

BIBLICAL SURVEY

Judges - Authorship and Focus

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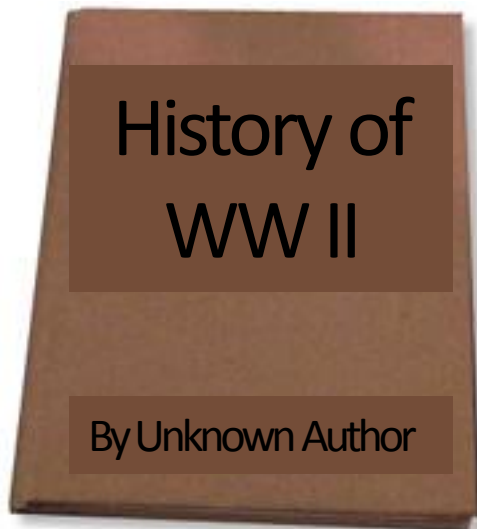


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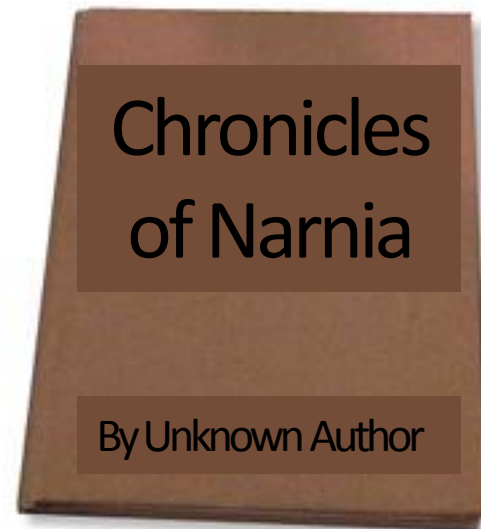
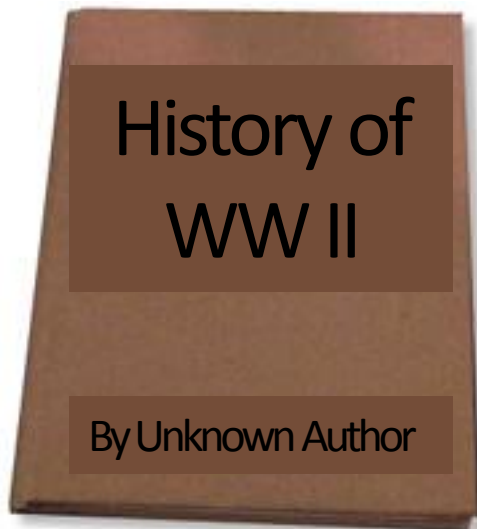


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When was it
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When was it
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How was it
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When was it
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How was it
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Check the vocabulary
and writing style



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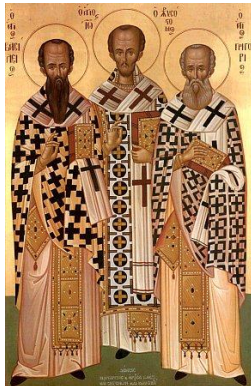
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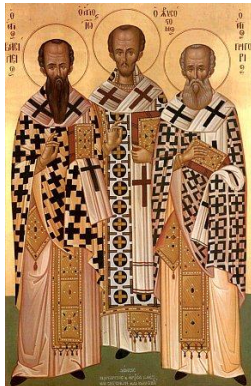


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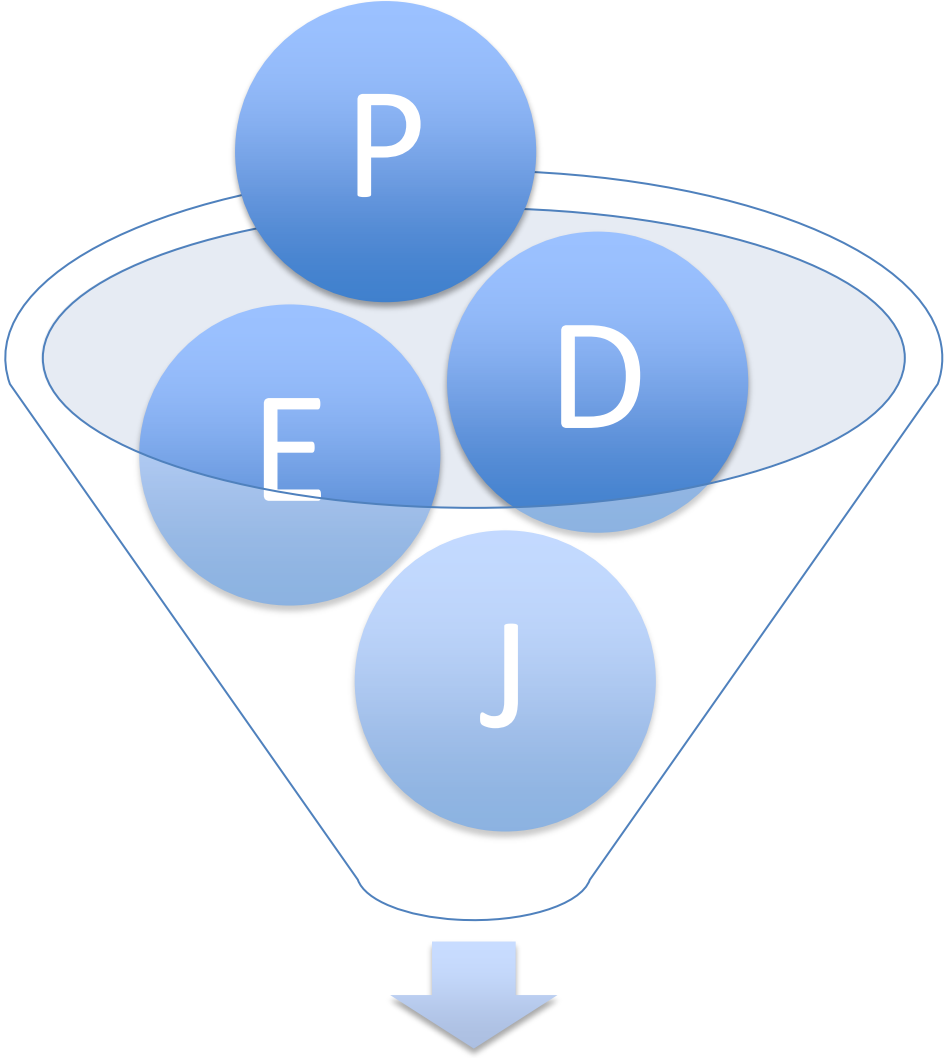
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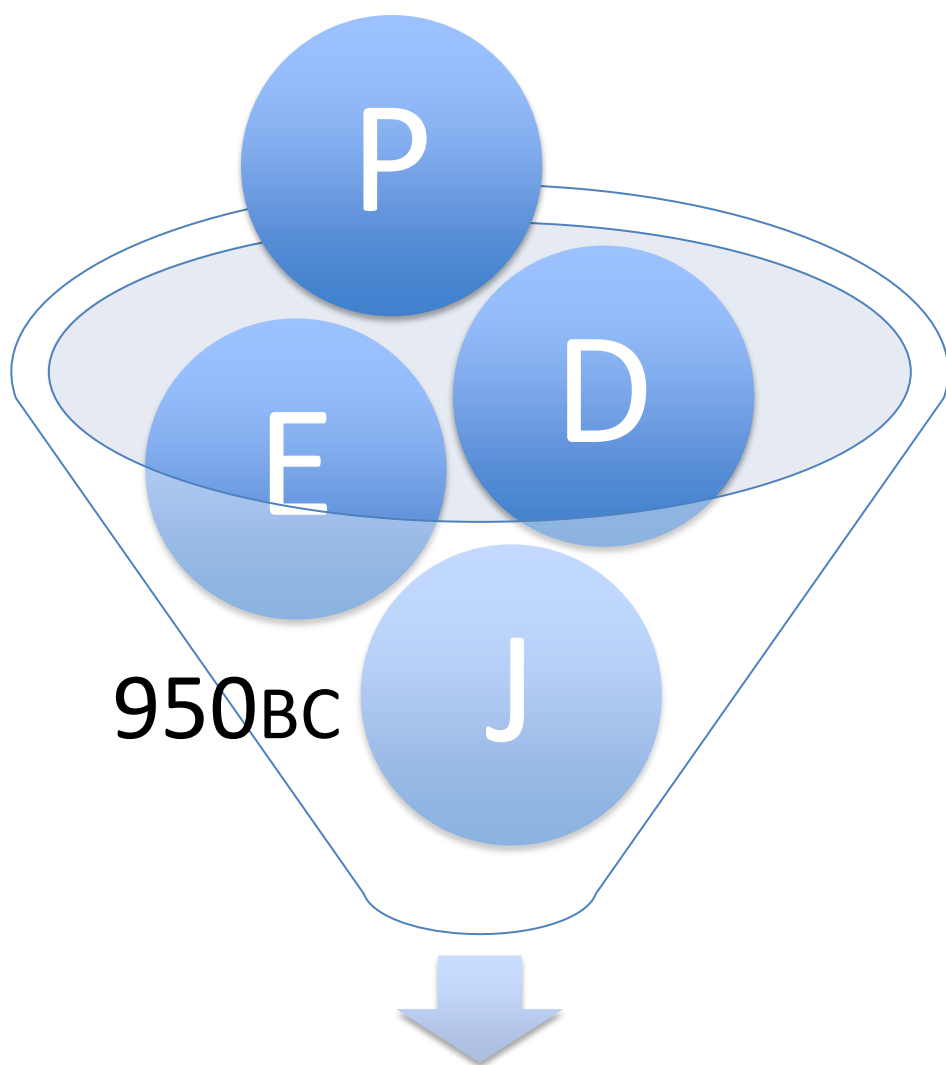


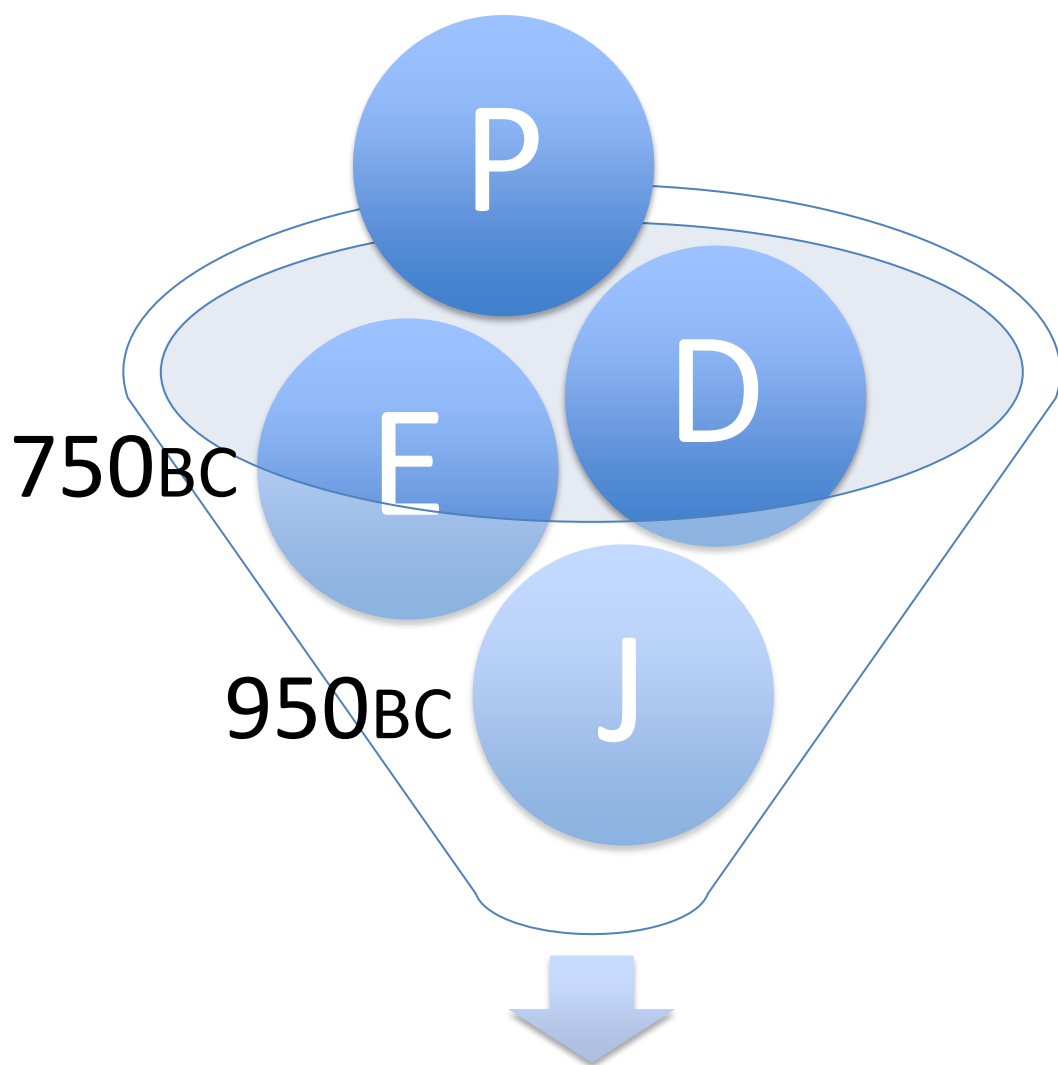
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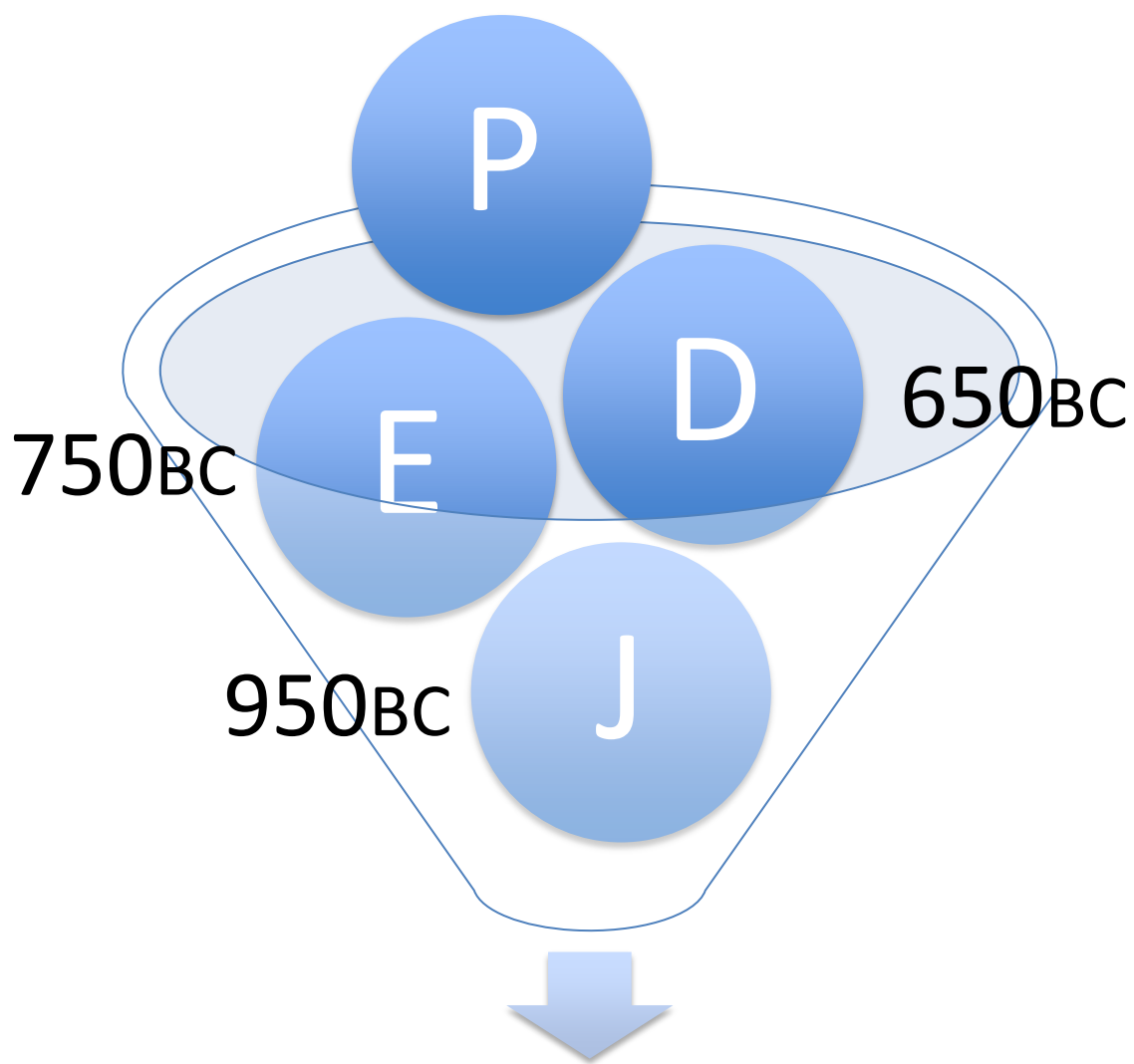


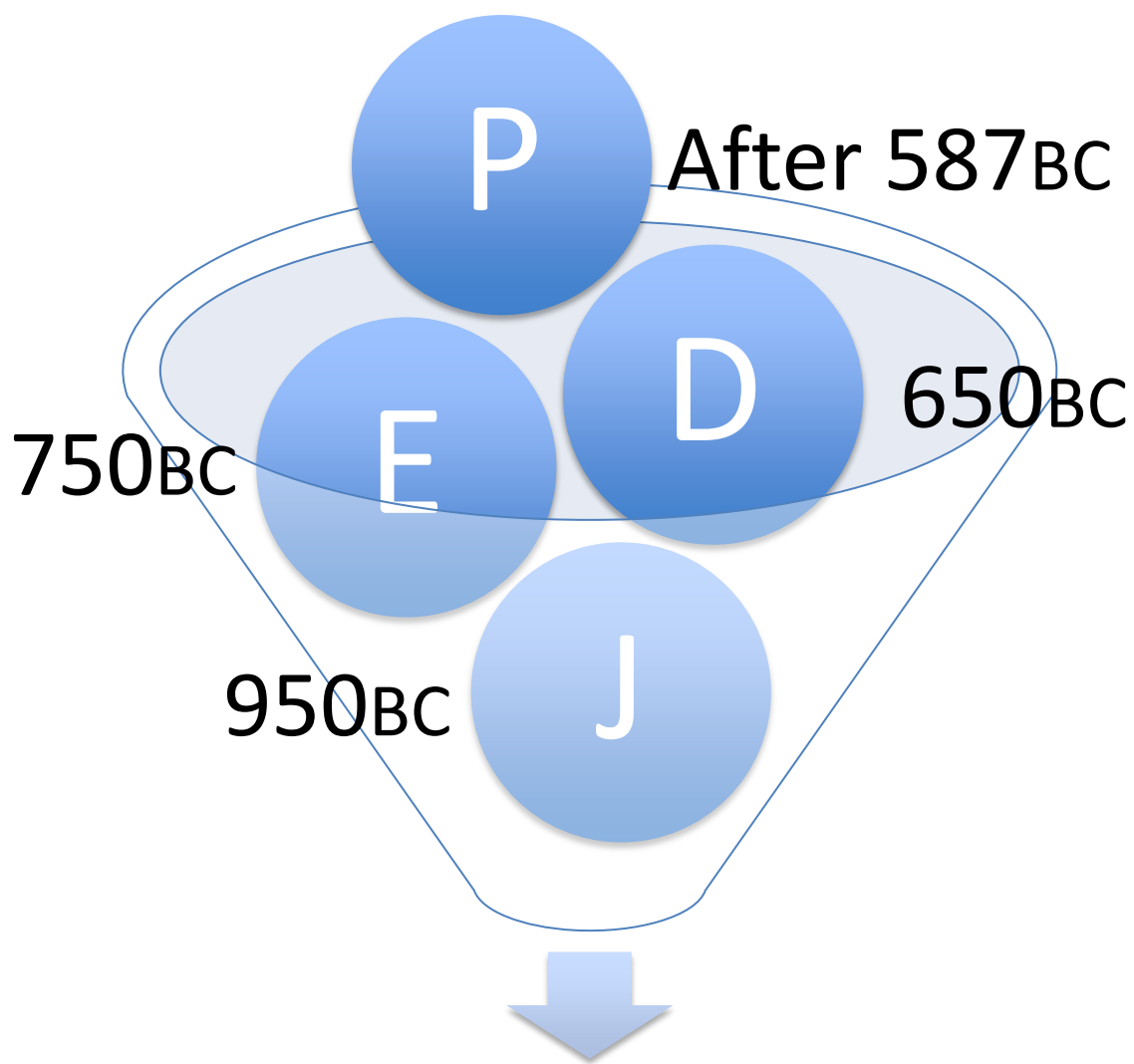
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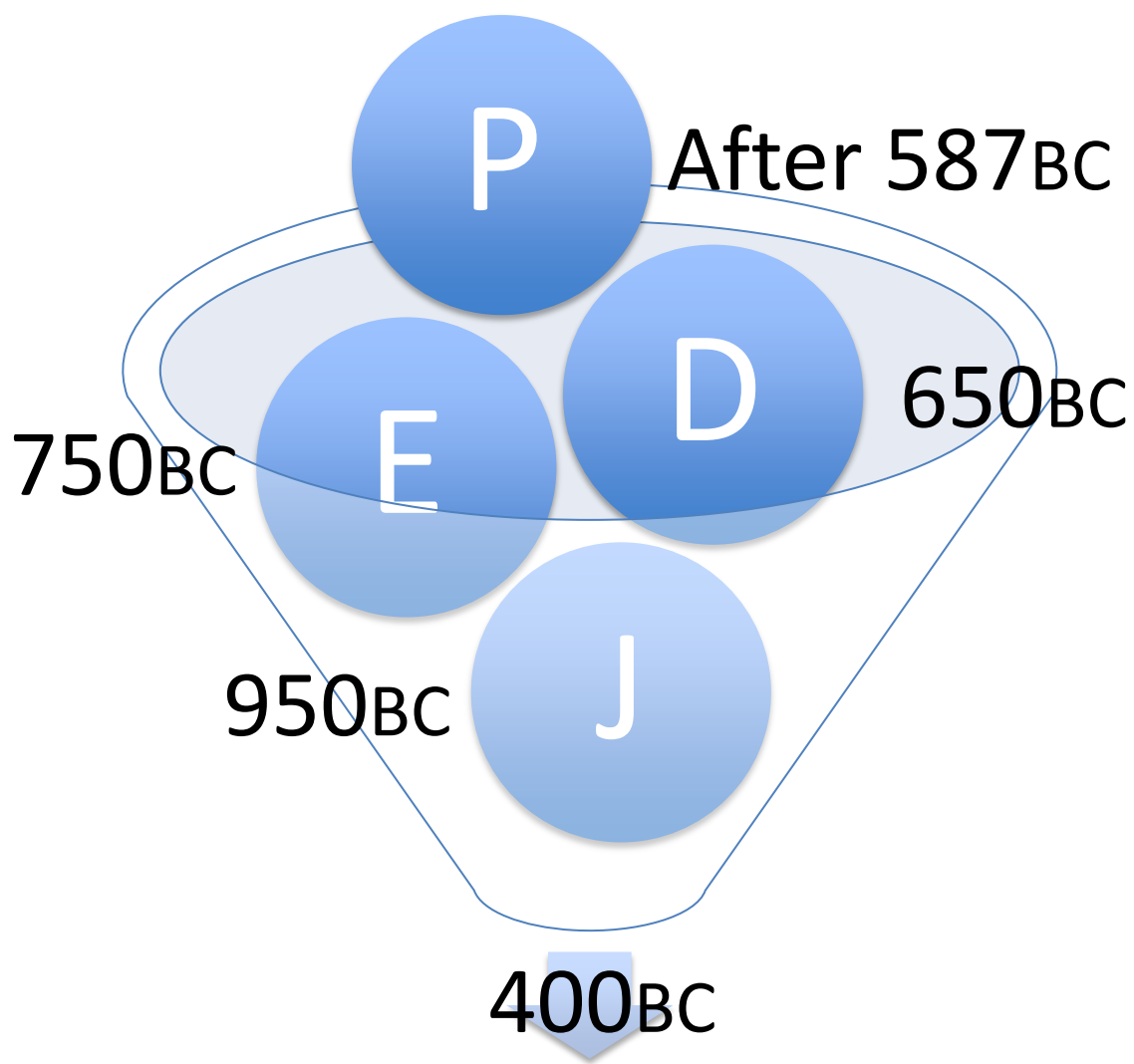


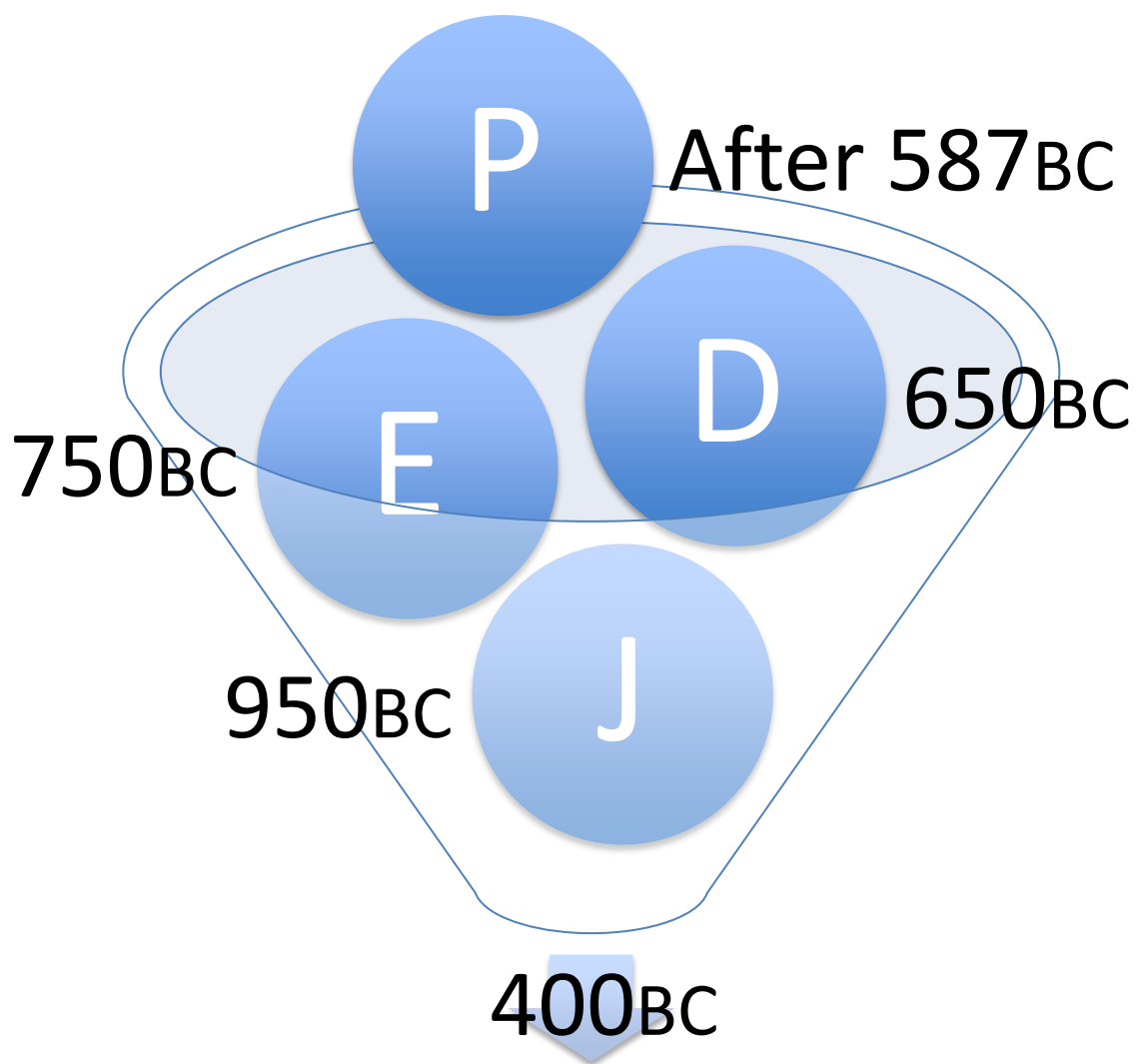








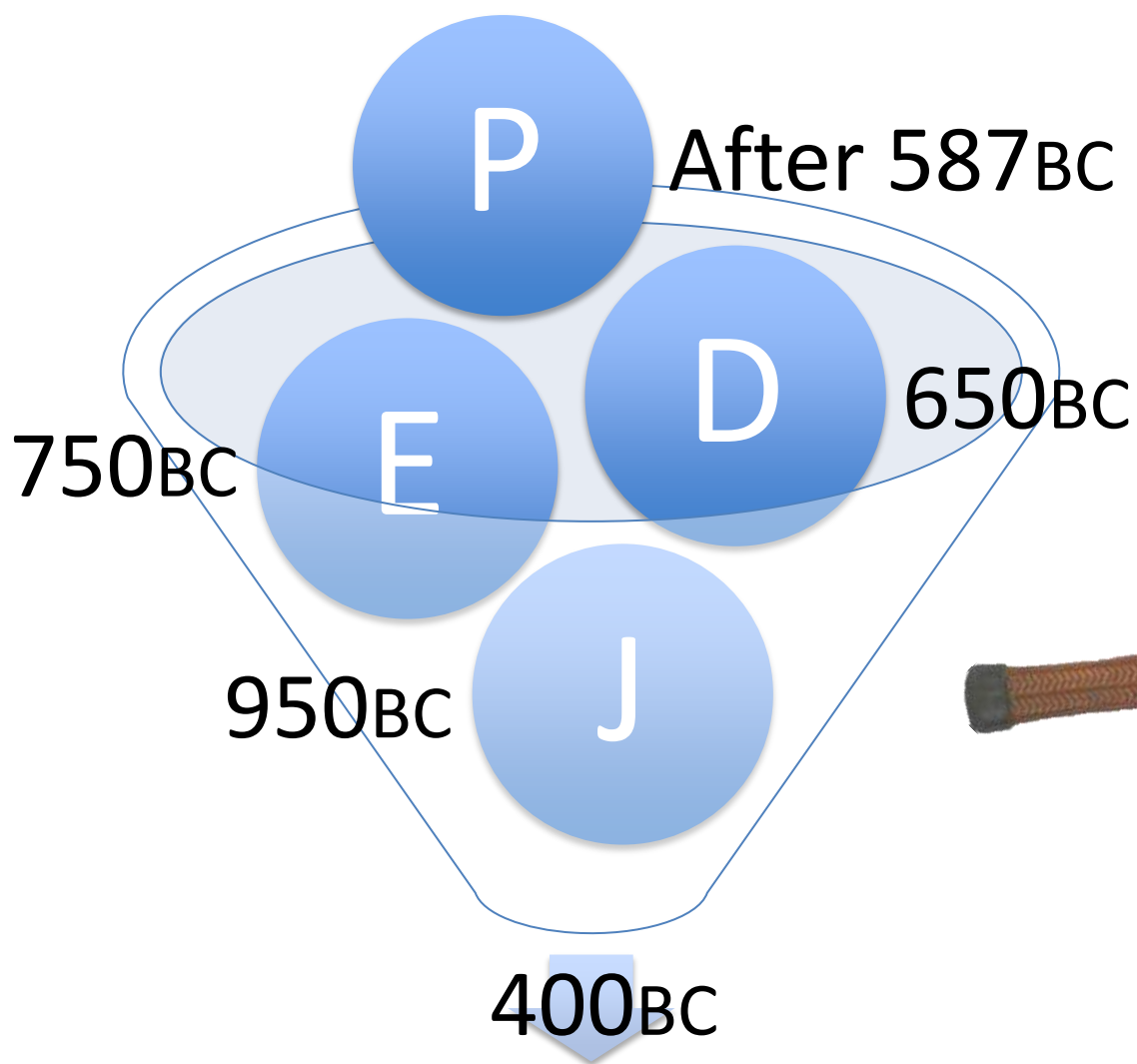




400BC

Pentateuch

(First 5 books)



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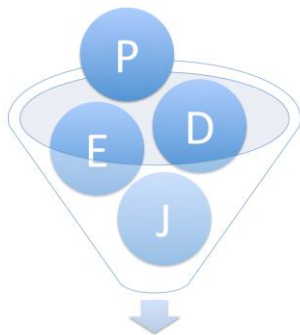
Scholars were trying to
figure out “Bible problems”



We want to know *who*
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Germany 1930's



Scholars applied the source
theory to Judges



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Germany 1943



Martin Noth assigns Judges
to multiple Dt editors



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1970's



Judges is in tatters:
No history, just agendas



We had a hammer
and nail problem

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thinks linearly



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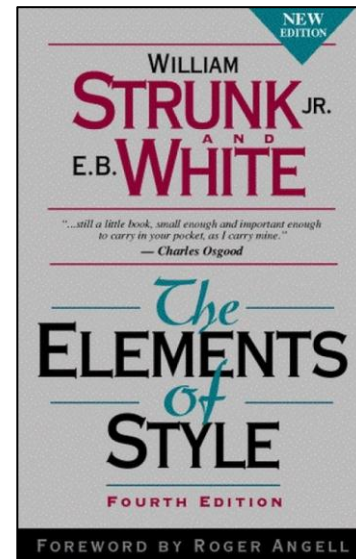


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 - A. Blah Blah
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2. More blah

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Your blessing is upon your people! (A')

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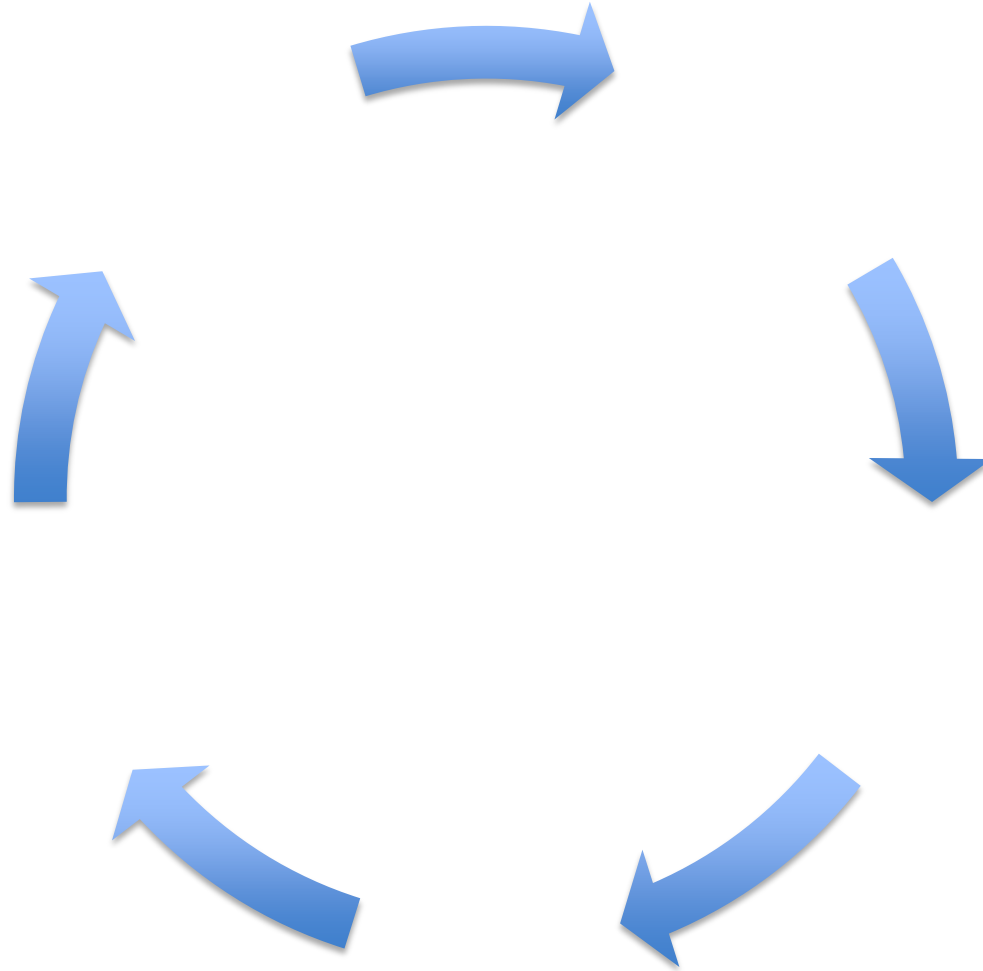
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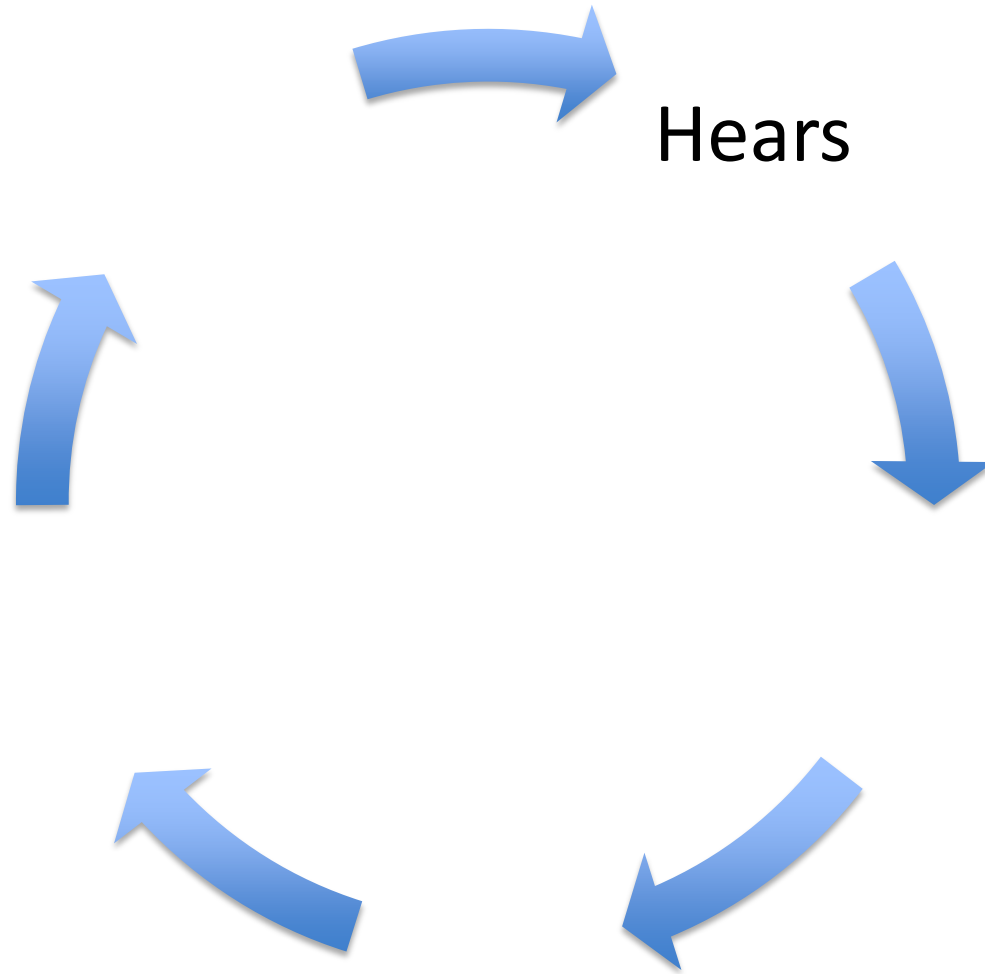
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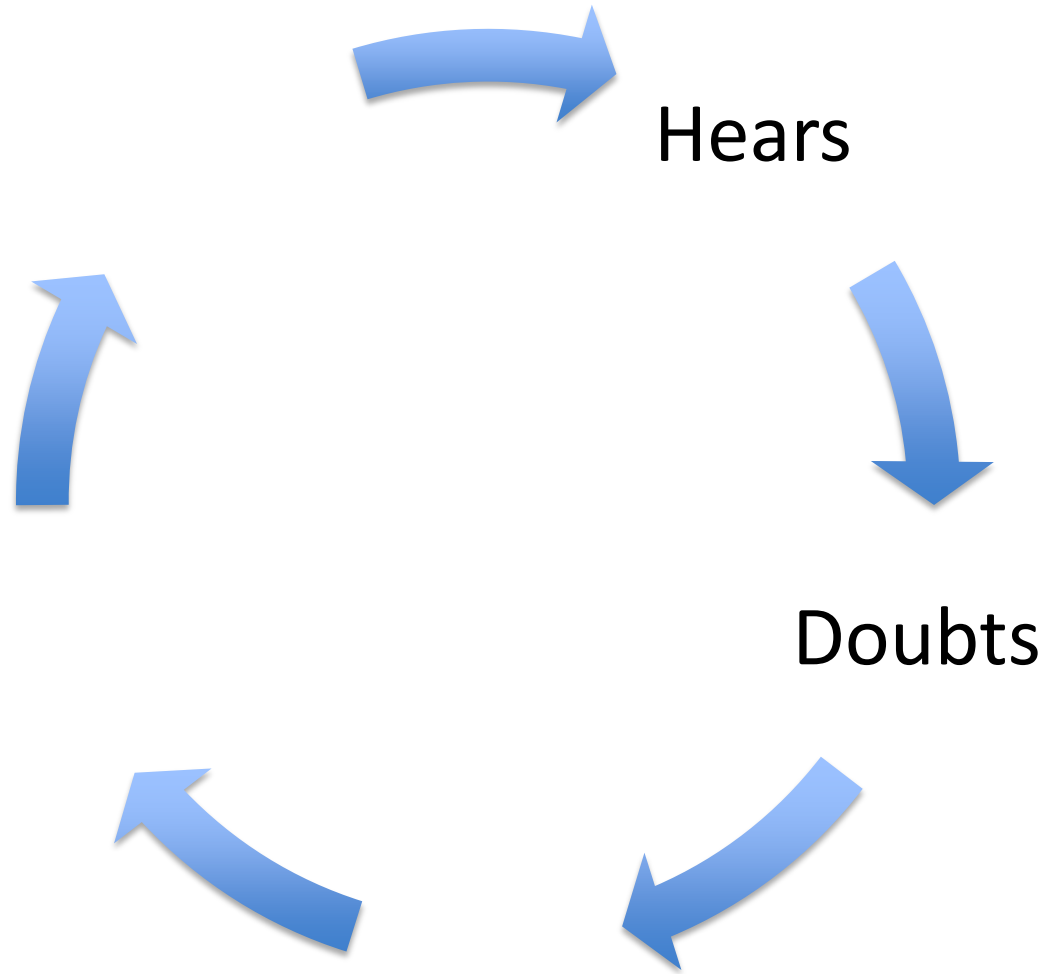
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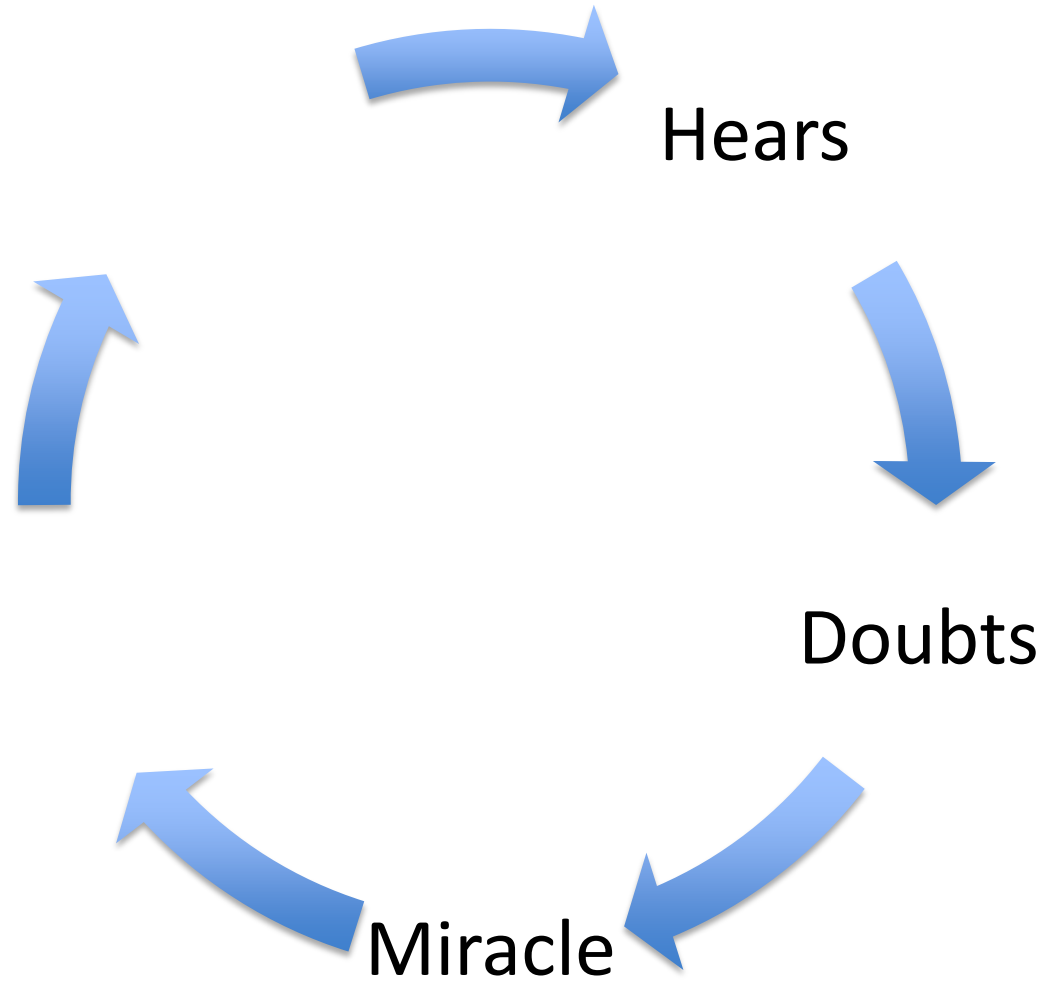
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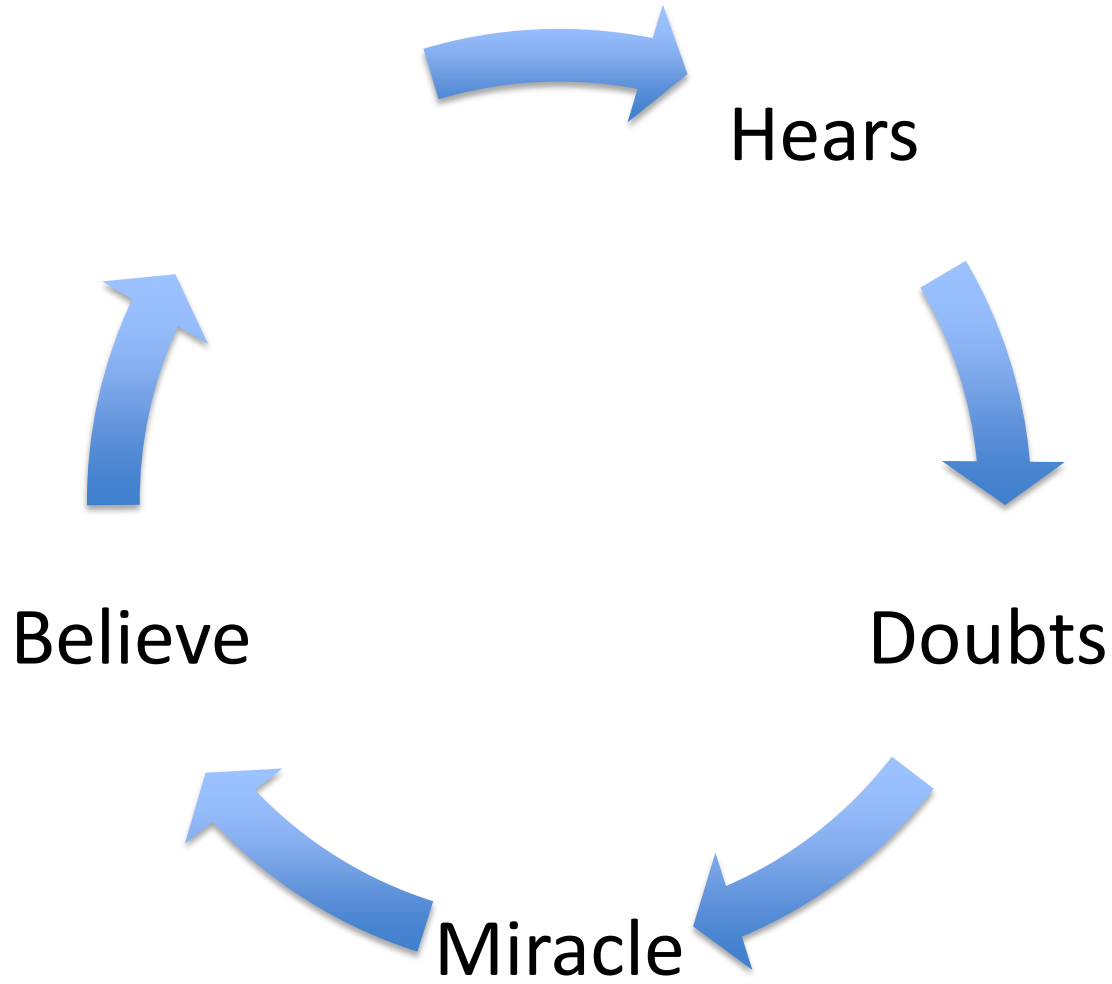
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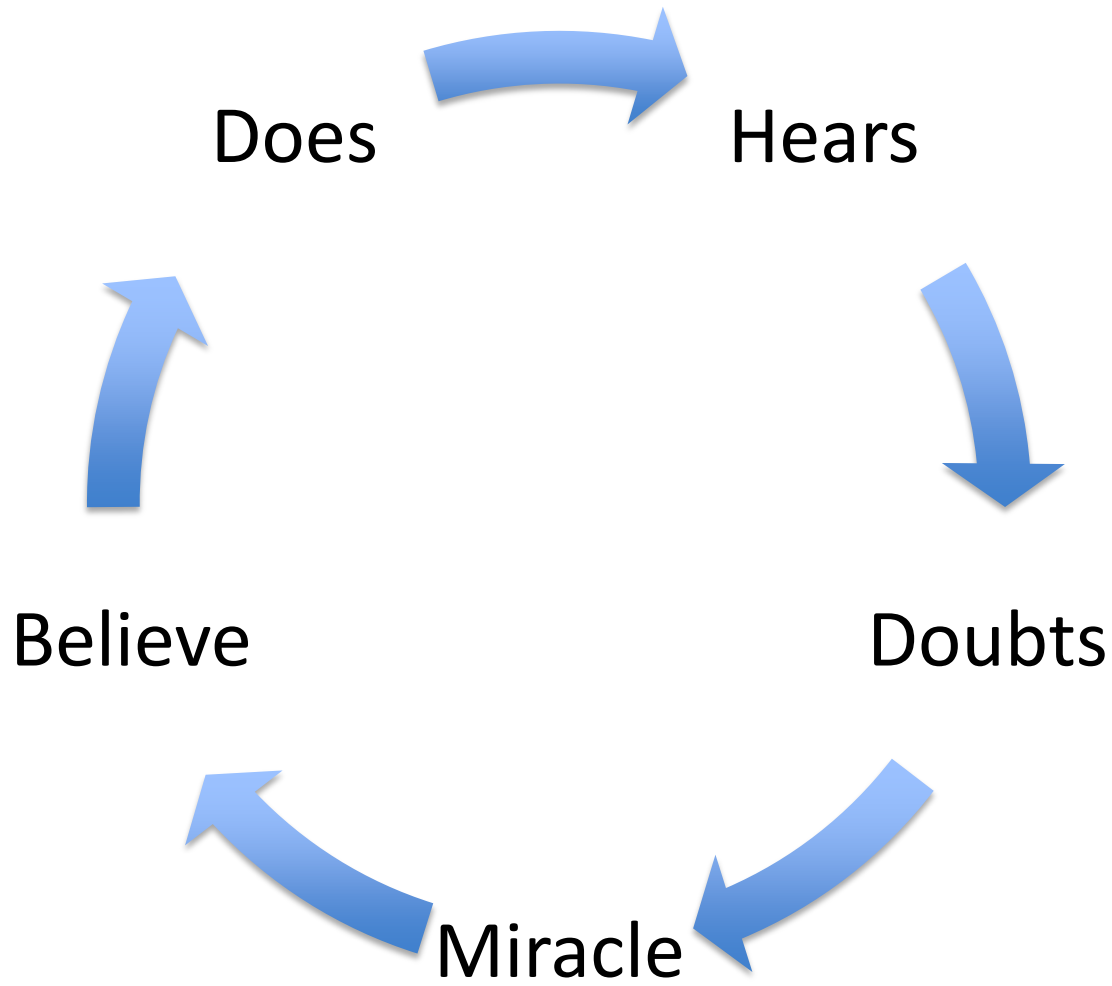
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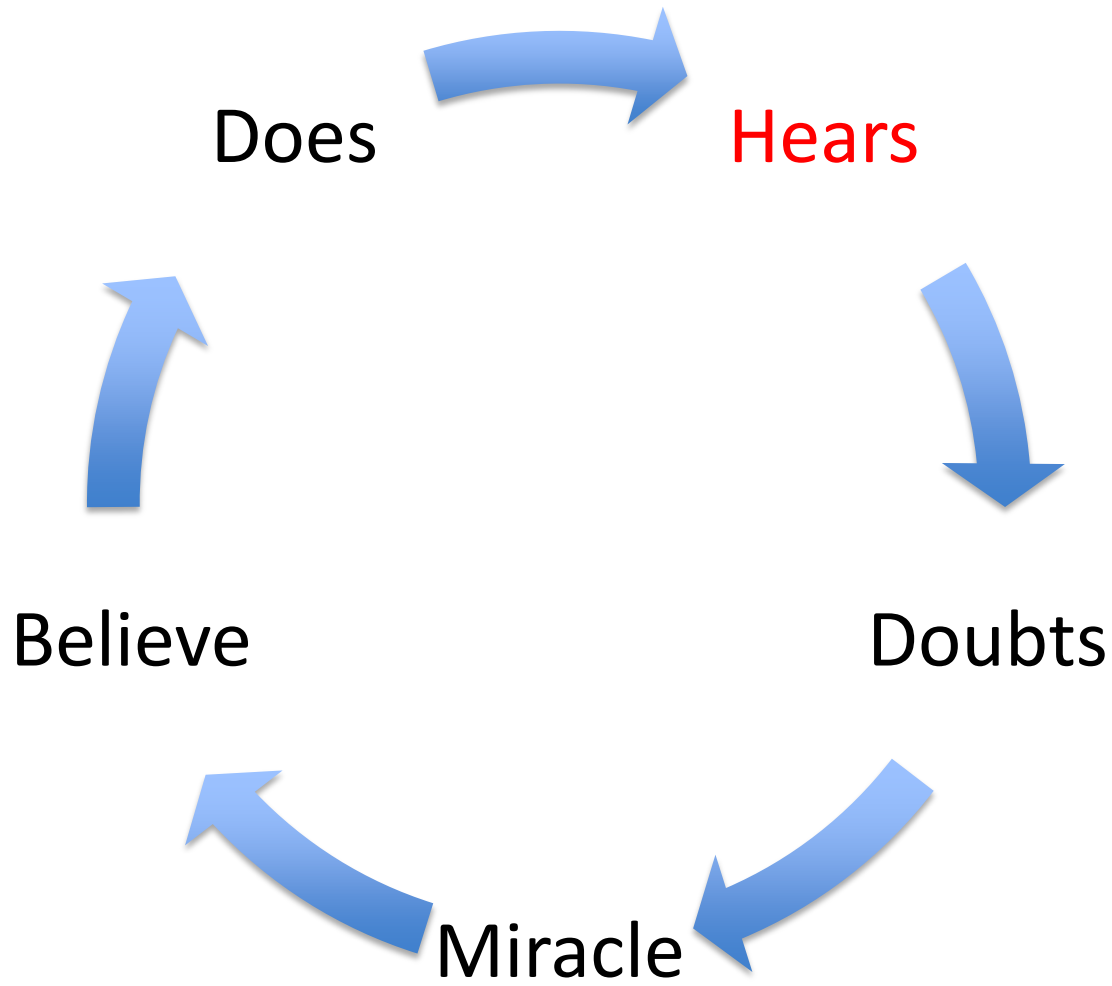
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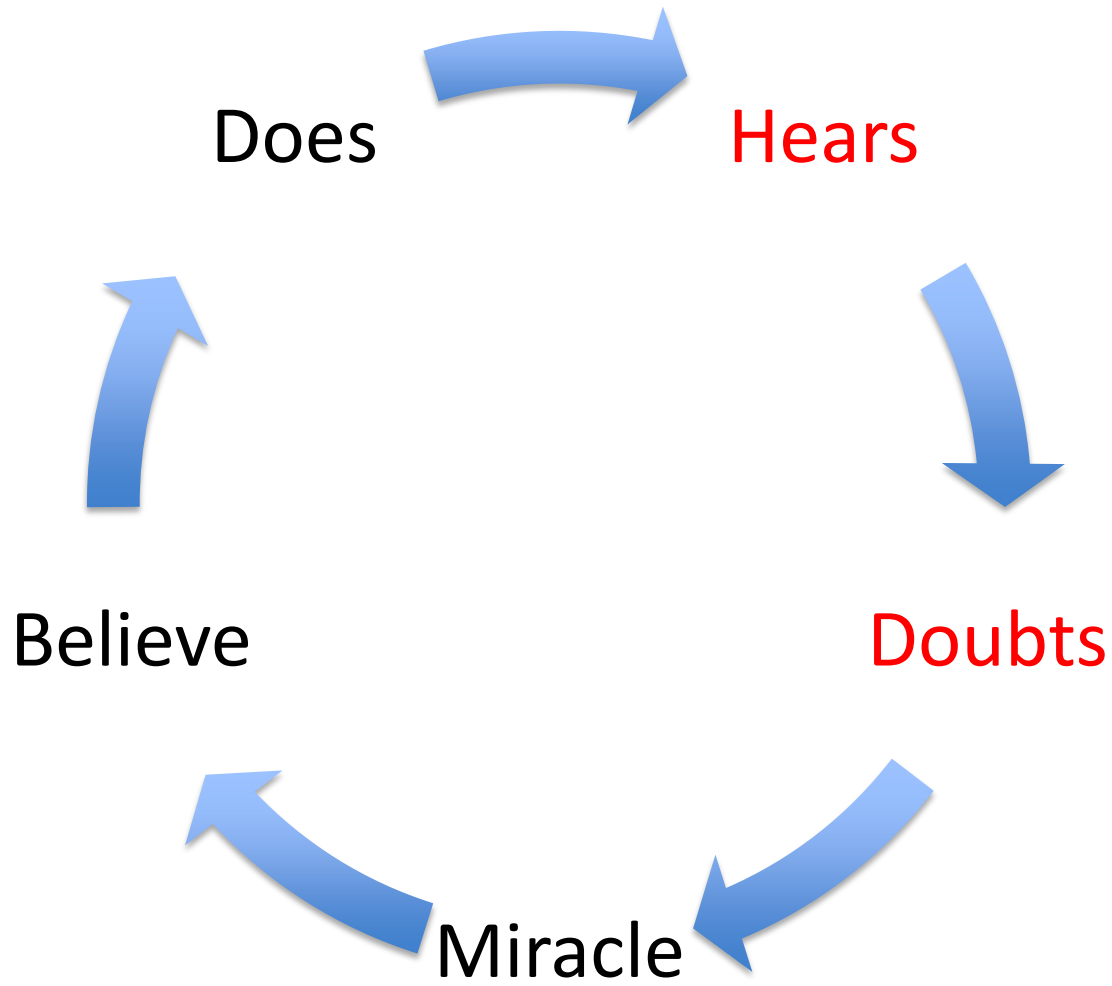
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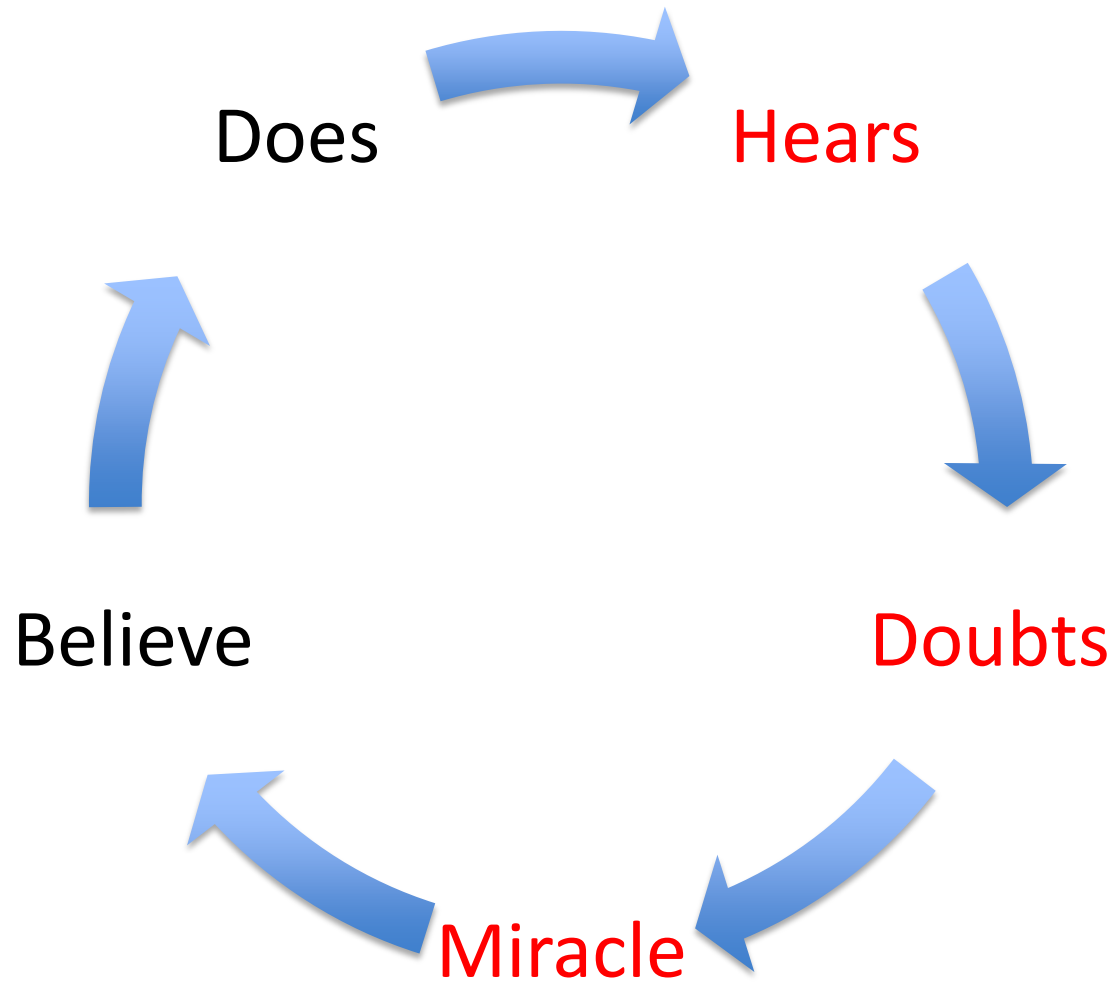
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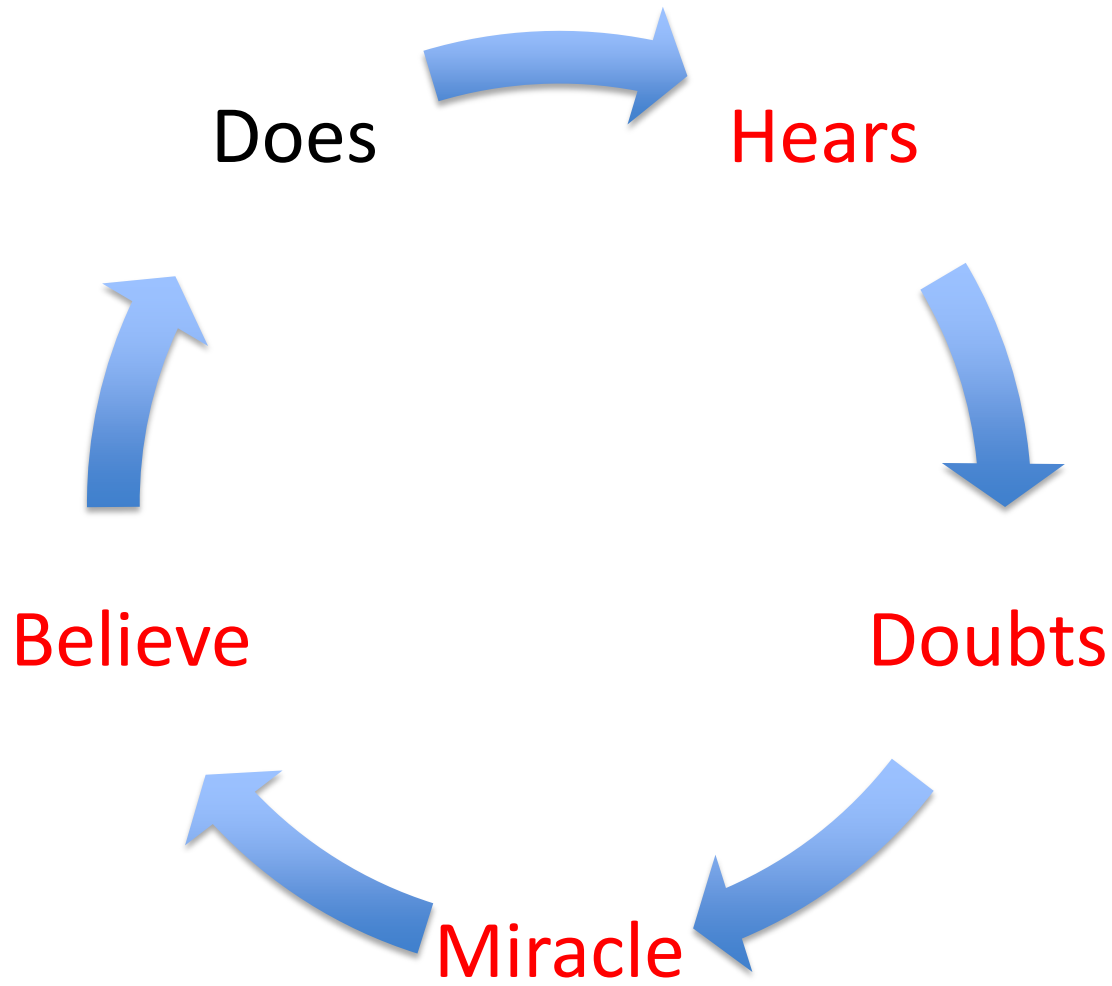
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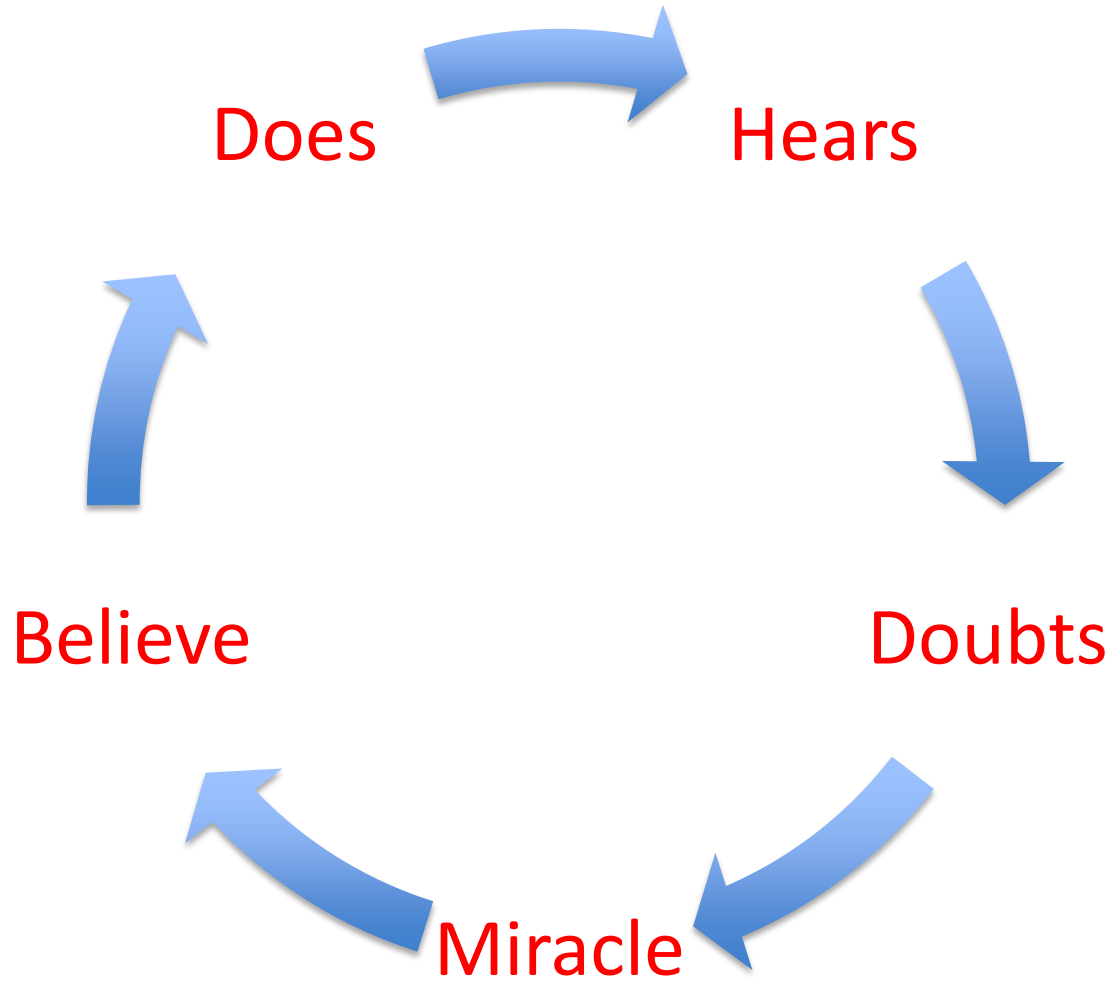
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Hears

Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. But *if you are afraid to go down*, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. And you shall hear what they say, and afterwards your hand will be strengthened to go down against the camp (Jdg. 7:9-11).

Miracle



Points for home

“Arise, go down against the camp”
(Jdg. 7:9)



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Real question: Do you take God’s instructions to
heart?



Points for home

“...if you are afraid to go down...”
(Jdg. 7:10)



Points for home

“...if you are afraid to go down...”
(Jdg. 7:10)

Do not be afraid to follow God’s instructions



Points for home

*“...Go down to the camp...hear...afterward
your hand will be strengthened”*

(Jdg. 7:10-11)



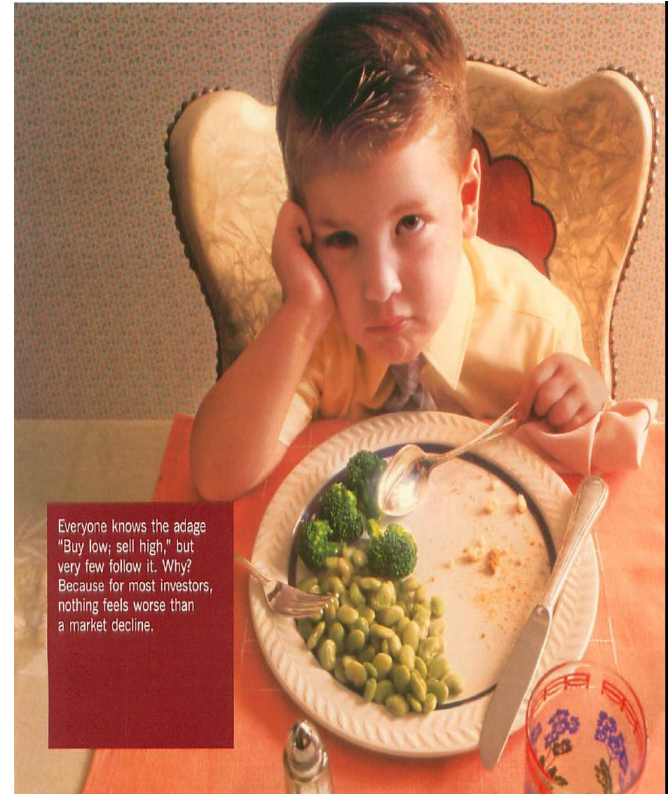
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Prayerfully ask God for help

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