

THEN SOME PHARISEES AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW CAME TO JESUS FROM JERUSALEM AND ASKED, "WHY DO YOUR DISCIPLES BREAK THE TRADITION OF THE ELDERS? THEY DON'T WASH THEIR HANDS BEFORE THEY EAT!" JESUS REPLIED, "AND WHY DO YOU BREAK THE COMMAND OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION? FOR GOD SAID, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER' AND 'ANYONE WHO CURSES

MATTHEW 15:1-20

THEIR FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.’
BUT YOU SAY THAT IF ANYONE DECLARES THAT
WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED TO HELP THEIR
FATHER OR MOTHER IS ‘DEVOTED TO GOD,’ THEY
ARE NOT TO ‘HONOR THEIR FATHER OR MOTHER’
WITH IT. THUS YOU NULLIFY THE WORD OF GOD FOR
THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION. YOU HYPOCRITES!
ISAIAH WAS RIGHT WHEN HE PROPHESED ABOUT

MATTHEW 15:1-20

YOU: “THESE PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM ME. THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN; THEIR TEACHINGS ARE MERELY HUMAN RULES.” JESUS CALLED THE CROWD TO HIM AND SAID, “LISTEN AND UNDERSTAND. WHAT GOES INTO SOMEONE’S MOUTH DOES NOT DEFILE THEM, BUT WHAT COMES OUT OF THEIR MOUTH, THAT IS WHAT DEFILES

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THEM.” THEN THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND ASKED, “DO YOU KNOW THAT THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED WHEN THEY HEARD THIS?” HE REPLIED, “EVERY PLANT THAT MY HEAVENLY FATHER HAS NOT PLANTED WILL BE PULLED UP BY THE ROOTS. LEAVE THEM; THEY ARE BLIND GUIDES. IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A PIT.” PETER SAID, “EXPLAIN THE PARABLE TO US.” “ARE YOU STILL SO

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DULL?" JESUS ASKED THEM. "DON'T YOU SEE THAT WHATEVER ENTERS THE MOUTH GOES INTO THE STOMACH AND THEN OUT OF THE BODY? BUT THE THINGS THAT COME OUT OF A PERSON'S MOUTH COME FROM THE HEART, AND THESE DEFILE THEM. FOR OUT OF THE HEART COME EVIL THOUGHTS—MURDER, ADULTERY, SEXUAL IMMORALITY, THEFT, FALSE TESTIMONY, SLANDER. THESE ARE WHAT

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DEFILE A PERSON; BUT EATING WITH UNWASHED
HANDS DOES NOT DEFILE THEM.”

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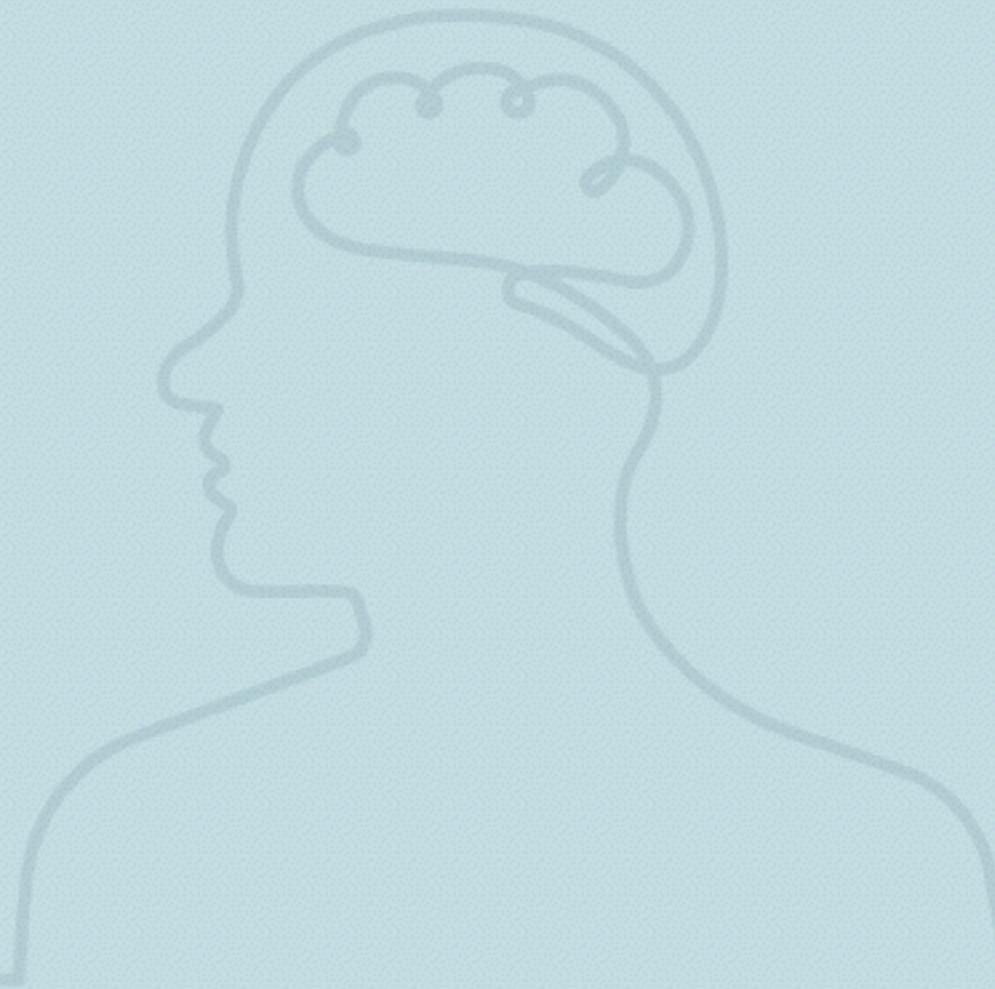


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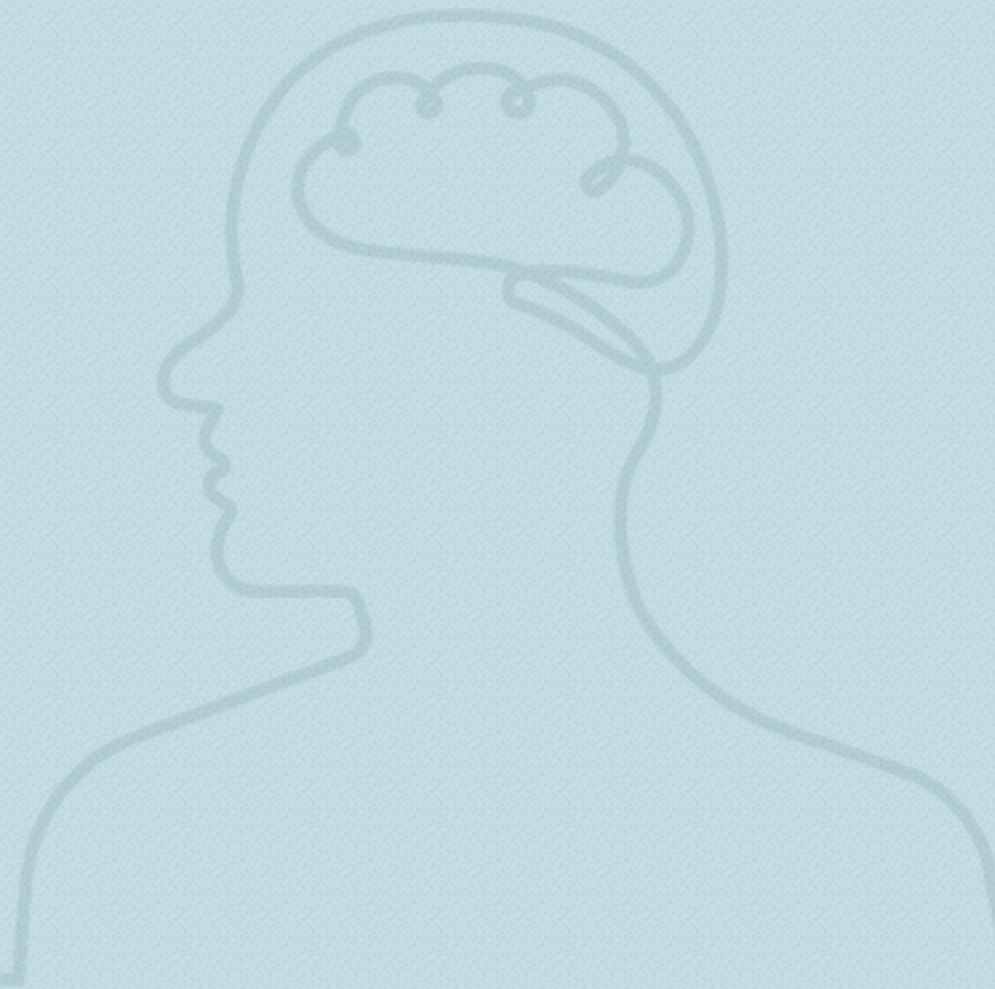
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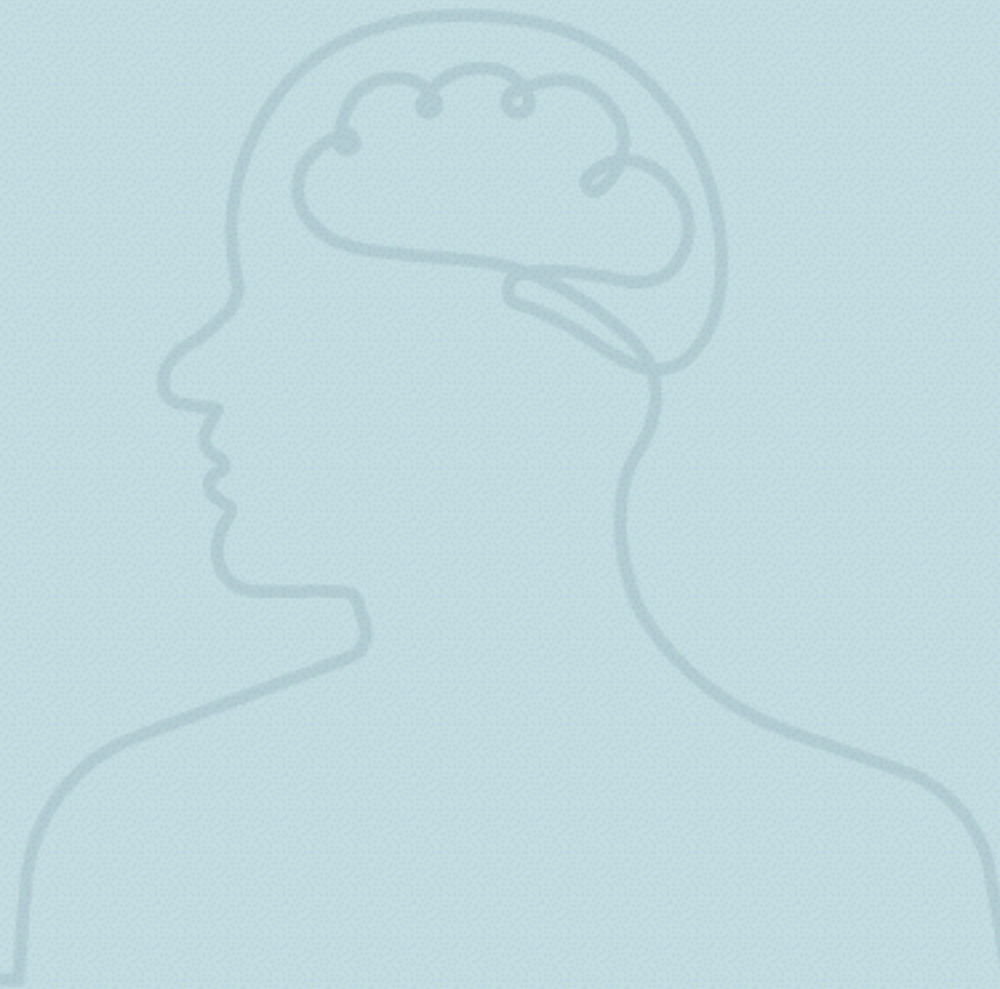
(A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FROM THE PHARISEES)

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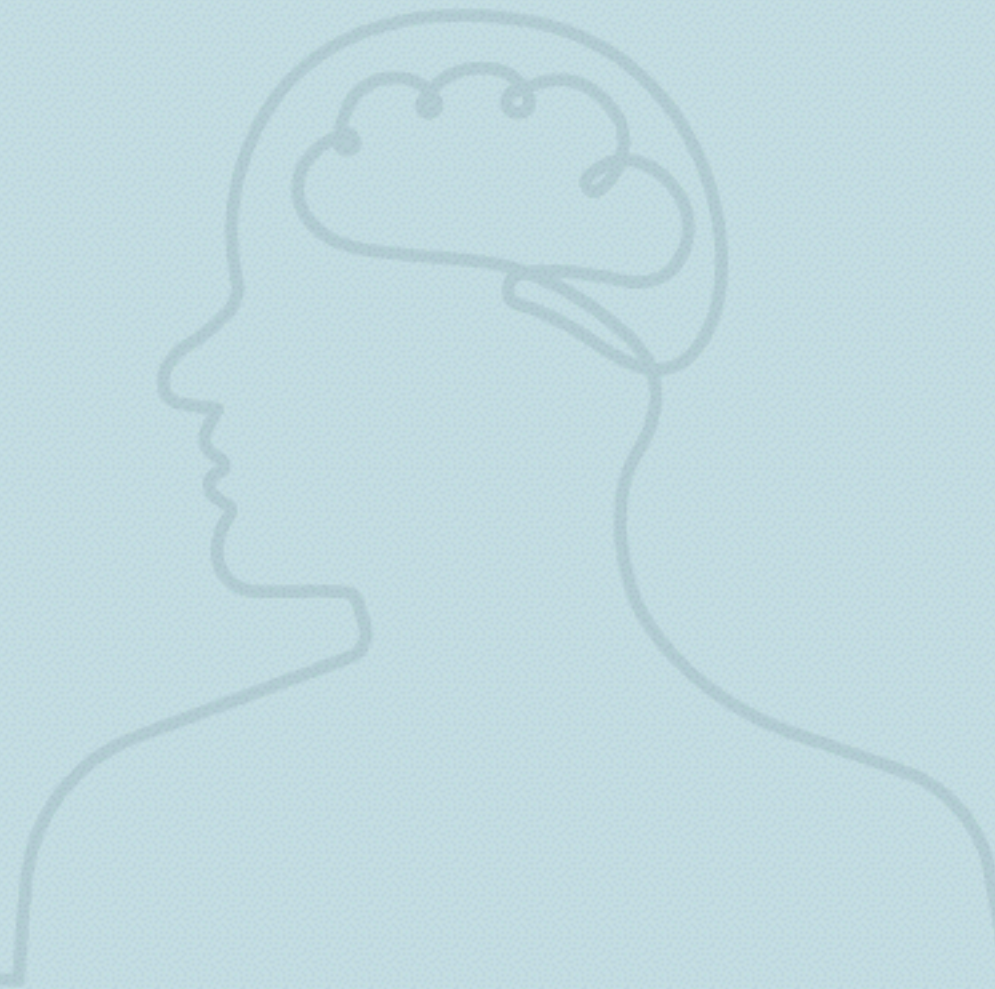
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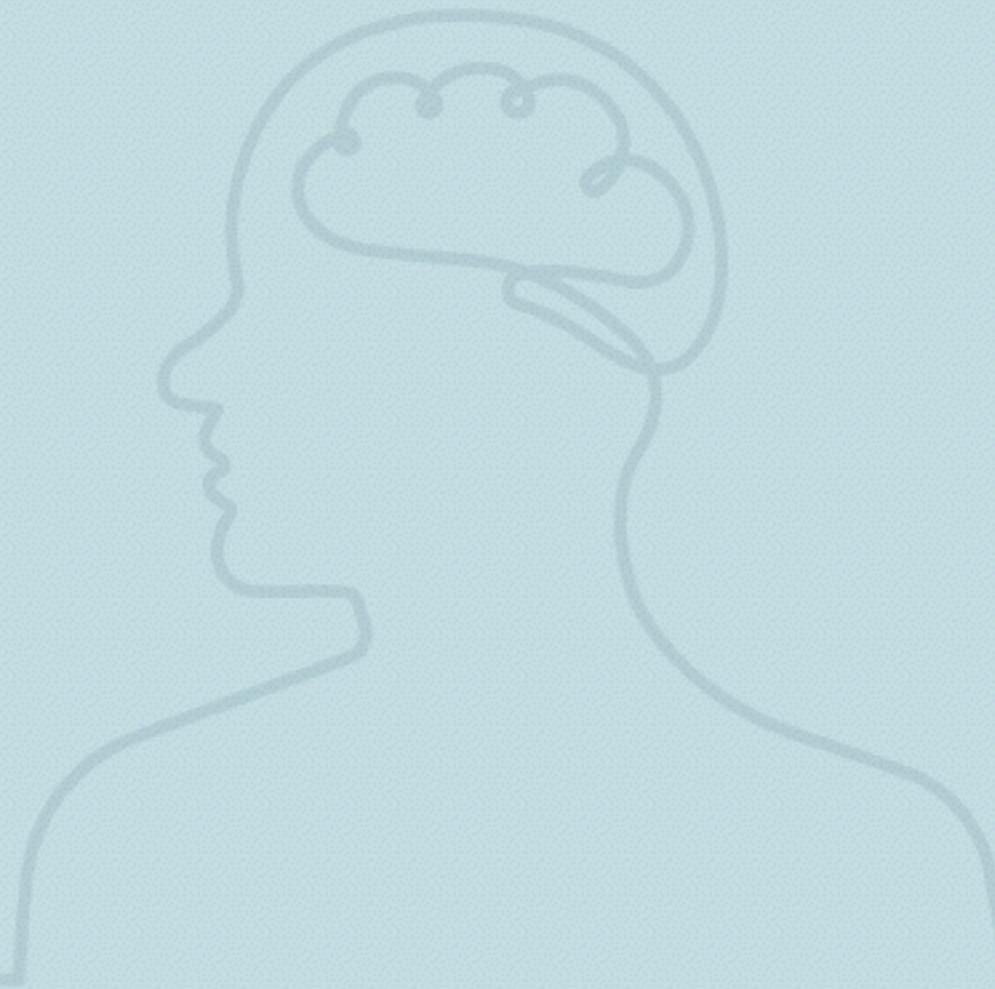


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HOW TO BE OFFENDED BY EVERYTHING:

- MAKE YOUR RULES, THE RULES
- USE NOBLE-SOUNDING LANGUAGE TO JUSTIFY YOUR BEHAVIOR
- SEE EVERYTHING ELSE AS THE PROBLEM

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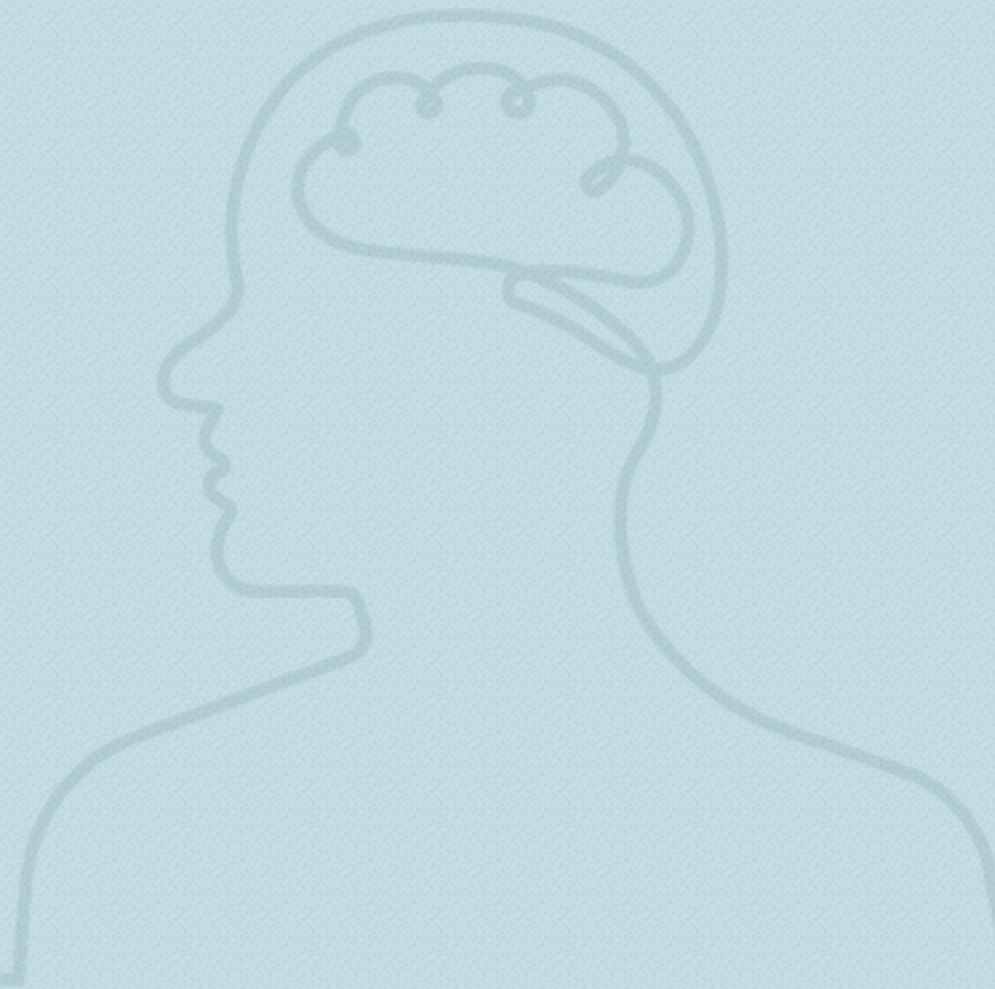


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THE PRACTICE OF REGULARLY
ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR SINS,
FAULTS, AND FAILURES TO GOD,
AND TO OTHER FOLLOWERS OF
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