

# WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 10



What Does The Book of Mormon Teach  
About  
'Repentance, Baptism.....and Nothing'  
(Part 2)

# What Does the Book of Mormon Teach

Class #10

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# From Last Week..The QUESTION and ANSWER

Q: ???????

A: NOTHING.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



Sin Entered this world by the Will (Heart) of Man

Rebelling Against God

Sin is Remitted by God's Grace when

Man's Will Turns to God

....of Men....and mice....

Why don't we all look the same?

# Why don't we all look the same?

3 things about DNA...

























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# My Irish Heritage...

My dad's grandparents--  
Full blooded Irish

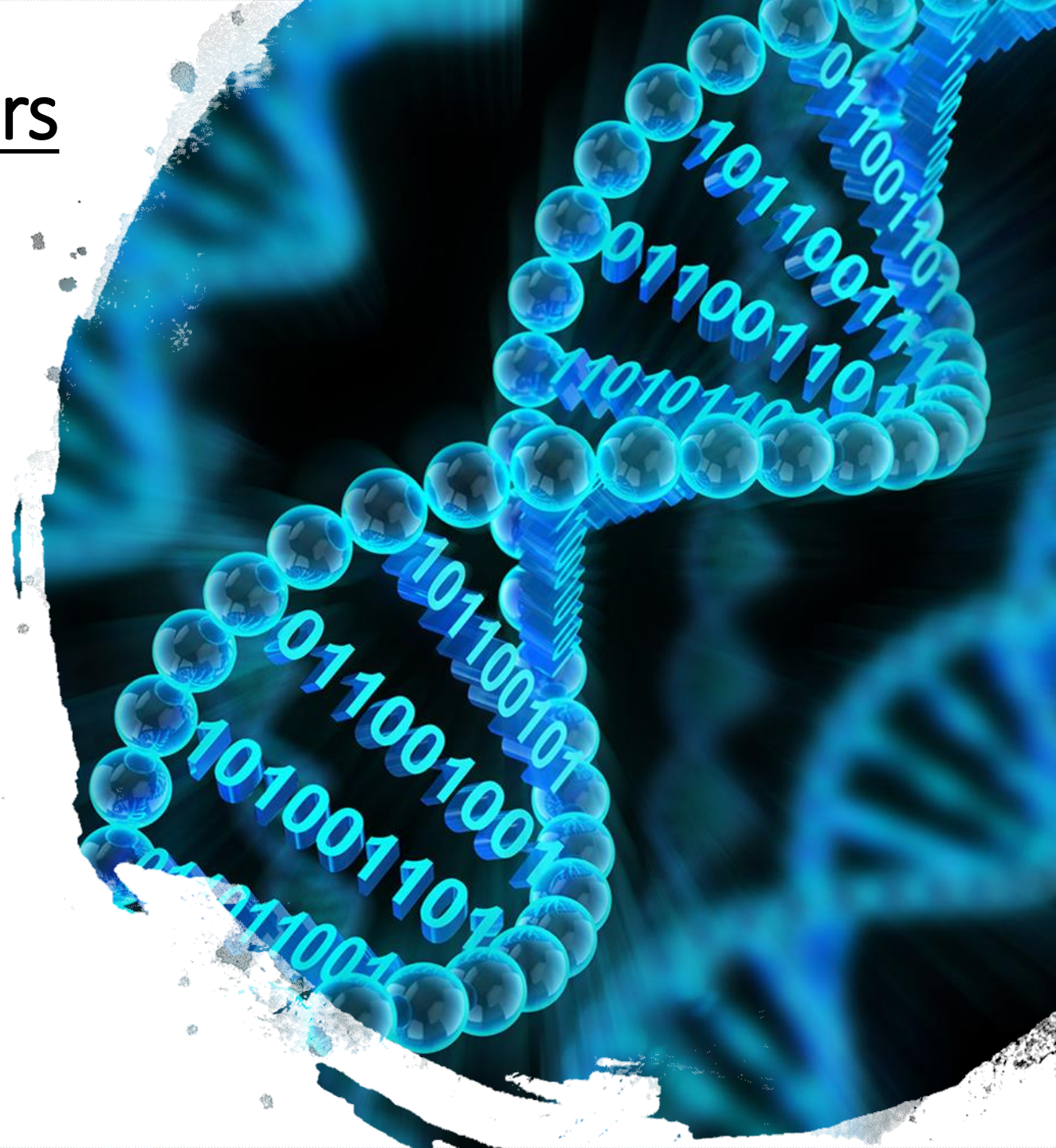


# ...Information from Ancestors is carried on DNA

DNA—at center of every cell.

DNA produces (by a code) all the molecules, cells, tissues, output of your body. A pattern locked in the code, usually unique to you, but passed on by your parents.

A strand of your father's DNA joined  
a strand of your mother's DNA, the  
two as one created you.

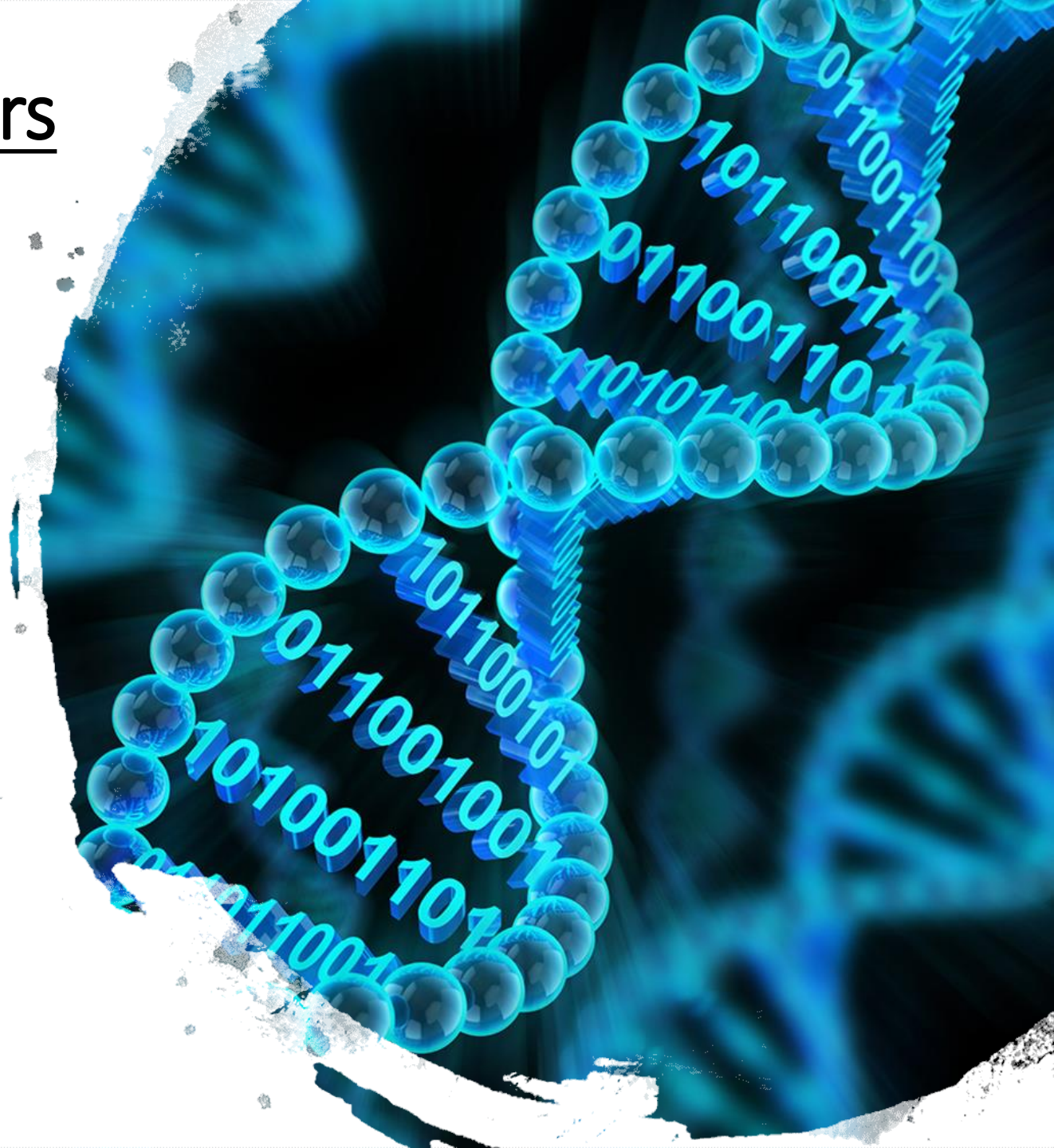




# ...Information from Ancestors is carried on DNA

We don't look the same because  
different combinations of your DNA  
exist in every sperm or egg cell.

Unless identical twins, the DNA will  
be different each time....



DNA ....

Could some parts of  
DNA be the same for all  
of us??





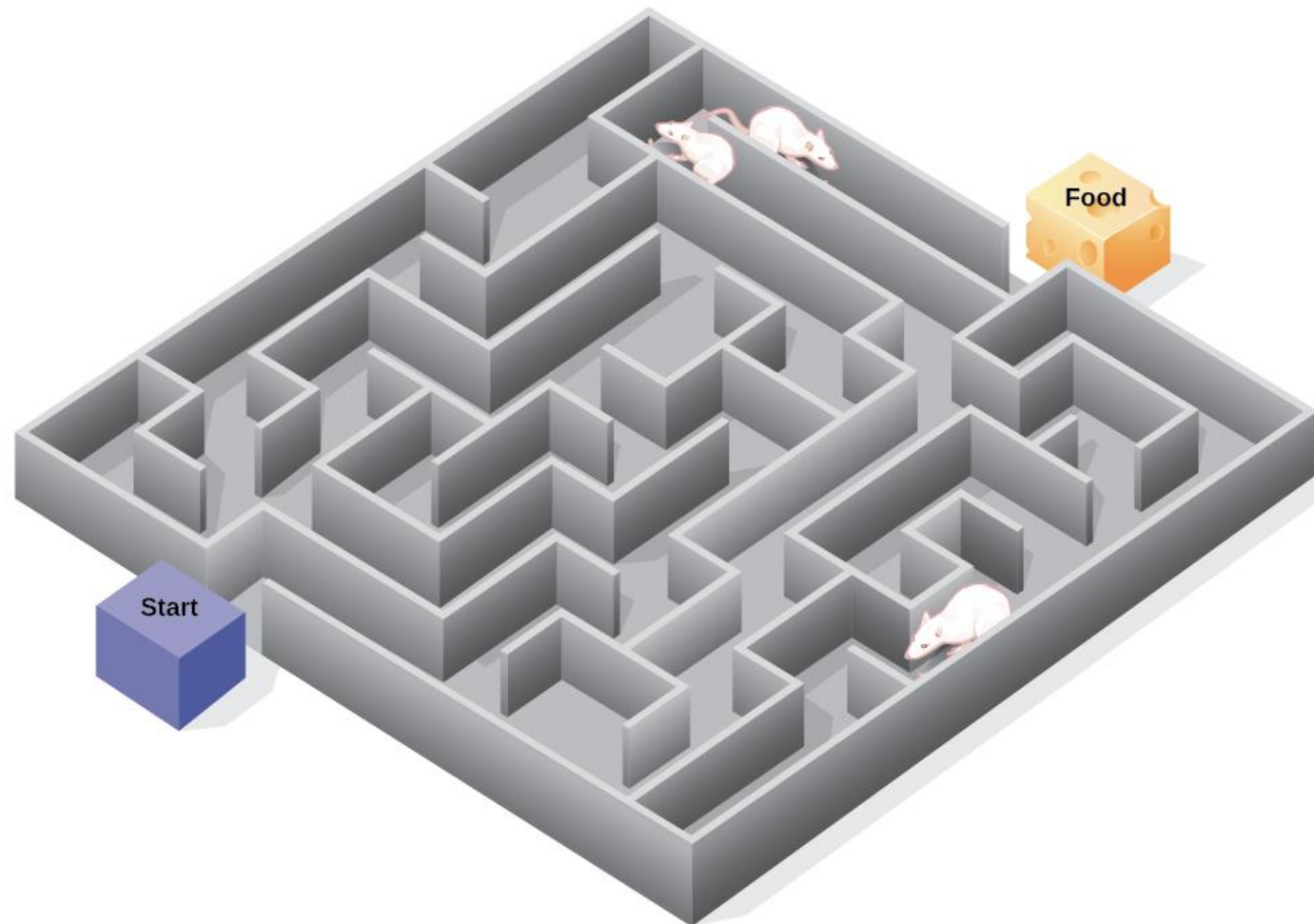
<https://www.genome.gov/>

All human beings are 99.9 percent identical in their genetic makeup.

Differences in the remaining 0.1 percent hold important clues about the causes of diseases.



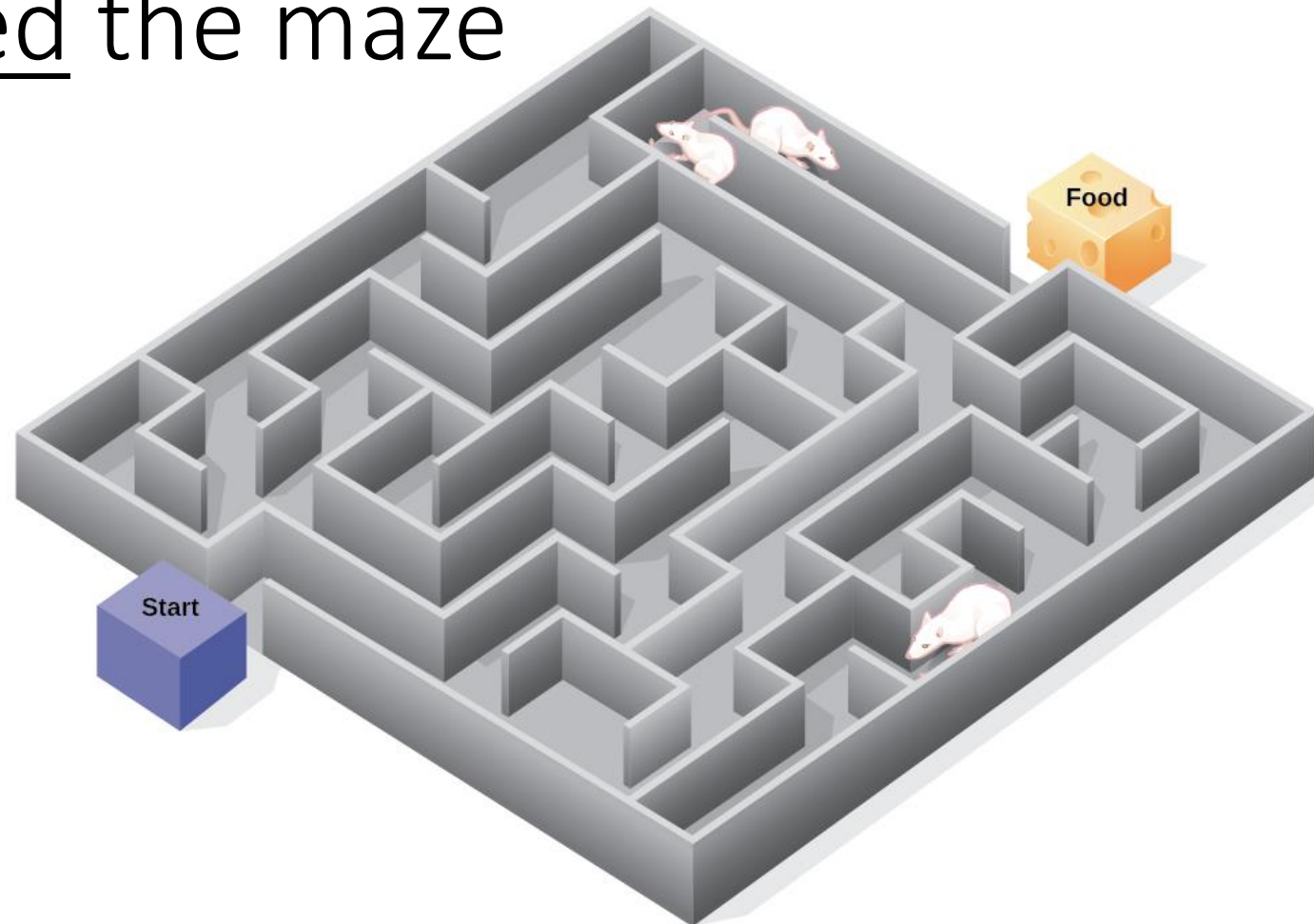
# ...of Mice ...





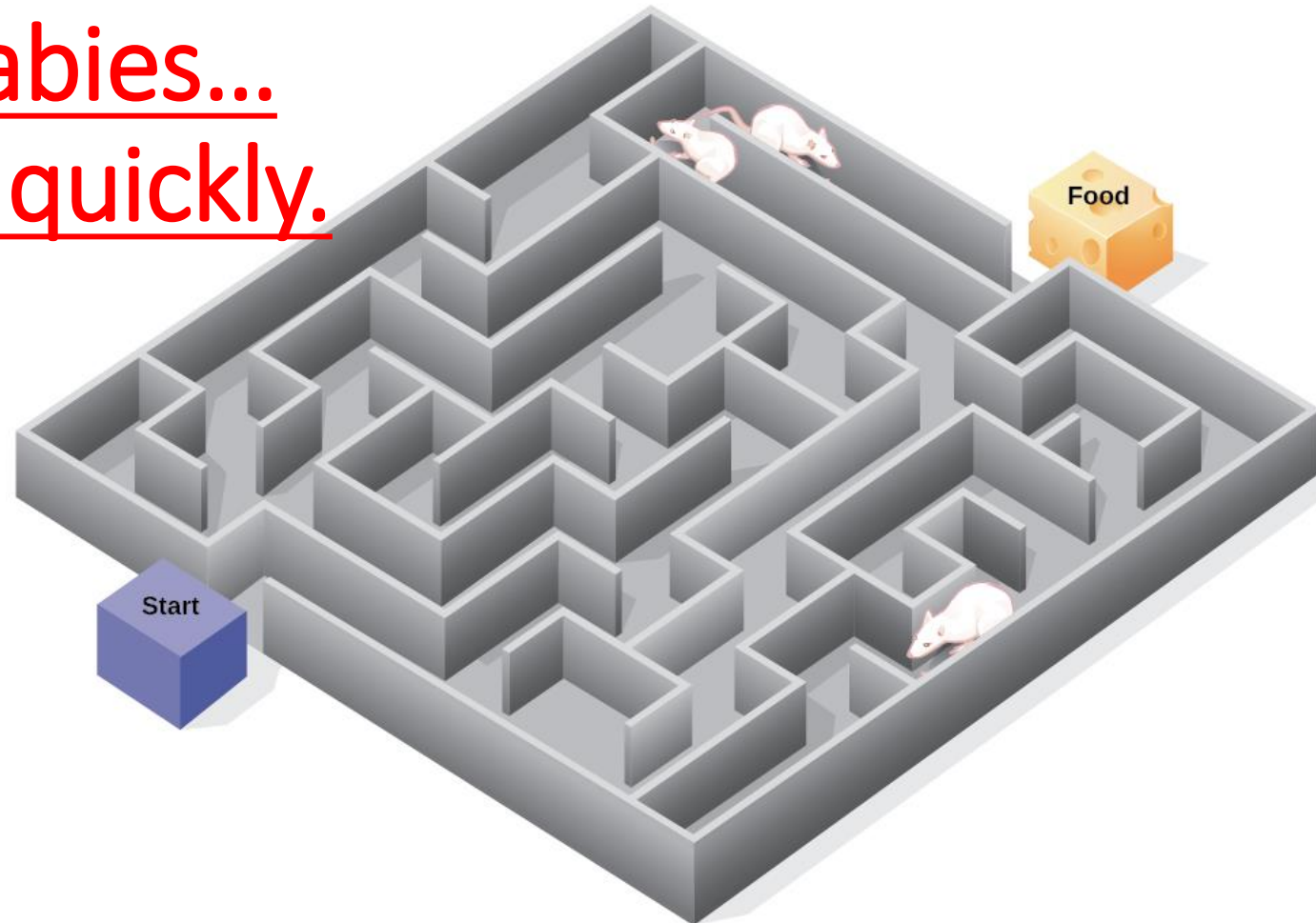
# Scientific Study :

Parent Mice who learned the maze  
before conceiving.....



# Scientific Study Results :

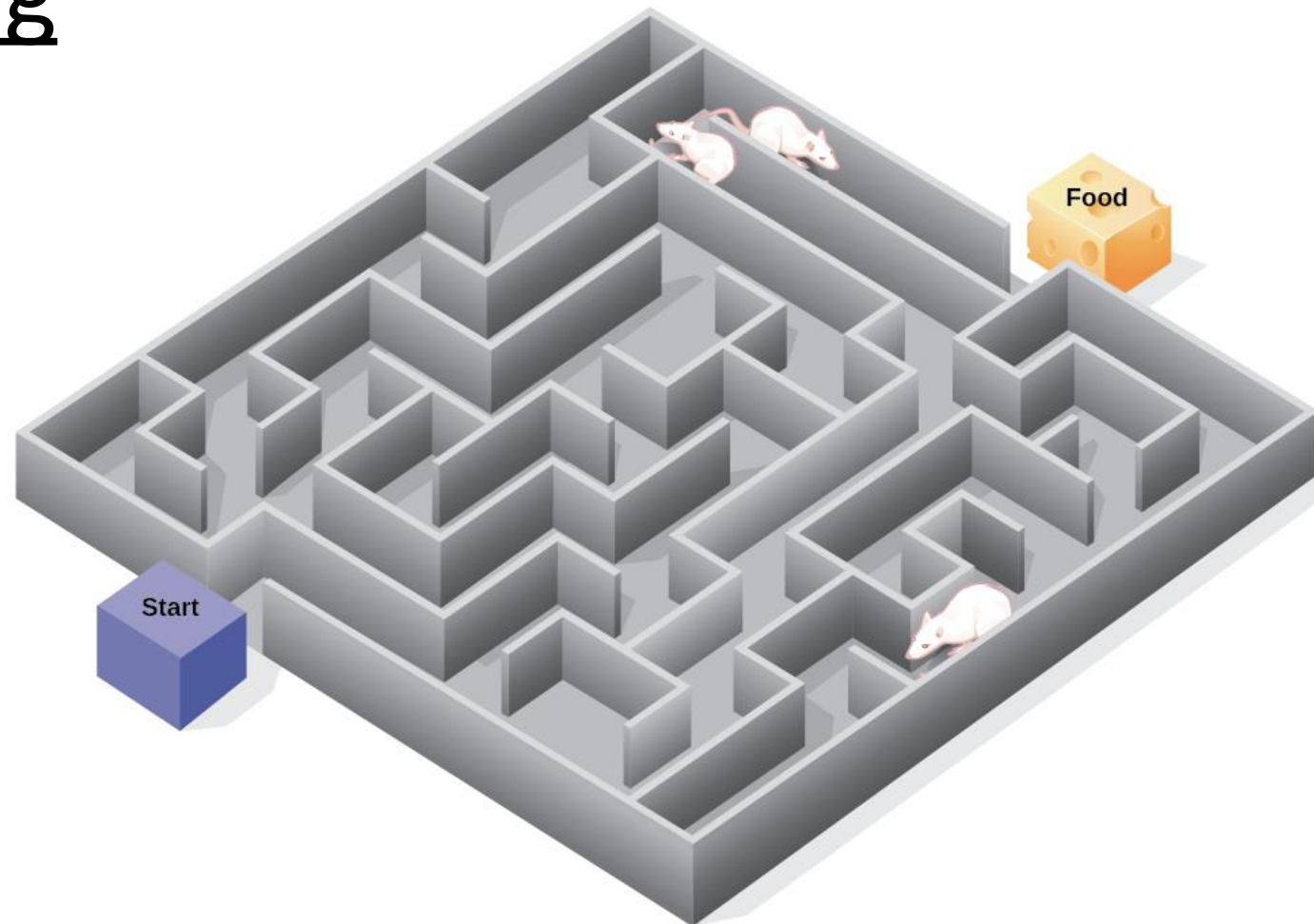
..gave birth to mouse Babies...  
learned the maze more quickly.



...of Mice ...

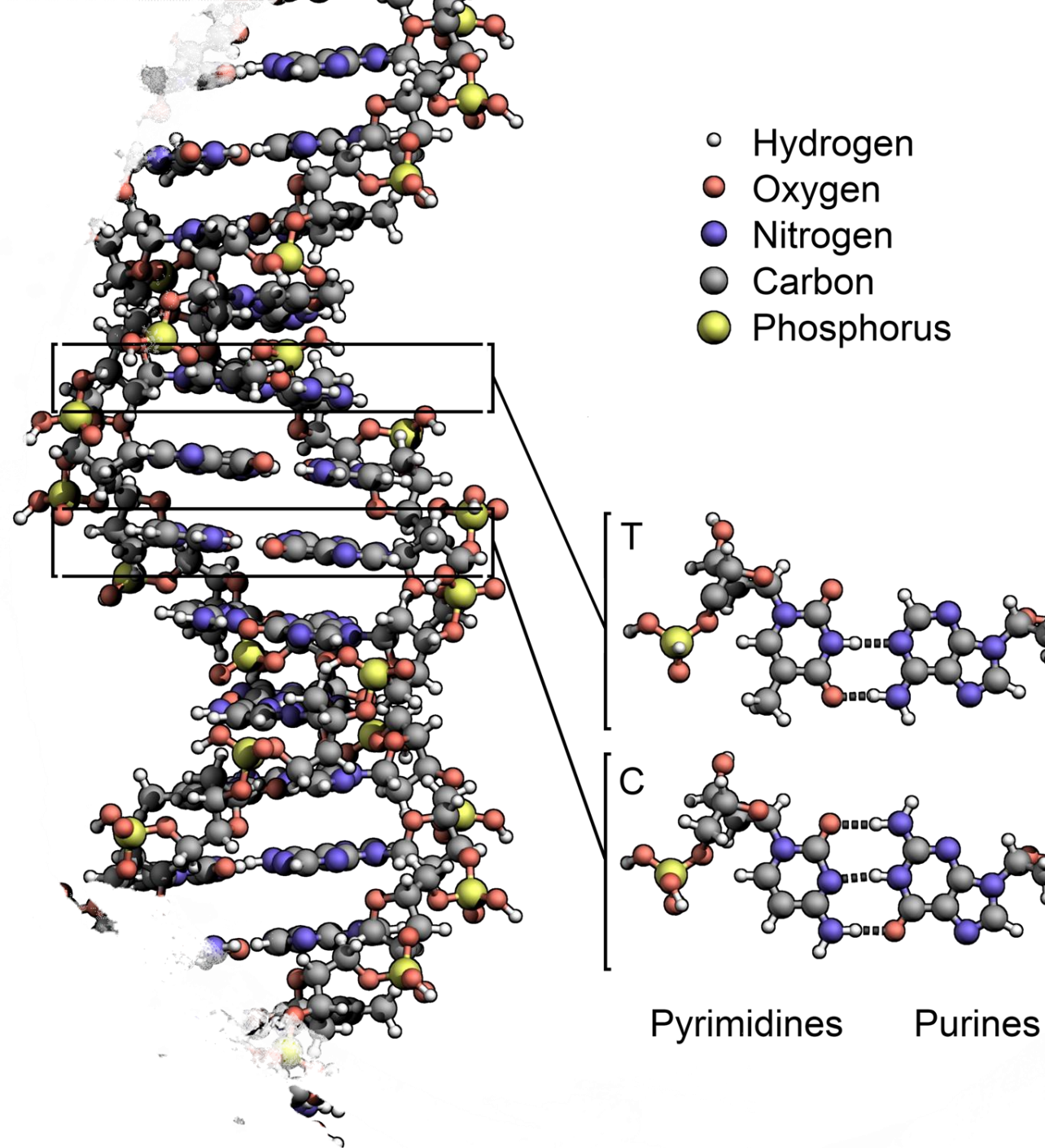
**Study Suggested that knowledge**

Or capability of learning  
can also be 'inherited.'



...DNA

Science assumed DNA was fixed,  
unchangable for your entire life.



# DNA output is affected by even FOOD.....

**Science assumed DNA produced results that were fixed, unchangeable for your entire life.**

**Epigenetics**—realizes certain influences can modify how your genes (DNA) behaves.

**FOOD:** Food traditionally thought of as nutrition (only).

**Science has learned FOOD to be information.**

Your DNA can respond to food or toxins in your body to behave differently.

What comes in is INFORMATION that affects its behavior.

**Can also change the DNA.**



# Consider Adam and Eve....

What could they have  
'PASSED DOWN' to  
their offspring?





# Consider Adam and Eve....

Could 'Information' that  
went into them i.e.  
forbidden fruit—affected  
their outcome.

Changed their DNA....

(\*hypothetical question only—am not saying this is actually how it works spiritually or physically, or that scripture explains it this way, just using this as an question to make a point)



# Consider Adam and Eve....

The Whole Human Race  
now 'Inherited' the  
capacity for knowledge of  
Good and Evil.

Like the rats in the maze\*  
Was their 'knowledge or  
capacity' somehow  
transferred?

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how it works spiritually or physically, or that scripture explains  
it this way, just using this as an question to make a point)





# Adam and Eve and Theologians....

‘Original Sin’—term coined by theologians about 400 AD.

This Term does NOT appear in any scripture.

BUT...because it’s ‘suggested’  
Many responses to this exist in  
‘Christianity’ .....



# Adam and Eve what theologians call 'Original Sin'....

## Protestant Reformation

### Martin Luther

“It is also taught among us that since the fall of Adam **all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin**. That is, all men **are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs** and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God.

**Moreover, this inborn sickness and hereditary sin is truly sin and condemns to the eternal wrath of God all those who are not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Original\\_sin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Original_sin)





# Adam and Eve what theologians call 'Original Sin'....

## Roman Catholicism

"original sin does not have the character of a personal fault in any of Adam's descendants"

The doctrine of original sin thus does not impute the sin of the father to his children, but merely states that they inherit from him a "human nature deprived of original holiness and justice", which is "transmitted by propagation to all mankind"

Catechism of the Catholic Church, (403), infants have baptized, though not guilty of any actual personal sin.

The sin that through baptism is remitted for them could only be original sin.

Baptism confers original sanctifying grace which erases original (Adam's) sin and any actual personal sin.

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# Adam and Eve what theologians call 'Original Sin'....

## Seventh-day Adventism

The nature of the penalty for original sin, i.e., Adam's sin, is to be seen as literal, physical, temporal, or actual death – the opposite of life, i.e., the cessation of being.

God did not punish Adam by making him a sinner. That was Adam's own doing.

**All die the first death because of Adam's sin regardless of their moral character – children included.[87]**

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# Adam and Eve what theologians call 'Original Sin'....

Justin Martyr---1<sup>st</sup> century AD

In Justin's writings, **there is no conception of original sin** and the fault of sin lies at the hands of the individual who committed it.

**"The Christ has suffered to be crucified for the race of men who, since Adam, were fallen to the power of death and were in the error of the serpent, each man committing evil by his own fault"**

(Justin was Martyred for accusing Jews of removing scripture naming Jesus as the Redeemer of Israel)

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# The Bottom Line on 'Original Sin' (their term)

Is Many Christian  
Denominations Justification  
for INFANT BAPTISM



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



Did Humanity Inherit  
Adam and Eve's personal Sins?

**Answer: NO**

Did Humanity Suffer Consequences from  
Adam and Eve's Sin?

**Answer: Yes**



# Adam and Eve....

But....

Book of Mormon states....

The 'curse' of Adam...



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What is the Curse of Adam, what did we “inherit?”

## 1. All Humanity was Cast out of God’s Presence.

Alma 9:38 "Now, we see that **Adam did fall** by partaking of the forbidden fruit, according to the word of God;

And thus we see that by his fall that **all mankind became a lost and a fallen people.**



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What is the Curse of Adam, what did we “inherit?”

2. All Humanity was destined to be  
Temporally and Spiritually DEAD—we could not return to God.

Helaman 5:70 Yea, behold, this death bringeth to pass  
the resurrection and redeemeth all mankind from the  
first death - that spiritual death,

For all mankind - by the fall of Adam, being cut off  
from the presence of the Lord - are considered as dead,  
both as to things temporal and to things spiritual.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What is the Curse of Adam, what did we “inherit?”

3. All Humanity Inherited the  
CAPACITY to ACT on the KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

## Alma 9:51

Wherefore, He gave  
commandments unto men,  
they having first  
transgressed the first  
commandments as to  
things which were temporal  
and **becoming as gods,  
knowing good from evil.**

Placing themselves in a  
state to act,  
**or being placed in a state  
to act according to their  
wills and pleasures,  
whether to do evil or to  
do good.**



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



## A Plain Explanation for EASTER...in one Verse

### Mormon 4:71

Behold, He created Adam.

And by Adam,

came the fall of man.

And because of the fall of man

came Jesus Christ,

even the Father and the Son.

And because of Jesus Christ

came the redemption of man.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



## The Consequence of Inheriting from our First Parents....

### Alma 15:56

....good and evil hath come before all men.

Or he that knoweth not good from evil is blameless.

**But he that knoweth good and evil,**

to him it is given according to his desires.

Whether he desireth

**good or evil,**

**life or death,**

**joy or remorse of conscience.**



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What We ALL Inherited from our First Parents....  
A KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

## Helaman 5:86

He hath given unto you that ye might know good from evil.

And He hath given unto you that ye might choose life or death;

And **ye can do good**

and be restored unto that which is good.

Or have that which is **good** restored unto you;

**Or ye can do evil,**

and have that which is **evil** restored unto you.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What We ALL Inherited from God....

The Spirit of Christ to Differentiate GOOD AND EVIL

## Moroni 7:14

For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil.

Wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge:

**For everything which**

**inviteth to do good**

**and to persuade to believe in Christ**

**is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ;**



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What We ALL Inherited from God....  
The Spirit of Christ to Differentiate GOOD AND EVIL

## 2 Nephi 1:67

And men are instructed sufficiently,  
that they **know good from evil**;

# An age of accountability.

- Specific age NOT mentioned in the Book of Mormon, but Restoration Churches have other scripture identifying that to be 8 years old. ([Genesis 17:11](#) ISV, [DC 68:4a-b](#))
- Not when satan can fully tempt at this age, but suggests there is a point in child development where you begin to know right from wrong.
- The only expressions of infants are based on physical, cognitive and emotional changes so that spiritual can develop in balance. **Character and Expressions of little children are NOT BASED ON SIN.**



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



An age of accountability implied by the Book of Mormon.

**Mosiah 1:122** And behold, when that time cometh, **none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children**, Only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent.

**Mosiah 4:2** And it came to pass that there was not one soul, **except it were little children, but what had entered into the covenant** and had taken upon them the name of Christ.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



In fact, Children are the Example Jesus Gives that  
Adults must Spiritually Become.

## Mosiah 1:118

But men drinketh damnation to their own souls,  
**except they humble themselves and become as  
little children,**

And believeth that salvation was and is and is to  
come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ,  
the Lord Omnipotent.



## ...But by Teenage Years....

- Don't need a scientific study to know that the once infant now teenage boys and girls are fully experimenting with the knowledge of Good and Evil.
- My experimentation at the wise age of 13...

Also Don't need a scientific study to know that infants don't act on a knowledge of Good and Evil.

Yet ideas like the following article suggesting by Christians that Children are sinners.



# Misunderstanding Scripture leads to Gross Misunderstandings.....



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## Children Are Sinners

(using Psalm 51 to justify, author states...)

...It does not matter how much our children adorably display our features, or how little knowledge they possess, they are prone to doing evil.

Babies are able to masterfully manipulate their parents with their cries (oddly enough right about the time dinner needs to get started).

Toddlers can throw selfish tantrums. No one has to teach a child how to do these things. In fact, quite the opposite occurs. Parents typically attempt to take the selfish nature of a child and modify that behavior to be more socially acceptable.

**If children were inherently good from the womb, discipline would not be necessary.**

**Children are not inherently good and in need of socialization.**

**They are inherently sinners in need of a savior.**



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



What does this mean?

The Natural Man is an ENEMY TO GOD....

## Mosiah 1:119

For the natural man is an **enemy to God**  
and has been from the fall of Adam,  
and will be forever and ever.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



## (In Context) 'Natural Man' is Contrasted with Children

### Mosiah 1:118-120

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And believeth that salvation was and is and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent.

**For the natural man is an enemy to God**

and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be forever and ever.

**But if\* he yieldeth to the enticings of the Holy Spirit and putteth off the natural man –**

And he becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, And becometh as a child - submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love,

Willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.

\*Hebrew: 'but if' = 'unless'



# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



## (In Context) 'Natural Man' is Contrasted with Children (is Hebrew Parallel/Chiasm)

### Mosiah 1:118-120

- A Men must humble themselves as little children,
- B believe in salvation in and through the atoning blood of Christ,
- C For the natural man is an enemy to God
- X Unless yields to the Holy Spirit
- C' and putteth off the natural man
- B' and becomes a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord,
- A' And becometh as a child, humble, submitting to father.

Hebrew word “Enemy”— 2 words exist

# Hebrew word “Enemy”—“Oyeb”

As you would expect---foe, enemy.

Very Common Used over 300 times in Bible.

**Original Word:** אוֹיֵב

**oyeb: enemy, foe**

**Part of Speech:** Noun

**Leviticus 26:44**

KJV: in the land *of their enemies*, I will not cast them away,

**Numbers 10:9**

KJV: and ye shall be saved *from your enemies (i.e. your Oyebs)*.



# Hebrew word “Enemy”—“Ayab”

Very Uncommon-- Used only once in Bible. Means ‘to be hostile to’

Original Word: אִיֵּב

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ayab

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-yab')

Definition: **to be hostile to**

## Exodus 23:22

HEB: וְצִרְתִּי אֶת־אֹיְבֶיךָ וְאֹיְבֵתִי אֶת־

NAS: that I say, *then I will be an **enemy** to your enemies* and an adversary

(...literally....I will be an ‘**Ayab**’ to your ‘**Oyeb**s’....)

(I will be hostile to your enemies)

Perhaps ‘hostile to’ is the original Hebrew intent of  
‘Enemy’ to God stated in the Book of Mormon  
(this is my opinion however, not fact)

In our state we are called ‘enemies’ to God, but perhaps this more accurately means we are ‘hostile’ to.

Our present state is ‘Hostile to’ or ‘Contrary to God.’

God of course is not our enemy—like as military enemies plot each other’s mutual destruction.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



This incompatibility is NOT applied to Children

Or in other words...

The nature of CHILDREN is not HOSTILE to GOD.

**Moroni 8:25** For behold that all  
little **children** are **alive** in Christ,



His death and resurrection was so we could ALL  
be 'compatible' with him again.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



## Mosiah 1:83-85

Therefore, if that man repenteth not

and remaineth and **dieth an enemy to God,**

the demands of divine justice doth awaken his immortal soul to a lively sense of his own guilt.

Which doth cause him to shrink from the presence of the Lord,

And doth **fill his breast with guilt and pain and anguish,** which is like an unquenchable fire whose flames ascendeth up forever and ever.

And now I say unto you, that mercy hath no claim on that man;  
Therefore, his final doom is to endure a never - ending torment.

# The way of yielding to the Holy Ghost...



And the firstfruits of repentance is baptism.

And baptism cometh by faith,  
unto the fulfilling the commandments.

And the fulfilling the commandments  
bringeth remission of sins.

And the remission of sins  
bringeth meekness and lowliness of heart.

And because of meekness and lowliness of heart  
cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost,

Which Comforter filleth with hope  
and perfect love.

Which love endureth by diligence unto prayer until the end shall come

when all the saints shall dwell with God.

(Word will Tell us, Spirit will Show Us what to do)





# The Book of Mormon Teaches:



## LITTLE CHILDREN ARE WITHOUT SIN

**Mosiah 1:122** And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found **blameless** before God, **except it be little children**, Only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent.

# What Does She Know of ...

Repentance

Faith in Jesus

Jesus shed blood

The commandments.

Remission of sins.

Being meek and lowly of heart.

The visitation of the Holy Ghost,

Hope and perfect love.

Enduring in prayer until the end shall come

Dwelling with God.

Following the Word

Being Led by the Spirit



Entering  
"The Way"

## Moroni 8

1 An epistle of my father Mormon, written to me, Moroni. And it was written unto me soon after my calling to the ministry.

2 And on this wise did he write unto me, saying: "My beloved son Moroni, I rejoice exceedingly that your Lord Jesus Christ hath been mindful of you and hath called you to His ministry and to His holy work;



## Moroni 8

3 I am mindful of you always in my prayers, Continually praying unto God the Father, in the name of His holy Child Jesus, That He through His infinite goodness and grace will keep you through the endurance of faith on His name to the end.

4 "And now my son, I speak unto you concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly; For it grieveth me that there should disputations rise among you;

## Moroni 8

5 For if I have learned the truth, there have been **disputations among you concerning the baptizing of your little children.**

6 "And now my son, I desire that ye should labor exceedingly that this **gross error should be removed from among you**; For, for this intent I have written this epistle.

7 "For immediately after I had learned these things of you, I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter;

## Moroni 8

8 And the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost, saying: 'Listen to the **words of Christ your Redeemer**, your Lord and your God;

9 Behold, I came into the world, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance;

The whole need no physician, but they that are sick;

**Wherefore, little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin;**

Wherefore, **the curse of Adam** is taken from them in Me, that it hath **no power over them**;

**And the law of circumcision is done away in Me.'**



WHY IS  
CIRC MENTIONED  
HERE w/  
BAPTISM  
VS 29

a Mos 1:122

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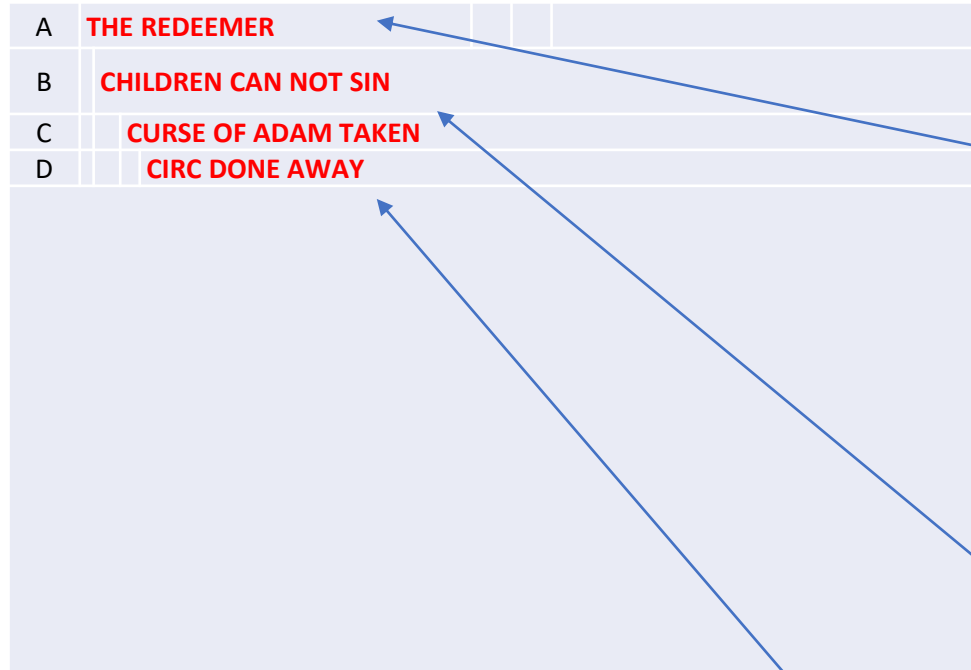
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"And after this manner did the Holy Ghost  
manifest the word of God unto me;  
Wherefore, my beloved son, I know that it is  
solemn <sup>a</sup>mockery before God that ve

VS 27  
mockery

# Moroni 8

A	THE REDEEMER			
B	CHILDREN CAN NOT SIN			
C	CURSE OF ADAM TAKEN			
D	CIRC DONE AWAY			



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D	CIRC THE OLD COVENANT			
E				MOCKERY
F				BAPTISM FOR THOSE CAPABLE
G				NEED NO REPENTANCE

The diagram illustrates a sequence of theological points labeled A through G. Points A through D are aligned to the left, while points E, F, and G are indented further to the right. A blue arrow originates from the right side of point G and points towards point E, indicating a relationship or flow between these two concepts.

10 "And after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me; Wherefore, my beloved son, I know that it is solemn mockery before God that ye should baptize little children.

11 "Behold, I say unto you that this thing shall  
ye teach:

**Repentance and baptism unto they which are accountable and capable of committing sin;**

Yea, teach parents that they must repent and be baptized and humble themselves as their little children, **And they shall all be saved with their little children;**

**And their little children need no repentance,  
neither baptism.**

## Moroni 8

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G	NEED NO REPENTANCE			
H	ALIVE IN CHRIST; God is NOT Partial			
I	CHILDREN NOT CONDEMNED			

12 "Behold, baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins;

13 But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; If not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable Being and a respecter to persons; For how many little children have died without baptism?

14 Wherefore, if little children could not be saved without baptism, these must have gone to an endless hell.



# Moroni 8

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J						PERVERTED TEACHERS--NO CHARITY				
X							WICKEDNESS TO BELIEVE THAT GOD ONLY SAVES SOME; WICKED TEACHERS SHALL PERISH			

15 "Behold, I say unto you that he that supposeth that little children needeth baptism is in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity,

For he hath neither faith, hope nor charity;  
Wherefore, should he be cut off while in the thought, he must go down to hell;

16 For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism and the other must perish because he hath no baptism;

# Moroni 8

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J'			TEACHERS OF GOD, FULL OF CHARITY	
I'			CHILDREN NOT CONDEMNED, HAVE ETERNAL LIFE	

17 Wo be unto him that shall pervert the ways of the Lord after this manner! For they shall perish, except they repent!

18 "Behold, I speak with boldness, having authority from God; For I fear not what man can do; For perfect love casteth out all fear; And I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love; Wherefore, all children are alike unto me; Wherefore, I love little children with a perfect love;

And they are all alike and partakers of salvation;

# Moroni 8

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G'	ALIVE IN CHRIST				
X				WICKEDNESS FOR ONE TO DENY MERCY	

19 For I know that God is not a partial God,  
neither a changeable Being, But He is  
unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.

20 "Little children cannot repent; Wherefore, it  
is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies  
of God unto them, For they are all alive in Him  
because of His mercy;

21 And He that saith that little children  
needeth baptism denieth the mercies of  
Christ and setteth at naught the atonement  
of Him and the power of His redemption;

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- When your heart can change, then baptism becomes effective, and it becomes your witness to God of being willing to enter into a covenant to serve him.
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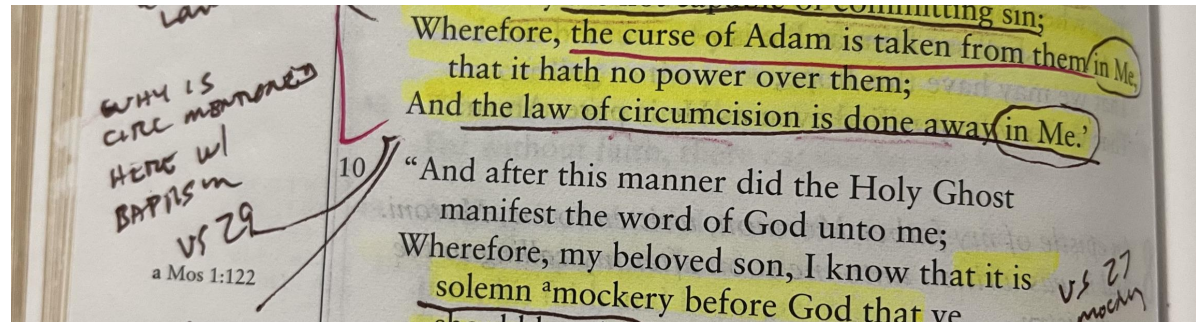
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And because of meekness and lowliness of heart

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16 For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism and the other must perish because he hath no baptism;

17 Wo be unto him that shall pervert the ways of the Lord after this manner! For they shall perish, except they repent!

21 And He that saith that little children needeth baptism denieth the mercies of Christ and setteth at naught the atonement of Him and the power of His redemption;



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15 "Behold, I say unto you that he that supposeth that little children needeth baptism is in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity, For he hath neither faith, hope nor charity; Wherefore, should he be cut off while in the thought, he must go down to hell;

18 "Behold, I speak with boldness, having authority from God; For I fear not what man can do; For perfect love casteth out all fear; And I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love; Wherefore, all children are alike unto me; Wherefore, I love little children with a perfect love; And they are all alike and **partakers of salvation**;

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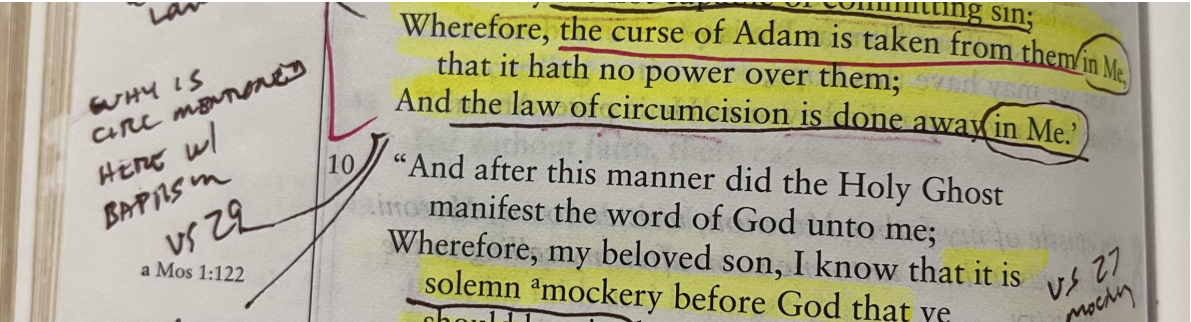
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H	ALIVE IN CHRIST; God is NOT Partial					But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; If not so, God is a partial God.... For how many little children have died without baptism?					13
I	CHILDREN NOT CONDEMNED					Wherefore, if little children could not be saved without baptism, these must have gone to an endless hell.					14
J	PERVERTED TEACHERS--NO CHARITY					Behold, I say unto you that he that supposeth that little children needeth baptism is in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity, For he hath neither faith, hope nor charity;...					15
X	WICKEDNESS TO BELIEVE THAT GOD ONLY SAVES SOME; WICKED TEACHERS SHALL PERISH					For awful is the wickedness to suppose that God saveth one child because of baptism and the other must perish because he hath no baptism; Wo be unto him that shall pervert the ways of the Lord after this manner!					16
J'	TEACHERS OF GOD, FULL OF CHARITY					Behold, I speak with boldness, having authority from God; For perfect love casteth out all fear; ...And I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love;					18
I'	CHILDREN NOT CONDEMNED, HAVE ETERNAL LIFE					Wherefore, all children are alike unto me; Wherefore, I love little children with a perfect love; And they are all alike and partakers of salvation;					
H'	GOD IS NOT PARTIAL					For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable Being....					19
G'	ALIVE IN CHRIST					Little children cannot repent; Wherefore, it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them, For they are all alive in Him because of His mercy;					20
X	WICKEDNESS FOR ONE TO DENY MERCY					And He that saith that little children needeth baptism denieth the mercies of Christ and setteth at naught the atonement of Him and the power of His redemption;					21
J'	Teachers who Pervert					Wo unto such! for they are in danger of death, hell and an endless torment; I speak it boldly! God hath commanded me.					22, 23
I'	GOD IS NOT PARTIAL					Listen unto them and give heed, Or they stand against you at the judgment seat of Christ;					24
H'	ALIVE IN CHRIST					For behold that all little children are alive in Christ,					25
G'	THEY WITHOUT THE LAW NEED NO REPENTANCE					and also all they that are without the law; For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; Wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent,					26
F'	BAPTISM AVAILS NOTHING IF CAN NOT REPENT					And unto such baptism availeth nothing;					
E'	MOCKERY					But it is mockery before God! denying the mercies of Christ and the power of His Holy Spirit and putting trust in dead works.					27
D'	CURSE OF A BROKEN LAW					.....For repentance is unto them that are under condemnation and under the curse of a broken law;					28
B'	CHILDREN NEED NO REPENTENCE										
C'	THE NEW COVENANT					And the firstfruits of repentance is baptism, And baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments, And the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins, And the remission of sins bringeth meekness and lowliness of heart, And because of meekness and lowliness of heart cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, Which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, Which love endureth by diligence unto prayer,					29
A'	GOD IS THE REDEEMER					until the end shall come when all the saints shall dwell with God.					

# Meaning of The Way--Moroni 8:29



And the **firstfruits** of repentance is **baptism**.

And **baptism** cometh by faith,  
unto the **fulfilling the commandments**.

And the **fulfilling the commandments**  
bringeth **remission of sins**.

And the **remission of sins**  
bringeth **meekness and lowliness of heart**.

And because of **meekness and lowliness of heart**  
cometh the visitation of **the Holy Ghost**,

**Which Comforter filleth** with hope  
and **perfect love**.

Which **love endureth** by **diligence unto prayer until the end shall come**

**when all the saints shall dwell with God**.

(Word will Tell us, Spirit will Show Us what to do)



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## JESUS' Blood Atones for ALL THESE;

1. Those Who Kept the Commandments, Came in the Gate, Followed 'The Way.'
2. Those Ignorant of God's Law.
3. Little Children.

But am standing here today because of another part of 'heritage'

- Great grandmother on my mom's side...
- Heard missionaries say there was hope for little children, and any who hadn't heard the gospel.



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Mosiah 8:

60 And little children also hath eternal life.