

Bling in the Bible



A detailed illustration of an ancient Greek temple with two runners on a track. The temple features a grand portico with numerous columns and a decorative frieze. Two runners in red tunics are competing on a dirt track in the foreground. One runner is in the lead, with his right arm raised in a gesture of triumph. The background shows a valley with mountains and a line of flags. The scene is bathed in the warm light of a setting or rising sun.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Olympics in 776 BC, sanctuary of Zeus at Olympia, until AD 393. Modern Olympic games 1896, Athens Greece.

OLYPMIC GAMES

- Banned in 393 AD by Roman Emperor Theodosius I because they were seen as a pagan festival and connected to the Greek god Zeus. He wanted to promote Christianity as the state religion.

OLYPMIC WINNER

- A winner would receive a crown known as kotinos, olive wreath. No prize was given for 2nd or 3rd place. This was a crown of victory, stephanos. A kingly crown is a diadema.

HEAVEN'S VICTOR

- Christ wants to give his people a crown of victory, stephanos.

...be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.



Revelation 2:10



Matthew 27:29, crown of thorns, stephanos

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the gainsaying of
our feasts of charity.

The Book of
REVELATION

Christ, which God
wants things
he sent and
John:
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7 Behold
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all kindreds
Even so. A
8 I am



The 144,000 & Their Character

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



2 Corinthians 5:17*

Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and
bridle or they will not come to you.



Psalm 32:9*

For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.



1 John 2:16*



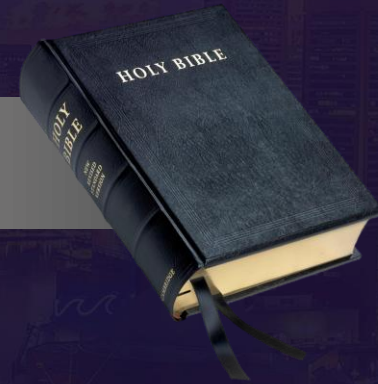
Pride was Lucifer's downfall



How do you identify
a Christian?

Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Matthew 7:20*

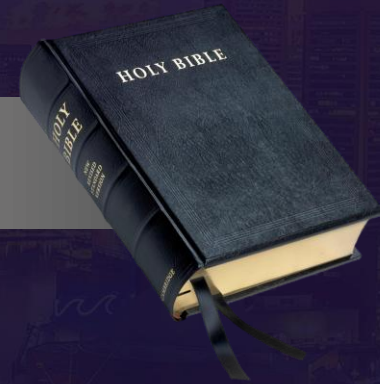


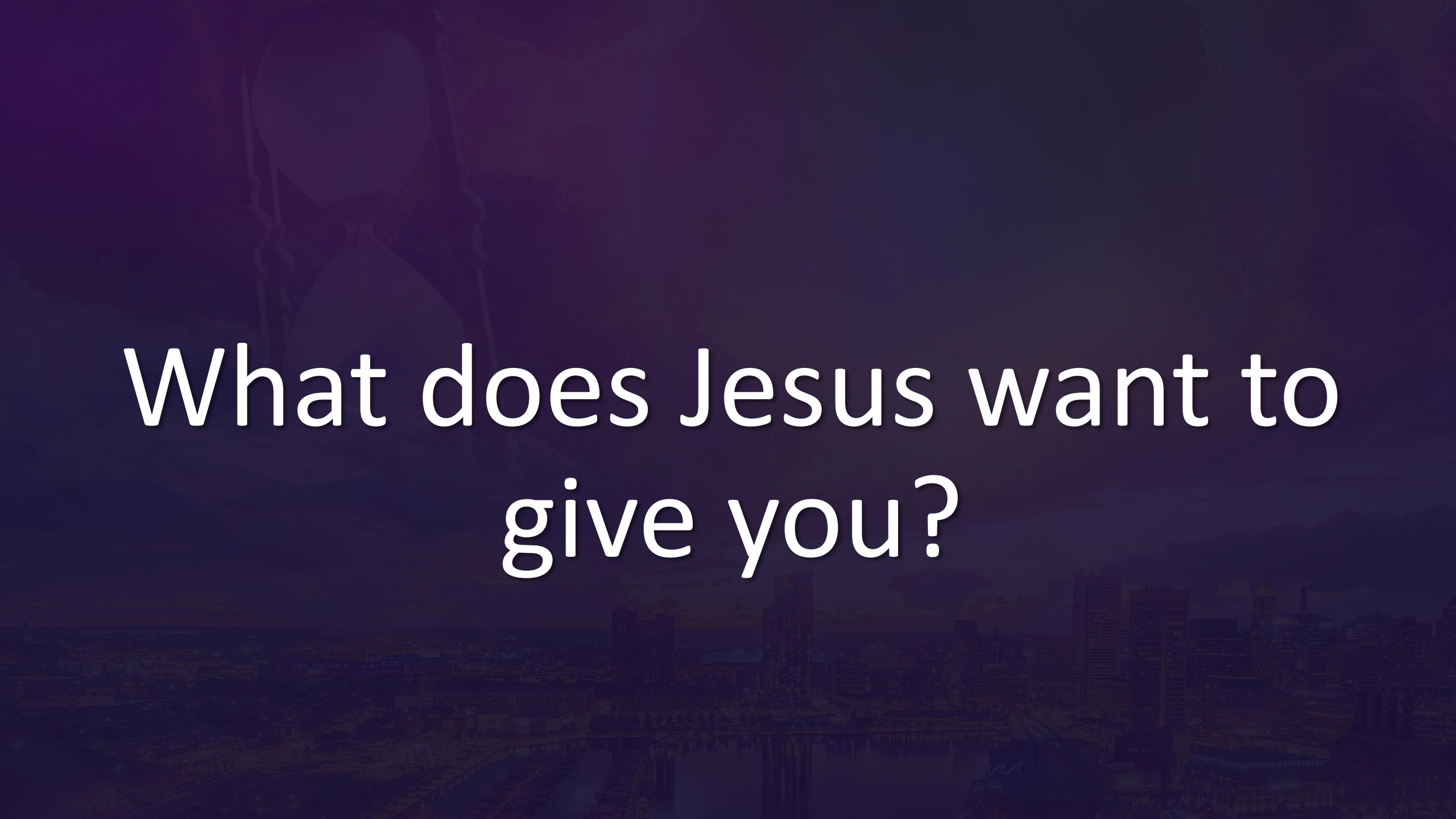


Who do we
represent?

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us...

2 Corinthians 5:20*





What does Jesus want to
give you?

...be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.



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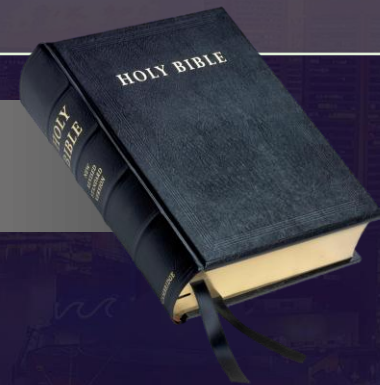


What does Jesus want to
remove?

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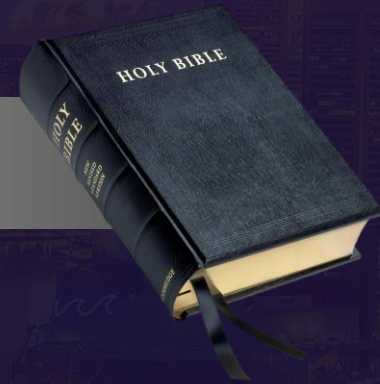
“Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, making a jingling with their feet,

Isaiah 3:16



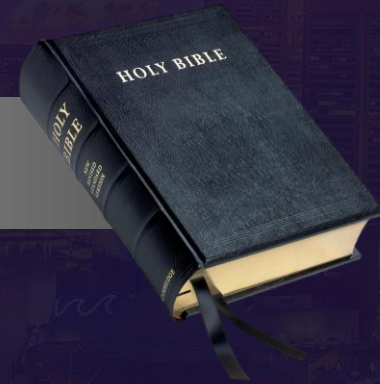
Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will uncover their secret parts.”

Isaiah 3:17



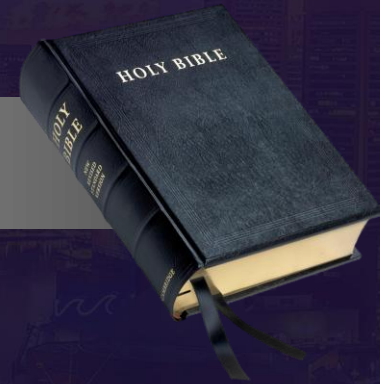
In that day the Lord will take away
the finery: the jingling anklets, the
scarves, and the crescents; the
pendants, the bracelets, and the
veils

Isaiah 3:18-19



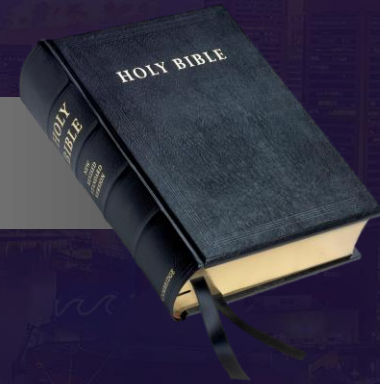
The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands; the perfume boxes, the charms, and the rings; the nose jewels,

Isaiah 3:20-21



The festal apparel, and the mantels; the outer garments, the purses, and the mirrors; the fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

Isaiah 3:22



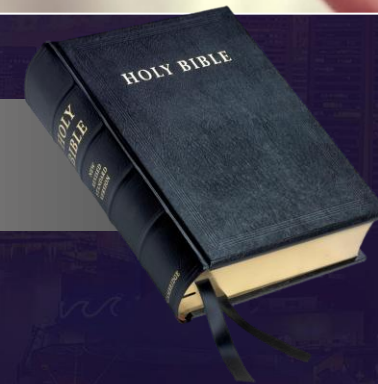


Why will God take this
away?

Do not let your adornment
be *merely* outward—arranging
the hair, wearing gold,
or putting on *fine*
apparel—

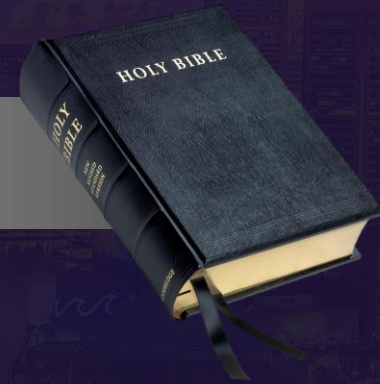


1 Peter 3:3



rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

1 Peter 3:4

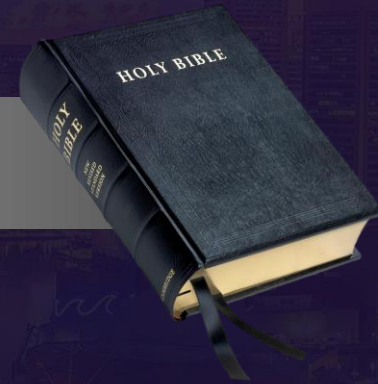




Isn't the wearing of jewelry
justified in Bible stories?

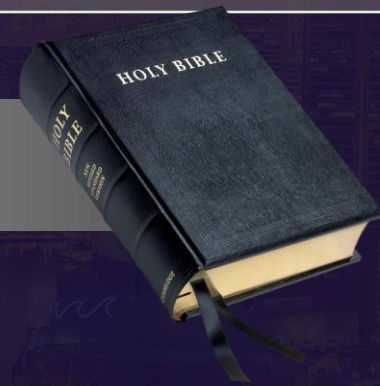
Joseph (Gen. 41:42), Saul (2 Sam 1:10), Mordecai (Esther 8:2), and Daniel (Dan. 5:29) are all seen wearing jewelry.

Bible characters wearing jewelry



Noah was drunk (Gen. 9:20,21), Lot had sex with his daughters (Gen. 19:30-38), Judah impregnated his daughter-in-law (Gen. 38:12-26).

The good, the bad, & the ugly





What about the
wedding ring?

Fertility in paganism





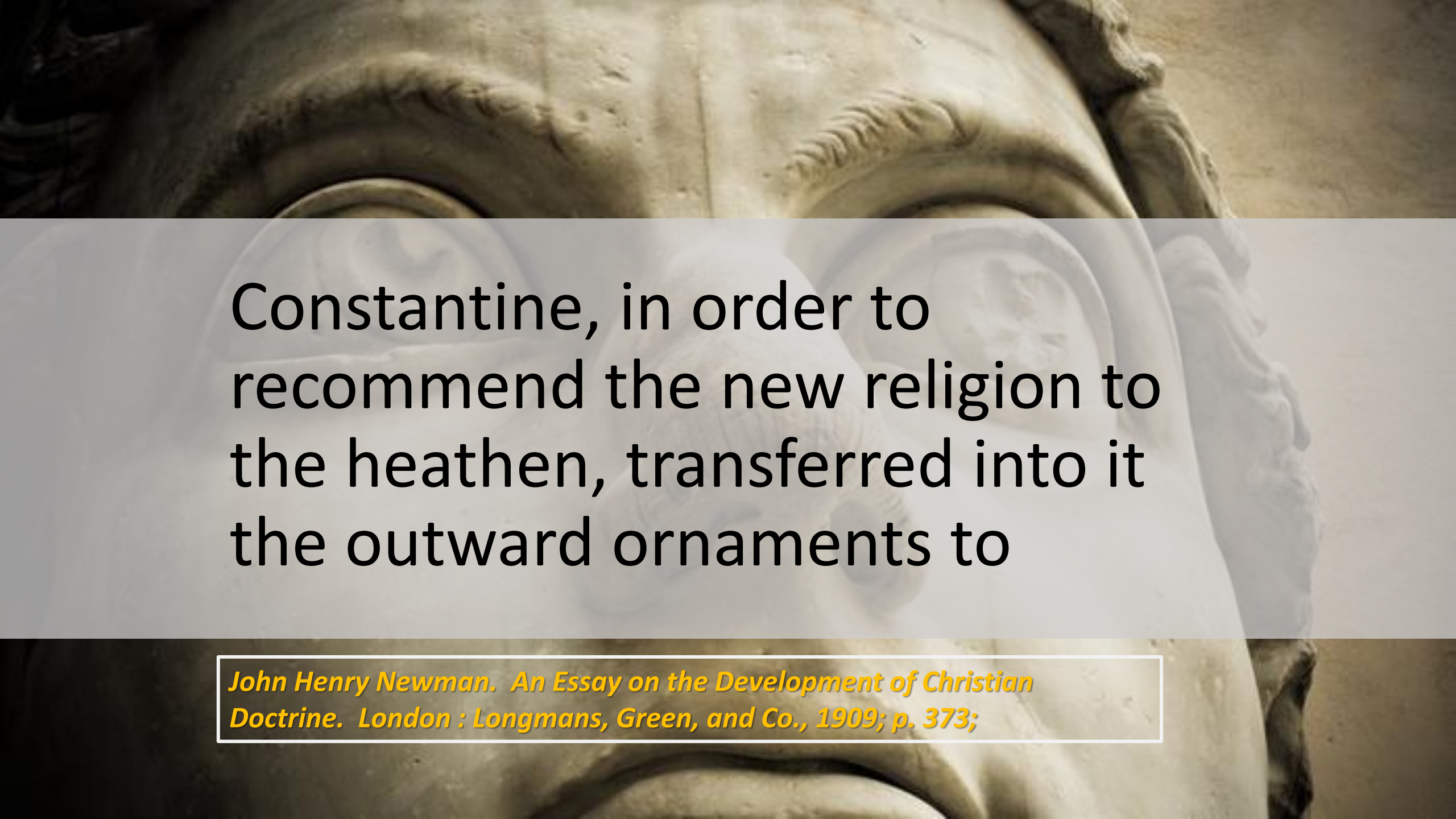
The solar eclipse
[A.K.A Diamond Ring]
was seen as a union
of the sun god and
the moon goddess.



THE WEDDING RING

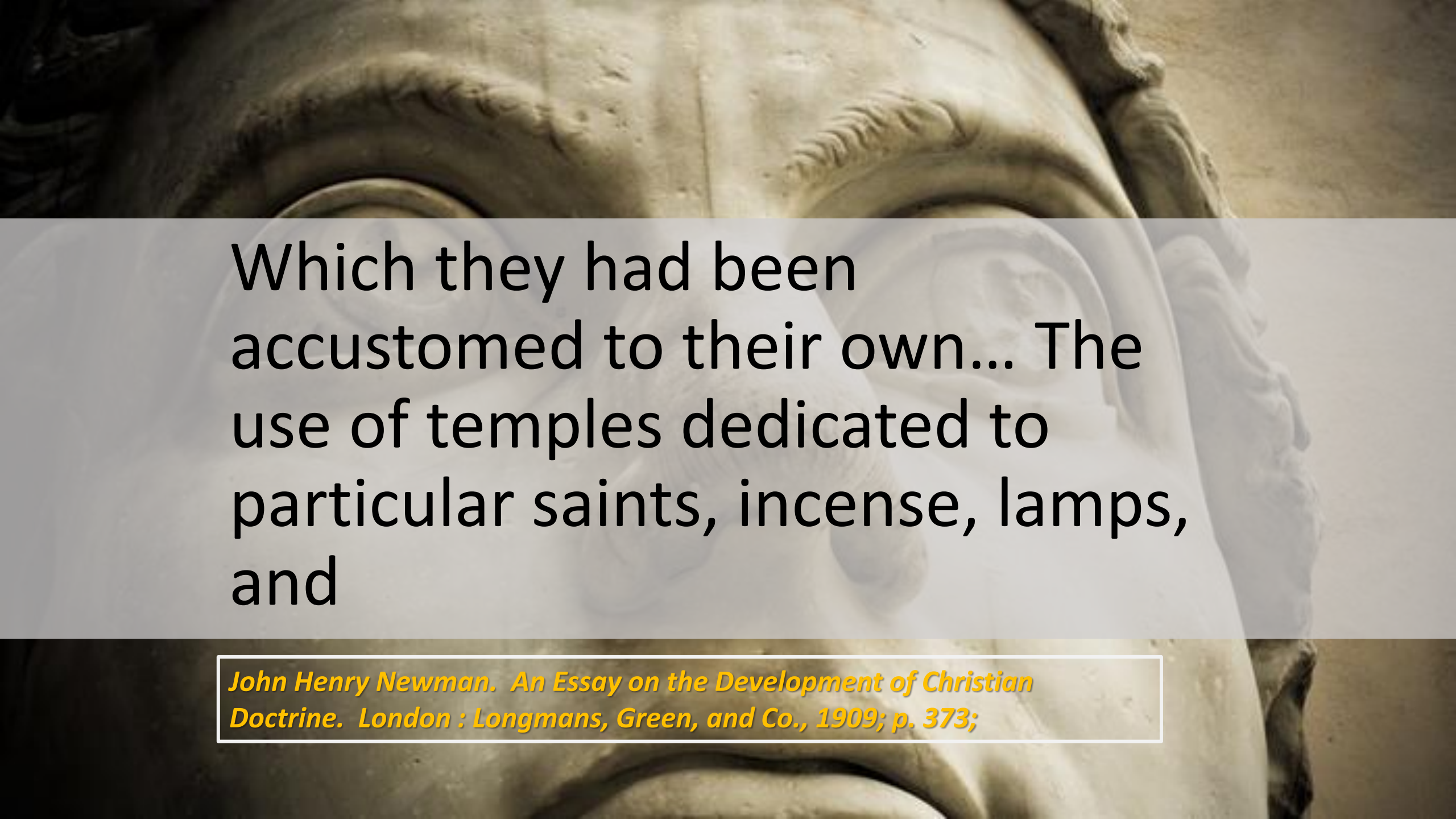
Also symbolized the union/consecration of a couple. This is a pagan custom.





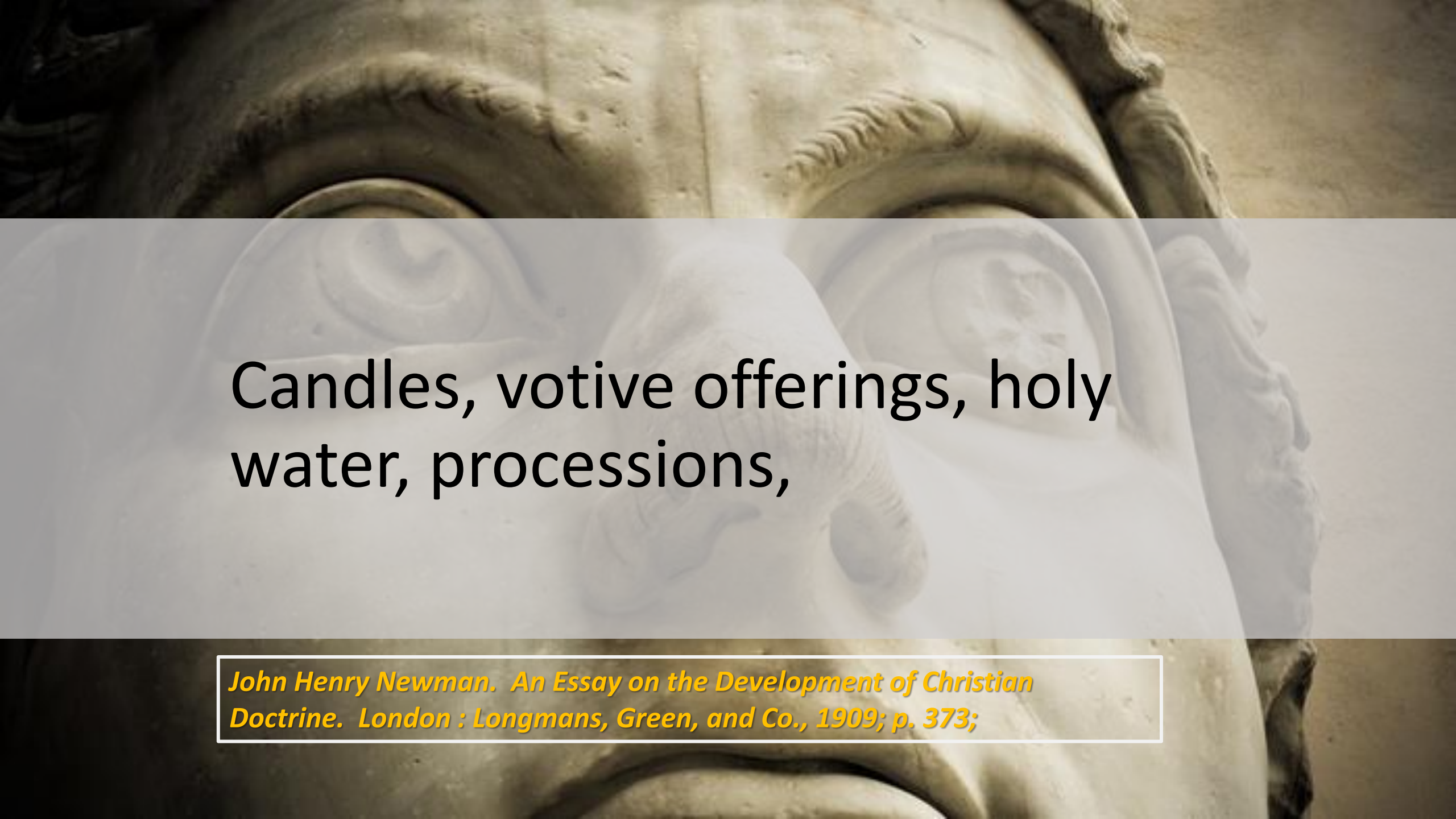
Constantine, in order to recommend the new religion to the heathen, transferred into it the outward ornaments to

John Henry Newman. An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine. London : Longmans, Green, and Co., 1909; p. 373;

A close-up photograph of a stone archway, likely from a Gothic or Romanesque building. The arch is filled with intricate carvings, including a central figure and various decorative elements. The stone is light-colored and shows signs of weathering. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.


Which they had been accustomed to their own... The use of temples dedicated to particular saints, incense, lamps, and

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A close-up photograph of a stone relief sculpture. The central focus is a figure's face, which appears to be in a state of prayer or suffering, with eyes closed and a serene expression. The figure's hands are raised towards the face, with fingers slightly curled. The stone is a light, weathered color, and the relief is set against a darker background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the stone and the contours of the face and hands.

Candles, votive offerings, holy
water, processions,

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sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, **the ring in marriage**, turning to the East, images, ecclesiastical chant are all of pagan origin and sanctified by their adoption into the church.”*

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But the ring tells the
world I'm taken.

Some have had a burden in regard to the wearing of a marriage ring, feeling that the wives of our ministers should conform to this custom. All this is unnecessary. Let the ministers' wives have the golden link which binds their souls to Jesus Christ,

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a pure and holy character, the true love and meekness and godliness that are the fruit borne upon the Christian tree, and their influence will be secure anywhere. The fact that a disregard of the custom occasions remark is no good reason for adopting it.

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Americans can make their position understood by plainly stating that the custom is not regarded as obligatory in our country. We need not wear the sign, for we are not untrue to our marriage vow, and the wearing of the ring would be no evidence that we were true.

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I feel deeply over this leavening process which seems to be going on among us, in the conformity to custom and fashion. Not one penny should be spent for a circlet of gold to testify that we are married.

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In countries where the custom is imperative, we have no burden to condemn those who have their marriage ring; let them wear it if they can do so conscientiously; but let not our missionaries feel that the wearing of the ring will increase their influence one jot or tittle.

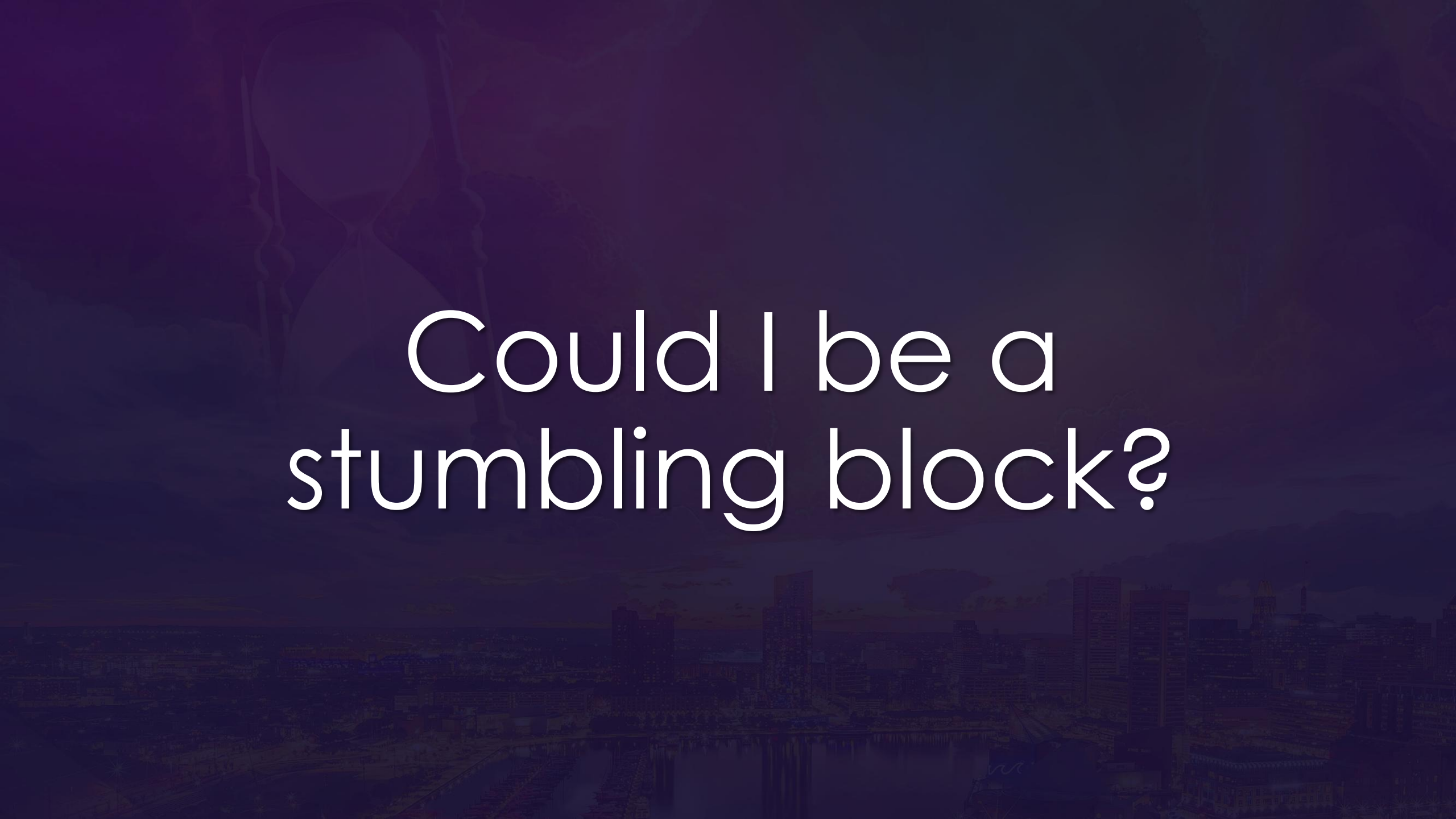
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If they are Christians, it will be manifest in their Christlikeness of character, in their words, in their works, in the home, in association with others; it will be evinced by their patience and long-suffering and kindness.

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They will manifest the spirit of the Master, they will possess His beauty of character, His loveliness of disposition, His sympathetic heart.*

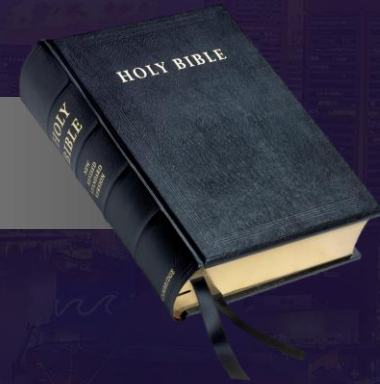
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Could I be a
stumbling block?

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

Romans 14:13*

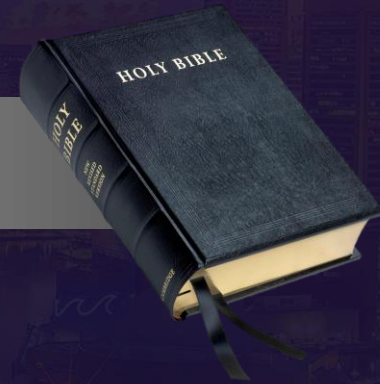




What about tattoos
and piercings?

You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:28





Elaine Davidson

Lizard Man



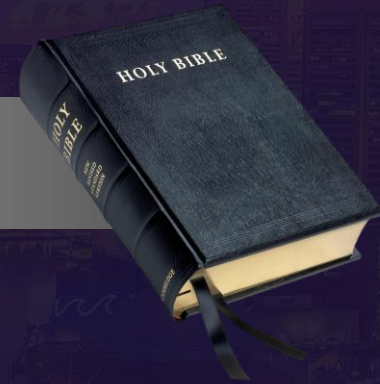


Does what I wear
really matter?

in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

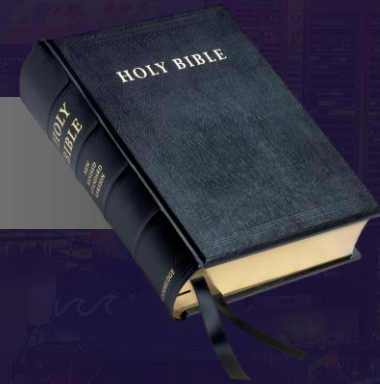


1 Timothy 2:9



but, which is proper for women
professing godliness, with good
works.

1 Timothy 2:10*



Do you not know that
you are the temple of
God and that the Spirit
of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16



If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.



1 Corinthians 3:17

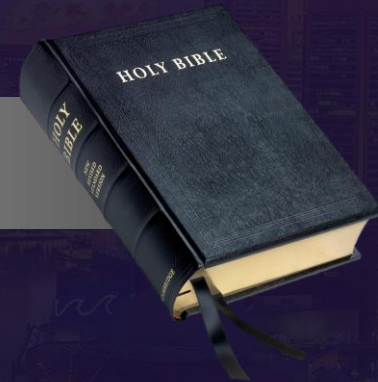
Revelation speaks of two churches. Both are symbolized by women. Both are only identified by their appearance.



The devil believes in jewelry too

He who says he abides in Him
ought also to walk just as He
walked.

1 John 2:6



When God's people
were entering the
promised land they
removed their jewelry.

Jacob's family going to promised
land [Genesis 35:1-4]

Israelites going to promised land
[Exodus 33:1-6]

God's people removed their jewelry

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.



1 Corinthians 10:6



Are you ready for the
Promised Land,
Heaven?

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