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Living In A Fog

Ecclesiastes 11:1 - 12:14



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seconds to live



Ecc. 1:2 and 12:8 NLT

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Ecc. 11:1-8 NLT

*Send your grain across the seas,
and in time, profits will flow back to you.
But divide your investments among many places,
for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.
When clouds are heavy, the rains come down.
Whether a tree falls north or south, it stays where it falls.
Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant.
If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.*

Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things. Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another — or maybe both.

*Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning. When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days. Everything still to come is **meaningless**. (hevel)*

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*..... all that is about to come is **obscure**.*

Ecc. 11:8 NET



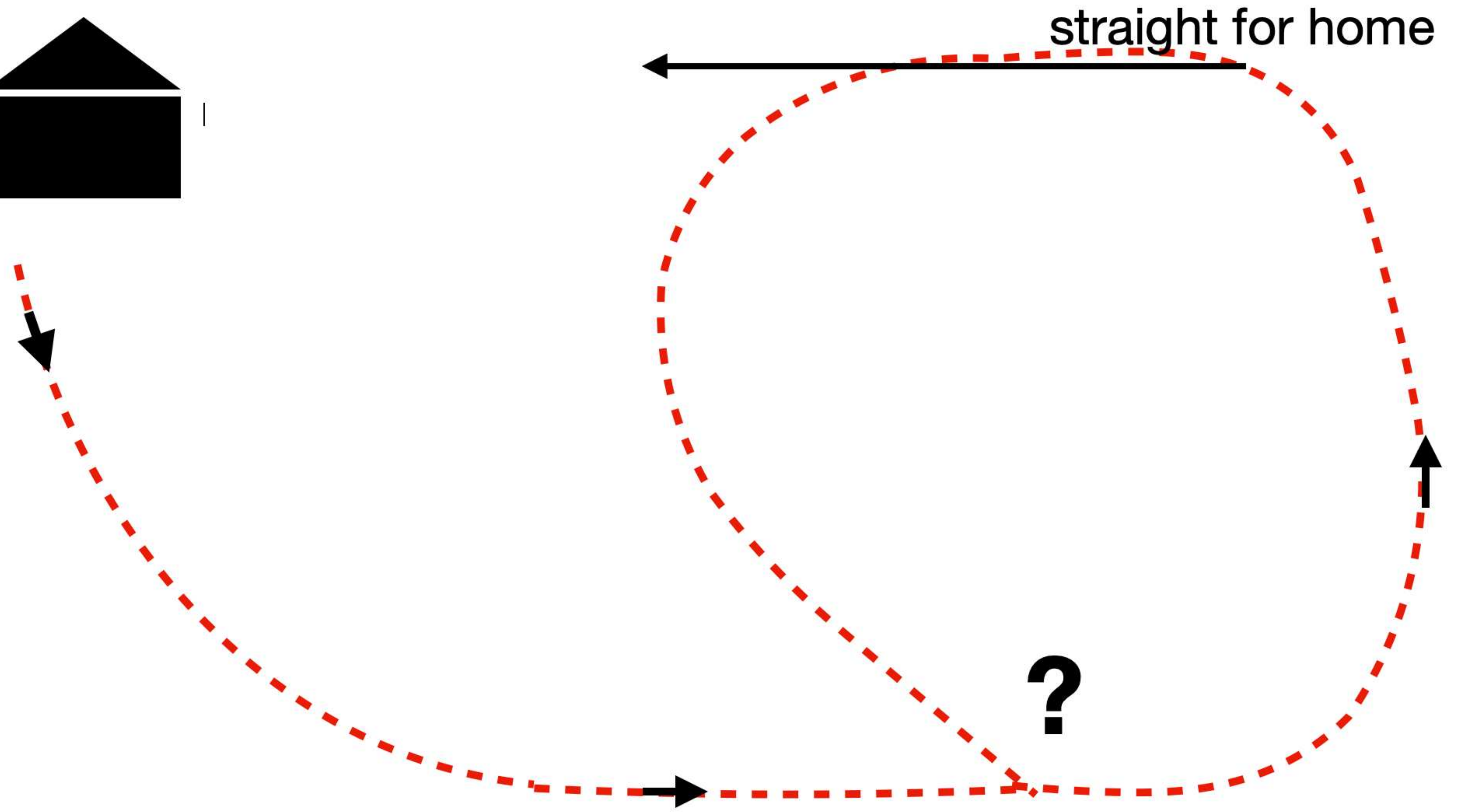
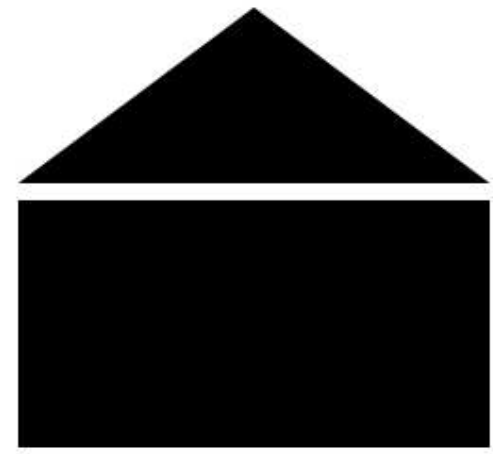
“you do not know”





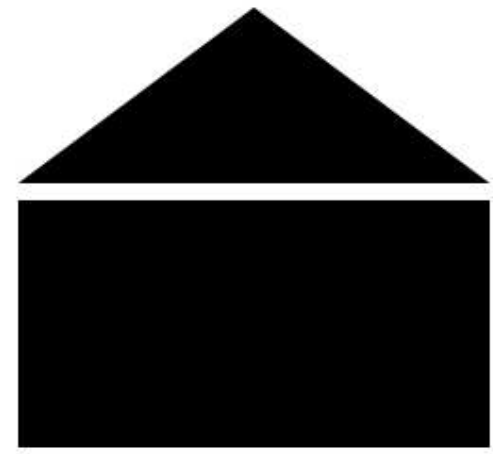


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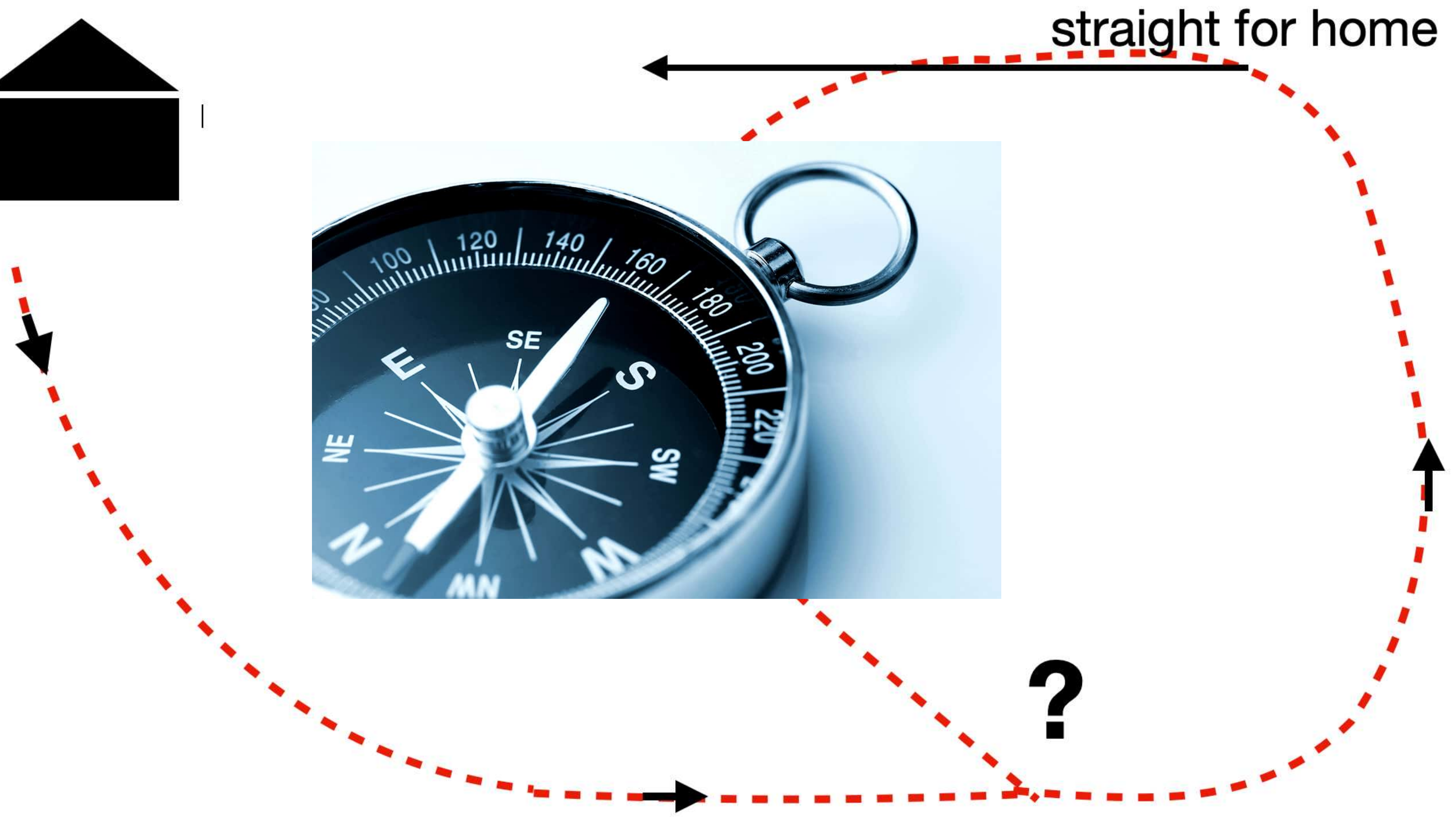




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straight for home



Ecc. 11:9-10 NLT

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*.... for youth and the prime of life are **fleeting**.*

Ecc. 12:1-7 NLT

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator.

Honour him in your youth

before you grow old

and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore."

Remember him before the light of the sun, moon, and stars is dim

to your old eyes,

and rain clouds continually darken your sky.

Remember him before your legs—the guards of your house—start

to tremble;

and before your shoulders—the strong men—stoop.

*Remember him before your teeth—your few remaining servants
—stop grinding;
and before your eyes—the women looking through the
windows—see dimly.*

*Remember him before the door to life's opportunities is closed
and the sound of work fades.*

*Now you rise at the first chirping of the birds,
but then all their sounds will grow faint.*

*Remember him before you become fearful of falling
and worry about danger in the streets;
before your hair turns white like an almond tree in bloom,
and you drag along without energy like a dying grasshopper,
and the caperberry no longer inspires sexual desire.
Remember him before you near the grave,
your everlasting home,
when the mourners will weep at your funeral*

*Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young,
before the silver cord of life snaps
and the golden bowl is broken.*

*Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring
and the pulley is broken at the well.*

*For then the dust will return to the earth,
and the spirit will return to God who gave it.*



Remember your creator



And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God

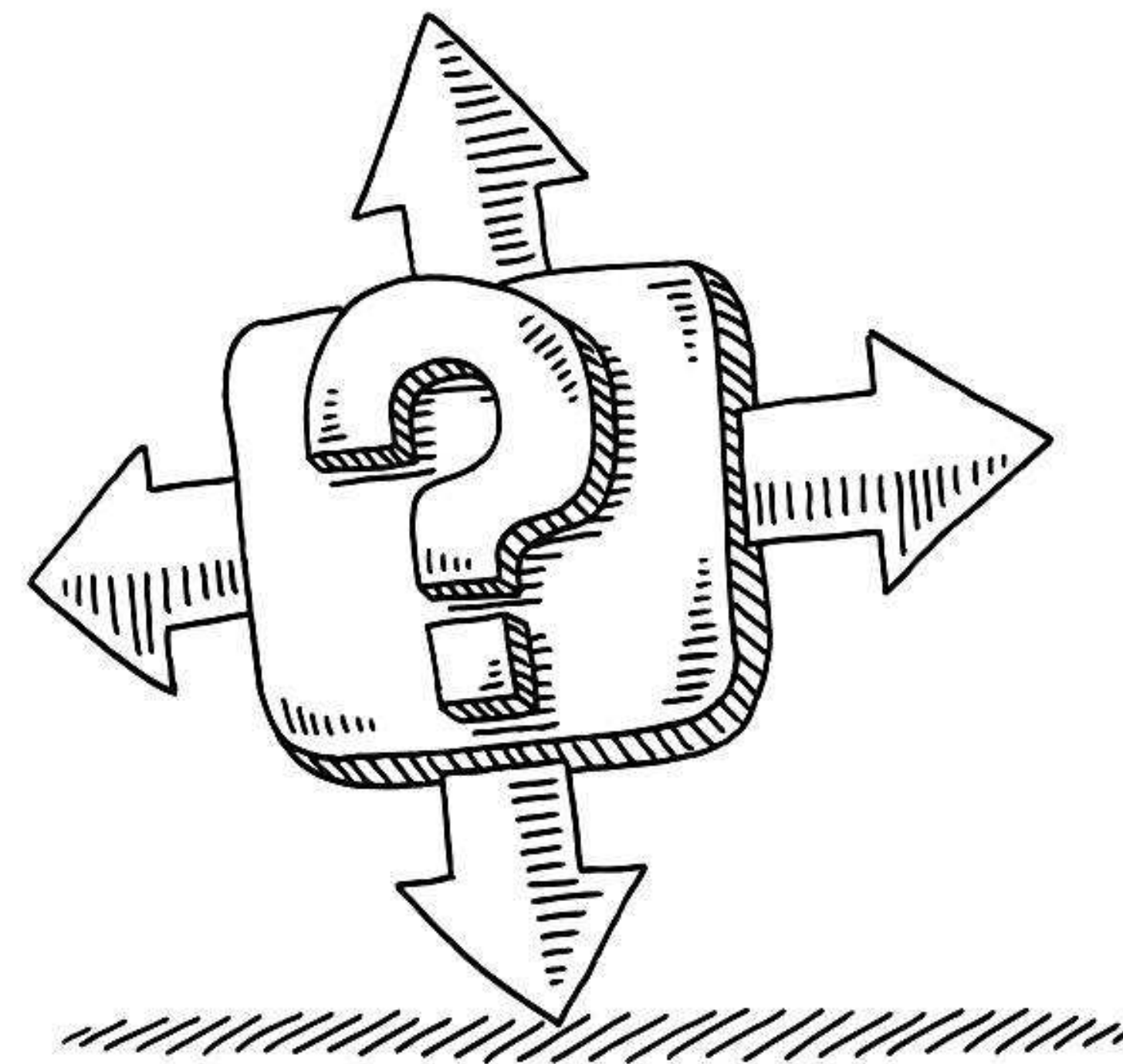
“I am the way, the truth and the life.”

... fixing our eyes on Jesus.

Heb. 1:2-3 NLT

John 14:6 NLT

Heb. 12:3 NIV



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Ecc. 12:9-14 NLT

Keep this in mind: The Teacher was considered wise, and he taught the people everything he knew. He listened carefully to many proverbs, studying and classifying them. The Teacher sought to find just the right words to express truths clearly.

The words of the wise are like cattle prods—painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep.

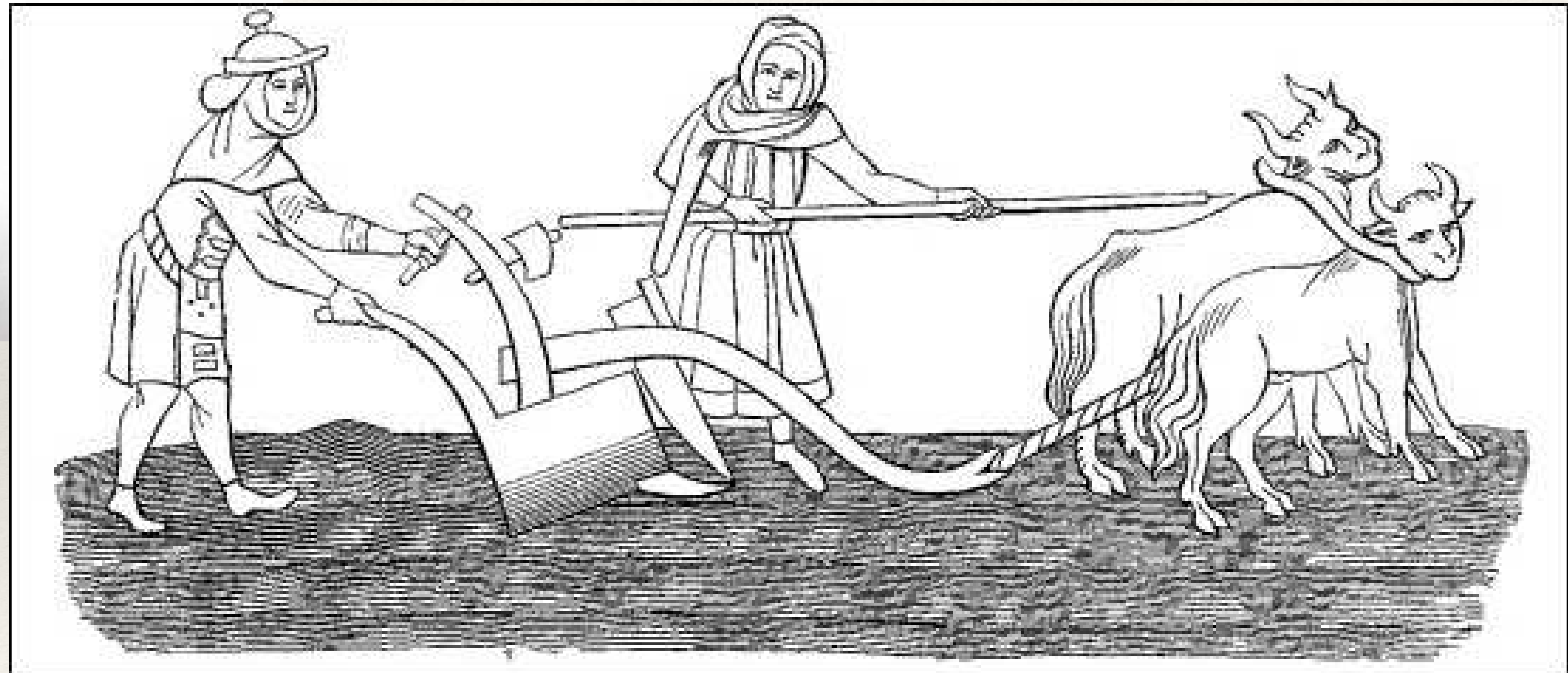
But, my child, let me give you some further advice: Be careful, for writing books is endless, and much study wears you out.

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion:

Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.



Ancient Ox Goad (cattle prod)



Fear God - (Remember your creator)



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God is our standard - our fixed point of reference