

# Learning How to Work Together and Create Identity Profiles

**Identity Profiles** transform the way we read our Bibles. It is an important skill *Explorers of Biblical Heritages* develop as they explore together. *Exploring Biblical Heritages* is a team activity. We use guidelines and models to successfully achieve our goals. This requires people to work together and that begins with each explorer agreeing to follow this guideline.

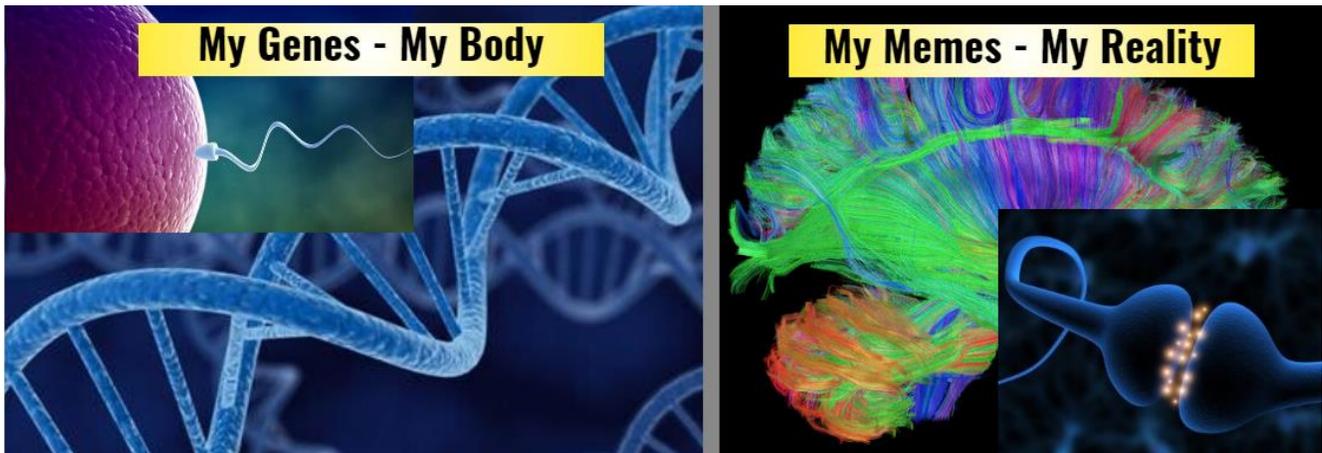
## 1. BHC Explorers Primary Guideline

*My belief system will be large enough for all facts,  
open enough to be examined and questioned,  
and flexible enough to change if errors or new facts are discovered.*

The first line introduces the importance of “making **clear distinctions** between **BELIEFS** and **FACTS**.” **Facts have a priority over beliefs.**

The second line **gives explorers permission** to examine each other’s beliefs and ask questions about them. It is to be done in a civil and respectful manner.

The third line reveals our goal – **remove errors and add facts to our belief systems.**



## 2. Creating an Identify Profile

*Humans are genetic memetic social creatures.*

An **Identify Profile** begins with a **name** and then **identifies genetic factors**, **memetic factors**, and **social factors** linked to that name.

### A. Genetic Factors

In the above graphic find – “**MY Genes – My Body.**”

- The *Human Genome* is **a complete set of genetic instructions** for **creating a human body**.
- *Genetic factors* are sensory perceivable.
- Two very important genetic factors in Biblical Heritages are **gender** and **skin color**.

## B. Memetic Factors

In the above graphic find – **“MY Memes – My Reality.”**

- Memes are **pieces of electro-chemical information** that are **in the neural networks of a brain** that **have been replicated in other brains**.
- Beliefs are **memetic models** with **names, identifying information, and strategies linked to the name**.

Thoughts alone are not memes. Thoughts become memes when they are replicated in other brains. The primary way **memes are replicated is by words**.

- A **word** is a **symbol or sound**, or a **group of symbols or sounds** with **an attached bundle of associations**.
- The **bundle of associations** is the product of the **Source’s culture, time period, geographical location**, and **personal experiences**.
- The **Source** is the **person speaking or writing the words**.

We explore beliefs by **constructing the meme model** linked to the **belief**. Then we identify the **words** linked to the belief, determine who the **Source** is and the **Source’s bundle of associations**. *This provides us with important information.*

Below are people with **Belief Meme Models** that contain the word **“Bible.”**

- For the first person **“a Bible”** is **a canonized text created under the authority of a religious institution**.
- For the second person **“The Bible”** is **the inerrant infallible Word of God**.

The *strategies* (**actions** and **behaviors**) of those two people are very different. The first person wants to know **“who canonized it?”** The second person **“views every word in their Bible as the absolute truth!”**

*Biblical Heritage Explorers want to discover who canonized it,  
and who was the original Source of the words in the second belief.*

Today you learned about four pieces of the puzzle I discussed in my previous email. *It took me years to discover what you learned in this email.* Using that information as we *Explore*

*Biblical Heritages* will increase your skills of exploring. This information will be on the [BHC website](#) so you can refer to it anytime or share it with new *Biblical Heritages Explorers!*

Let's put the pieces together,  
Jim Myers

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