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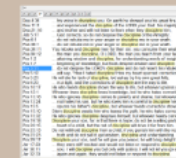
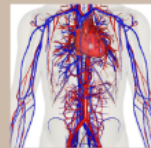
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Proof: what is true of all character given  
 Rehearsal: what needs to be learned or rehearsed in order to be executed successfully  
 Right: having the reaction to expect what is supposed to be



THE WAY OF

WISDOM

IN PROVERBS

See and *Seek*  
Wisdom

See and *Flee*  
Folly





## Proverbs 4:18-19

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.



Why does tyranny,  
legal absurdity and  
corruption make us  
angry?

The universal human  
longing for freedom.

# Contrast:

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**Faith** in Christ has the end of producing  
**justice, peace and freedom -**  
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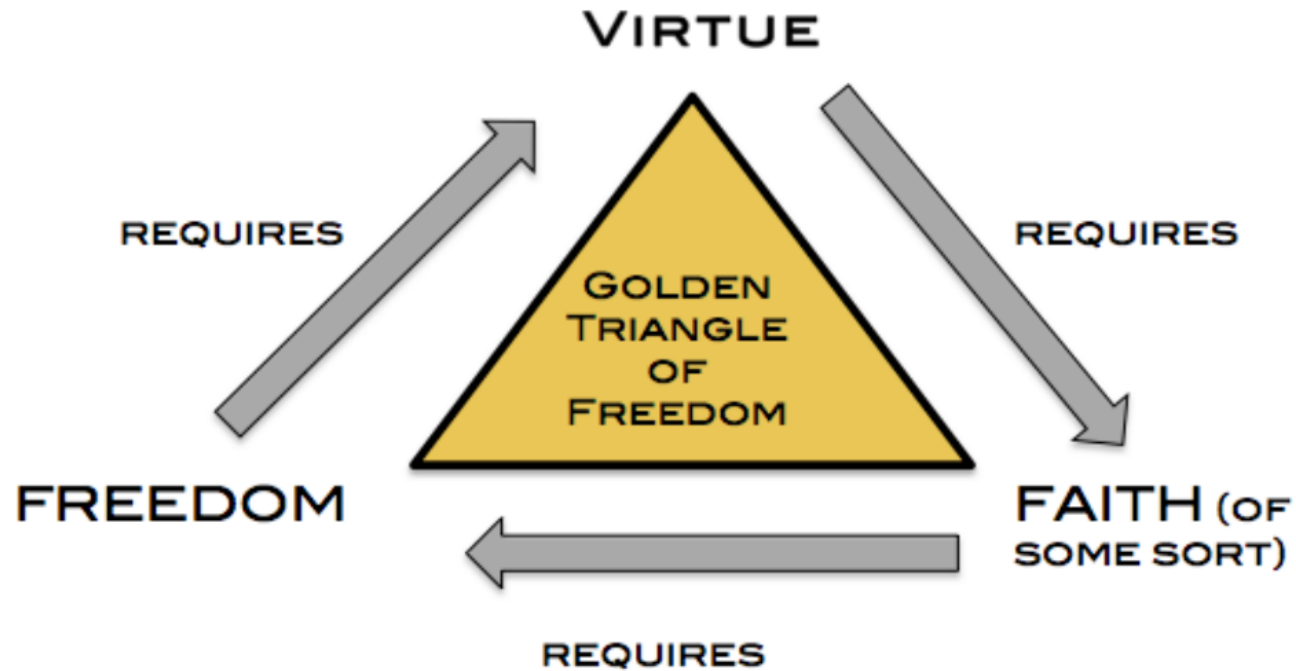
NT calls "Life of/in the Spirit" (Rom. 8:2-4, Gal. 5:18)

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(That is: This is the only line of law a virtuous free person in Christ needs - when one knows the "law of love" and "sinful; indulgence")

The political answer was based on a deeper answer about human life...



**OS GUINNESS**  
**A FREE**  
**PEOPLE'S**  
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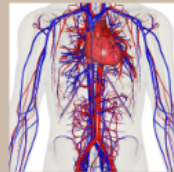
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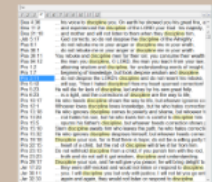
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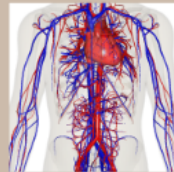
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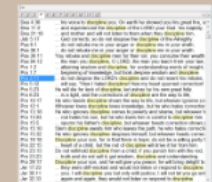
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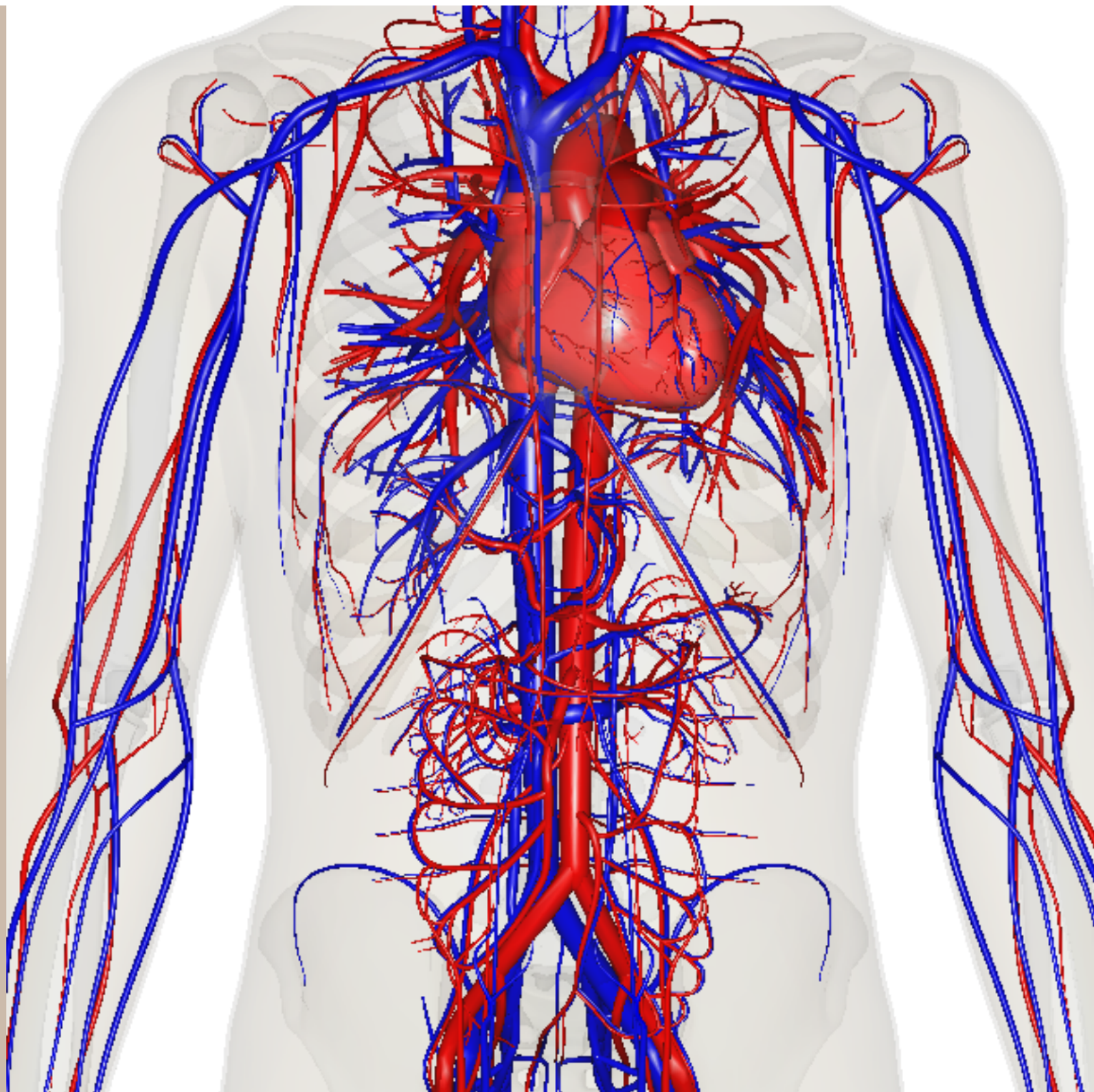
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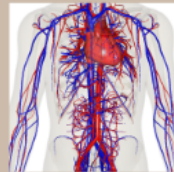
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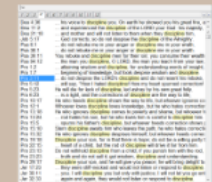
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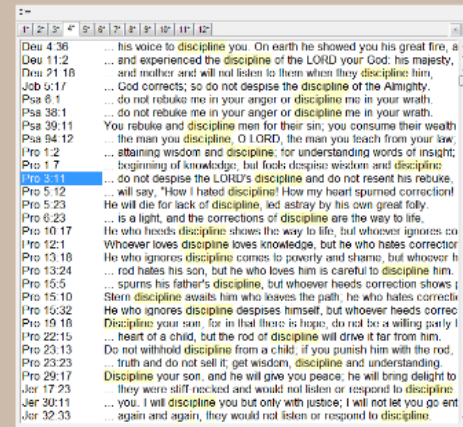
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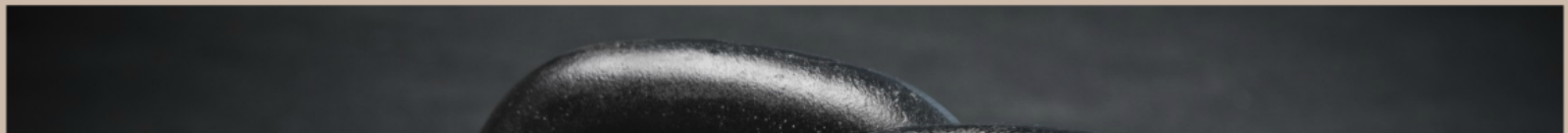
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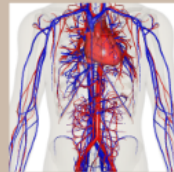
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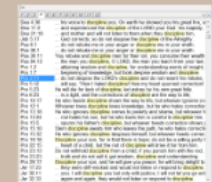
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