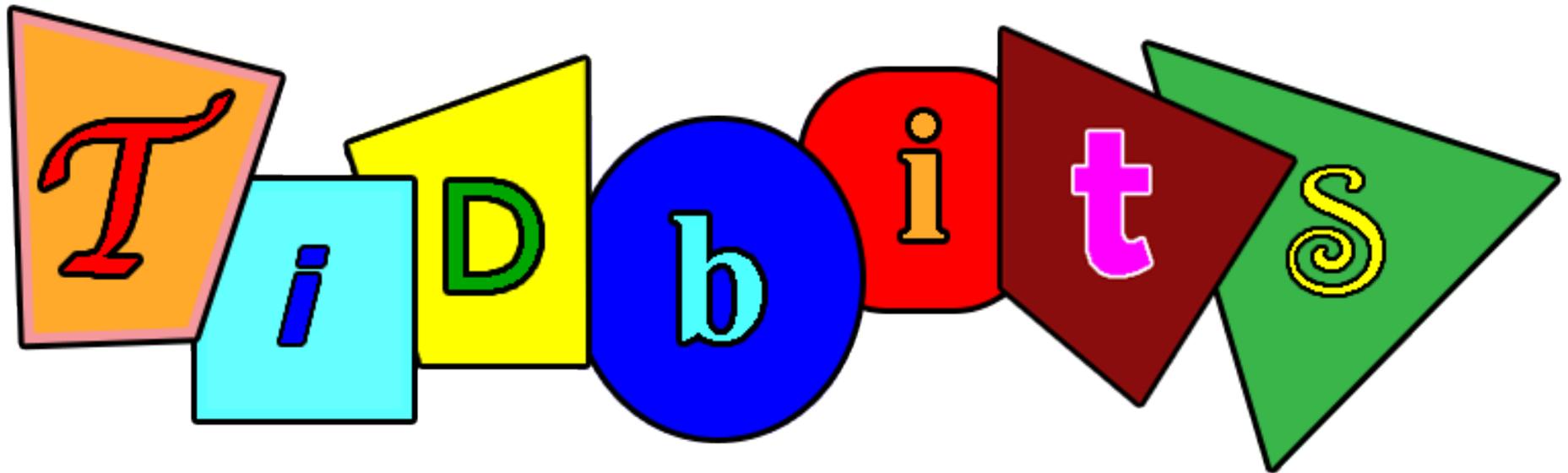
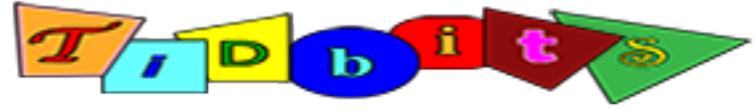
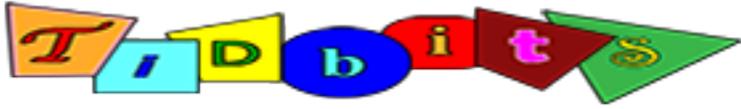


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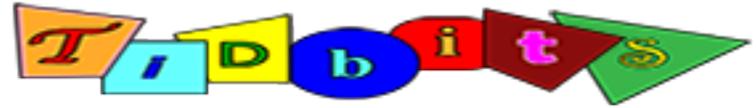
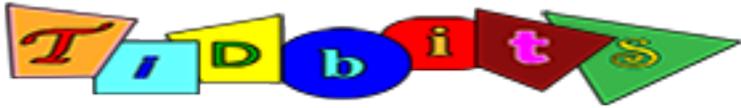
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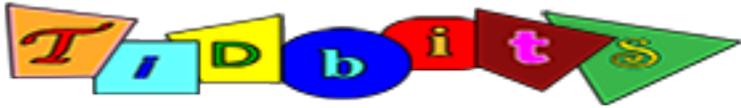
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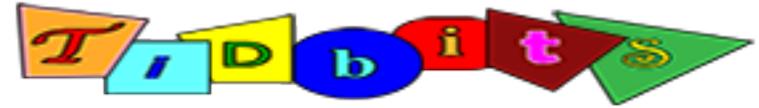
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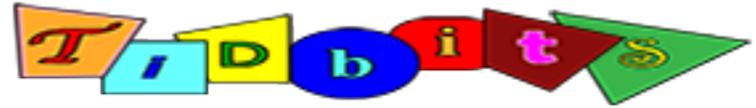
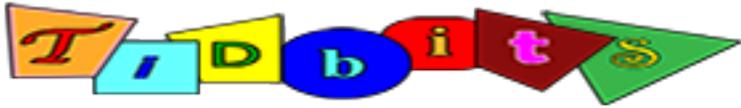
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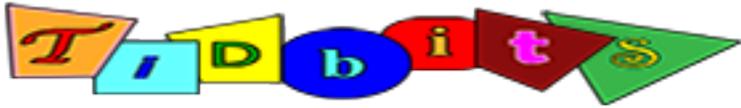
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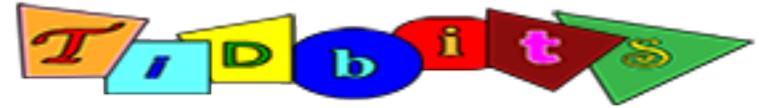
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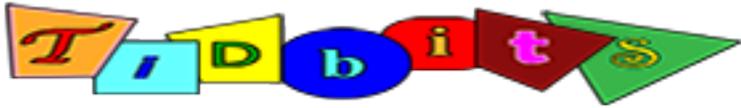
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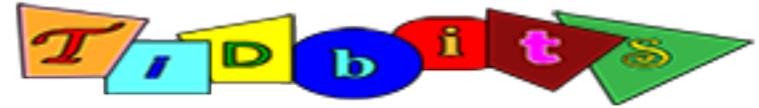
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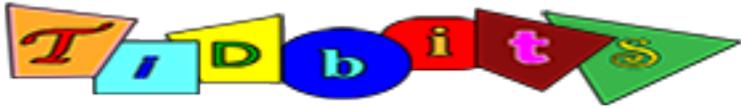
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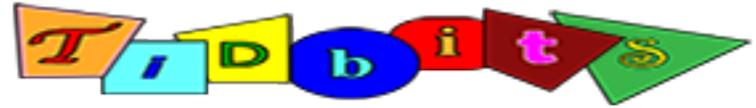
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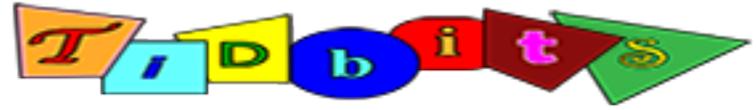
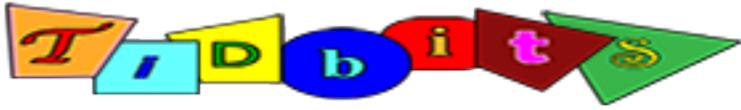
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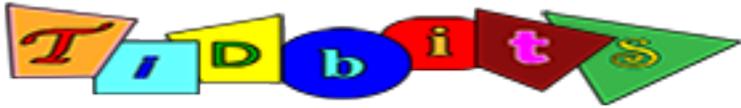
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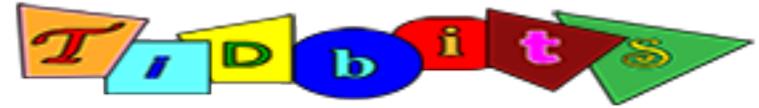
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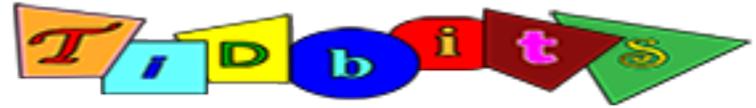
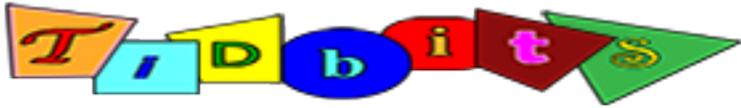
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Proverbs 24:16

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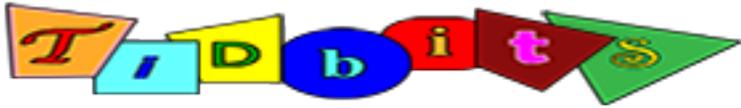


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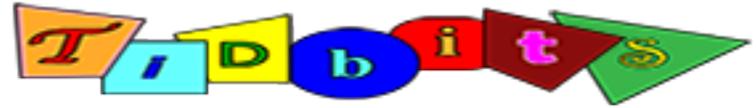
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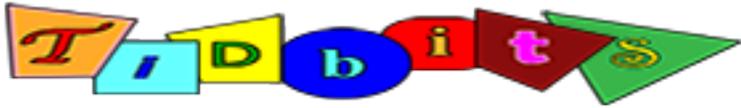
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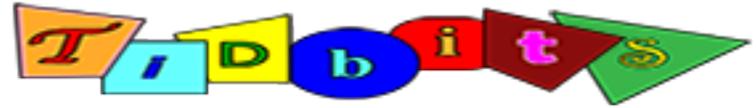
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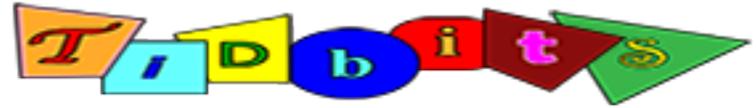
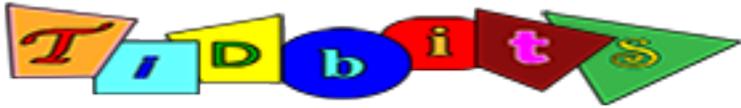
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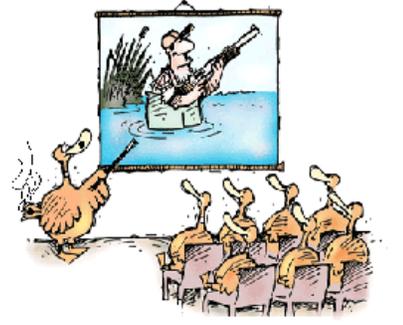
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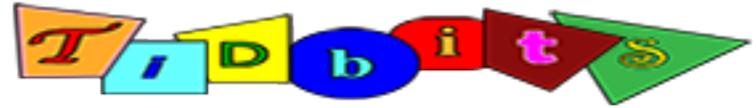
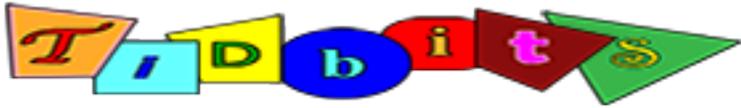
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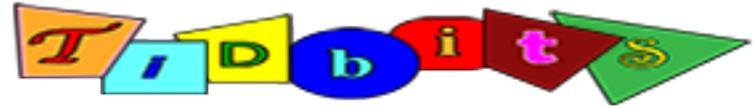
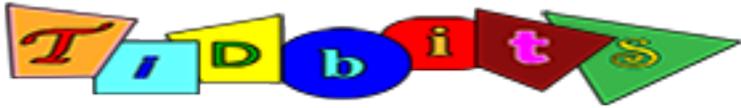
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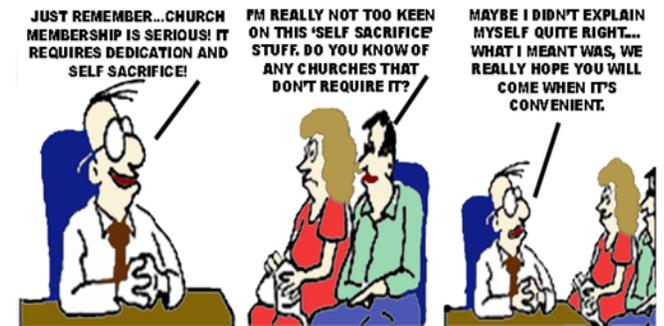
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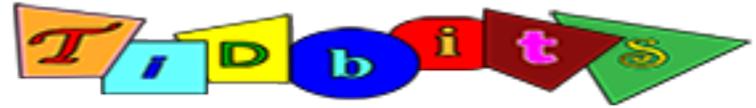
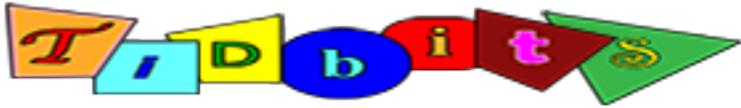
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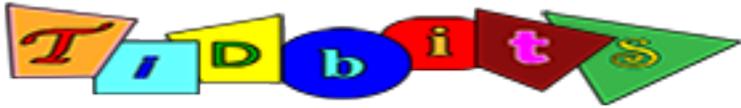
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John Ruskin (1819-1900)

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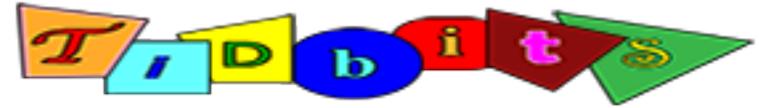
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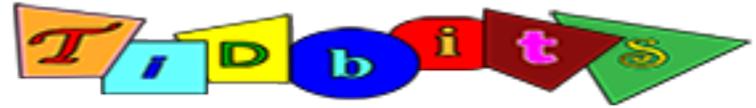
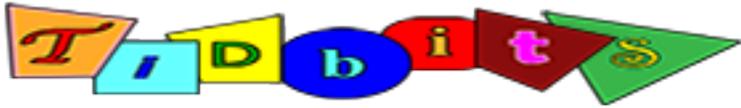
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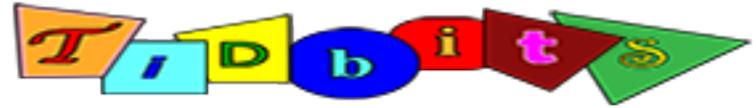
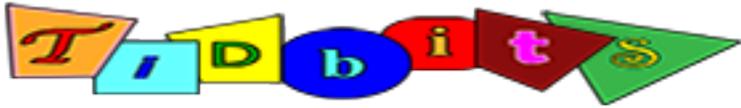
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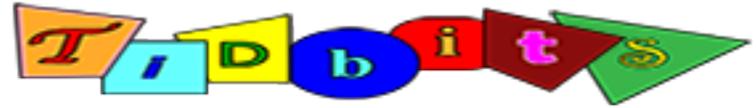
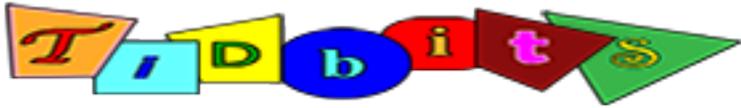
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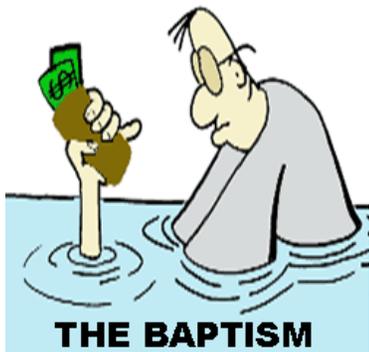
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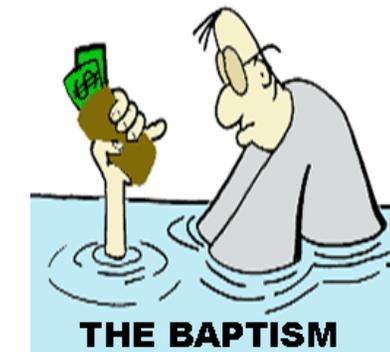
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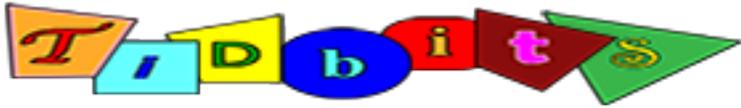
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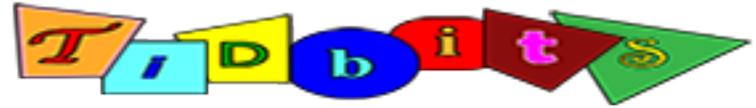
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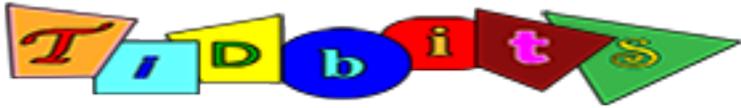
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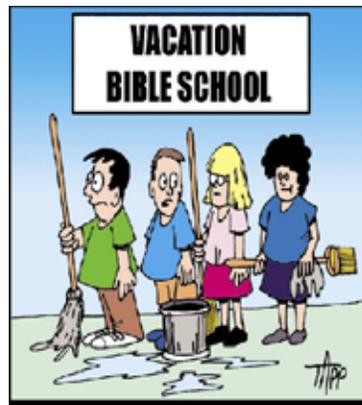
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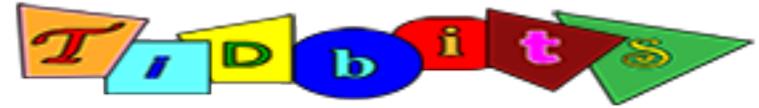
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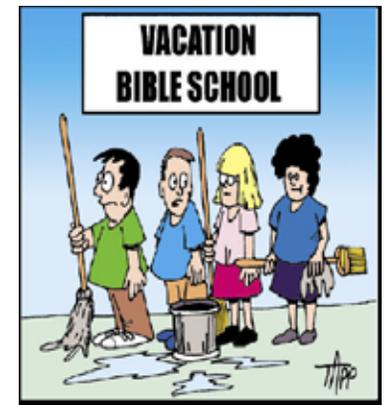
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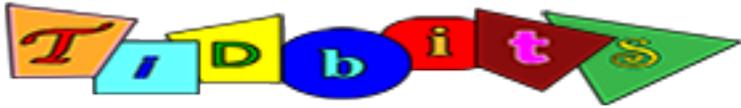
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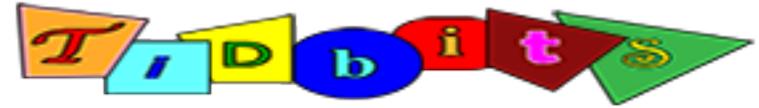
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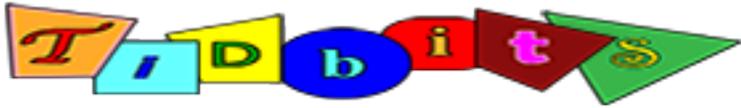
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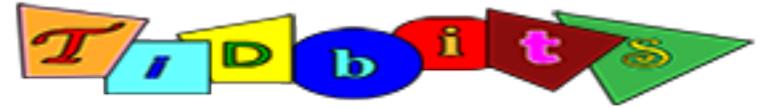
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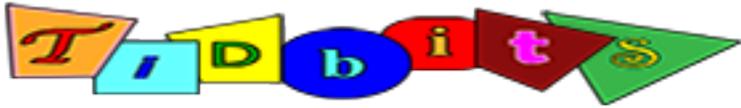
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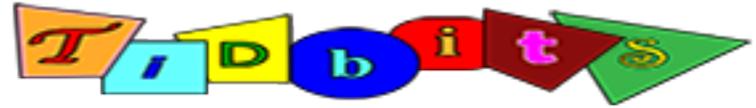
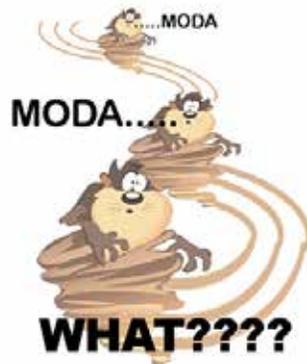
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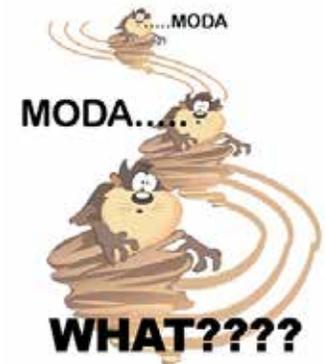
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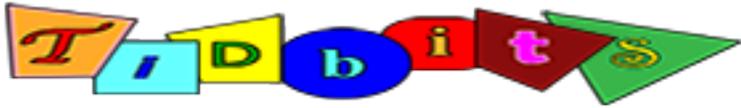
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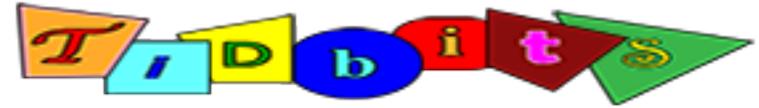
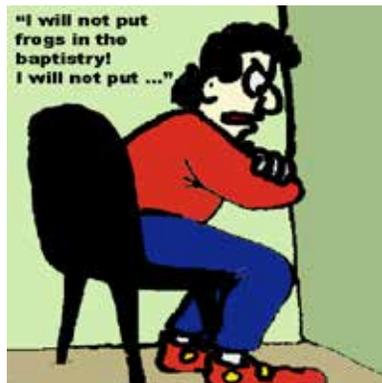
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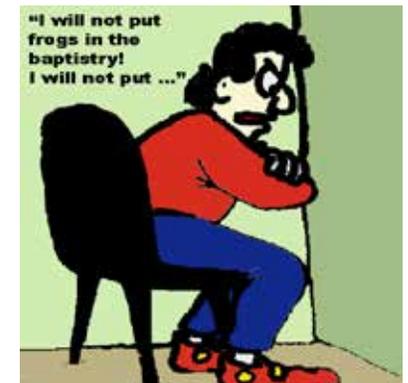
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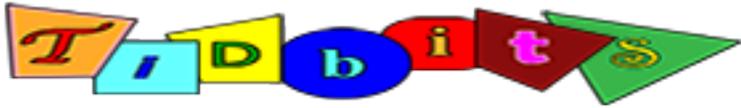
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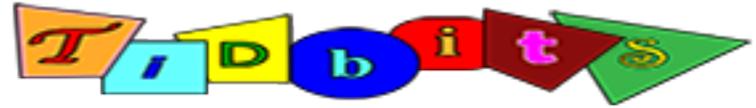
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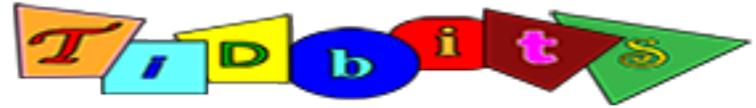
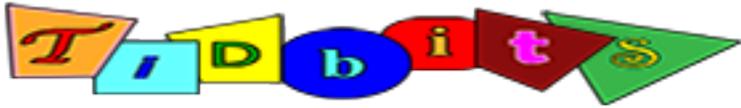
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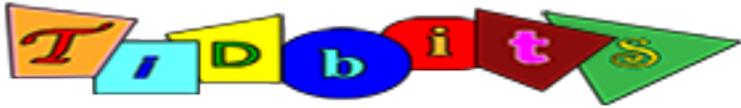
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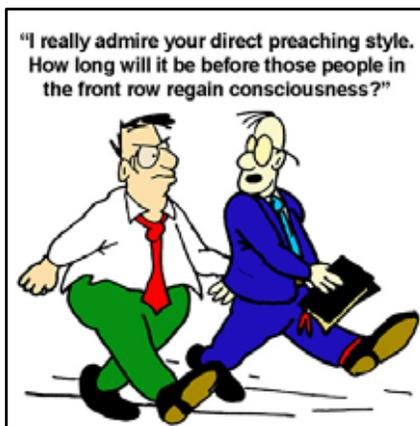
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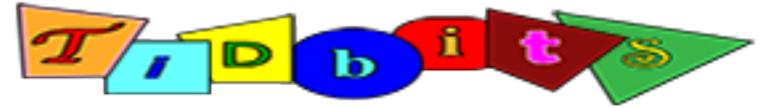
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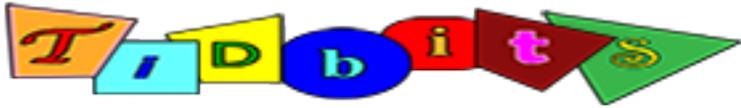
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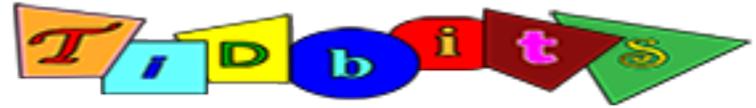
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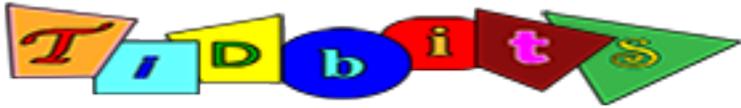
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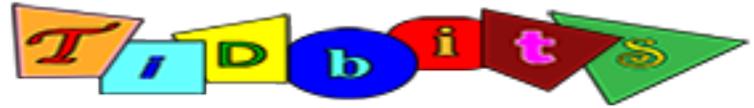
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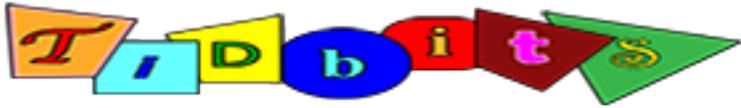


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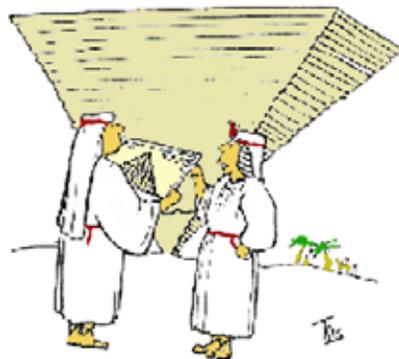
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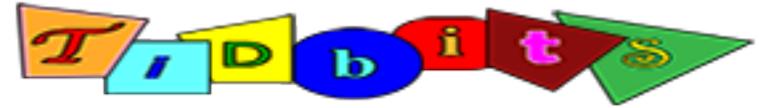
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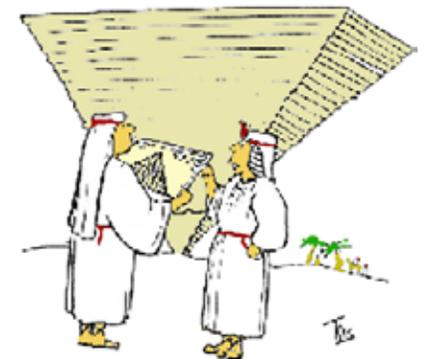
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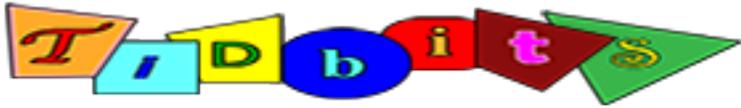
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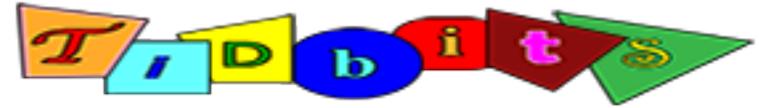
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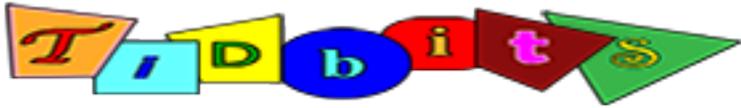
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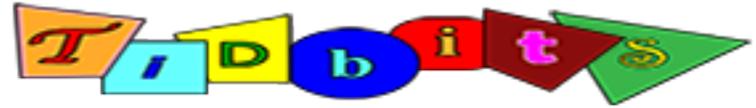
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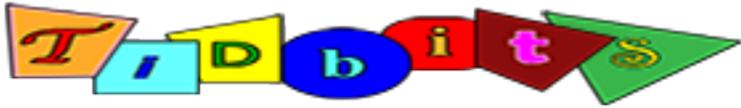
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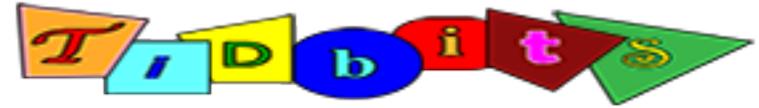
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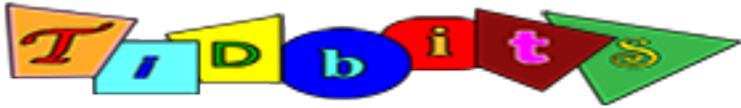
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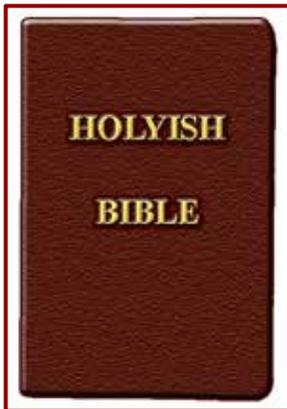
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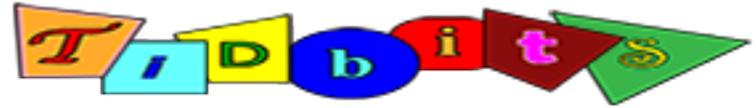
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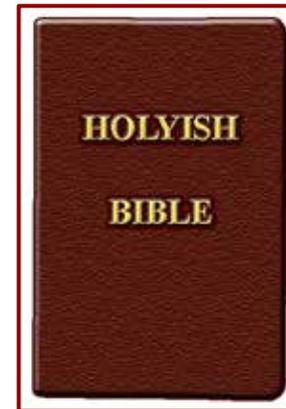
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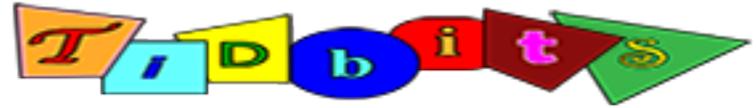
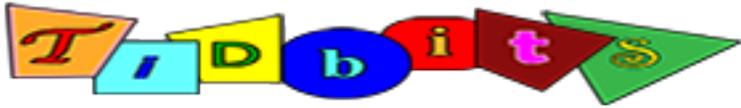
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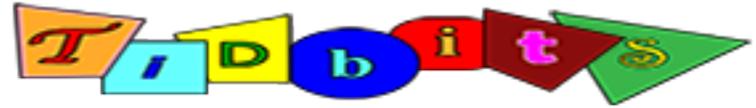
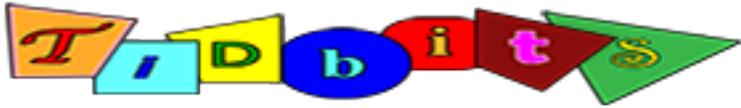
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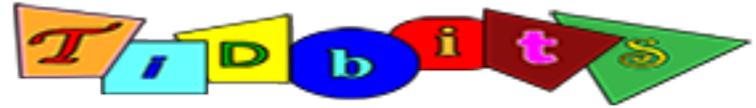
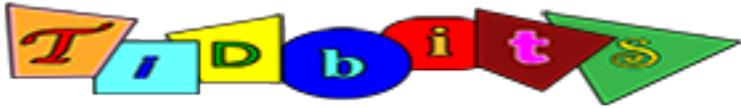
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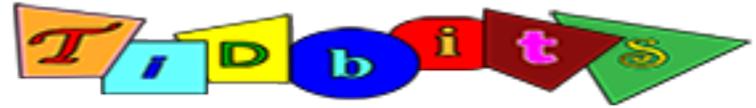
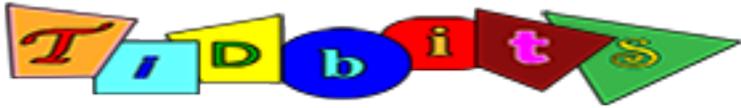
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Heb. 11:6

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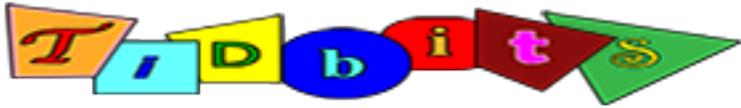
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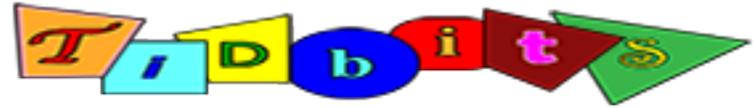
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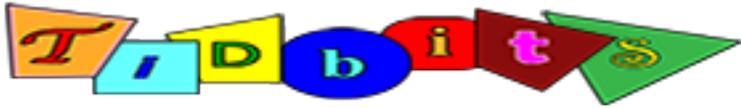
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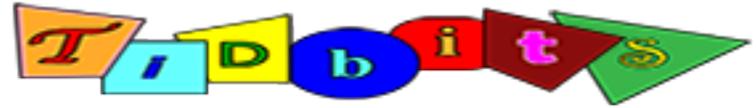
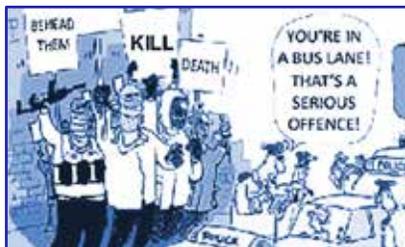
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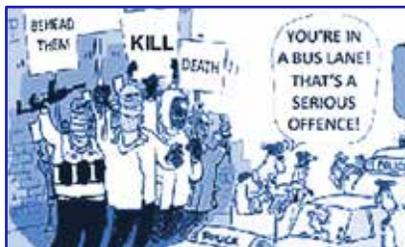
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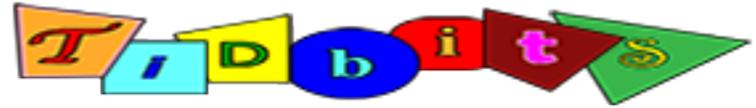
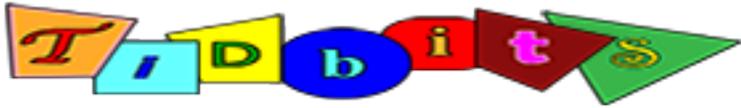
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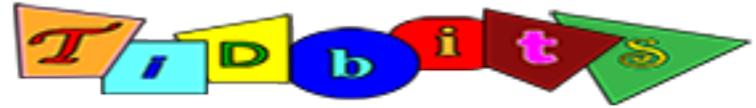
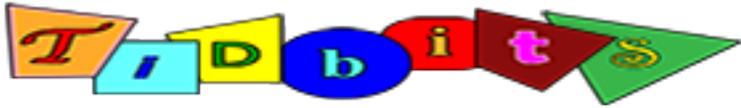
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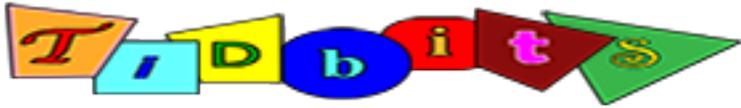
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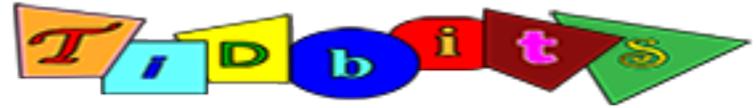
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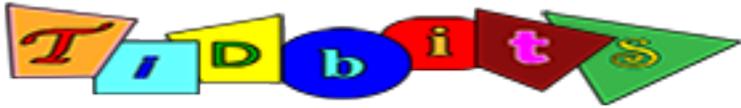
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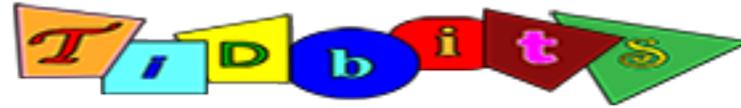
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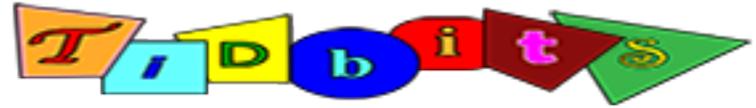
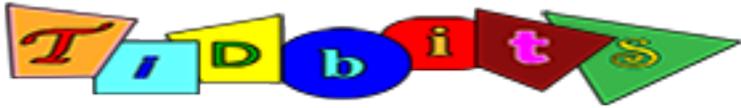
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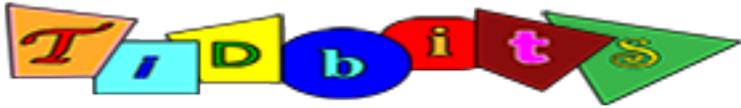
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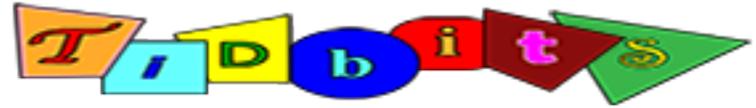
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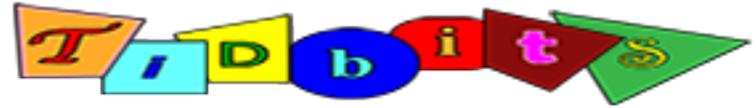
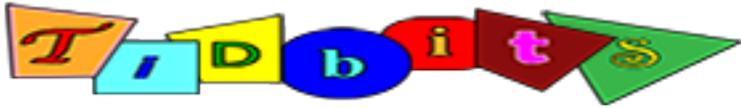
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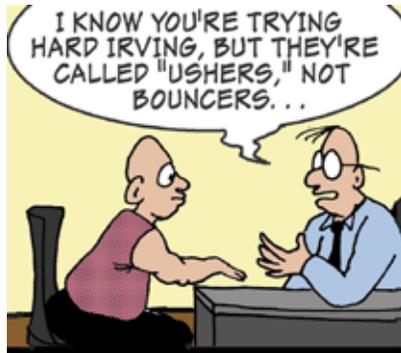
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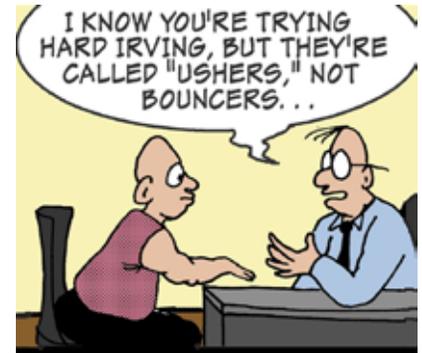
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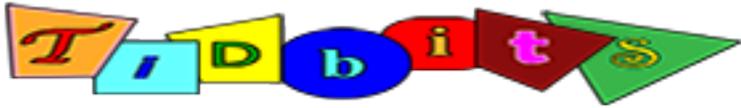
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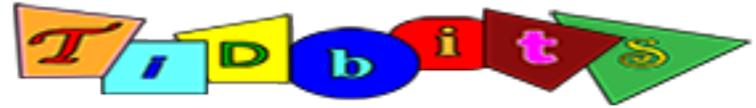
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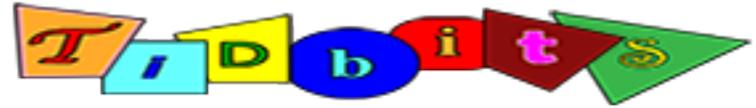
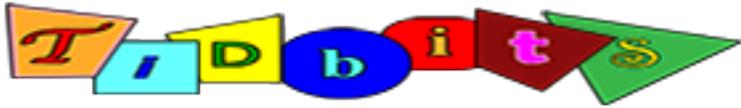
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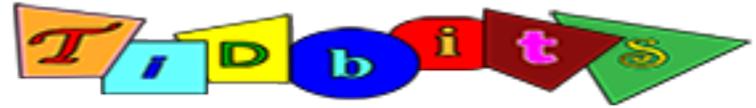
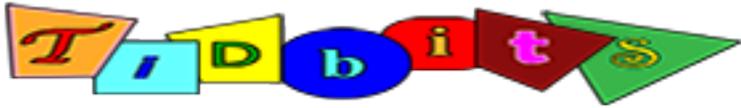
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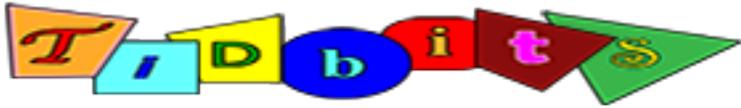
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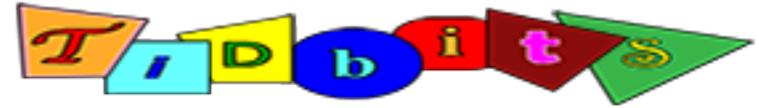
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