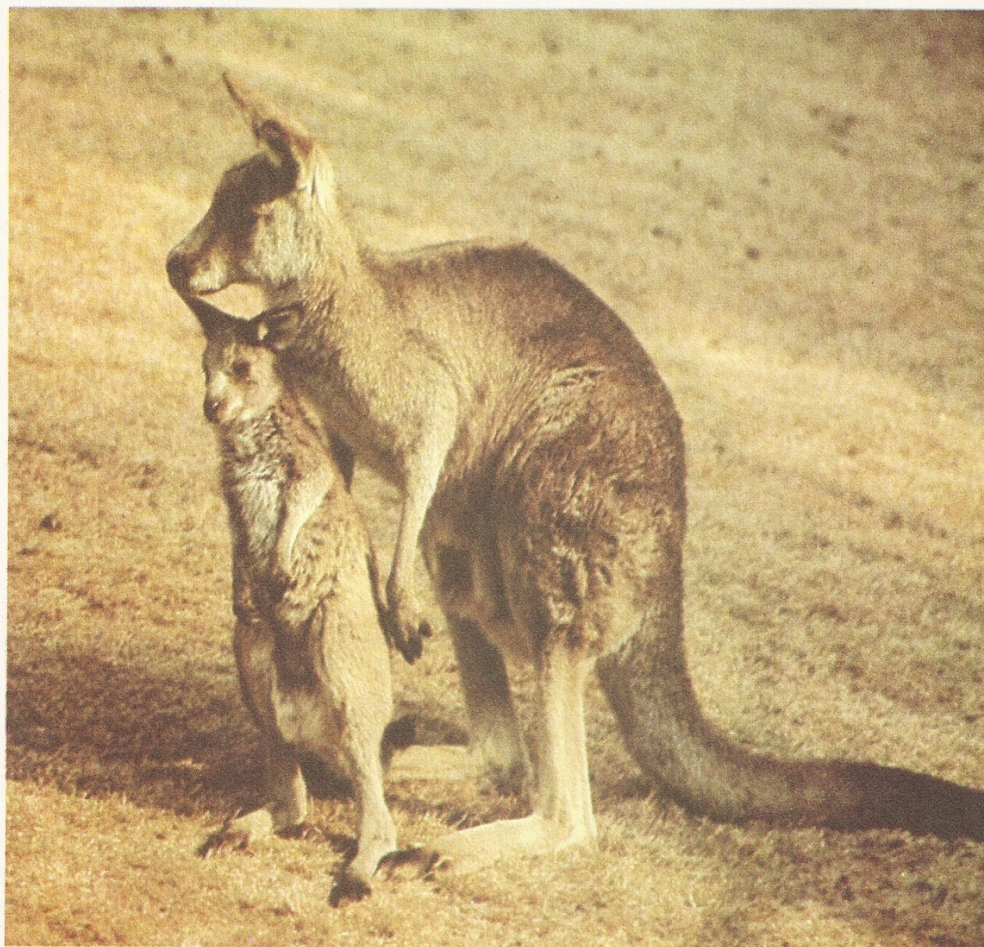


*Elementary Principles*  
*or*  
*The ABCs*  
**Part 1**

**Hebrews 6:1**

Wherefore, leaving the word of the beginning of the Messiah,  
let us go on to full growth...



A baby kangaroo is called a joey.  
It stays in its mother's pouch until  
it is big enough to get around by itself.  
Joeys have large feet, a strong tail,  
and are very good jumpers.



## Hebrews 5:11- 6:3

Concerning [Melchizedek] we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Messiah, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits.

*Concerning [Melchizedek] we have much to say, and it is hard to explain since you have become dull of hearing.*

**Q:** How could anyone have much to say about Melchizedek?

*Gen. 14:18-20 + Ps. 110:4*

**Q:** How do we become 'dull of hearing'?



*For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles...*

**Q:** What is the thing you should be doing by this time that you have failed to accomplish?

*...of the oracles of God...*

**Q:** What are God's "oracles" (λογιον)?

*...and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature...*

"fat" ← Γ λ π → "milk"



**Q:** What is the difference between 'milk' and 'solid food'?

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Messiah. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly.

**Q:** What is the difference between those 'milk' and 'solid food'?

*... who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.*

**Q:** How do we come to discern the difference between good and evil?

*Heb. 4:12 ↔ 2 Tim. 2:15*

*Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Messiah, let us press on to maturity...*

→ *Salvation*

→ *Righteousness*

**Q:** Spiritual maturity results from what?

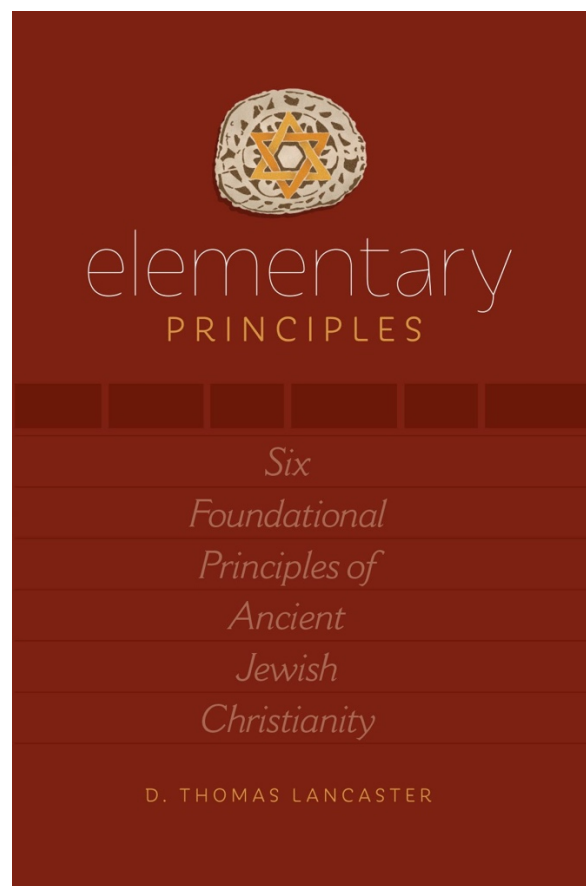
*...not laying again a foundation of...*

- *repentance from dead works and of ...*
- *faith toward God, of ...*
- *instruction about washings and ...*
- *laying on of hands, and ...*
- *the resurrection of the dead and ...*
- *aionial judgment.*

**Q:** Are these the six things *you* would have deemed as “foundational” ?

**Q:** If these are ‘elementary’ principles, then what are the ‘secondary principles?’

*And this we will do, if God permits.*



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