

Reservoir of Righteousness

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Understanding and Identifying
Temptation: An Amplification from the
10 Steps to Temptation in the 1st Sin.

Identifying Sins

- *Ephesians 2:3.* “Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

The 3 Elements of Resisting Temptation

- 1. Understanding the mechanics of temptation.
- 2. Identifying Temptation when it happens, by knowing Sin Categorization.
- 3. The capability of Resisting through Biblical Alternative Thinking.

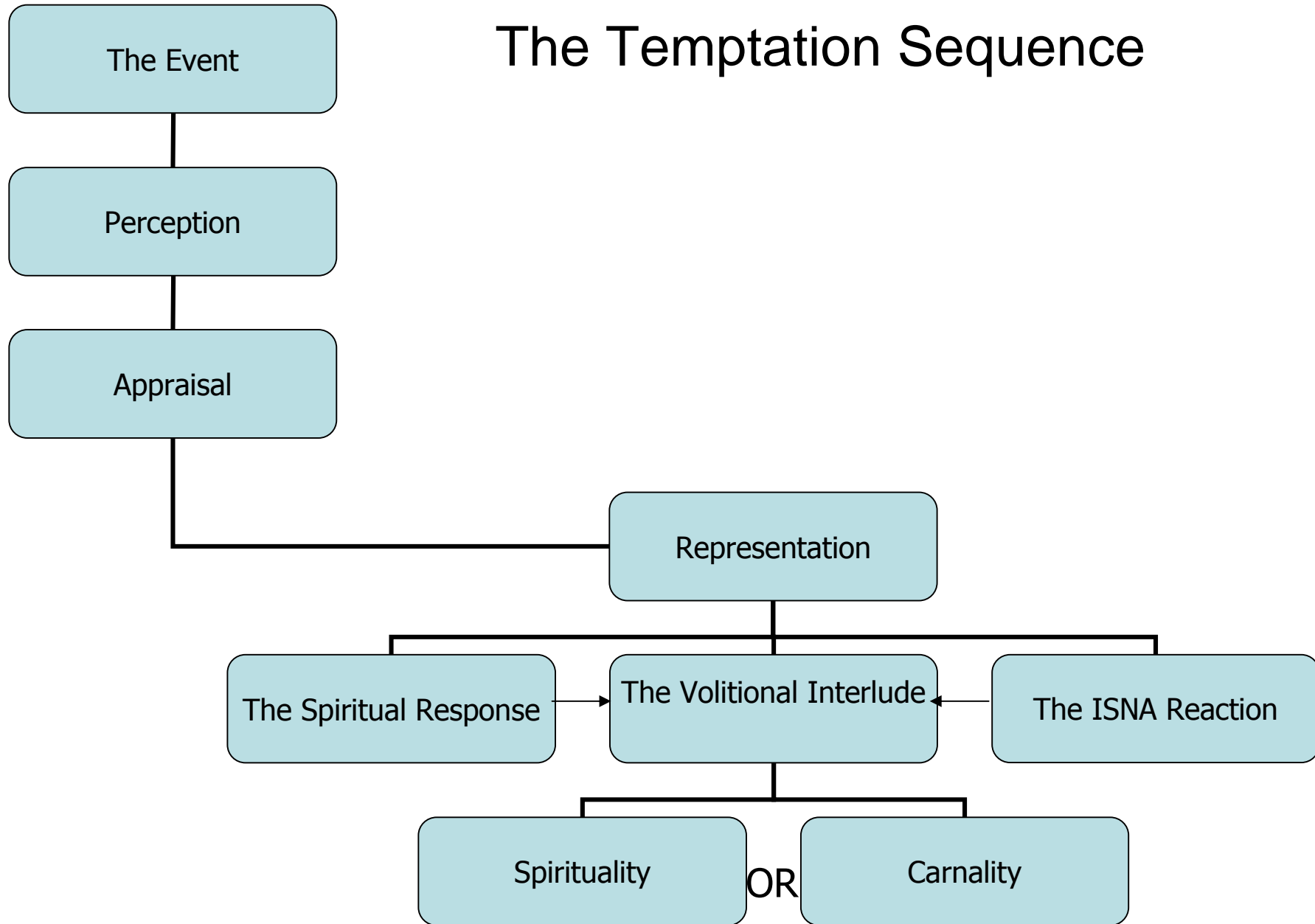
How Temptation Becomes Sin

- The Mechanics of Temptation
- James 1:14 *But each one is tempted when he is carried away by his own lust and enticed.*
 - “but each one” = *hekastos* = each individual
 - “is tempted” = *peirazo* (Pres Pass. Ind.) = receives a solicitation to do evil

How Temptation Becomes Sin

- when he is carried away = *ezeiko* = taken in tow, pulled
- by = *hupo* = under the authority of
- his own = *idios* = his personal or his individual
- lust = *epithumia* = lust pattern
- and enticed = *deleazo* = baited

The Temptation Sequence



The Doctrine of Death

- The 7 Deaths of Scripture: (*Thanatos*)
- Physical Death
- Spiritual Death
- The Second Death
- Positional Death
- Sexual Death
- Operational Death
- Temporal Death

Identifying Sins

- *The Sins of Galatians 5:19-21:*
- *Sexual Propensity:* immorality, impurity, indecency
- *Religious Propensity:* idolatry
- *Material Propensity:* idolatry, envying, selfish ambitions
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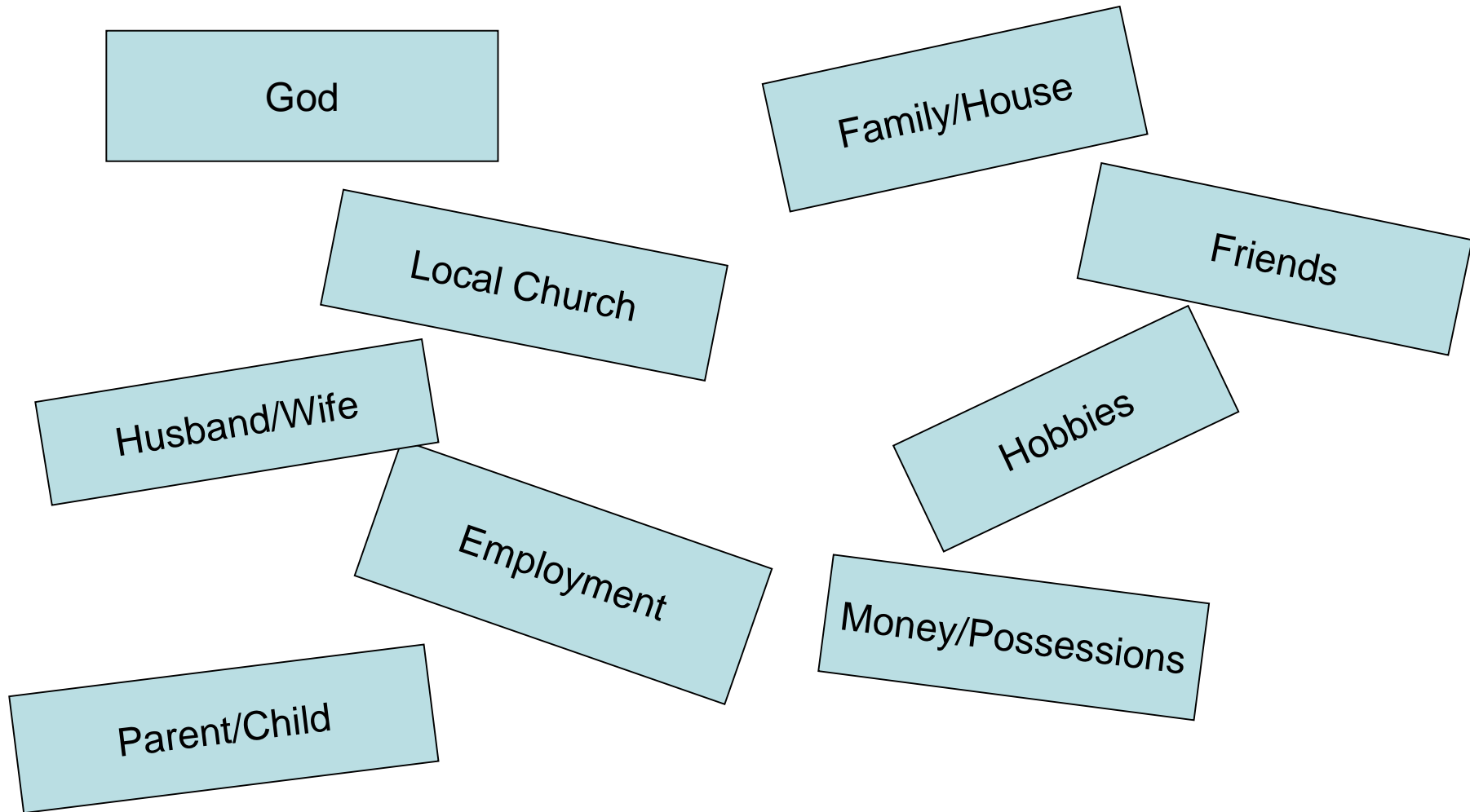
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Priorities and Details of Life



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- *Intemperate sins (v. 21)*
- Drunkenness, drinking bouts (Gr. *methai*, excessive use of intoxicants)
- Carousings, revellings, orgies (Gr. *komoi*, parties involving excessive eating and drinking)

Identifying Sins

- Sins can be grouped into three categories:
- Mental Attitude Sins
- Sins Of The Tongue
- Overt Sins

Identifying Sins

- Sins can be grouped into one or more of the 6 Propensity Patterns of the ISNA:
- S = Sexual Lust
- C= Chemical Lust
- R = Religious Lust
- A = Approbation Lust
- P = Power Lust
- M = Materialism Lust

10 Steps to Temptation: The First Sin in Genesis 3:1-6

- Genesis 3:1-6 (YLT)
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food, and that it is pleasant to the eyes, and the
tree is desirable to make one wise, and she
taketh of its fruit and eateth, and giveth also to
her husband with her, and he doth eat;

Genesis 3:1-6 from Wiersbe

- *A. The tempter.*
- God is not the author of sin, nor does He tempt people to sin; this is the work of the devil (James 1:13). We have already seen that Satan fell into sin prior to the work of Gen. 1:3ff. He was a beautiful angel originally, rejoicing at God's Creation (Job 38:4–7), but he sinned and was judged by God (Isa. 14:12–17; Ezek. 28:11–19).

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- *A. The tempter.*
- Note that Satan came to Eve in the guise of a serpent, for he is a masquerader and never appears to people in his true character.
- In Gen. 3, Satan is the serpent who deceives (2 Cor. 11:3); in Gen. 4, he is the liar that murders (John 8:44).
- We must take care to avoid his deceptive ways.

Genesis 3:1-6 from Wiersbe

- *B. The target.*
- Satan aimed at Eve's mind (2 Cor. 11:1–3; 1 Tim. 2:9–15) and succeeded in deceiving her. Satan uses lies. He is a liar himself and the father of lies (John 8:44).

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- *C. The tactic.*
- As long as the mind holds to God's truth, Satan cannot win; but once the mind doubts God's Word, there is room for the devil's lies to move in.
- Satan questioned God's Word (v. 1), denied God's Word (v. 4), and then substituted his own lies (v. 5).

Genesis 3:1-6 from Wiersbe

- Note that Satan seeks to undermine our faith in the goodness of God—he suggested to Eve that God was “holding out on them” by keeping them from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 3:1-6 from Wiersbe

- When we question God's goodness and doubt His love, we are playing right into the hands of Satan.
- Satan made the temptation sound wonderful by making an offer: "You will be like God!"

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- Satan himself had wanted to be “like the Most High” (Isa. 14:14), and centuries later he offered Christ “all the kingdoms of the world” if He would worship him (Matt. 4:8).

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- *D. The tragedy.*
- Eve should not have “given place to the devil” (Eph. 4:27); she should have held to God’s Word and resisted him. We wonder where Adam was during this conversation.

Genesis 3:1-6 from Wiersbe

- At any rate, Eve took away from God's Word by omitting "freely" (v. 2); she added to the Word by adding "touch it" (v. 3); and she changed the Word by making God's "you shall surely die" into "lest you die" (v. 3, nkkv).

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- In v. 6 (nkjv) we see the tragic operation of the lust of the flesh (“good for food”), the lust of the eyes (“pleasant to the eyes”), and the pride of life (“desirable to make one wise”)—see 1 John 2:15–17.

10 Steps to Temptation in Genesis 3:1-6

- It is difficult to sin alone. Something in us makes us want to share the sin with others. Adam deliberately sinned and plunged the world into judgment (1 Tim. 2:14).
- Wiersbe, W. W. (1993). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the Old Testament* (Ge 3:1). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

10 Steps to Temptation

- **The 10 Steps**
- Insubordination
- Approximation
- Speculation
- Consideration
- Conversation
- Misquotation
 - Omission
 - Addition
 - Substitution
 - Mitigation
- Contradiction
- Misapplication
- Rationalization
- Capitulation

10 Steps to Temptation

- 1. Insubordination:
- Removing yourself from the authority and protection of Divine Establishment and Divine Assets.

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- 2. Approximation
- Placing yourself in a physical or mental position to be tempted.
- Proverbs 4:14-15 (NKJV) *Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it: Turn away from it and pass on.*

10 Steps to Temptation

- 3. Speculation
- (What if ...)
- Letting your mind wander from God and His Word to alternative “scripts” or “frames”.

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- 4. Consideration
- a matter weighed or taken into account when formulating an opinion or plan
- (Consideration of an alternative to the Word)

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- 5. Conversation
- Moral exchange of sentiments, observations, opinions, or ideas
- To discuss alternatives to God's mandates with the world, the flesh or the Devil.

10 Steps to Temptation

- 6. Misquotation: to inaccurately repeat a passage
- Omission: to leave out or leave unmentioned
- Substitution: the act of putting in or using in the place of another
- Addition: the act or process of adding; to say further
- Mitigation: to lessen the effects of

10 Steps to Temptation

- 7. Contradiction
- to assert the contrary of; take issue with

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- 8. Misapplication
- an act of misapplying:
- to erroneously put into operation or effect

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- 9. Rationalization
- to attribute (one's actions) to rational and creditable motives without analysis of true and especially unconscious motives

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- 10. Capitulation
- the act of surrendering or yielding

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The Serpent Said ...

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- Genesis 3: 1 (YLT)
- 1 -And the serpent hath been subtile (crafty) above every beast of the field which Jehovah hath made and he saith unto the woman, 'Is it true that God hath said, "Ye do not eat of every tree of the garden?"'
- (Insubordination, Speculation. Approximation, Consideration)

10 Steps to Temptation Before The Serpent Said ...

- (Insubordination, Speculation. Approximation)
- 1. She was not with God or her Man, the only 2 she should have rapport with.
- 2. She wouldn't be near The Tree, if she wasn't speculating about it.
- 3. She was at the tree.

10 Steps to Temptation

God Said and The Woman Said

- God Said Genesis 2:16-17 (YLT)
- 16 And Jehovah God layeth a charge on the man, saying “Of every tree of the garden eating thou dost eat freely;
- 17 and of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou dost not eat of it, for in the day of thine eating of it dying thou dost die.”
- The Woman Said: Genesis 3:2-3 (YLT)
- 2 And the woman saith unto the serpent, “Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we do eat,
- 3 and of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God hath said, Ye do not eat of it, nor touch it, lest ye die.”

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God Said and The Woman Said

- God said: “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely
- 2 Ishah said: “from the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat,
- (Conversation and misquotation -- Omission)

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God Said and The Woman Said

- God: “but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat.. ”
- Isha: “but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said. You should not eat from it or touch it”
- (Misquotation)
- (Substitution)
- (Addition)

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God Said and The Woman Said

- God: “. . .for in the day that you eat from it, dying you will die.”
- Ishah: ...lest you die.”
- Lest: for fear that - used after an expression denoting fear or apprehension. “Worried, lest she should be late”
- (Misquotation)
- (Substitution and Mitigation)

10 Steps to Temptation

- Misquotation:
- 3:2–3 Eve was vulnerable to this suggestion because she distorted the word of God. She added to it “or touch it” (v. 3).
- “In her reply to [Satan’s] question, she perverted and misquoted *three times* the divine law to which she and Adam were subject:

10 Steps to Temptation

- Misquotation:
- (1) She disparaged her privileges by misquoting the terms of the Divine *permission* as to the other trees. (2) She overstated the restrictions by misquoting the Divine *prohibition*. (3) She underrated her obligations by misquoting the Divine *penalty*. [173](#)

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- Misquotation:
- God reveals His character through His word.
- When we do not retain His word precisely, a distorted concept of God is the result.
- This led Eve to *doubt* God's *goodness*.
- [173](#) 173. W.H. Griffith Thomas, *Genesis: A Devotional Commentary*, p. 48.
- Tom Constable. (2003; 2003). *Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible (Ge 3:2)*. Galaxie Software

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- The Serpent Elevates the Game
- 4 The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!”
- (Contradiction)
- 5 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you would be like God. knowing good and evil.”
- (Misapplication)

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- Genesis 3:6
- When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise...
- (Rationalization)

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The 3 Arenas

- John 2: 16 (NASB-95)
- 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
- 1 John 2:16 (NLT)
- For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure. The lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world.

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The 3 Arenas

- Flesh, Eyes and Pride of Life
- “There is the lust of the flesh...” The Flesh (not the ISNA, in this case) being distinguished from the eyes and the pride of life, suggests the pleasures of the body i.e, all those things that excite and inflame the pleasures of the flesh:
- Lust Patterns:
- Sexual Lust
- Chemical Lust

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- Flesh, Eyes and Pride of Life
- “There is the lust of the eyes...” The eyes are delighted with treasures: riches and rich possessions are craved by an extravagant eye. (This is the lust of covetousness).
- Lust Pattern:
- Materialism

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- Flesh, Eyes and Pride of Life
- “There is the pride of life.
- A vain mind craves all the grandeur, adulation and success of a glorious life; this is ambition, and thirst after honor and applause.
- This is, in effect, a disease of the ear, it must be flattered with admiration and praise.
- Lust Patterns:
 - Approbation
 - Power
 - Religion

10 Steps to Temptation

The Woman Did and The Man Did

- Capitulation
- “she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave
- also to her husband with her, and he ate.”
- (Capitulation)

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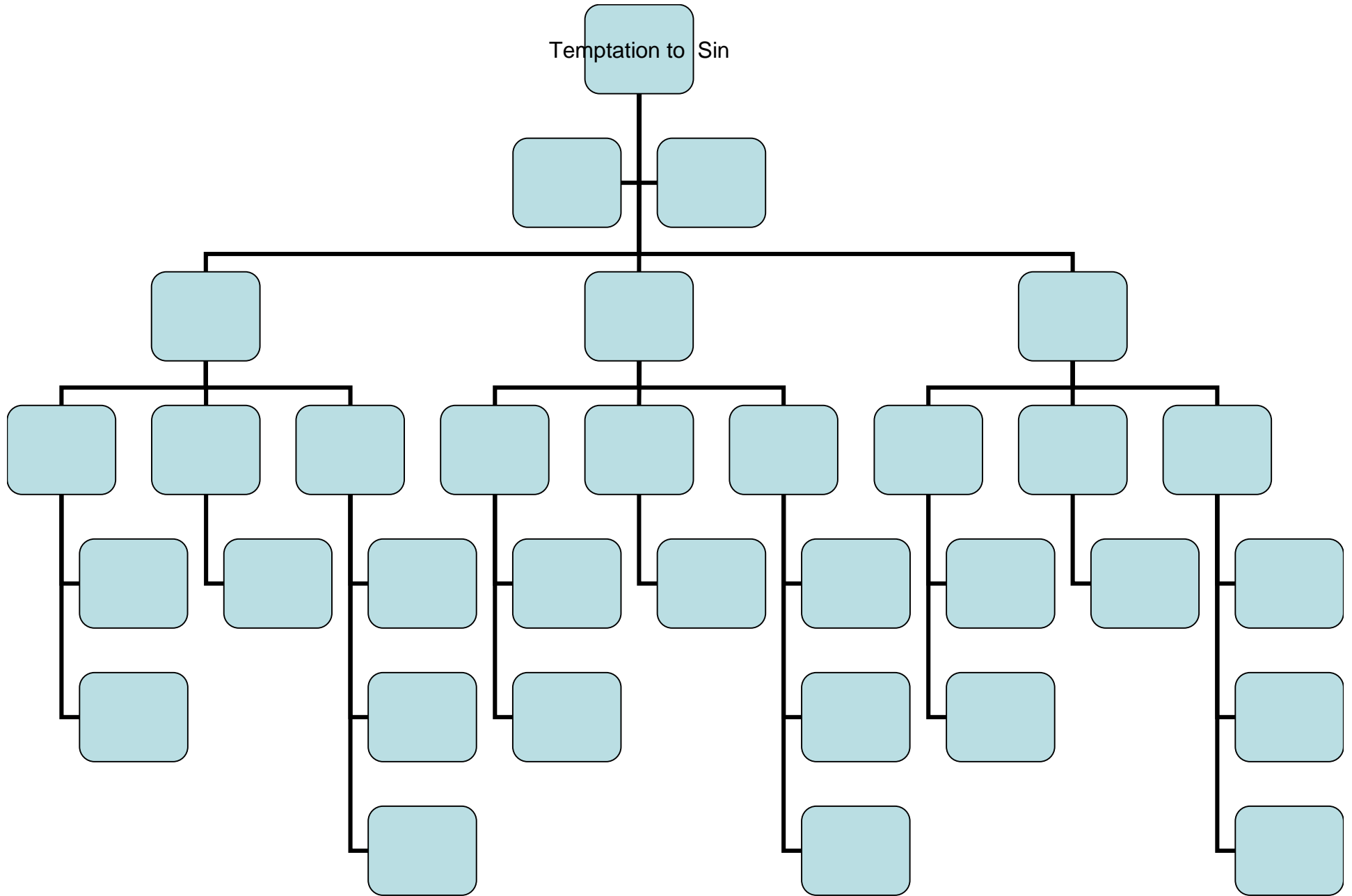
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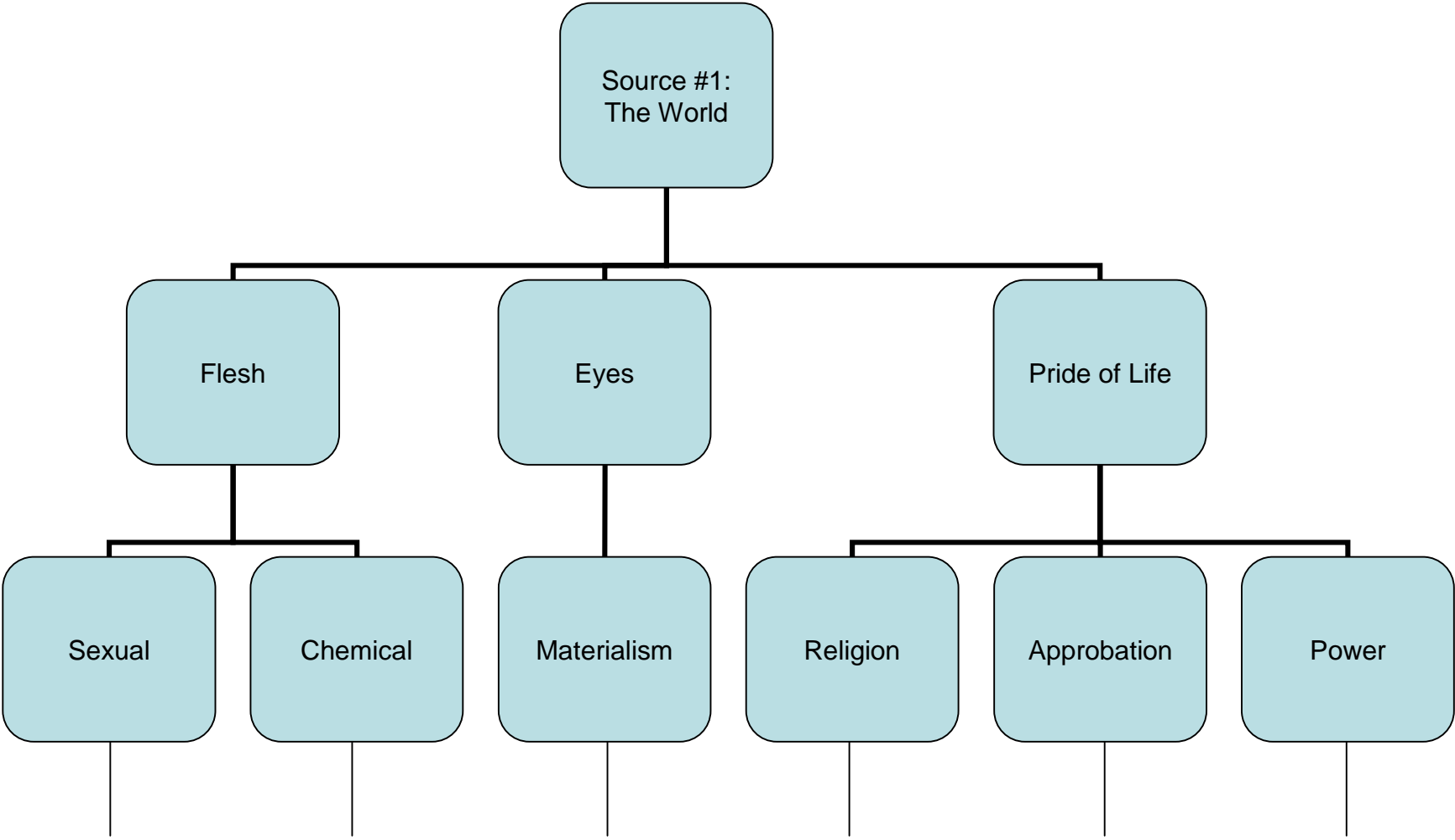
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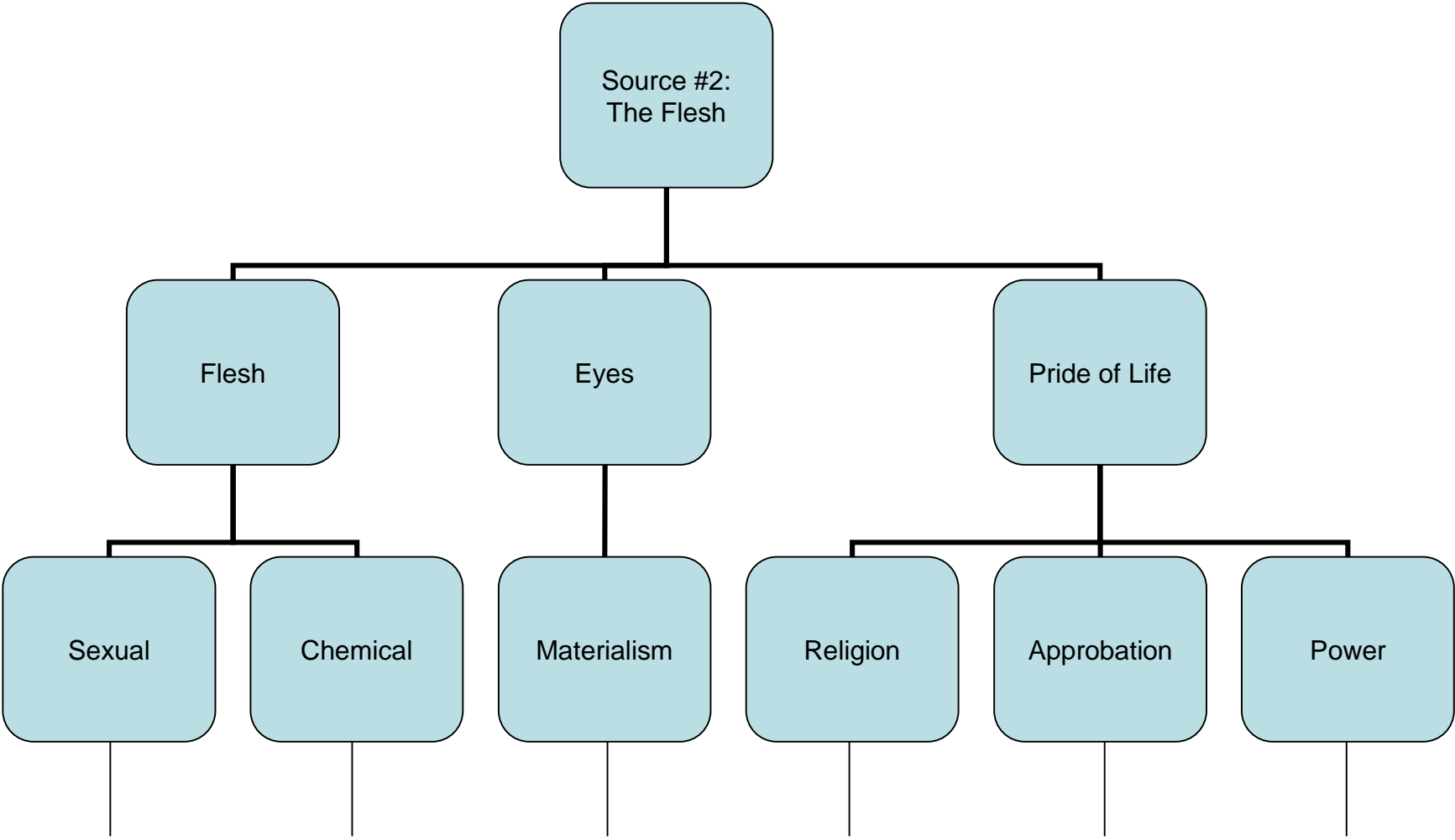


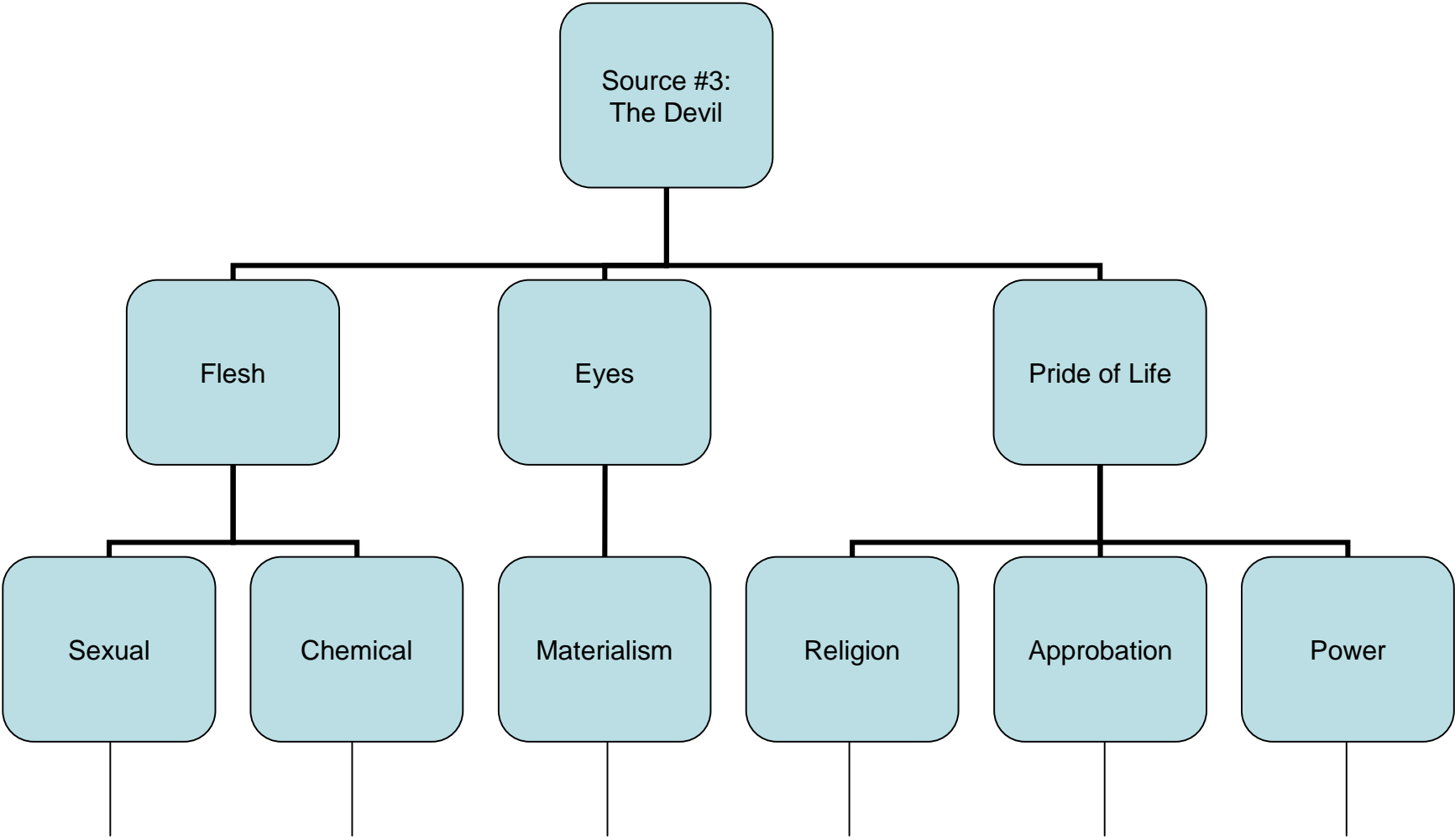
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