

DESERT PAIN:
SNAKE ON A POLE

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REFINED BY JUDGEMENT

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⁸ The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.





THE DESERT JOURNEY WASN'T JUST ABOUT
GETTING THE PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT.

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EGYPT OUT OF THE PEOPLE.

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WE MUST ACCEPT
THE HUMAN CONDITION.

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OUR SIN NEEDS TO BE NAMED.

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THE HOMEOPATHIC PRINCIPLE

THE VERY THING THAT HURTS YOU,
YOU NEED TO ENGAGE WITH FOR
HEALING.



**World Health
Organization**



JOHN 3:14-15

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up^[a], ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

[a] The Greek for *lifted up* also means *exalted*.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



JOHN 3:19-21

¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, **but people loved darkness** instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

²¹ But whoever lives by the truth **comes into the light**, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.



JOHN 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



WE GLANCE AT OUR SIN
BUT
WE FIX OUR EYES ON
OUR CHRIST