

Vicarious Sacrifice: Habits Are Habitual; Illustration: Wheel-tracks Left by Those of Conestoga Wagons during Westward Migration; Application: Memory Traces Left in the Brain during Inculcation of Doctrine; Ishah & Adam's Failure to Recall Penalty Clause for Eating the Forbidden Fruit; Original Sin Engaged Mankind into the Invisible War; the Divine Academy of Divine Didactics: Its Curriculum: Eleven Categories of Systematic Theology

13. Habits are habitual because they have become paths of least resistance. We have referred to these as facilitated wheel-tracks in the brain or thought patterns contained in long-term memory in its neural pathways.
14. As wagon wheels roll over the ground, they create ruts or wheel-tracks – *trochiá*. As other wagons follow along, these ruts are enlarged and deepened. When yet other wagons follow these tracks a roadway is established, described in the Old Testament by the words *derek*, *'orach*, and *nathiv* among others.
15. Soon this path, way, or “wheel-track” is broadly accepted as the easiest route to follow in order to get from point A to point B.
16. A similar process takes place in the brain. All memory is retained in neural pathways, or wheel-tracks – electrochemical links that interconnect among thousands of neural connections.
17. When data are processed by the eyes and ears during inculcation of truth, they are then interpreted by the ministries of the Holy Spirit and brought to academic understanding in the *noús* of the soul.
18. Here volition makes a decision as to whether or not to accept the information as true or reject it as false.
19. If accepted, it is transferred by the Holy Spirit to the *kardía* where it is retained as divine thought. But a question arises: Once the information leaves the conscious mind, how is it recalled?
20. The brain functions as the hard disk for the soul. It must be remembered that the soul and the body are inseparably linked between selection and physical death.
21. The human life of our original parents included perfect souls imputed to perfect bodies which, through the human spirit, were coordinated to produce perfect lives.

22. As our Lord taught them each afternoon in the comfort of Eden's light zephyr, they processed the doctrine into their perfect souls and their perfect brains retained the information.
23. The only thing that could contaminate this harmony was the cacophony of the sinful nature. Once the lie was believed, then new and different ideas were retained in their souls and brains and these brought them into conflict with not only divine thought but also divine justice.
24. Thus, the Invisible War entered a new theater of conflict and the satanic campaign to capture the command post of the human soul became Lucifer's central strategy during his appeal.
25. Salvation marks the beginning of the believer's spiritual life, but he does so with the exact same inventory of ideas that he possessed the moment before he was saved with the lone exception of the doctrine of salvation.
26. Romans 6:4 informs us that through retroactive positional truth and subsequent resurrection, we are enabled to "walk in newness of life."
27. But having access to "newness of life" and possessing it are two completely different things. For example, when accepted to a university as a first-semester freshman you have access to a graduate degree.
28. But acquiring the knowledge that leads to achieving that degree requires learning the various courses of its curriculum.
29. Similarly, the new believer must engage in a concentrated effort to learn the curriculum of God's course of study. I have referred to it in the past as the Grace Academy of Divine Didactics.
30. The academy's policy is managed by grace. Students are free to attend or not. When filled with the Holy Spirit, they are taught by the Spirit. As they learn, they build an inventory of divine ideas.
31. There are 11 courses in the curriculum that are taught as they arise in Scripture. They are accumulated over time as they are retained in the soul by the Holy Spirit.

32. This process is characterized by a number of words which we have already mentioned, but often translated by such words as “walk,” “path,” or “way”:

- (1) “Walk” is *peripatéō* in Romans 6:4, “we might walk in newness of life.”
- (2) “Path” is *trochiá* in Hebrews 12:13, “makes straight paths for your feet.”
- (3) “Way” is *derek* in Isaiah 53:6, “each of us has turned to his own way.”