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Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Shema

“Hear”, O Israel

God said to Israel, “My children, everything I have created in pairs: heaven and earth, sun and moon, Adam and Eve, this world and the world-to-come. But my glory is one and unique in the world - hence”...the Lord alone.

Midrash

“Now obey the Lord and worship him with integrity and loyalty. Put aside the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the river and in Egypt and worship the Lord”.

Joshua 24:24

“This verse means that the Lord (Yahweh) is totally unique. He alone is God. The Israelites could therefore have a sense of security that was totally impossible for their polytheistic neighbors. The “gods” of the ancient Near East rarely were thought of as acting in harmony.

Each god was unpredictable and morally capricious. So a pagan worshiper could never be sure that his loyalty to one god would serve to protect him from the capricious wrath of another...

The monotheistic doctrine of the Israelites lifted them out of this insecurity since they had to deal with only one God, who dealt with them by a revealed consistent righteous standard.”

Walvoord, Zuck & Dallas Theological Seminary,  
The Bible knowledge commentary: An exposition of the Scriptures

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MONOTHEISM

Moses second statement  
in the Shema is this:

God requires ALL OF US

For where your  
treasure is, there  
your heart will be  
also.

Luke 12:34

The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up of only rules made taught by men.”

Isaiah 29:13

But seek first his kingdom  
and his righteousness, and all  
these things will be given to  
you as well.

Matthew 6:33

Moses third statement  
in the Shema is this:

These commands will be  
useless unless you  
INTERNALIZE them

It says (6:6) “Take to heart” and then (6:7) “Impress them upon your children.” Only when you yourself take them to heart will you be able to impress them upon your children, as the saying is, “Words that come from the heart can enter the heart.”

Alshech - 16th century Rabbi

Moses fourth statement  
in the Shema is this:

You shall TEACH  
the commands

Israel's original knowledge rested on seeing ("you have seen that you might know," 4:35), by being made eyewitnesses to the revelation at Sinai. Since that time, however, tradition rests on hearing and not on a continuation of natural phenomena - hence, "Hear, O Israel!"

After S. R. Hirsh

# Lead by DESIGN



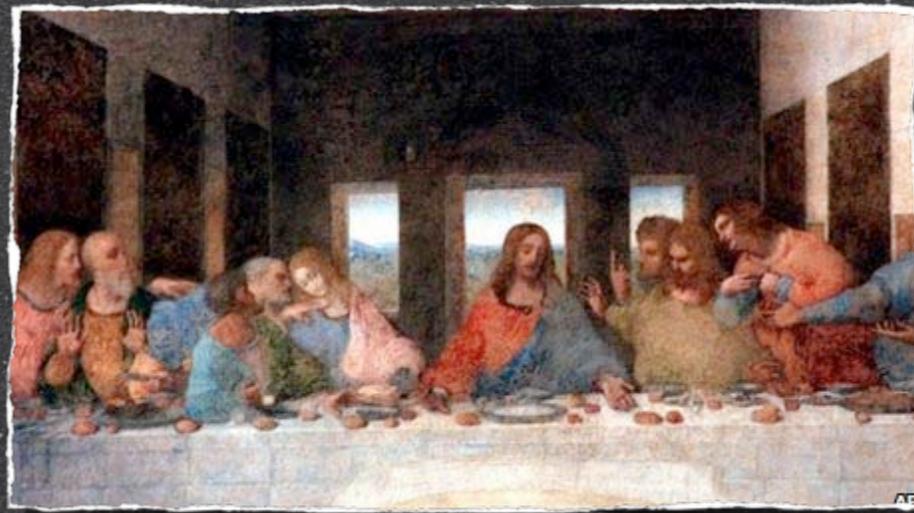


EMBRACE

Discipline



# Take advantage of DINNER



Therefore go and make disciples  
of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey  
everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20

After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did what was evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.

Judges 2:10-11

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

I tell you the truth, he will  
put him in charge of all his  
possessions.

Matthew 24:45-47



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