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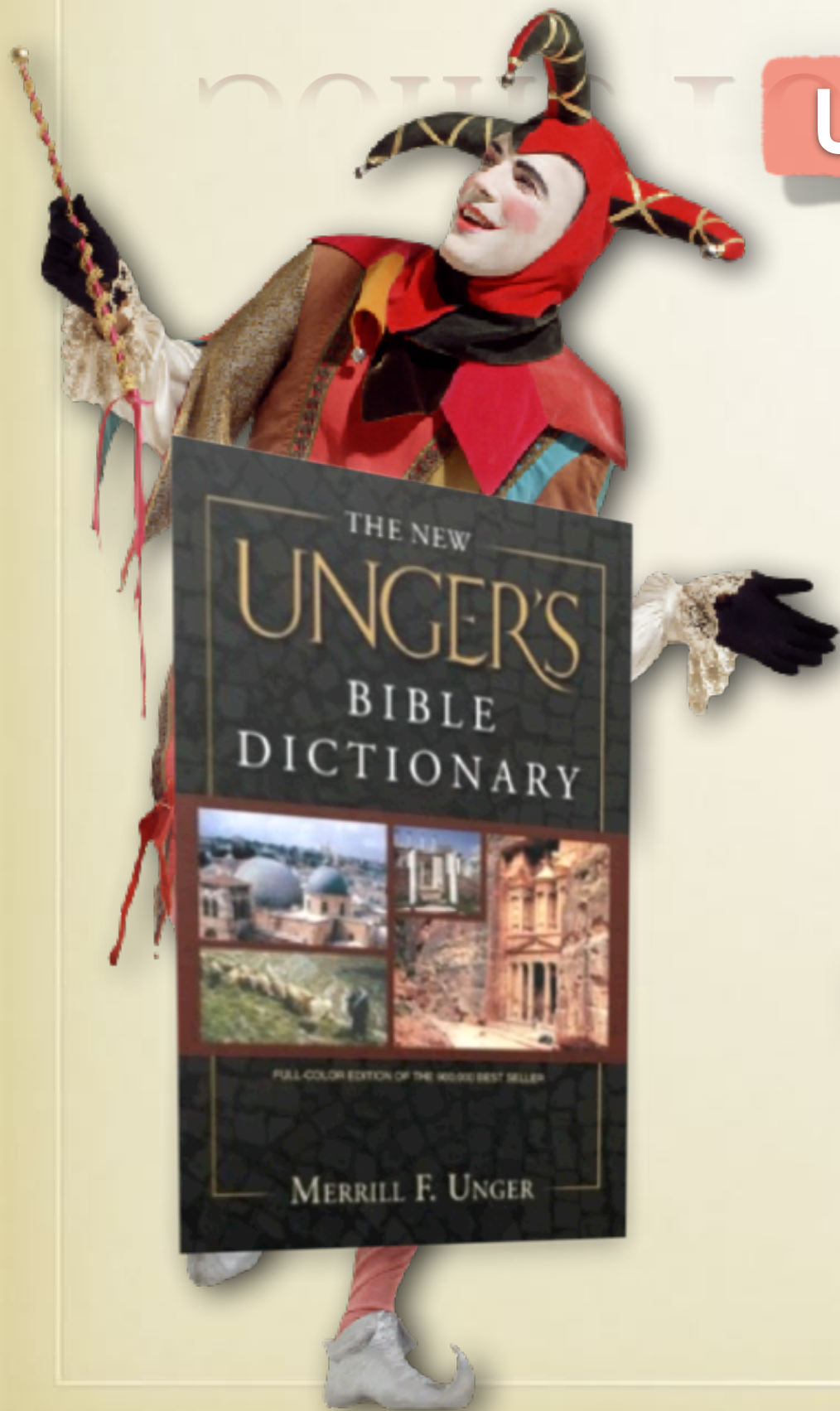


- PROVERBS 1:7 (NKIV) -

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Unger's Bible Dictionary, p. 375

FOOL. *Represented by a large number of Heb. and Gk. words.* The word is used in Scripture with respect to *moral* more than to intellectual deficiencies. The “fool” is not so much one lacking in mental powers, as one who misuses them; not one who does not reason, but reasons wrongly.



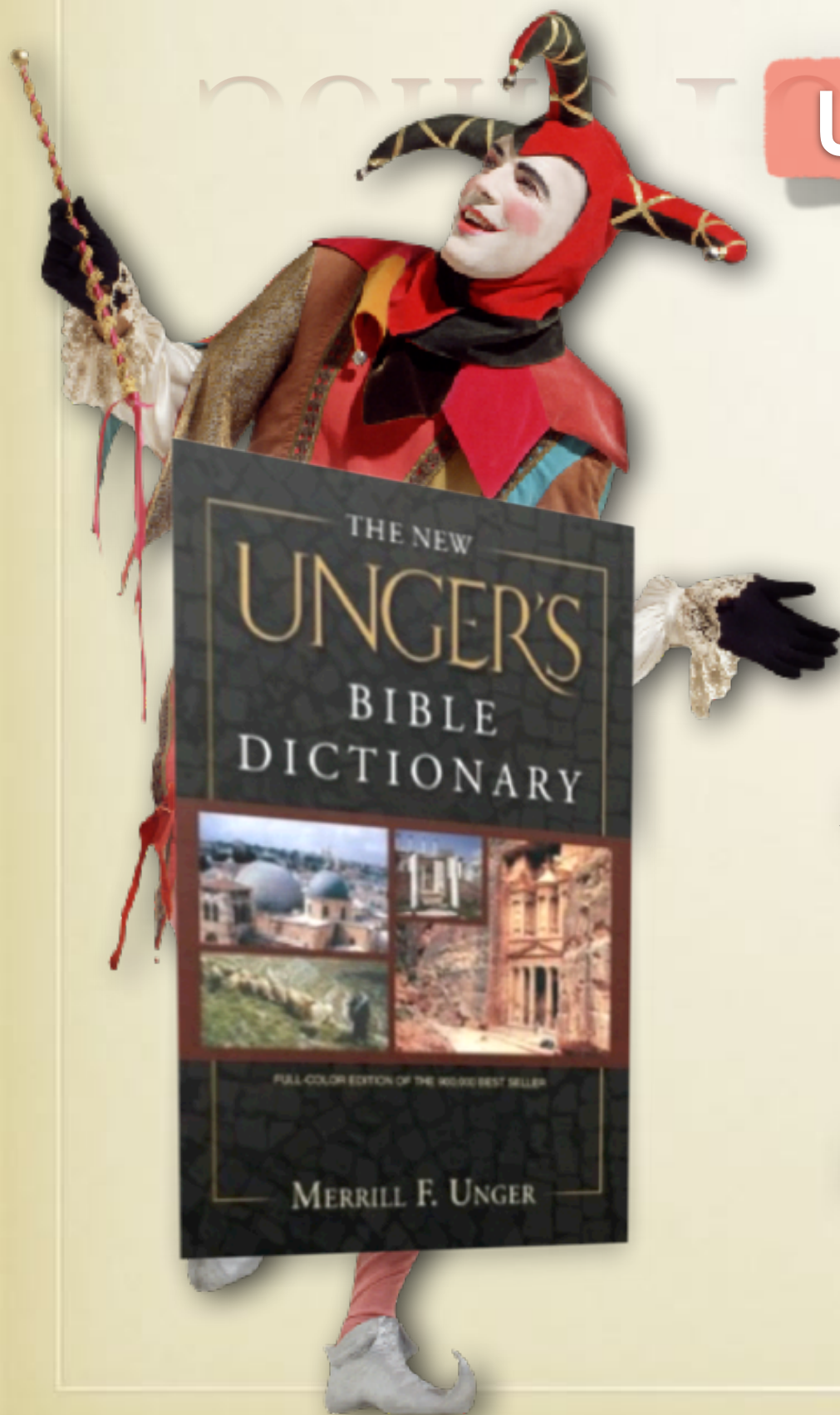
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In Scripture the “fool” primarily is the person who casts off the fear of God and thinks and acts as if he could safely disregard the eternal principles of God’s righteousness (Psalm 14:1; Proverbs 14:9; Jeremiah 17:11; etc.).

Yet in many passages, especially in Proverbs, the term has its ordinary use and denotes one who is rash, senseless, or unreasonable.



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Proverbs 10:23 (NKJV)

²³ To do evil *is* like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.

Proverbs 17:12 (NKJV)

¹² Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly.

Proverbs 27:22 (NKJV)

²² Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, *Yet* his foolishness will not depart from him.



A Hardened Fool

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Proverbs 21:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ A proud *and* haughty *man* —“Scoffer” *is* his name; He acts with arrogant pride.

Proverbs 22:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

Proverbs 29:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise *men* turn away wrath.



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An Arrogant Fool

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A Teachable Fool

Proverbs 9:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Forsake foolishness and live,
And go in the way of
understanding.

Titus 3:3 (NKJV)

³ For we ourselves were also
once foolish, disobedient,
deceived, serving various lusts
and pleasures, living in malice
and envy, hateful and hating
one another.

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The Professed Unbeliever



Bill Nye the 'science guy'

Psalms 14:1 (NKJV)

1 The fool has said in his heart, “*There is no God.*”
They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

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The Professed Unbeliever

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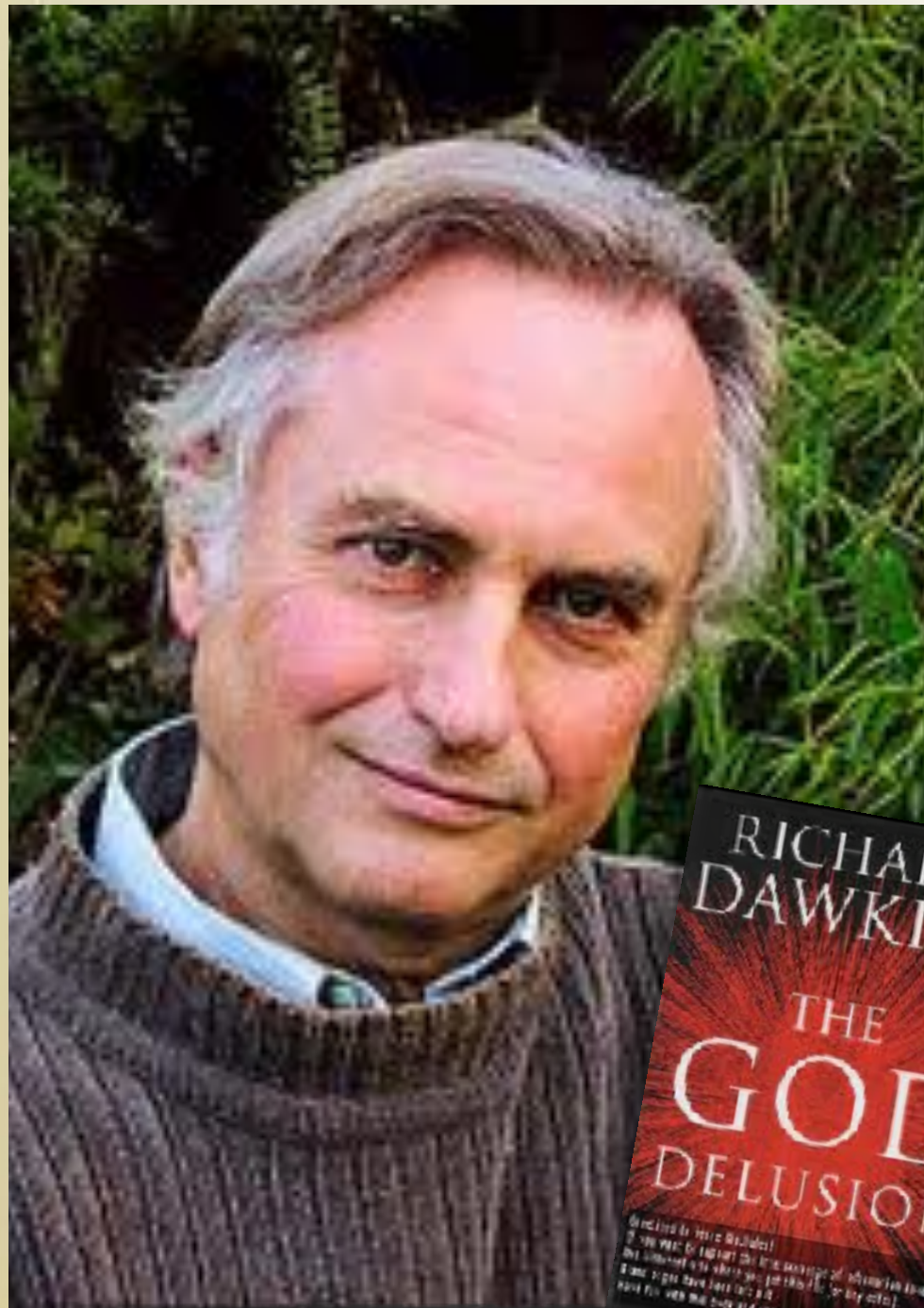


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- In the last five years alone, the unaffiliated have increased from just over 15% to just under 20% of all U.S. adults.
- Their ranks now include more than 13 million self-described atheists and agnostics (nearly 6% of the U.S. public), as well as nearly 33 million people who say they have no particular religious affiliation (14%).

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The Professed Unbeliever



- The Atheist –
(Psalm 14:1)
- The Skeptic –
(2 Pet. 3:1-15)
- The Moral Unbeliever
– (Acts 10; John 8:24;
Rom 3:23; 6:23)

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The Religious / Idolatrous Fool

Romans 1:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, **they became fools**, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

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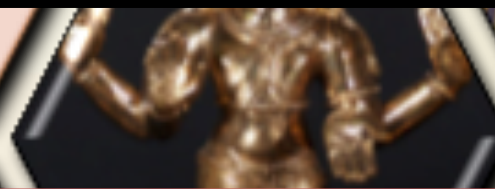
Idolatry is a major theme of the Bible.

Over 30 Pagan/false gods mentioned in the Bible.

IDOLATRY IS THE DETHRONING OF THE ONE TRUE GOD IN OUR HEART & REPLACING HIM WITH ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE!



Baal



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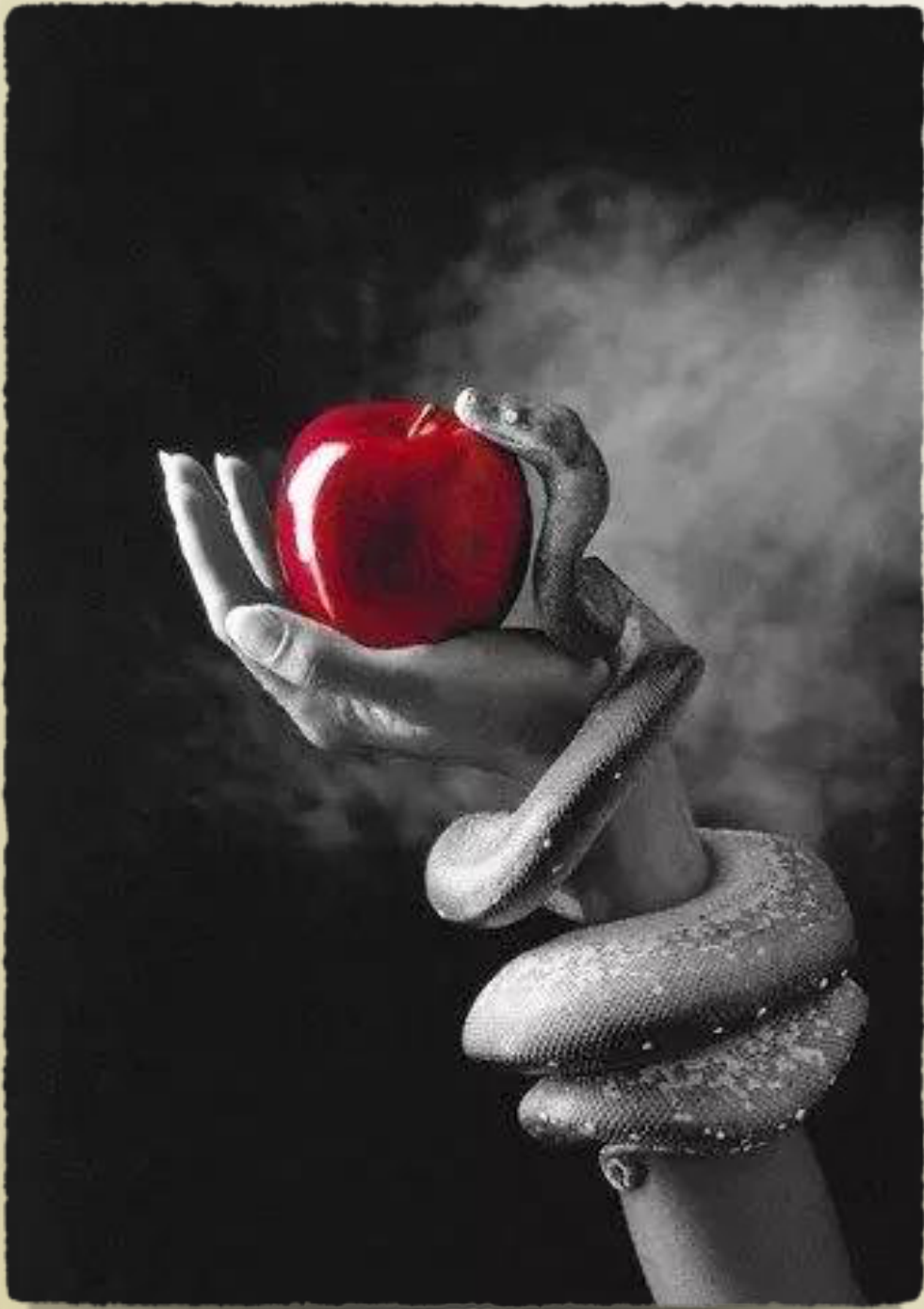
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- Eastern Religions –
- Humanism -
- Catholicism –
- Money, Sports, Entertainment, Politics, Possessions
- Doctrines & commandments of men -
Mat 15:7-9

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The Immoral Fool

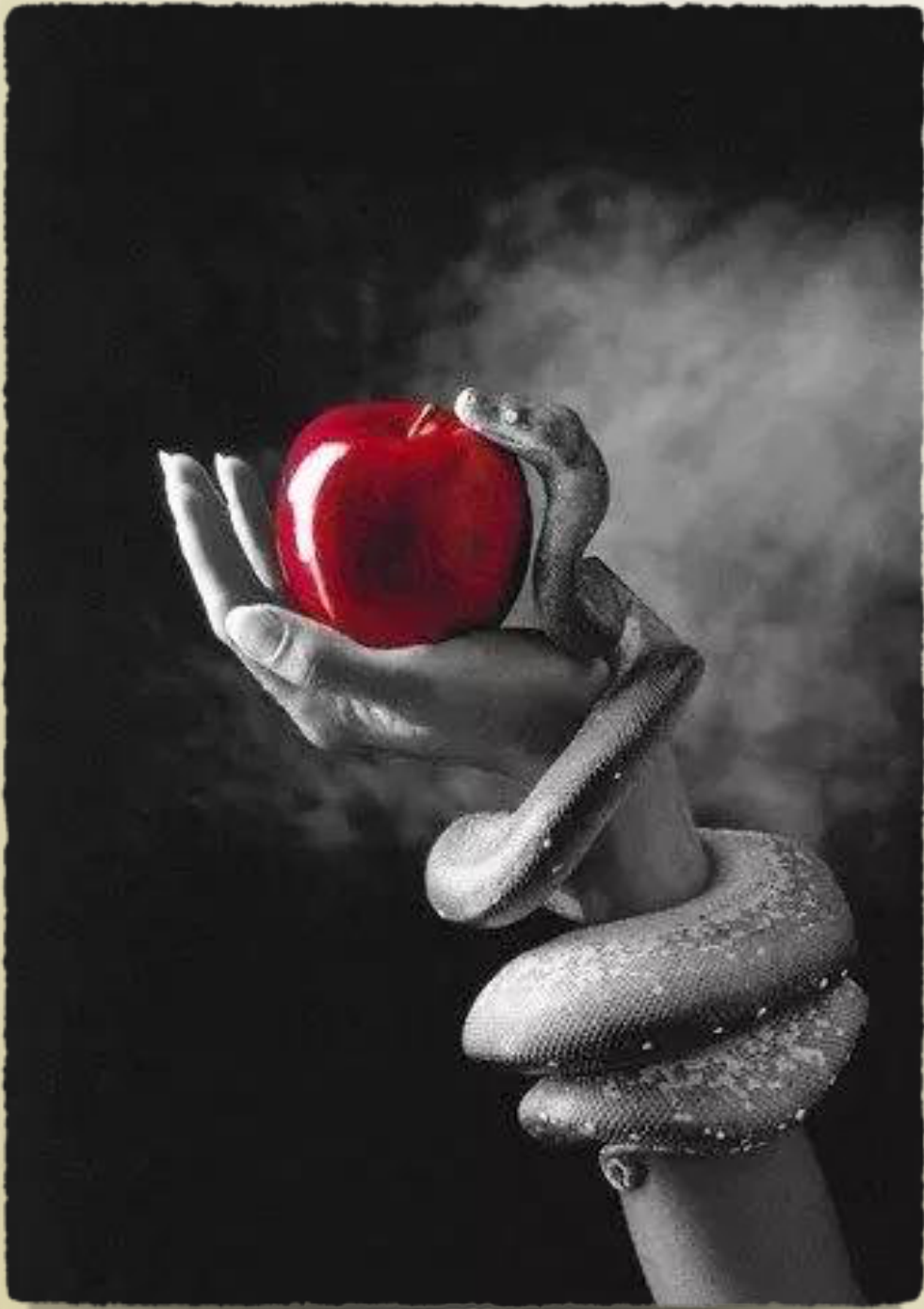


Proverbs 7:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him. ²² Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,

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Proverbs 6:32-33 (NKJV)

³² Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul. ³³

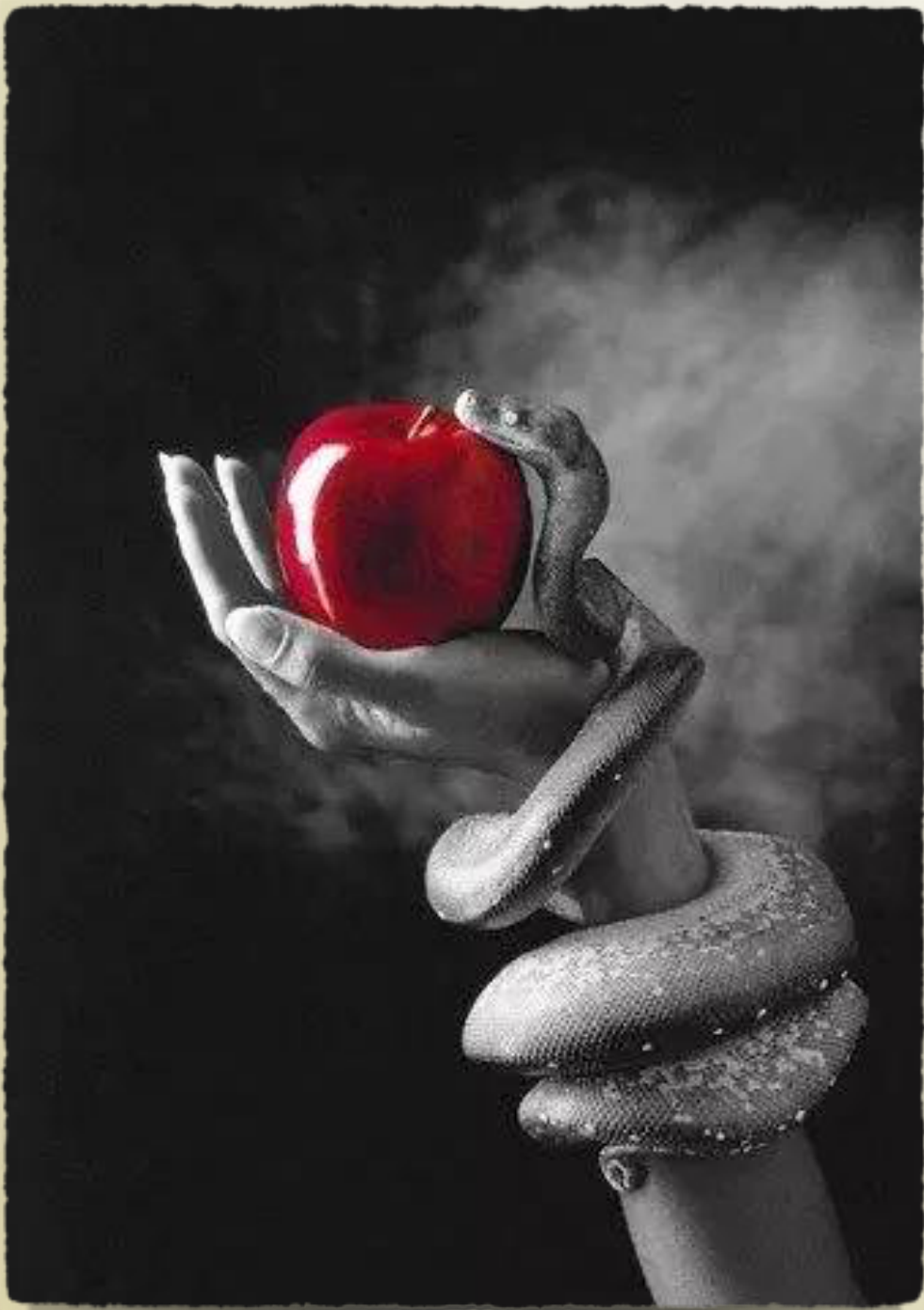
Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.

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I Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

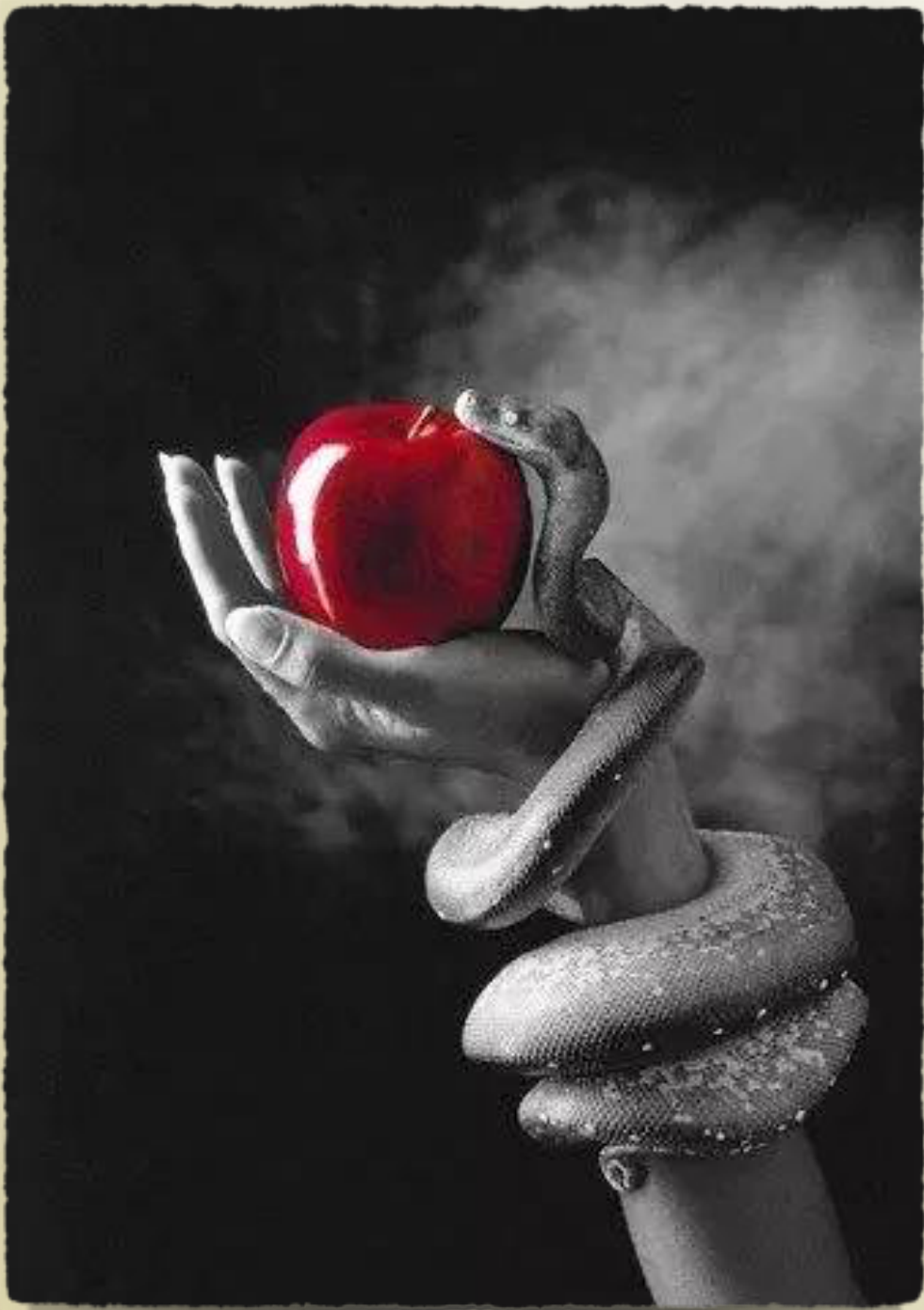


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Revelation 21:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”



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The Materialistic Fool



Luke 12:13-21 (NKJV)

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

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The Materialistic Fool



Luke 12:13-21 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.” ’

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The Materialistic Fool



Luke 12:13-21 (NKJV)
²⁰ But God said to him,
'Fool! This night your soul
will be required of you;
then whose will those
things be which you have
provided?' ²¹ "So is he who
lays up treasure for himself,
and is not rich toward
God."

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The Materialistic Fool



- We must lay our treasures up in heaven – Mat. 6:19-21
- We must build our lives upon a lasting foundation – Mat 7:24-27
- **What is the eternal value of the things that you are pursuing?**

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The Unprepared Fool



Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV)

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. ³ Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

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Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV)

⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

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Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV)
¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

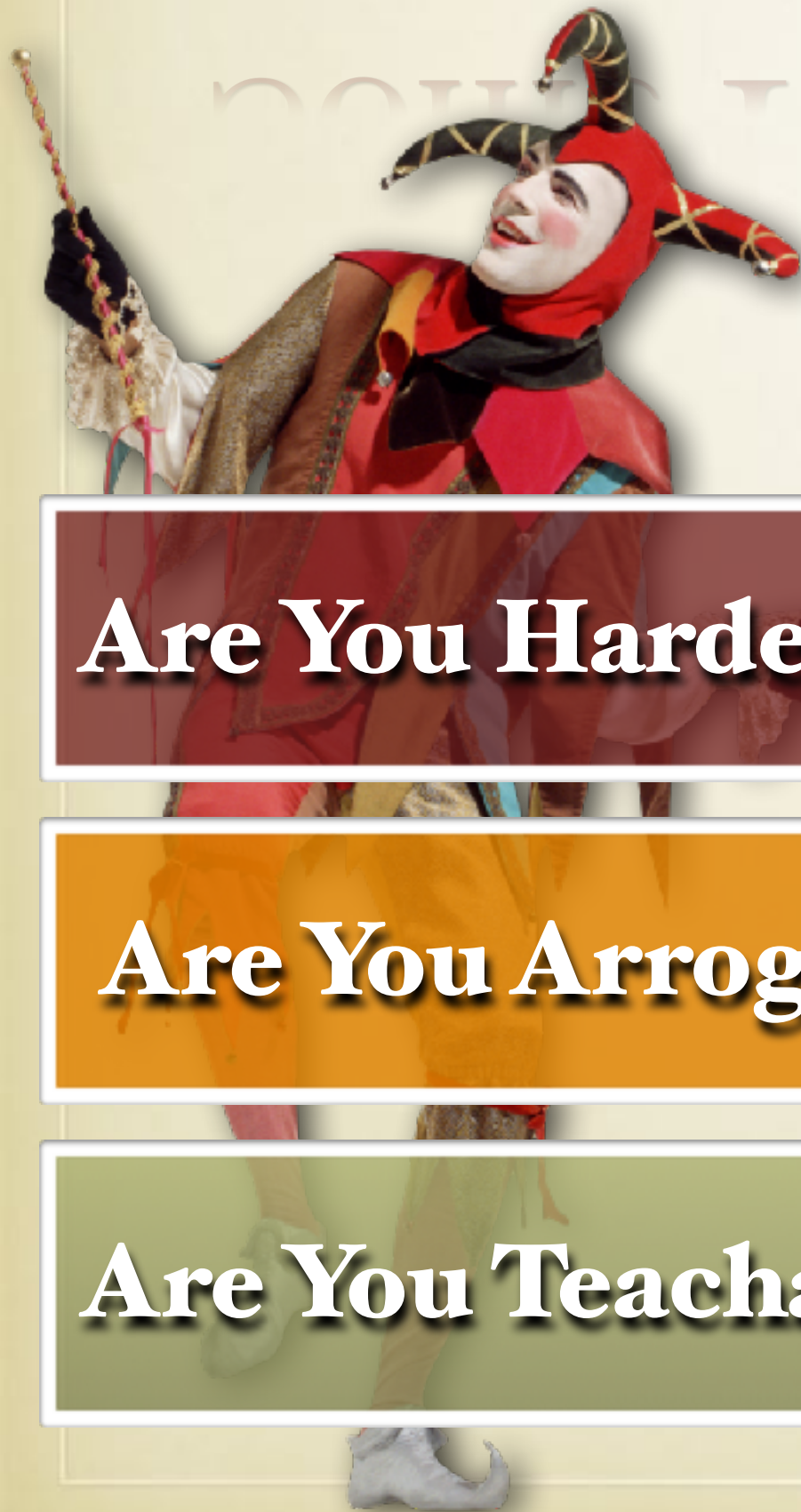
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The Unprepared Fool



- Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people – (John 14:1-6; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Rev 16:15)
- We do not know when the Lord is coming - (2 Pet 3:10; Rev 3:3)
- Are You Prepared To Meet The Lord?– (Mk 16:16; 2 Thes. 1:7-9)

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Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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