

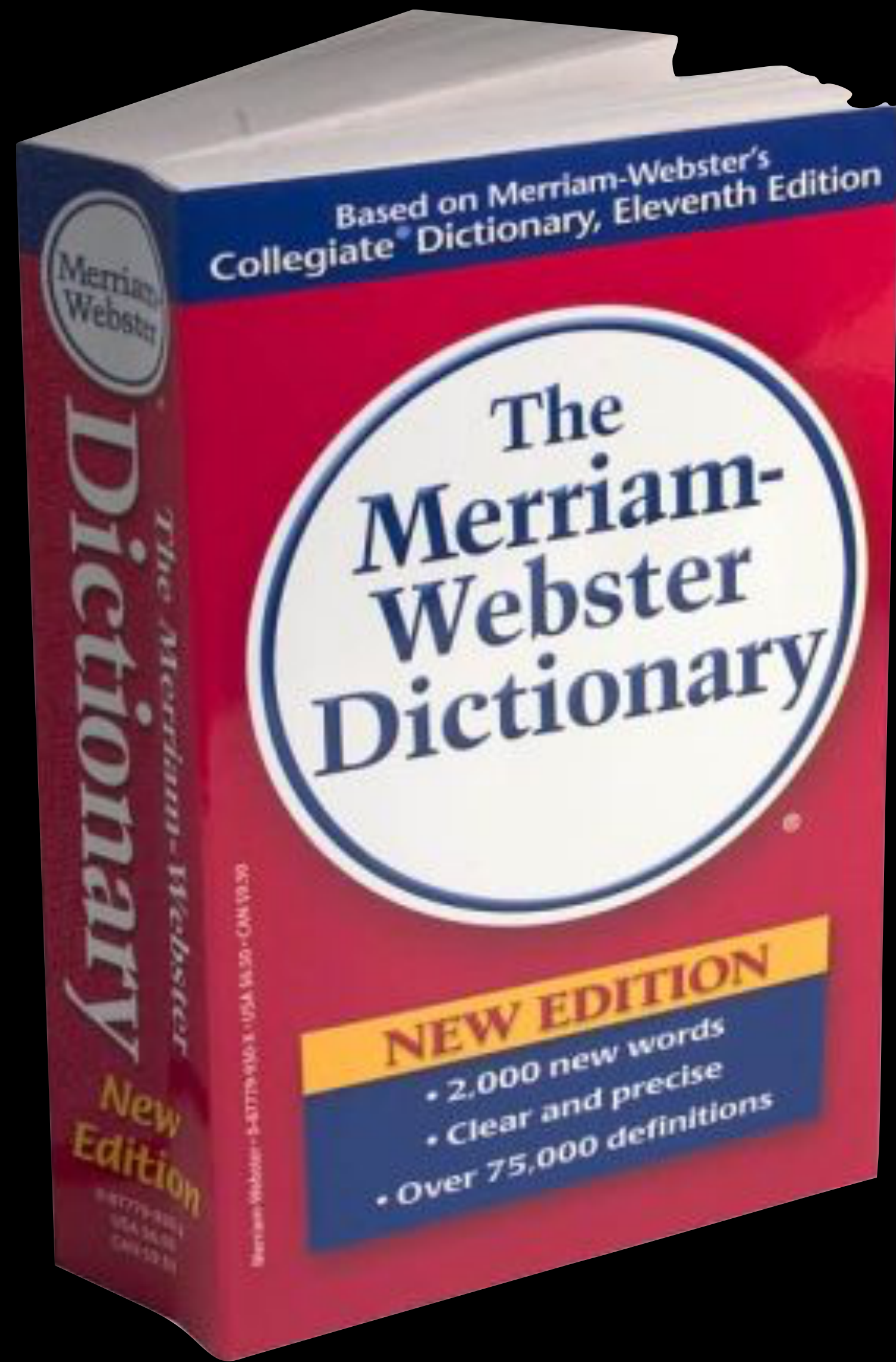
Resolving Things In



Pt. 3 - Motives

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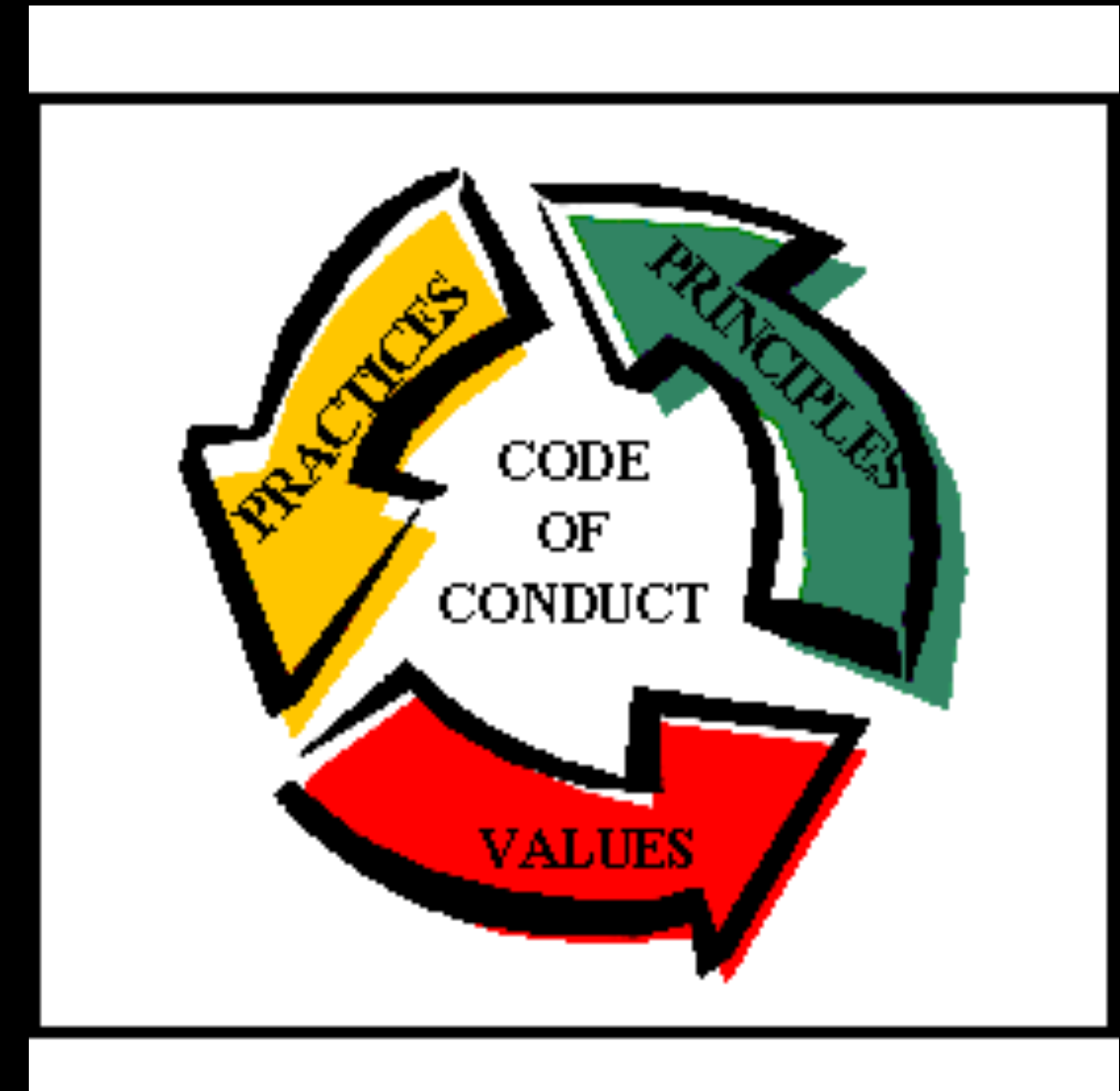
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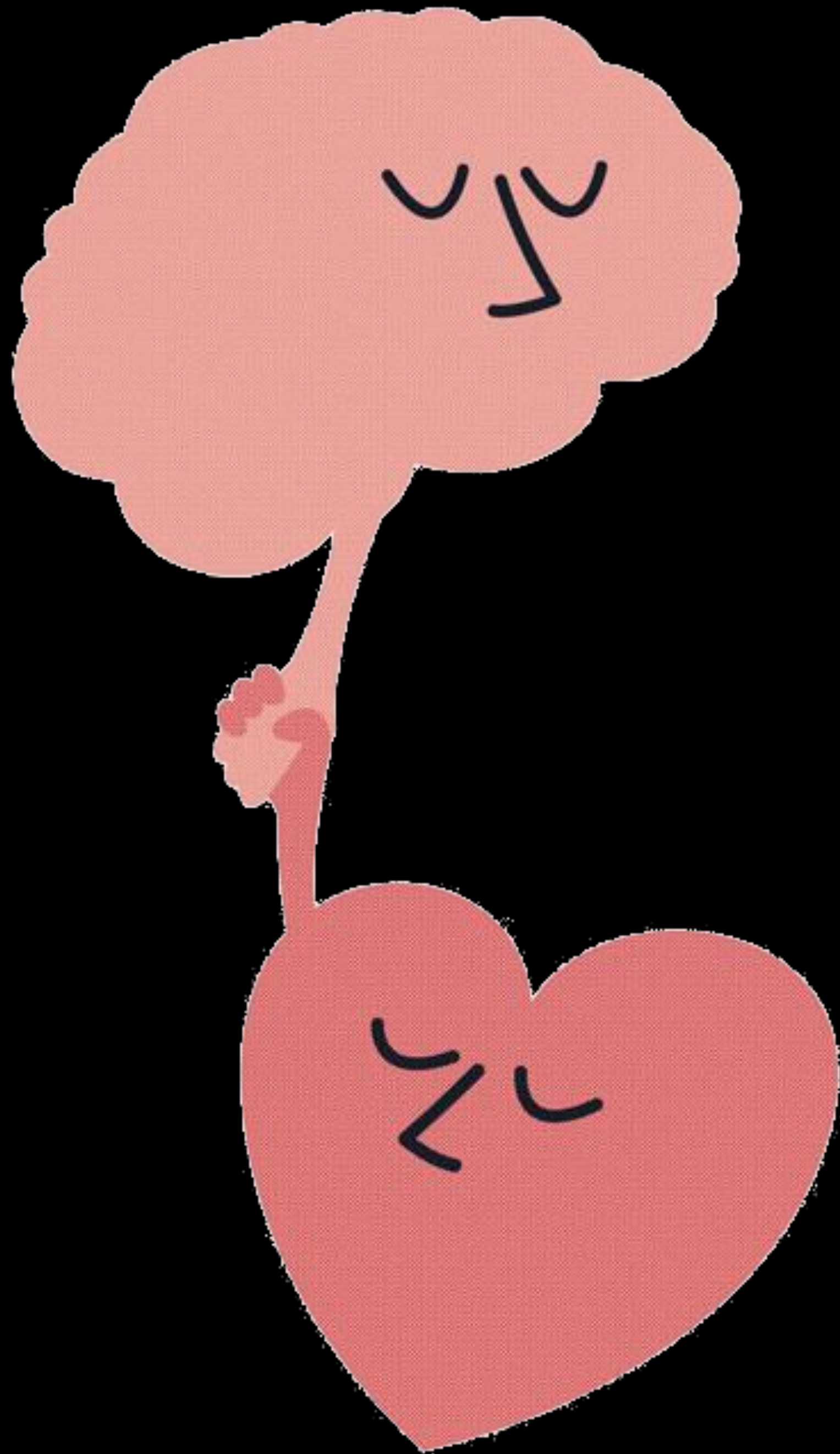
a reason for doing something, especially one that is hidden or not obvious:

3 Things that usually motivate us:

- Our Morality/Code of conduct
- Circumstances
- God's Word

- Our morality was given to us by our upbringing. The way we were raised will always dictate our behavior and fuel our motives. *Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*
- Discipline or the lack thereof, shapes the way we process good or bad and right or wrong. Our judgment is based on how we are judged during our developmental years. *Prov. 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*
- Although God can change our moral code of conduct, absence of guidance and instruction as a youth will result in struggle and hardship later in life. *Prov. 15:32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.*





- Many times we are motivated by our present circumstances and the current situations that we are in. Test and trials will always bring out the true heart of a person. *Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*
- Our actions, in the heat of the moment, are usually based on who we really are and not who we want others to see. This is why we must check our hearts before we are tried. We must allow God to try our hearts first. *Psa. 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.*
- Our motives should never be solely based upon feelings but they should be rooted in sound wisdom. The heat of the situation should never change how we act on things. *Prov. 8:14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.*

- As believers, our motives should be pure. We are to be motivated by the Word of God and not our fleshly morals or dire circumstances. *Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*
- When we trust God's Word and act according to His instruction, then our motives will be pure and our actions will reflect the righteousness of God. *1John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*
- God's righteousness is in His order! When we align ourselves with His order and His commandments, then we can resolve our blemished upbringing and have peace in our decision-making. *1Cor. 14:33 For God is not a God whose ways are without order, but a God of peace; as in all the churches of the saints.*



SUMMARY

Our flawed upbringing and the consequence of our previous decisions must all be resolved in 2017. This must be the year that we check our motives and make sure we are doing things because God's Word suggests it. We should never go outside of God's Word to do things based on anger, resentment, frustration, or circumstance. No matter what situation may occur, our judgment must align with God's righteousness. When we act in this manner, it will resolve things once and for all.

When we act based upon God's righteousness, it may be painful at first, but in the end it will be brought to a resolution, so that we will not have to endure it again. When our morality and thought processes are purified by God's Word, we can make sound decisions and be motivated by right instead of wrong.

Psa. 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psa. 51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Psa. 51:9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Psa. 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psa. 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa. 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psa. 51:13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.