

The Book of Luke - Covenant Treaty

Equally reliable spiritual algebra from the Suzerain himself
(Jesus):

"But the one who hears my words (X) and does not put them
into practice (Y) is like a man who built a house on the
ground without a foundation (=) ."

X (Hear the Lord's Words) + Z (Do not practice them)

=

CRASH!

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X (Come to the Lord) + Y (Hear the Lord's Words) +
Z (Practice them)

=

Absolutely unstable and insecure
in and through all circumstances
(Curses)

Closing proposition: Outcomes will always
prove the equation valid.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.
A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to
please their flesh, from the flesh will reap
destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit,
from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:8-9

Spiritual Algebra

$$X + Y = LIFE$$

"It ain't rocket surgery"

Basics of LIFE - Deuteronomy Chapter 28

Important lessons in history

Ancient Near Eastern Covenant Treaties

Parties

Suzerain - The Greater
Vassal - The Lesser

Hittite Treaty Characteristics

- Preamble- identification of speaker and his titles
- Historical prologue- List of the deeds already performed by the Suzerain on behalf of the vassal
- Stipulations- Terms to be upheld by the vassal for the life of the treaty
- Provision for annual public reading- A copy of the treaty was to be read aloud annually in the vassal state for the purpose of renewal
- Divine witness to the treaty- These usually include the deities of both the Suzerain and the vassal
- Blessings and curses- depending on whether the treaty is upheld or not

Deuteronomy - A Covenant Treaty

Parties

Suzerain: God (The Greater)
Vassal: God's people (The Lesser)

More OT Comparison

- Exodus 19:3-8; 24:3-8
- Deuteronomy occurs in book as a whole: 1-4 is a historical introduction, 5-11 a statement of general principles, 12-26 a statement of specific stipulations, 27-30 a presentation of the curses and blessings, and 31-34 a setting forth of the provisions for the recognition of Moses' successor and for the continuity of the covenant after his death.
- Leviticus 23, 26
- Joshua 24: Preamble vs. 2a. Historical introduction vs. 2b-13. Specific stipulations vs. 25. Witnesses vs. 22, 27.
- These are just a few examples

Now, on to Mathematics
Deuteronomy 28

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I. Reliable Spiritual Algebra 28:1-14

"If you fully obey the Lord your God (X) and carefully follow all his commands I give you today (Y) then (=)...

X (Full Obedience to the Lord) + Y (Following the Lord's
Commands)

=
LIFE!

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^{v.1a}
X (Full Obedience to the Lord) + Y (Following the Lord's
Commands) =

Exaltation v.1b

Comprehensive blessing vv. 2-13

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Equally Reliable Spiritual Algebra 28:15-68

"If you do not obey the Lord your God (X) and do not carefully follow all his commands I give you today (Y) then (=)...

X (Disobedience to the Lord) + Y (Not following the Lord's Commands)

=

Futility!

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^{v.15}
X (Disobedience to the Lord) + Y (Not following the Lord's
Commands)

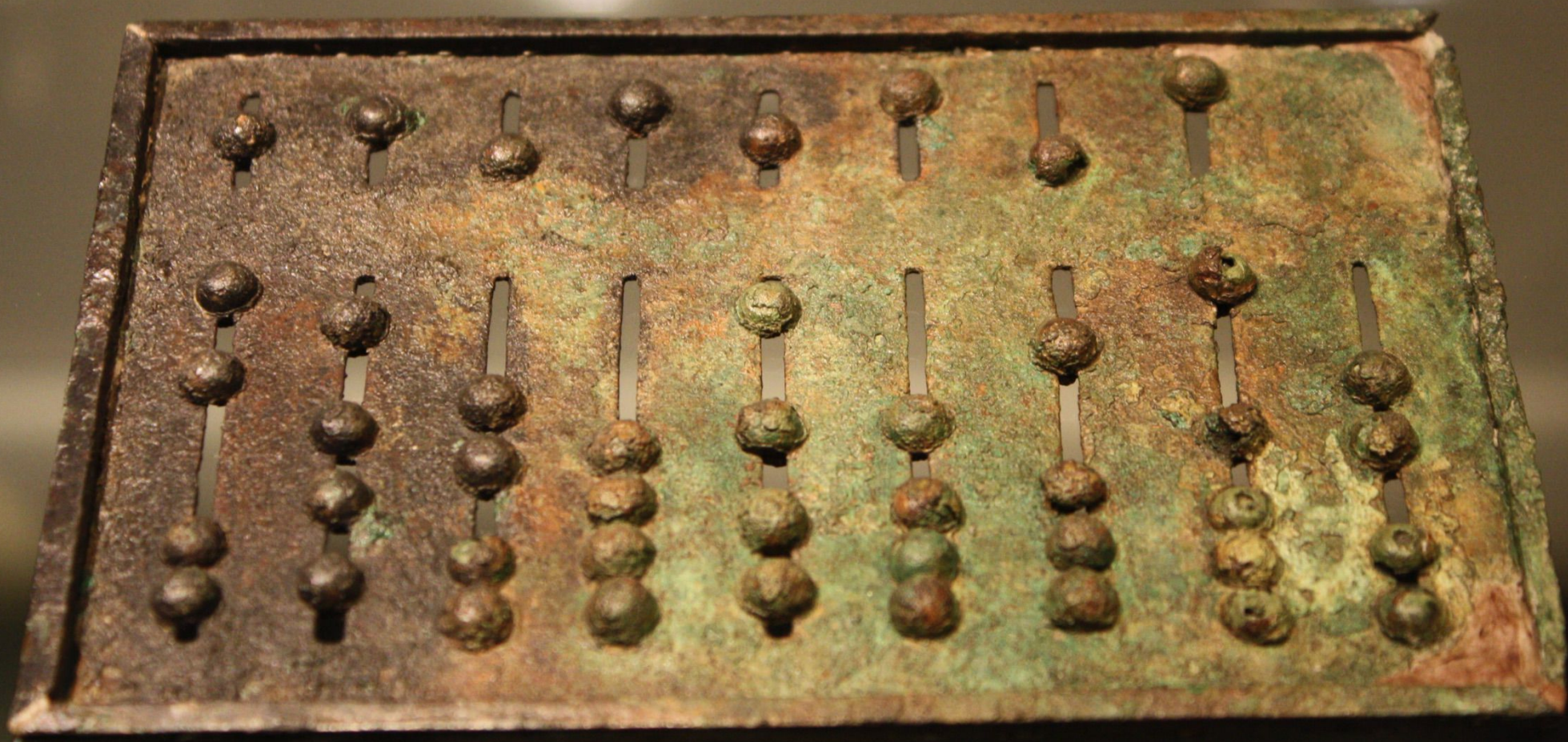
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An overrun of disasters vv.16-68

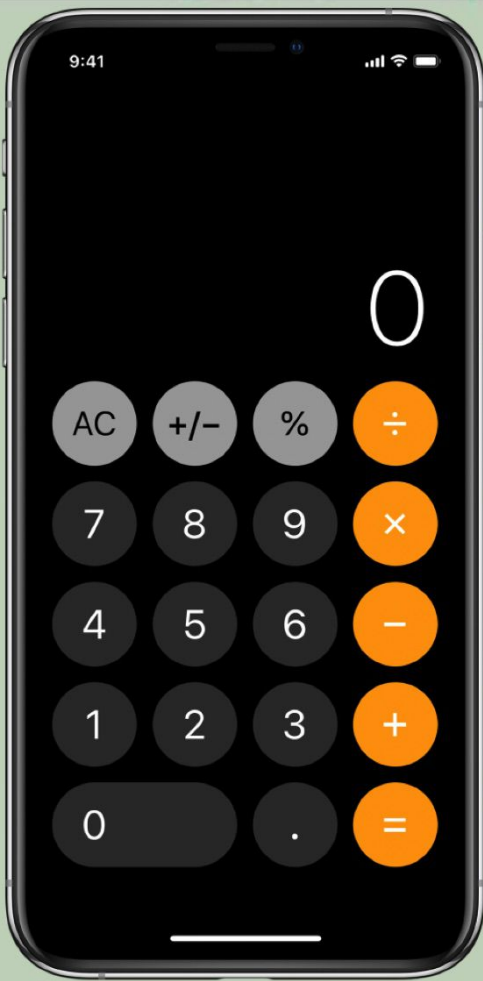
vv.65-67

Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the Lord will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. In the morning you will say, "If only it were evening!" and in the evening, "If only it were morning!"—because of the terror that will fill your hearts and the sights that your eyes will see."

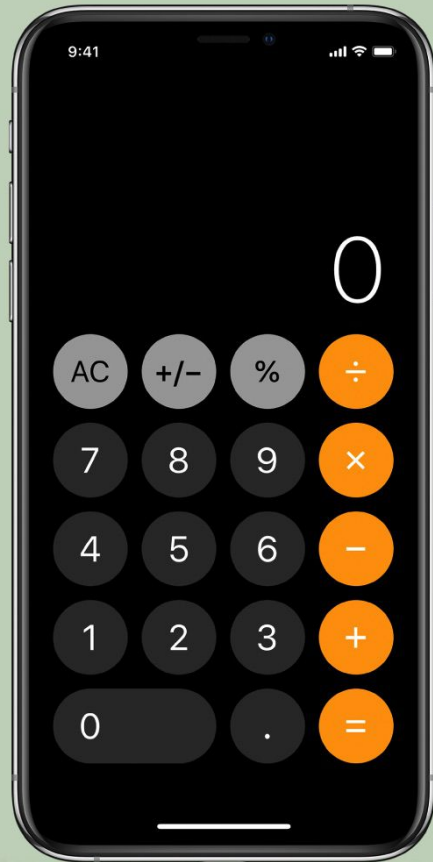
You may be tempted to think...



What's true for us...



Moving on to contemporary Mathematics The Gospel



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Reliable spiritual algebra from the Suzerain himself
(Jesus) 6:46-49

"As for everyone who comes to me (X) and hears my words (Y) and puts them into practice (Z), I will show you what they are like. (=)"

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Z (Practice them)
=
LIFE!

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Z (Practice them)

=

Absolutely firm, immovable in and
through all circumstances
(Blessing)