

Reading Ecclesiastes

Vanity of Vanities?

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9. OPPRESSION IN LIFE (10.1-20)

LOOKING AT THIS WORLD:

Human nature, the world, and the power of evil.

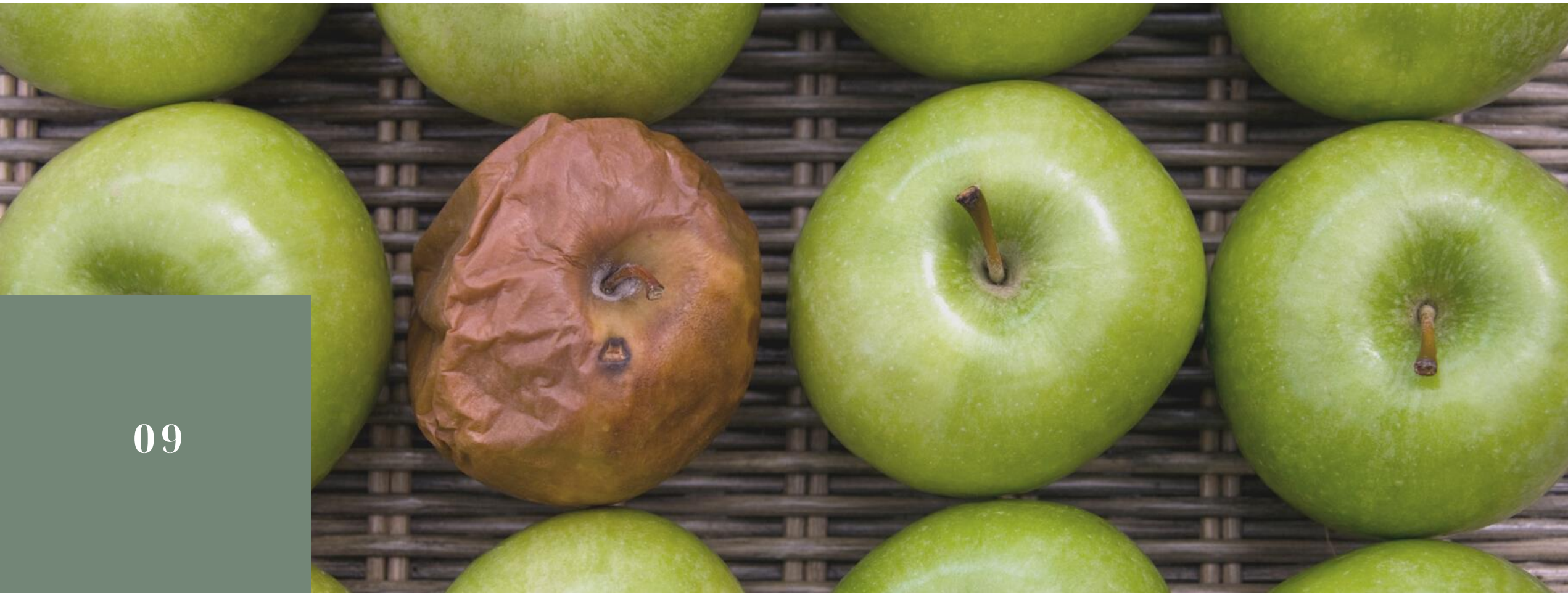
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Wisdom's Fruit

FOLLY'S POWER

Ecclesiastes 10.1–3





Folly & Power

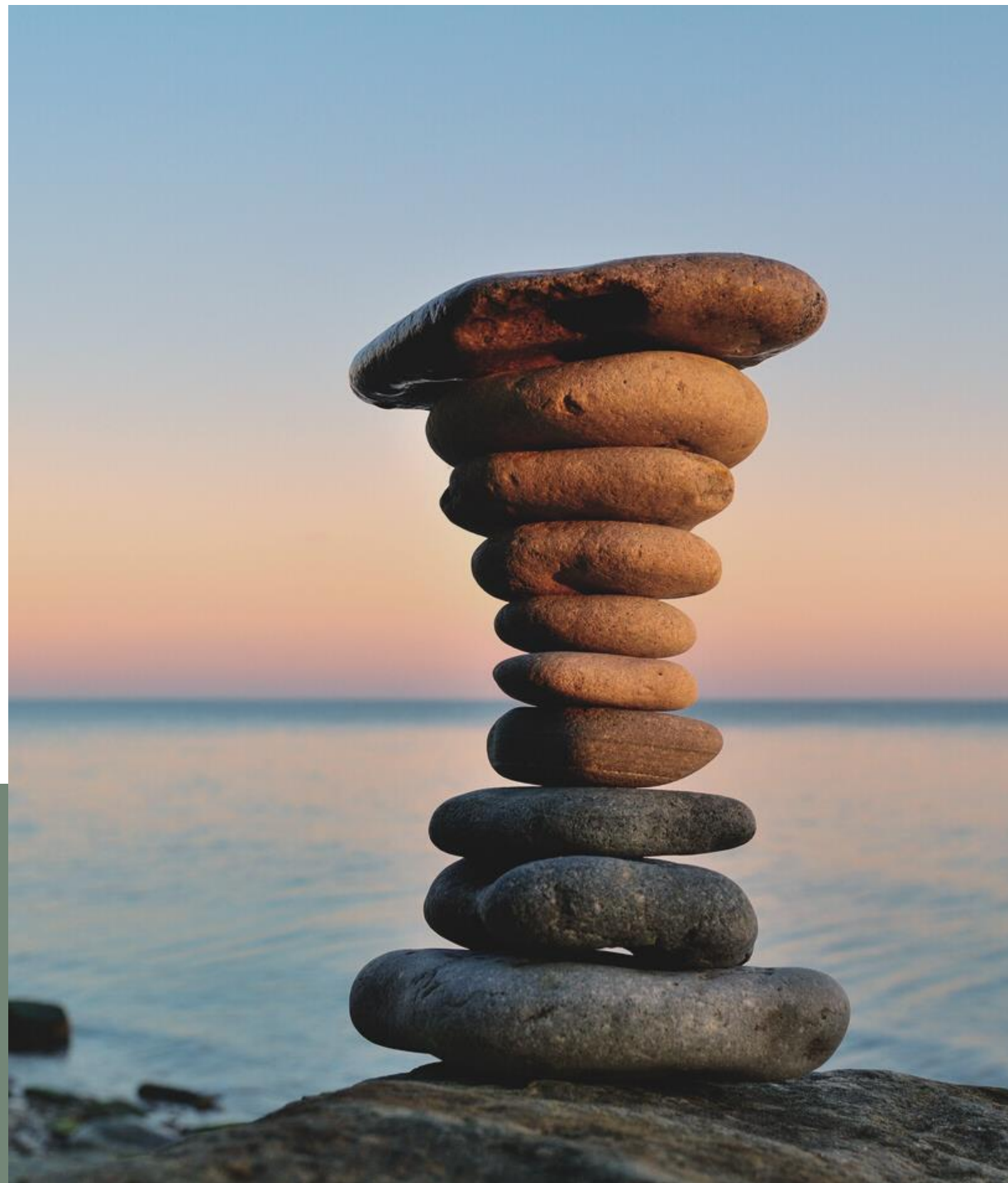
ECCLESIASTES 10.1-3

RULER'S FOLLY (10.4)

cf. Eccl 8.2-3; Prv 16.14

MANY FOLLIES (10.5-7)

cf. Eccl 9.11 (and the "upside down" in ANE)



PROFESSIONAL FOLLY

Ecclesiastes 10.8–11
(cf. Prv 26.27)



SPEAKING FOLLY

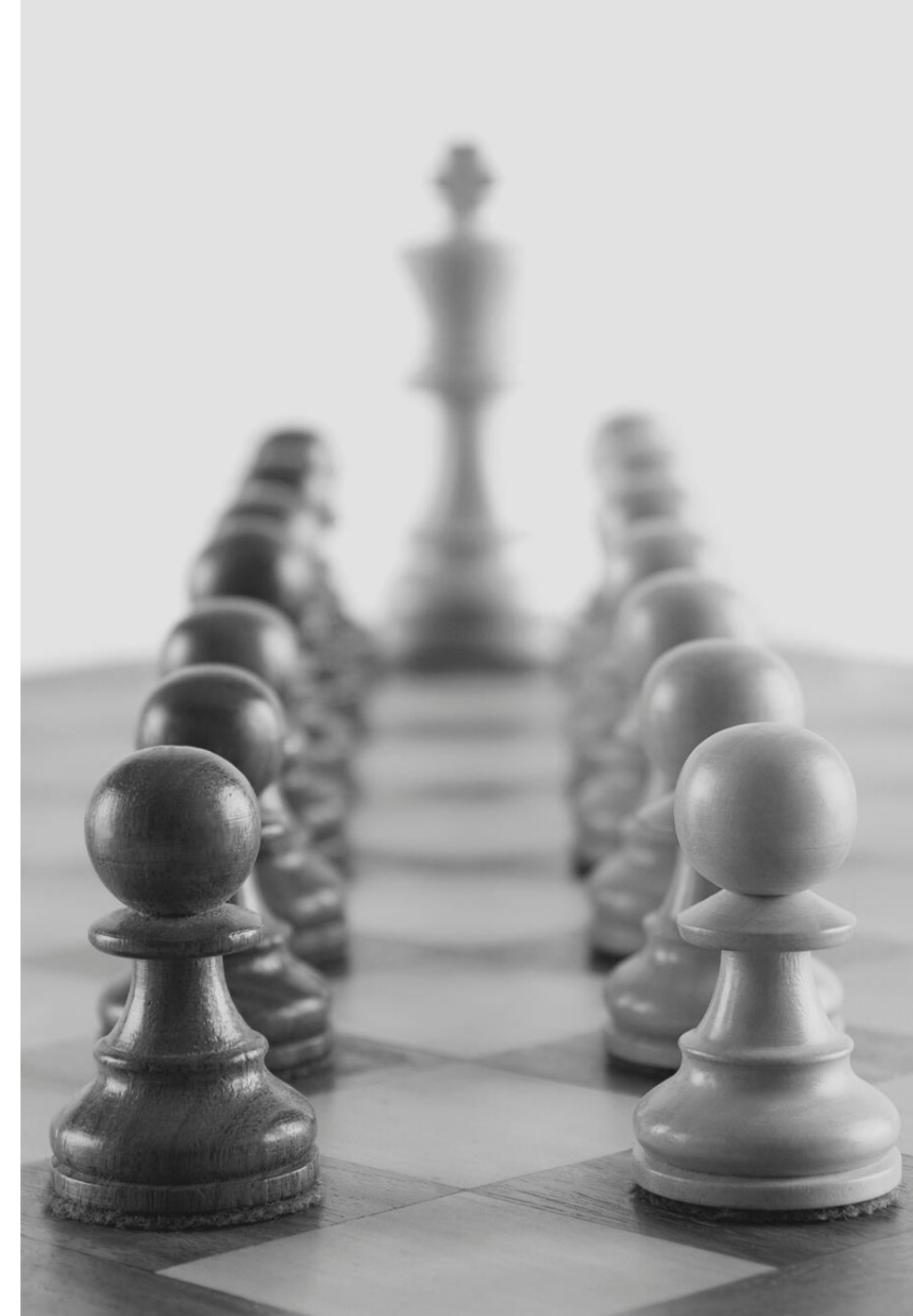
Ecclesiastes 10.12–15
(cf. Eccl 9.17)



Folly of Kings

ECCLESIASTES 10.16-20

From reflection to advice, and
how to survive in this world
ruled by folly and where time
and chance happen to all.



ANOTHER QUESTION:

Upside Down World?

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READ

Ecclesiastes 11.1–12.8



QUESTIONS

- 1) How do we deal with uncertainty?
- 2) Is it wrong to enjoy life?
- 3) Are there any certainties for Ecclesiastes?
- 4) How do we remember our Creator?
- 5) Why is this directed at the young?



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10. REMEMBER JUDGMENT (11.1–12.8)