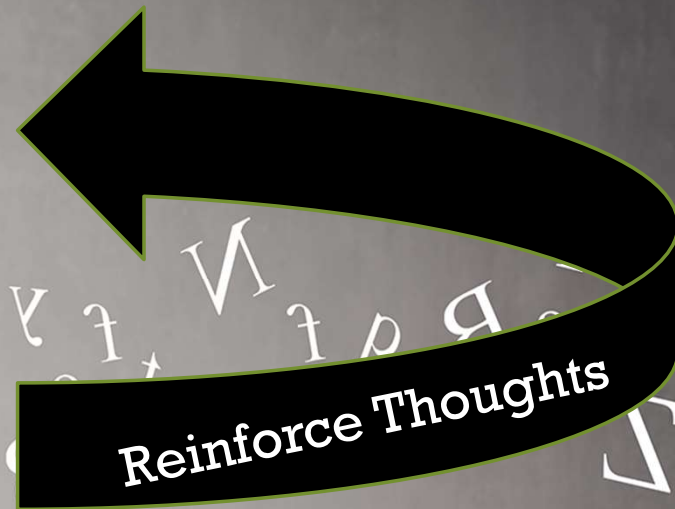


- Thus, by exercising *consistent positive thoughts and speech*, we not only change our self-perception, but how we perceive the world around us. Ultimately, this grants us the ability to shape our reality and change the world for the better.

Whatever direction your words lead, your mind, body and environment will inevitably follow

**Thoughts**

**Reinforce Thoughts**





**WE DECIDE WHICH THOUGHTS TO CLOTHE  
WITH WORDS**



Direct heart towards the good part and starve the evil

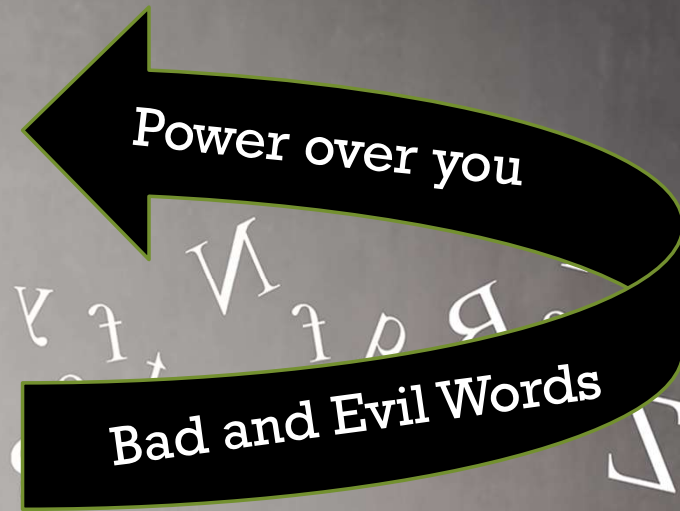
By clothing good thoughts with Words and rejecting bad thoughts

..like rudder direct your life

# TONGUE DIRECTS YOUR LIFE



**Bad Thoughts**



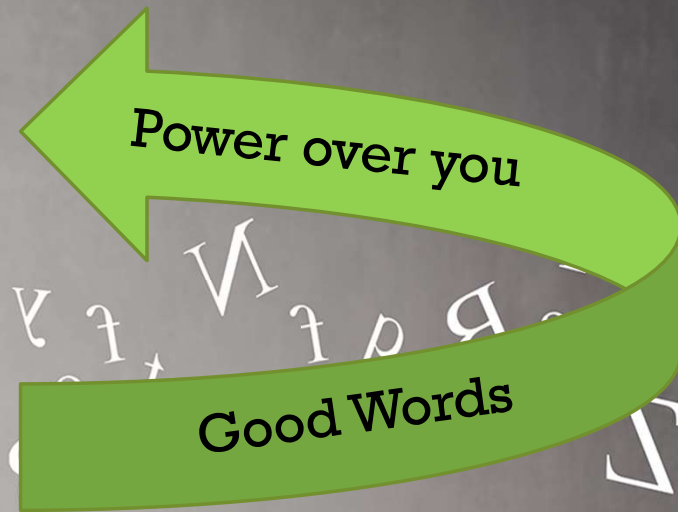
**Power over you**

**Bad and Evil Words**

# TONGUE DIRECTS YOUR LIFE



Good Thoughts



Power over you

Good Words

Our external environment is often a reflection of our internal one, which shows up in how we speak.



Over time your world will morph to mirror your words.

**Dr M being  
investigated  
for sedition,  
say cops**



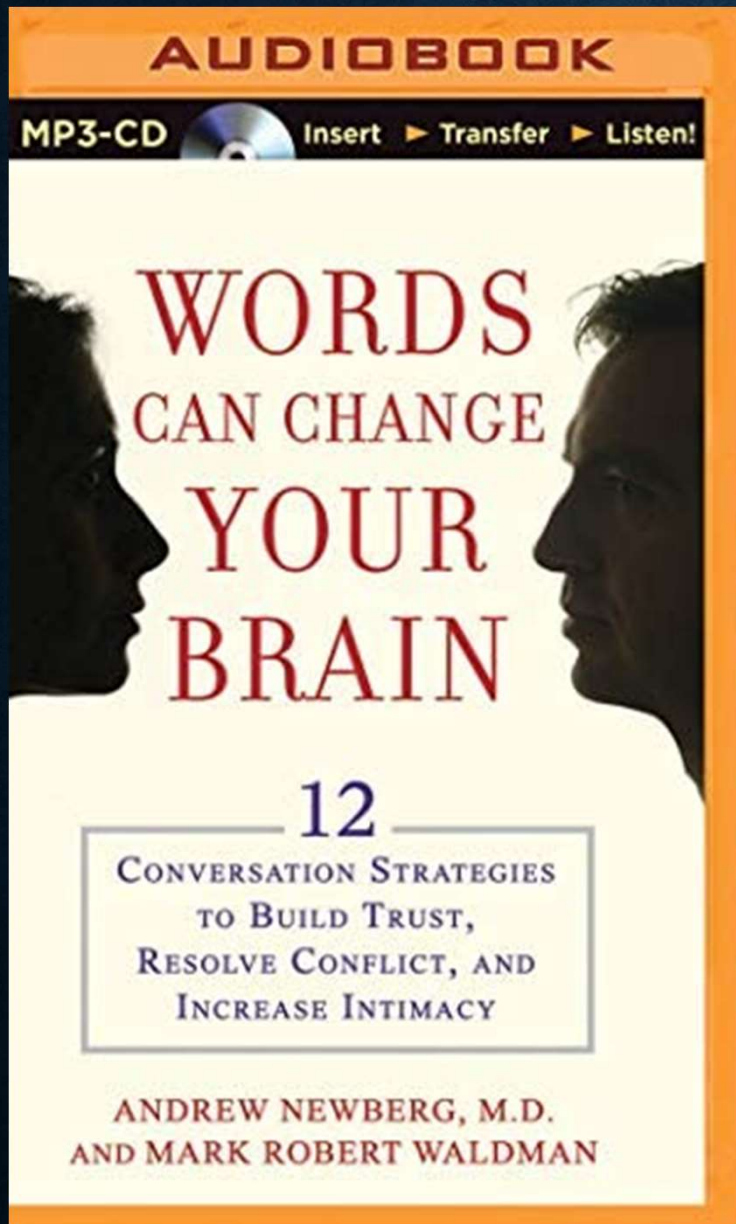
“During his time, anyone who wanted to organise a rally critical of the government would be branded as going against the government.”



Use the **Sedition Act**

**against Mahathir**

Watch on YouTube



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# WORD OF FAITH HERESY



- Faith Force released by speaking Words
- If he only believes in his words as God believes in His
- The key to receiving the desires of your heart is to make the words of your mouth agree with what you want



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James 3:5b So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.



Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV) Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”



Isaiah 6:5-7 (ESV) And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”



Galatians 6:14 (ESV) But far be it from me to boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which  
the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

2 Corinthians 1:12 (ESV) For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you