

Paul – His Theology



Anthropological Terms Soul – Part 5

Lesson 45

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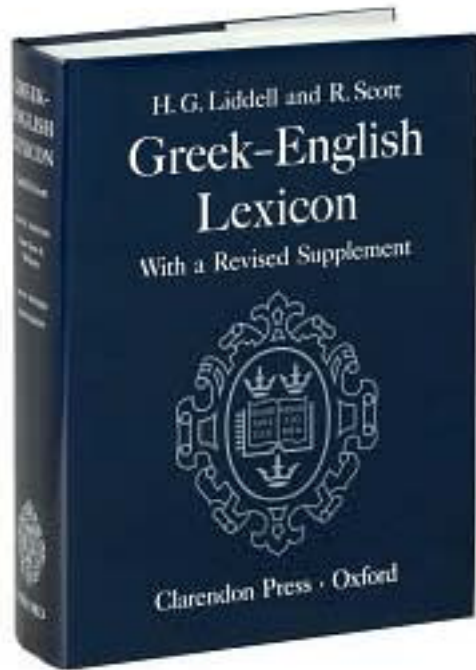
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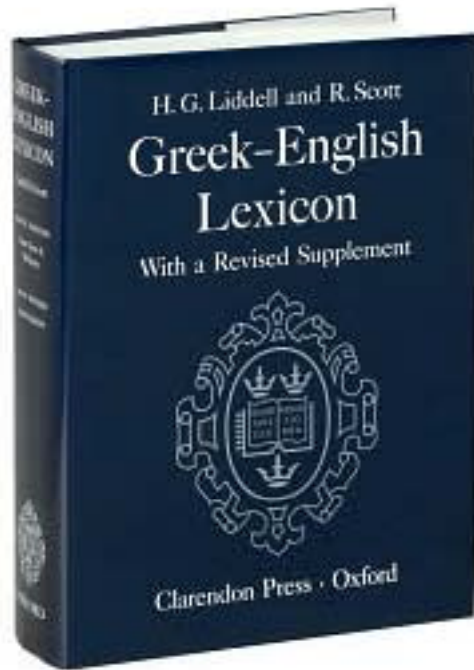
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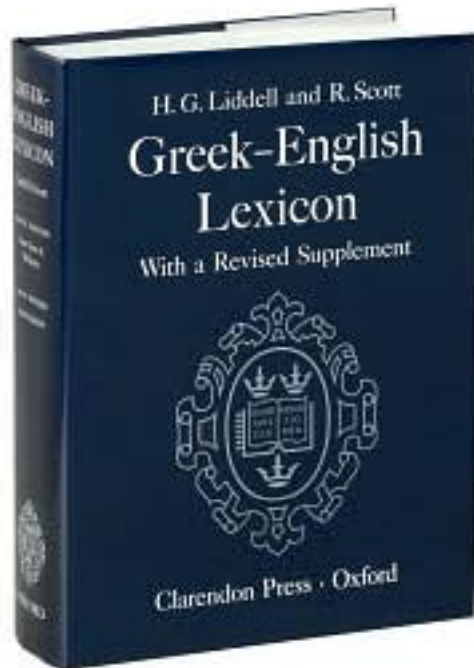
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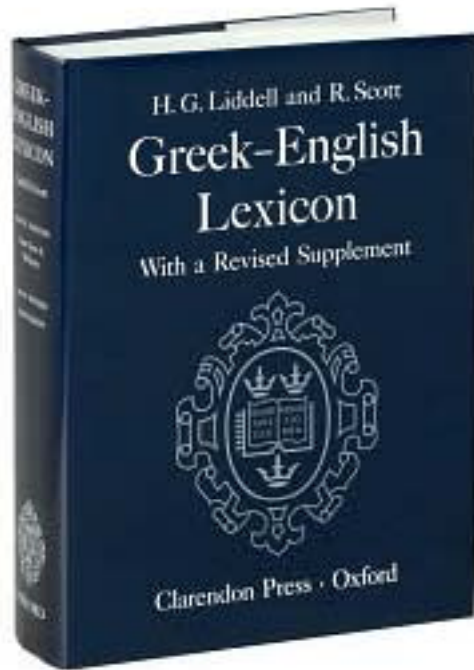
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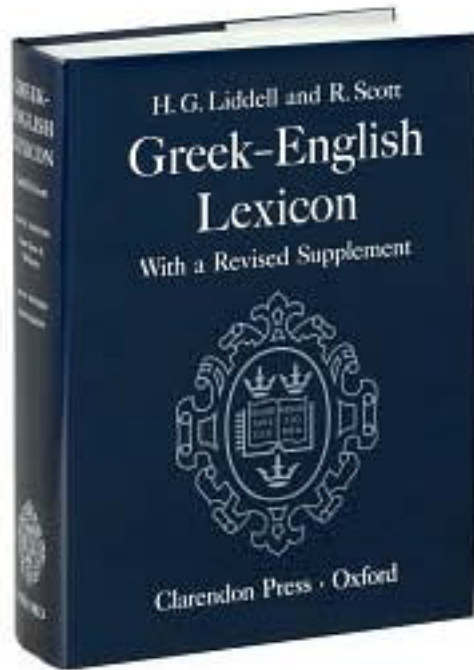
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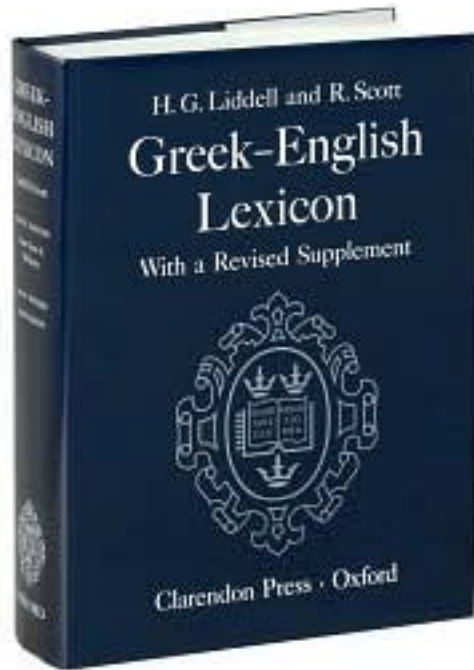
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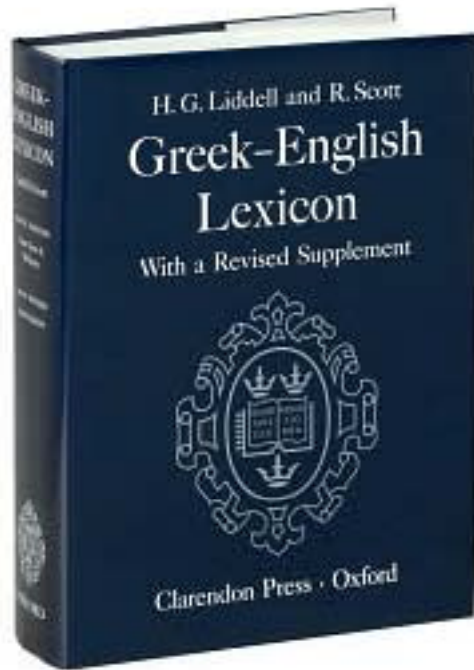
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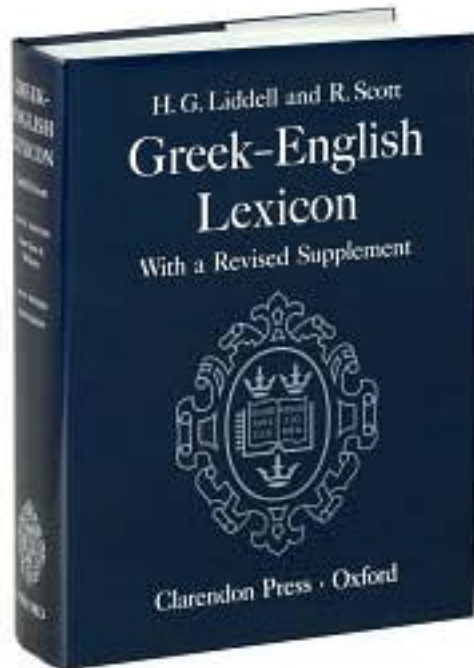
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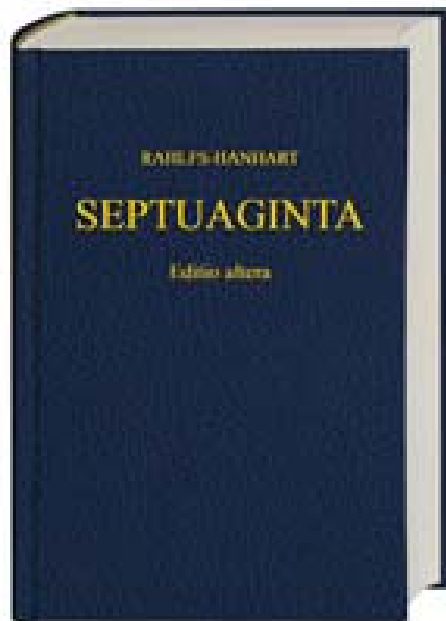
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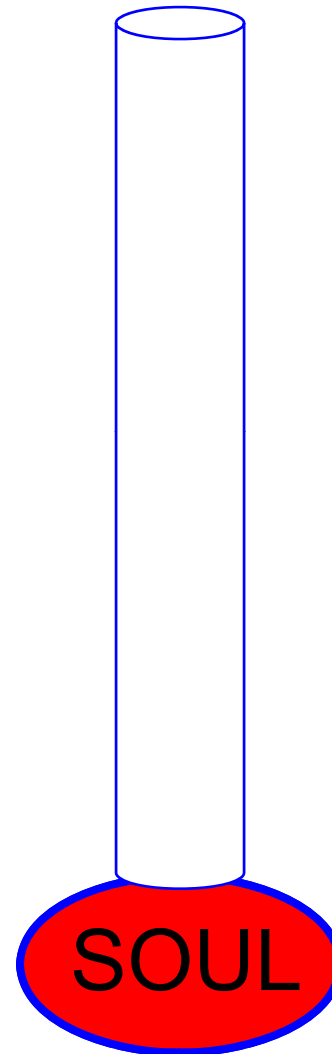
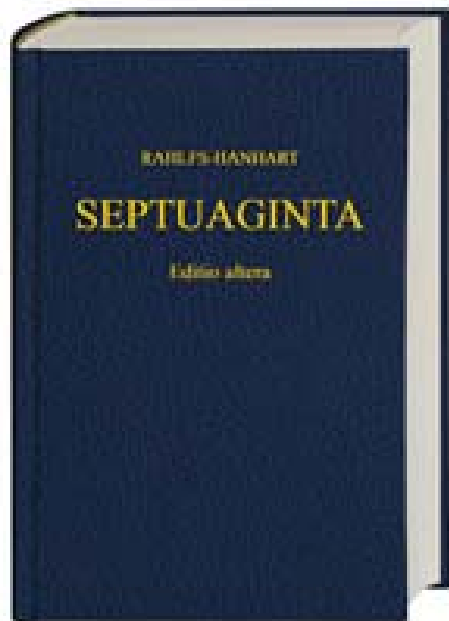
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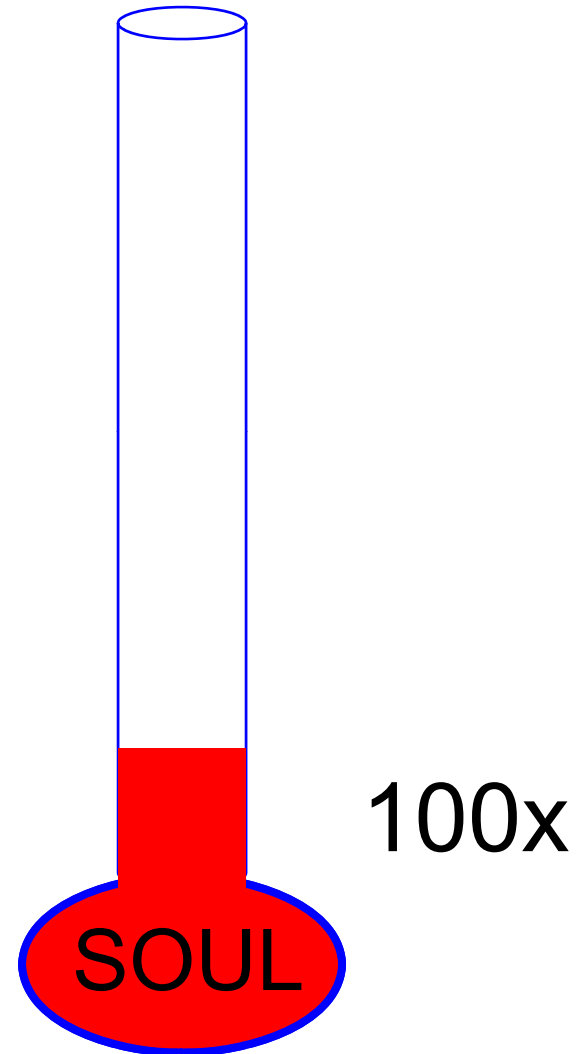
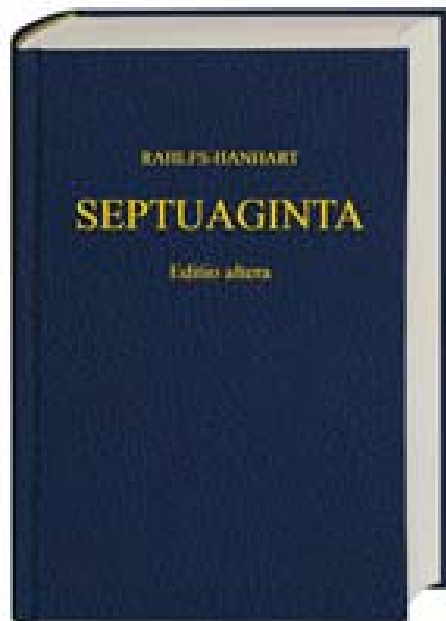
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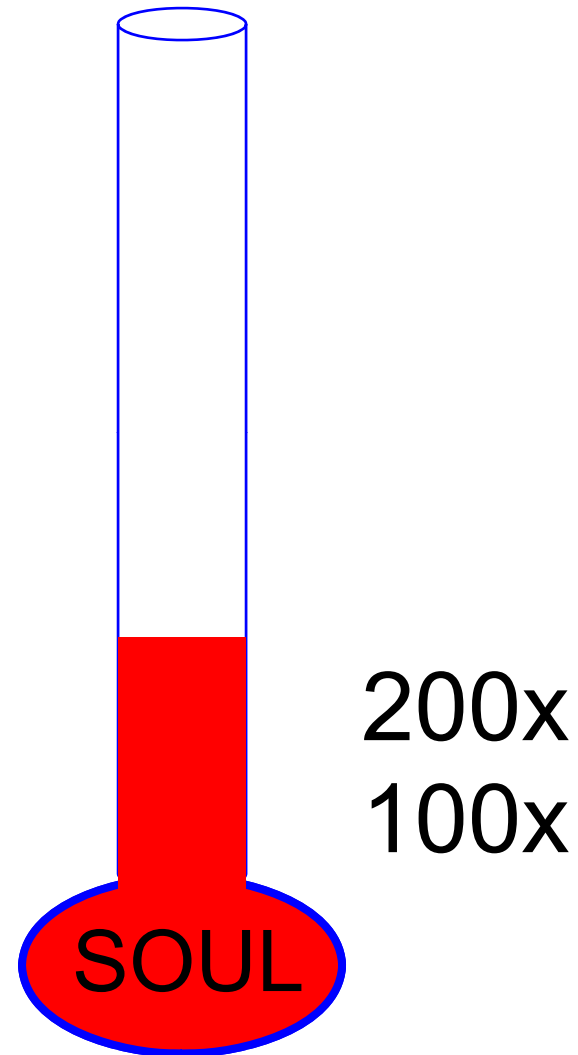
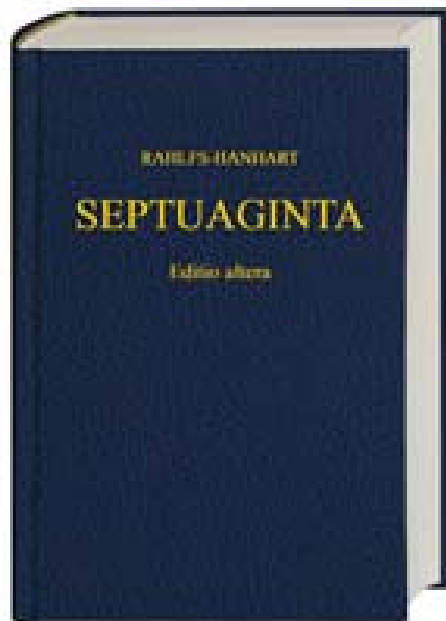
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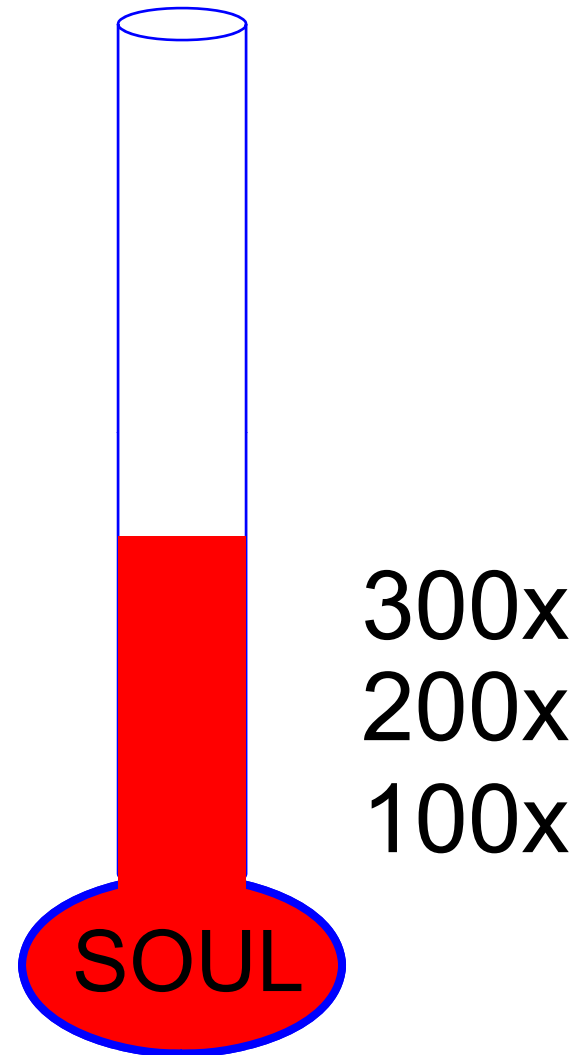
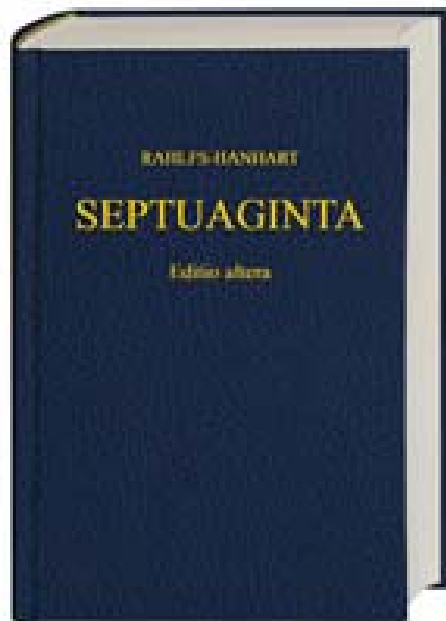
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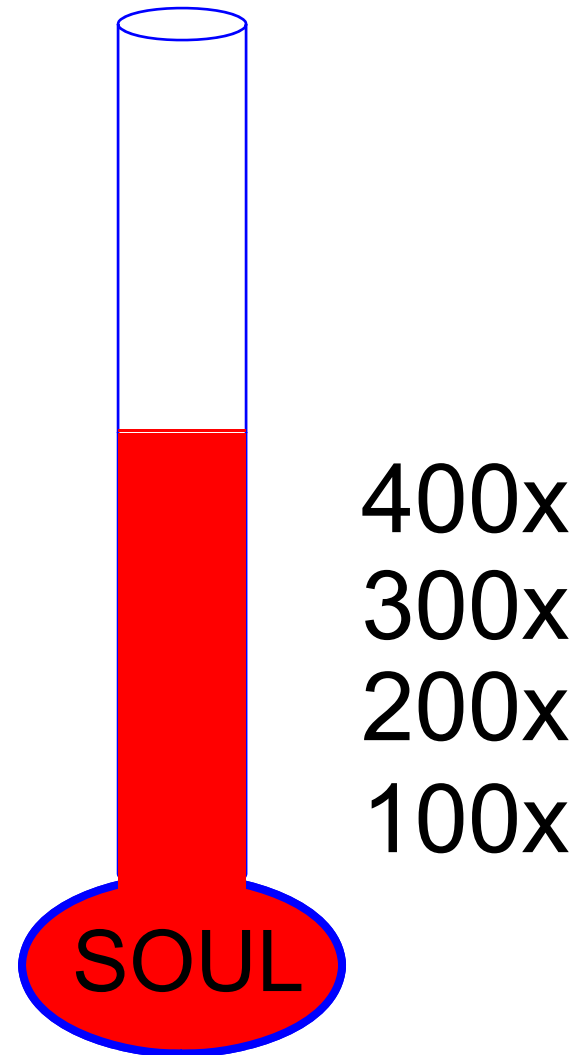
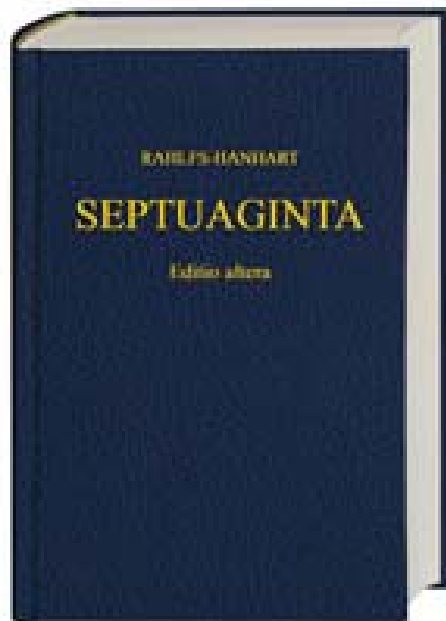
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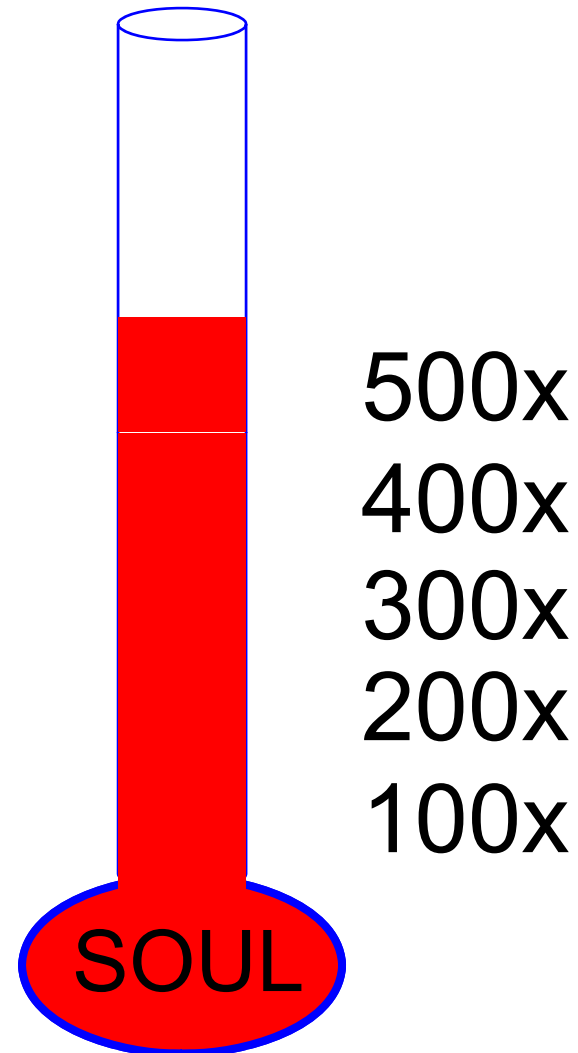
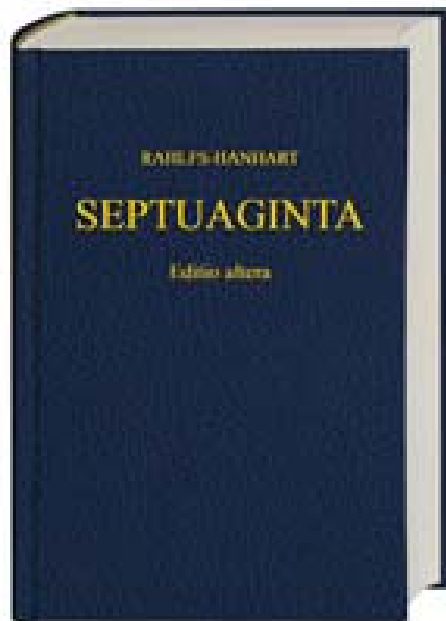
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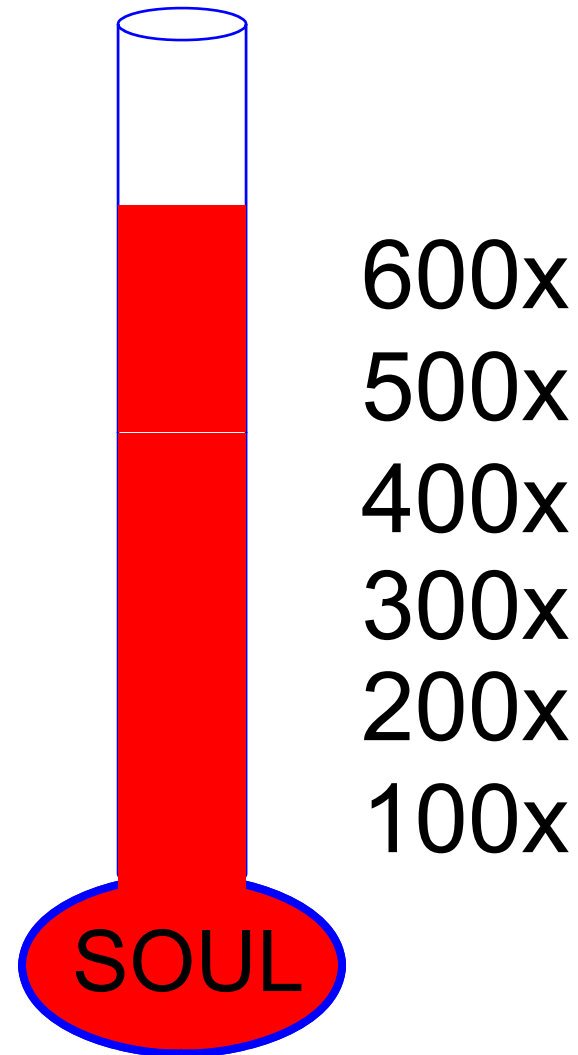
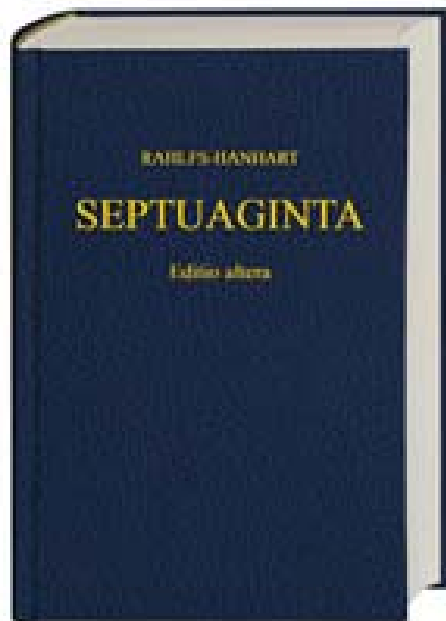
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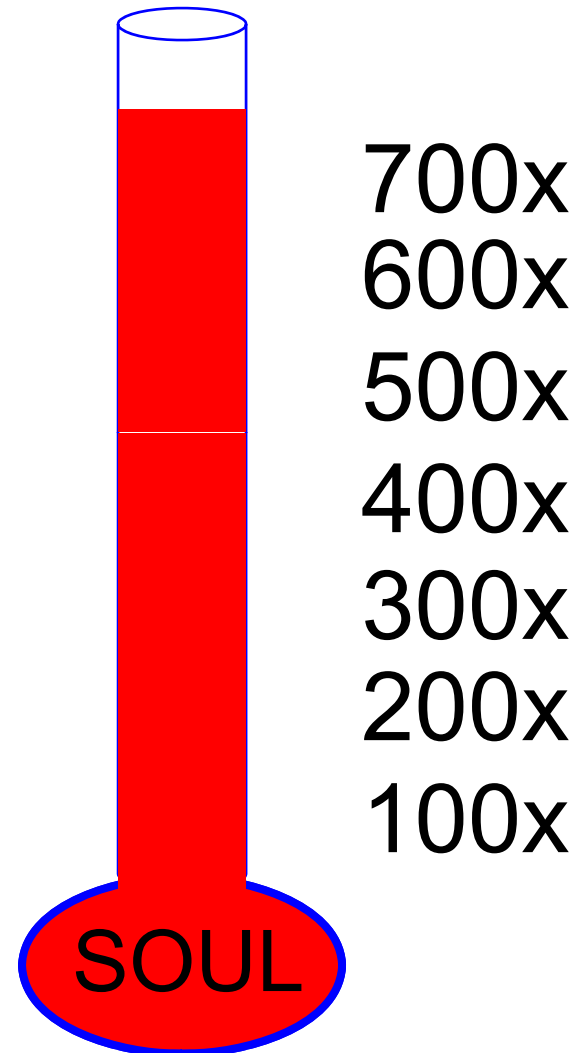
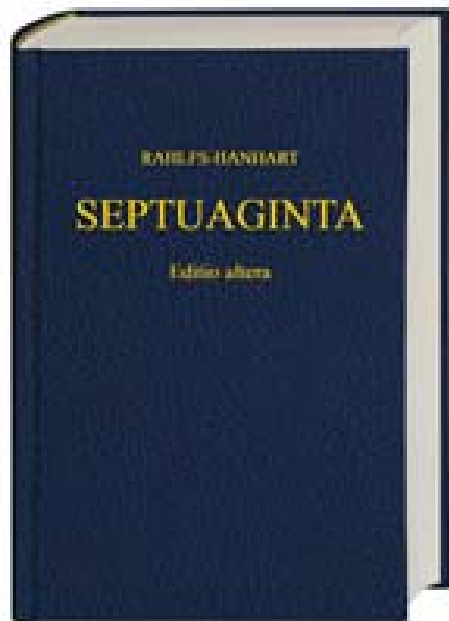
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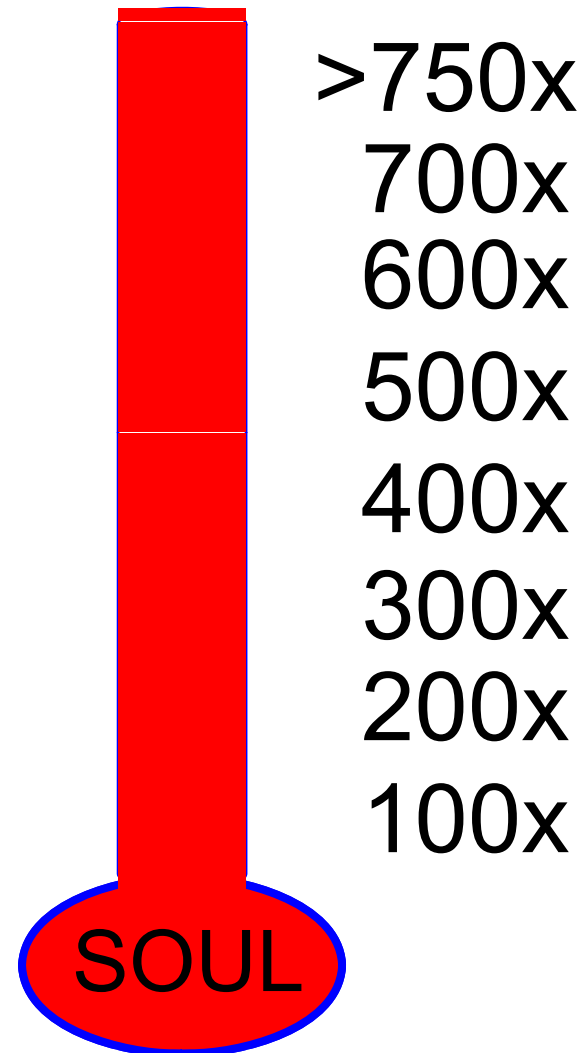
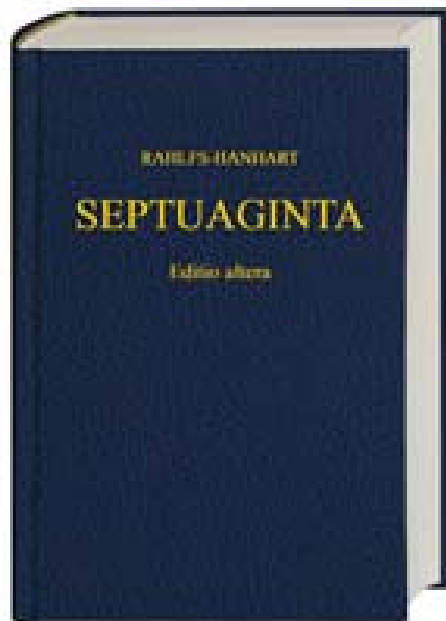
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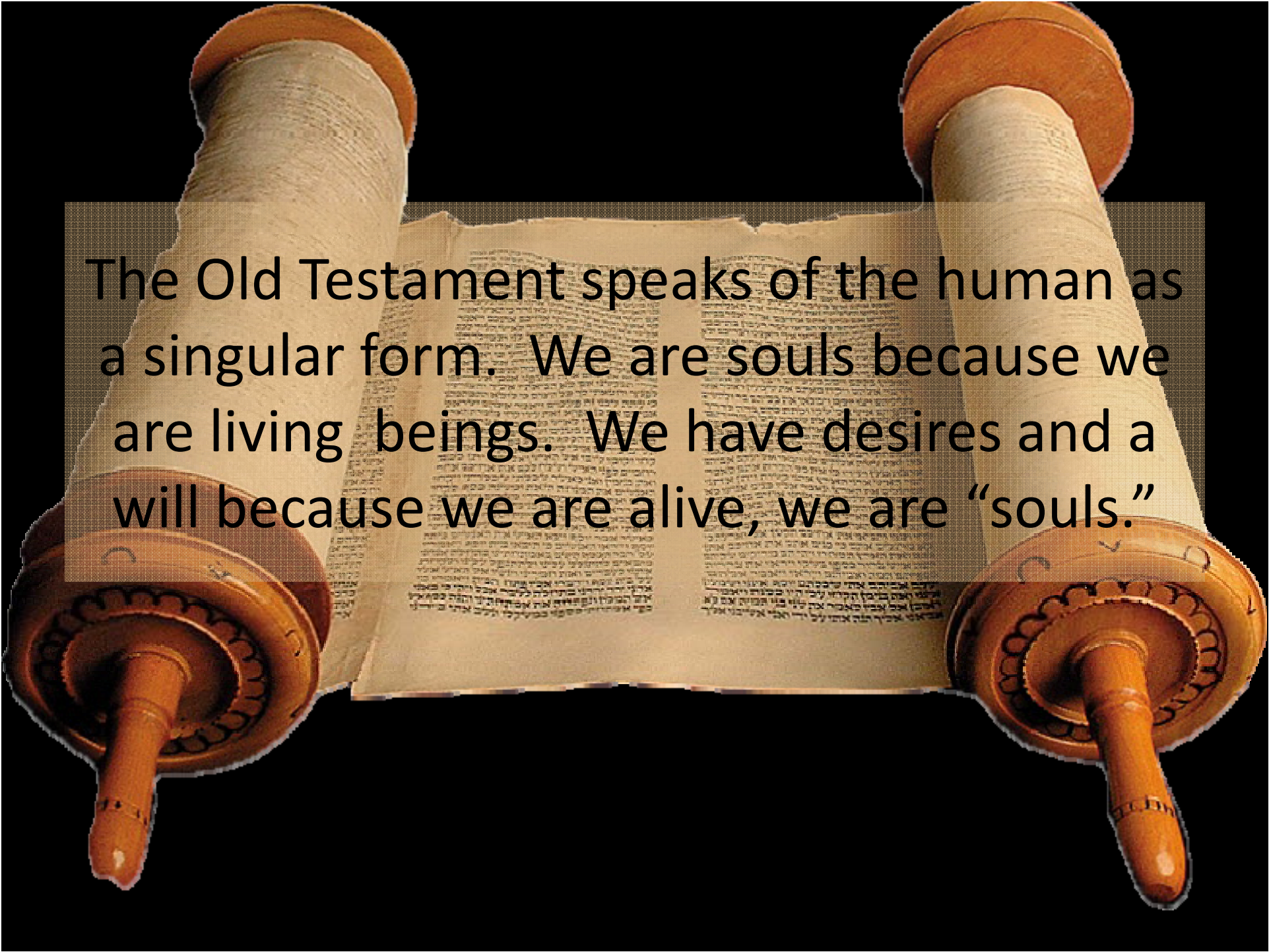
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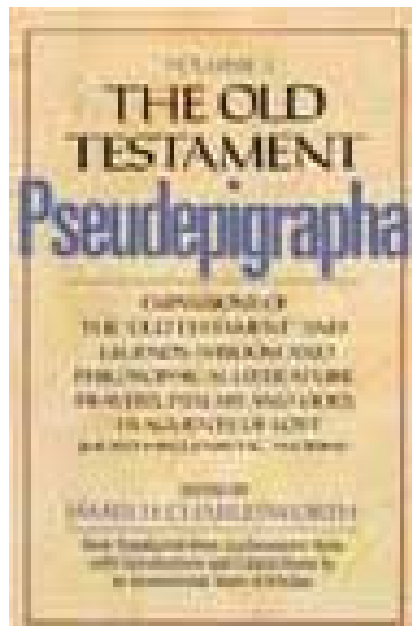
Consider Gen. 2:7 and Dt. 12:20

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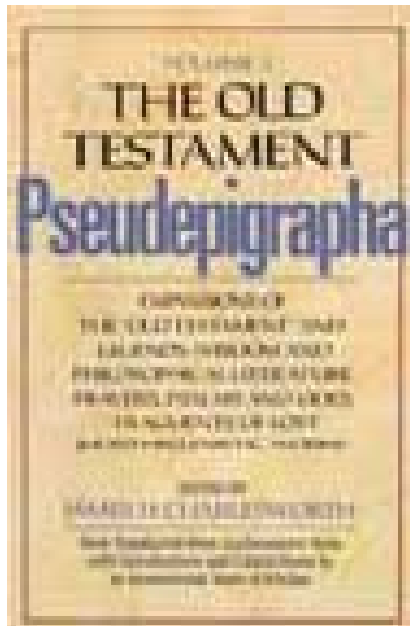
The Old Testament speaks of the human as a singular form. We are souls because we are living beings. We have desires and a will because we are alive, we are “souls.”

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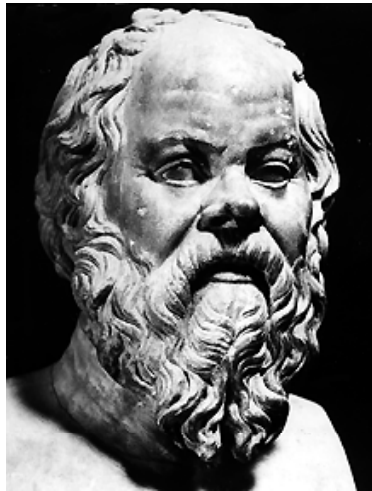


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The moral seat and
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Socrates
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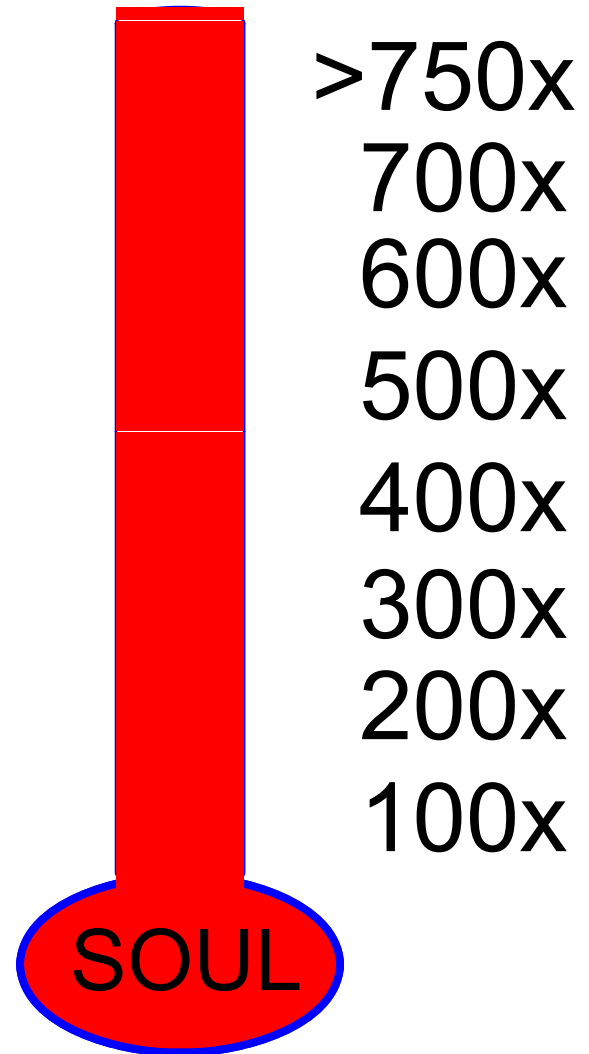
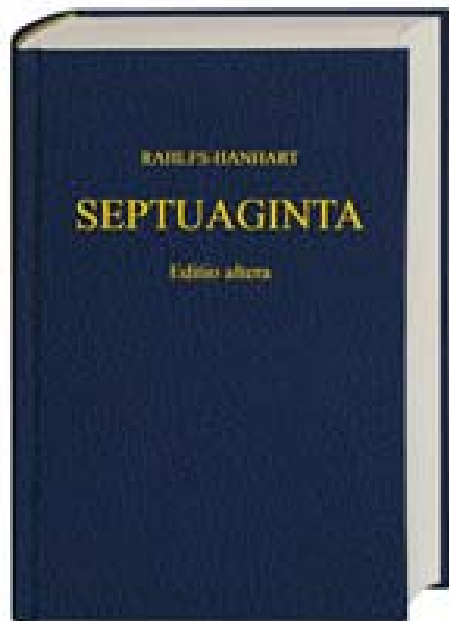


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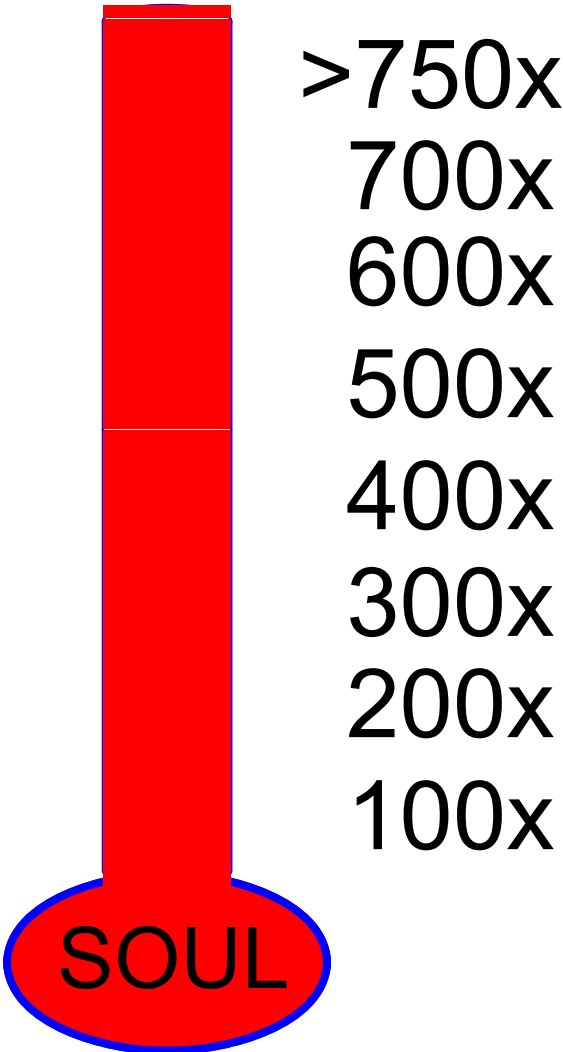
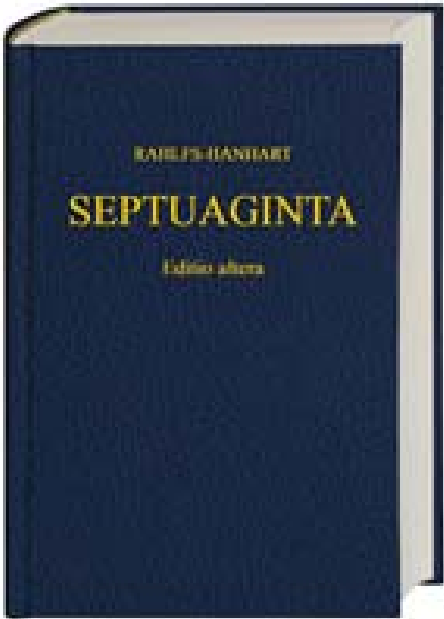
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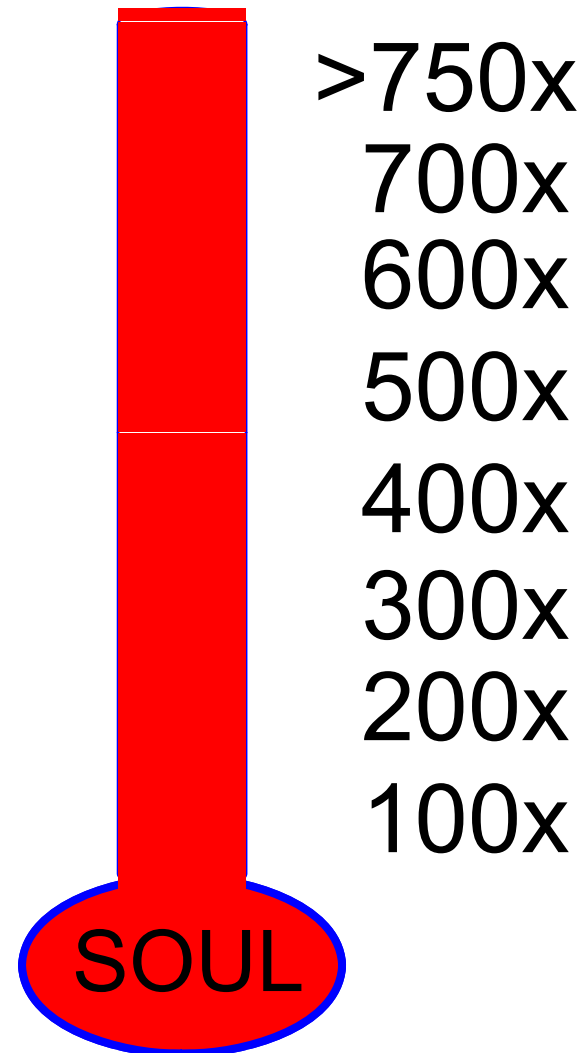
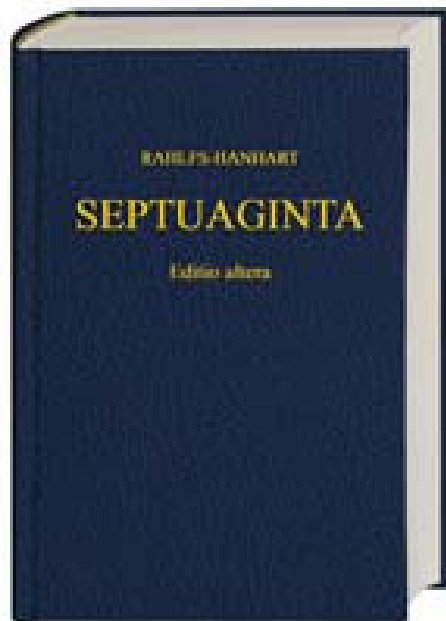
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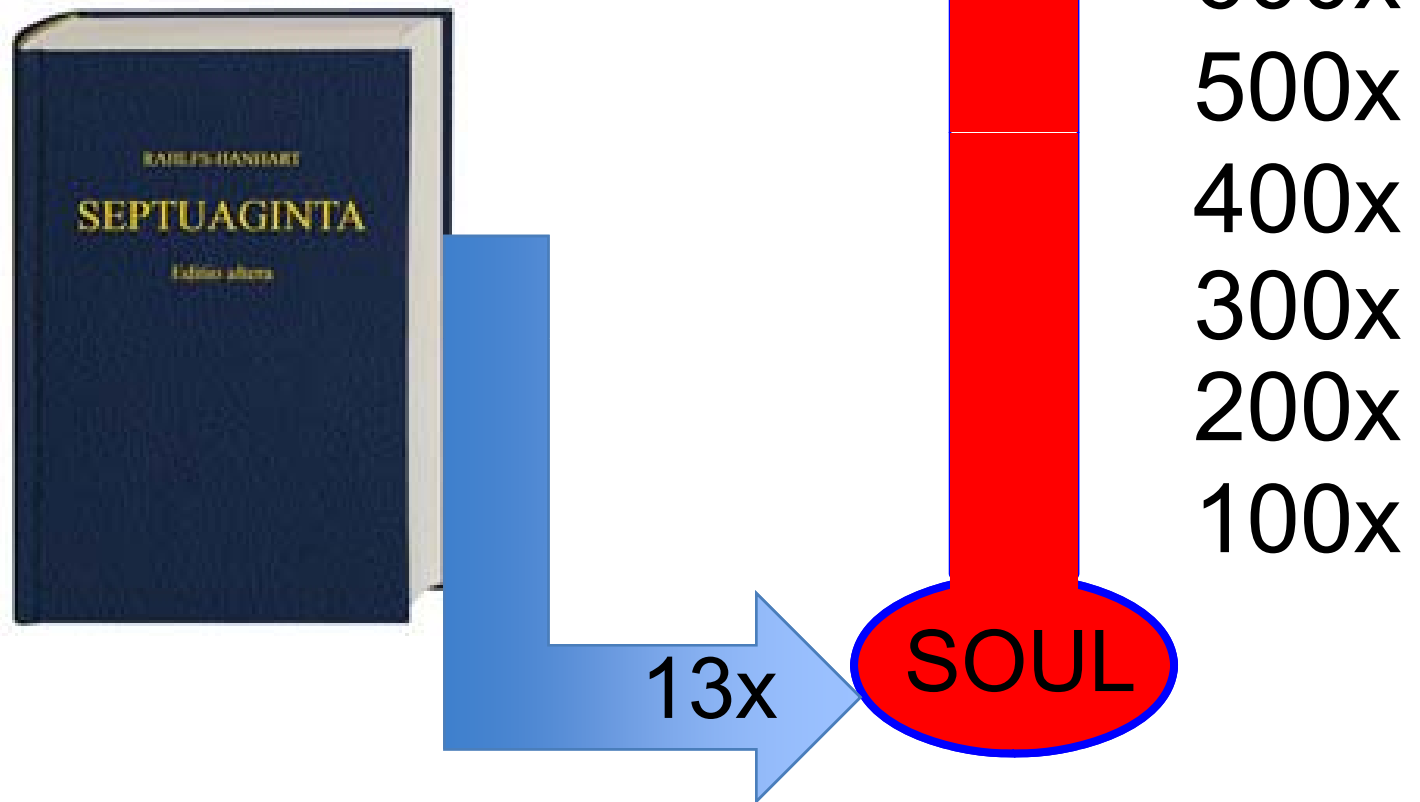
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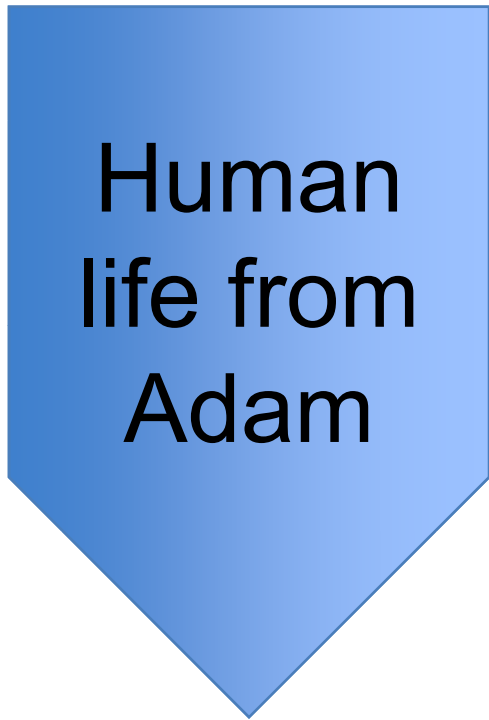
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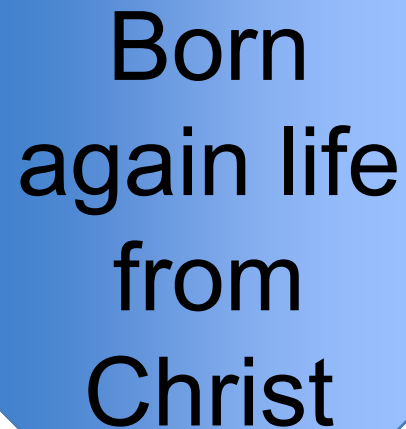
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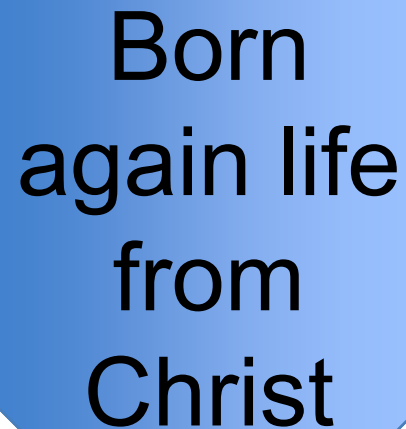
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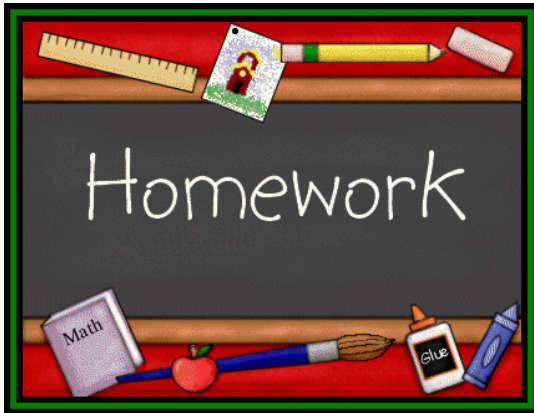
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All activities are “spiritual”



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*“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and **soul** (psuche/soul) and body be kept blameless .”*

(I Thess. 5:23)

Compare
to Dt. 6:5