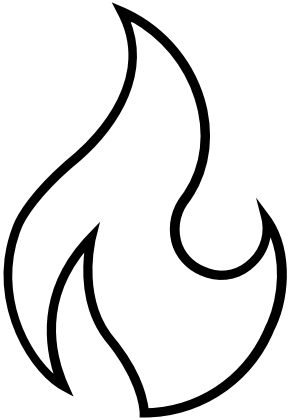
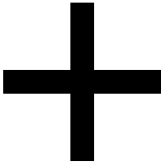




PRACTISING THE WAY: SCRIPTURE

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SCRIPTURE: WHY, WHO, WHAT, WHEN & HOW

Mt 28:¹⁸

Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,

“All authority in heaven

and on the earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore **go**

and **make-disciples** from all the nations,

Baptising them into the name

of the Father

and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE: WHY, WHO, WHAT, WHEN & HOW

Mt 28:²⁰

Teaching them to observe all
whatsoever I have commanded you;

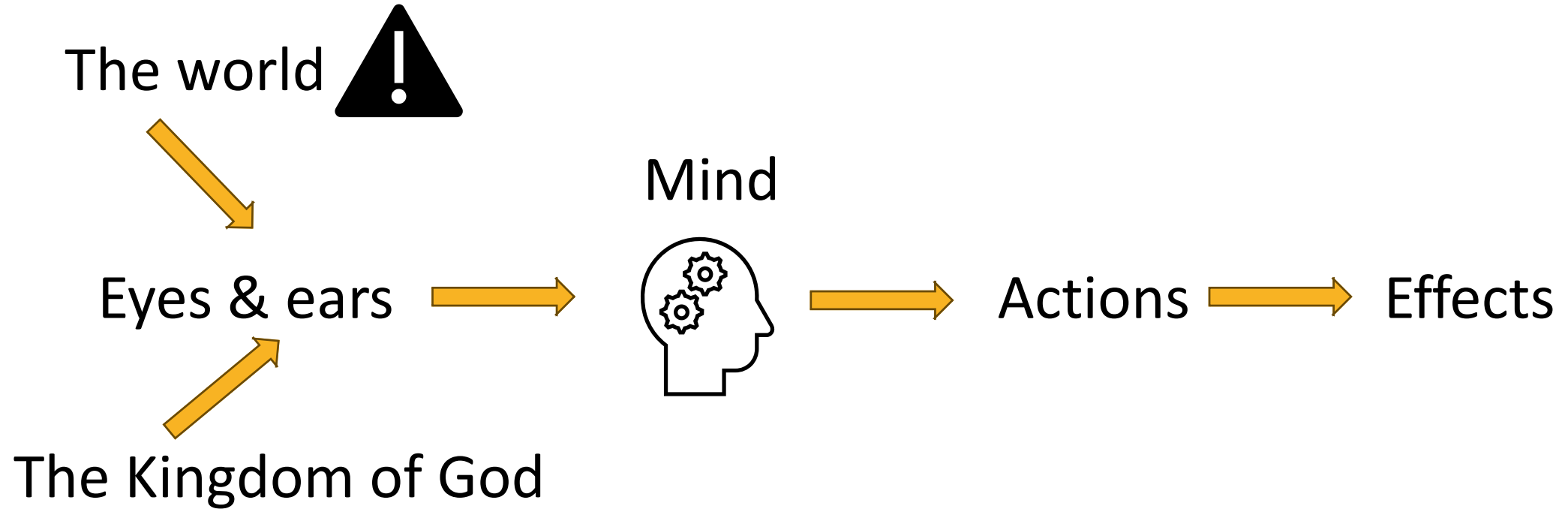
and Lo I am with you all the days
until the completion of the age.

SCRIPTURE: WHY, WHO, WHAT, WHEN & HOW

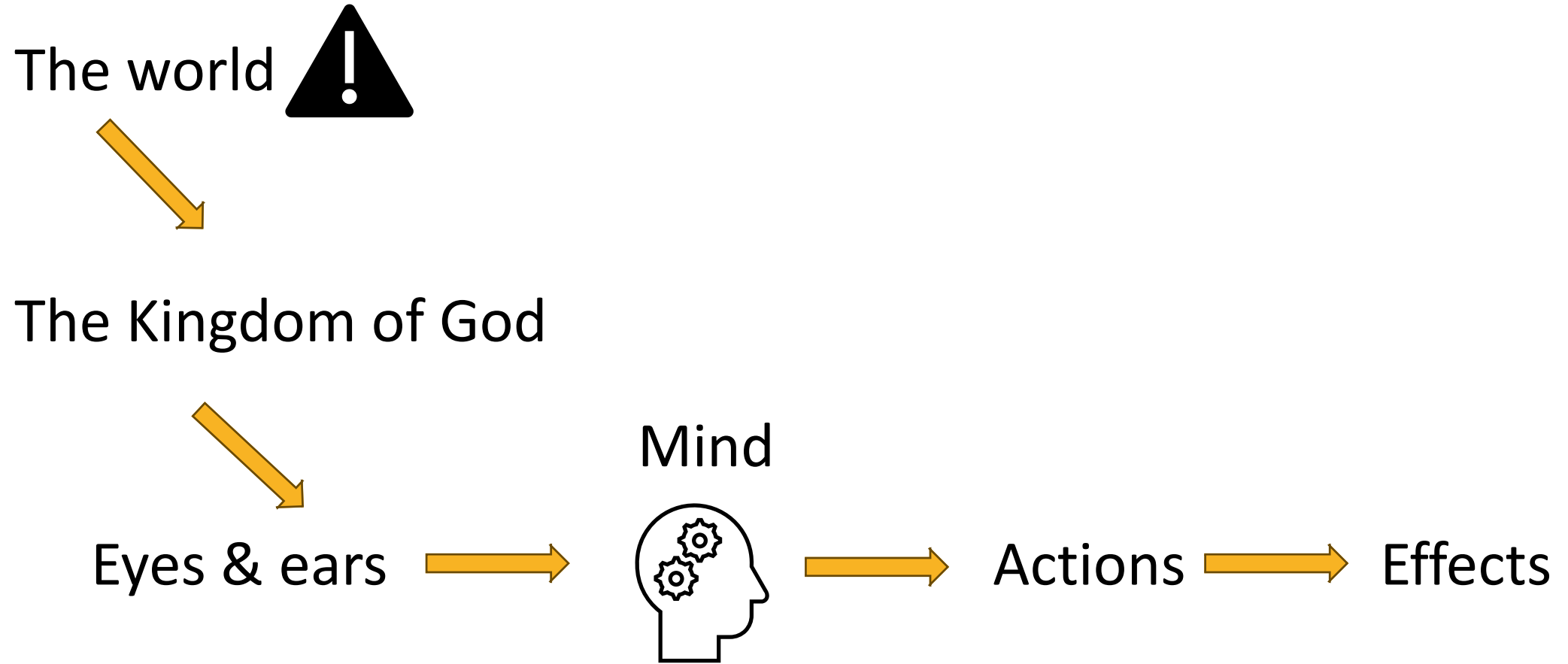
Jn 14:²⁶

But the **Advocate**, the **Holy Spirit**,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will **teach you everything**
and will **remind you of everything I have said to you.**

SCRIPTURE: THE NEED FOR TRANSFORMATION



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Rm 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy,

to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,**

holy and pleasing to God—this is your true
and proper worship.

² And **do not conform** to the pattern of this world,
but **be transformed**

by the renewing of your mind.

So that you will be able to test and approve what God's will
is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

SCRIPTURE: THE NEED FOR TRANSFORMATION

Lk 11:³⁴

Your eye is the lamp of your body.

When your eyes are **healthy**,
your whole body also is full of **light**.

But when they are **unhealthy**,
your body also is full of **darkness**.

³⁵ See to it, then, that the **light** within you is not **darkness**.

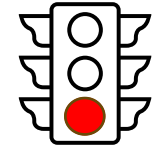
³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of **light**,
and no part of it **dark**,

it will be just as full of **light** as when a lamp shines
its **light** on you.”

SCRIPTURE: THE MEANS OF TRANSFORMATION

Mt 5: 29

If your right eye causes you to stumble,
gouge it out and throw it away.



It is better for you to lose one part of your body
than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

SCRIPTURE: THE MEANS OF TRANSFORMATION

Col 3:¹



Since, then, you have been **raised** with Christ,
set your **hearts** on **things above**,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your **minds** on **things above**,
not on **earthly things**.

³ For you **died**,
and your **life** is now hidden with Christ in God.

⁵ Put to **death**, therefore, whatever belongs to **your earthly nature**:

SCRIPTURE: THE MEANS & PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Col 3:16



Let **the message of Christ** dwell among you richly
as you **teach**

and **admonish** one another with all
wisdom

through psalms,
hymns,

and songs from the Spirit,

¹⁷ And whatever you **do**, whether in **word** or **deed**, do it all
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
Father through him.

SCRIPTURE: THE MEANS & PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Php 4: ⁸



Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is **true**,

whatever is **noble**,

whatever is **right**,

whatever is **pure**,

whatever is **lovely**,

whatever is **admirable**

—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**

—**think about such things.**

⁹ Whatever you have **learned** or **received** or **heard** from me, or **seen** in me—**put it into practice.**

SCRIPTURE: THE MEANS & PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

2 Tim 3:¹⁶

All Scripture

is God-breathed

and is useful for **teaching,**

rebuking,

correcting

and **training in righteousness,**

¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be

fully-equipped for every good work.

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Rm 10:13

Everyone who **calls** on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not **believed** in?

And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not **heard**?

And how can they hear without someone **preaching** to them?

¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are **sent**?

As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

1 Pe 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always **be prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect,

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Ac 17:1

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. **² As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,** ³ explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. **⁴ Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.**

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Ac 17:¹⁰

As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures** every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹² **As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.**

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Eph 6:¹⁰

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, **so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.** ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ...

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of God.**

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Mt 4:³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “**It is written:** ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

SCRIPTURE: THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFORMATION

Mt 4:⁷ Jesus answered him, “**It is also written:** ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! **For it is written:** ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

SCRIPTURE: HOW TO..

Prepare

- Prayer
- Humility

Alone &/or together

- Word for the day / Lectio
- Reading plan
- Christian books
- Christian on-line content
- Formal study
- Phd

Purpose

- Contemplation / meditation
- Study
- Memorisation

- Sunday morning
- Small group
- New Wine / Spring Harvest
- Alpha

SCRIPTURE: HOW TO..

Principles

- Read / Re-read
- Key words, phrases, structure, “jump-outs”
- Genre
- Author’s intent
- Context
- What did it mean to the original audience
- What does it mean to me / us today

SCRIPTURE: WHAT TO DO

Jam 1:22

Do not merely listen to **the word** and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.** ²³ Anyone who listens to **the word** but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard but doing it—**they will be blessed in what they do.**