

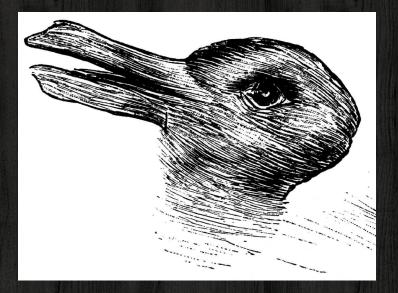
What are you looking at?



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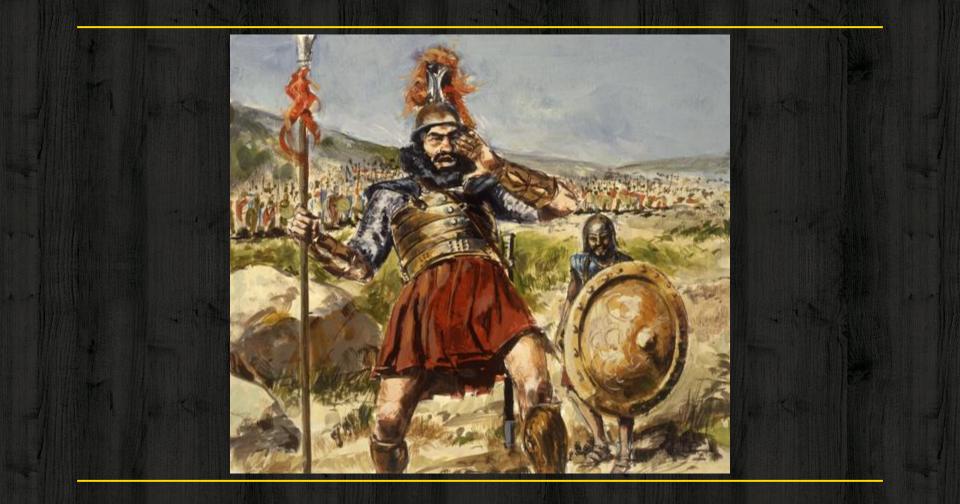
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He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate-bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts. The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers. The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax. Psalm 104:10-18 Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?... Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him... The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:26, 32, 37



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How do we put God "continually before us"?

David "saw" the Lord while shepherding and worshiping in the fields. Jacob "saw" the Lord in Bethel when God revealed Himself. Paul "saw" the Lord on the road to Damascus. John "saw" the Lord on the island of Patmos. The list goes on...

"Saw" in this context could be replaced with "deeply unmistakably encountered" and it changed them and history forever.