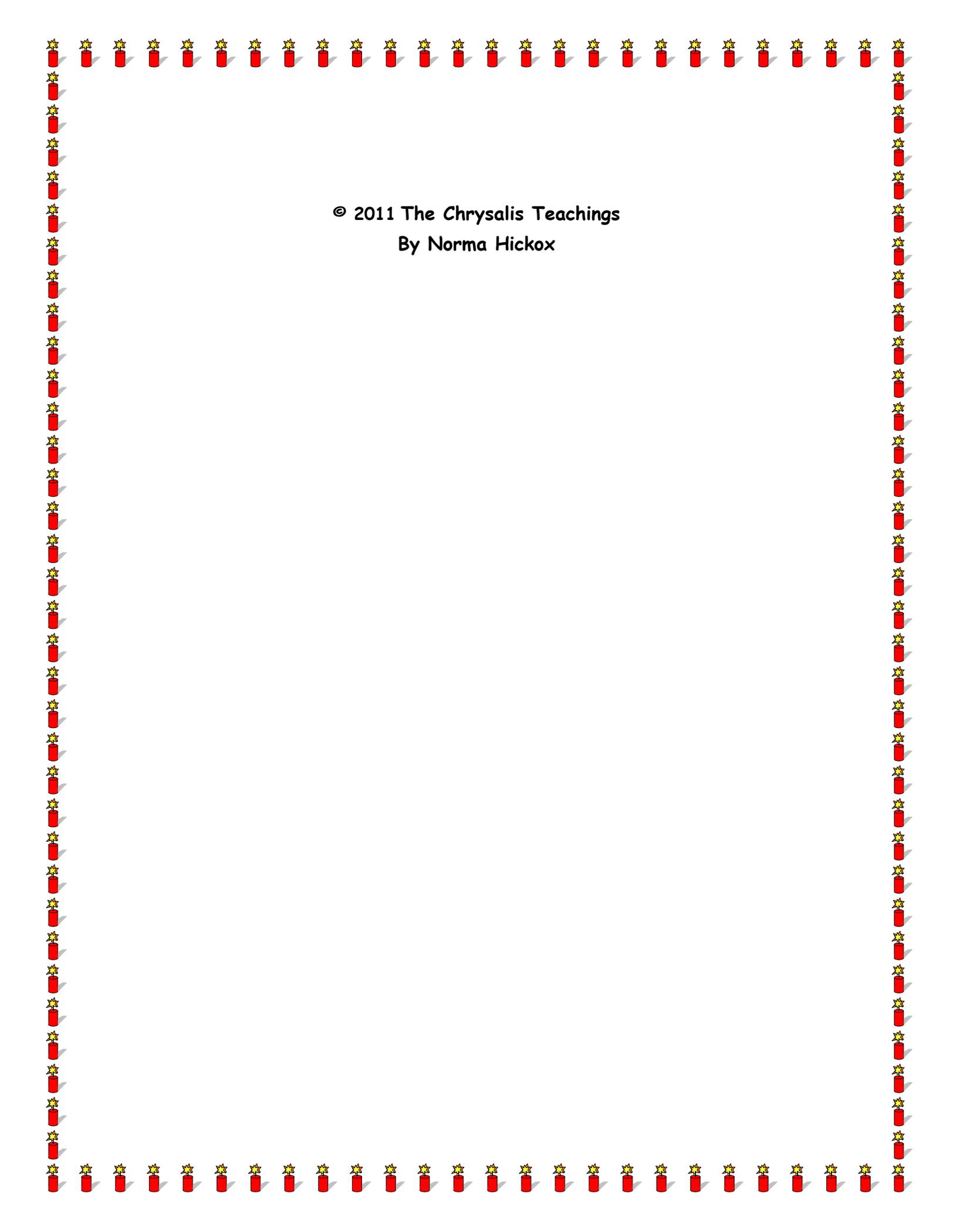


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“Kindness” compared to a “Bell”

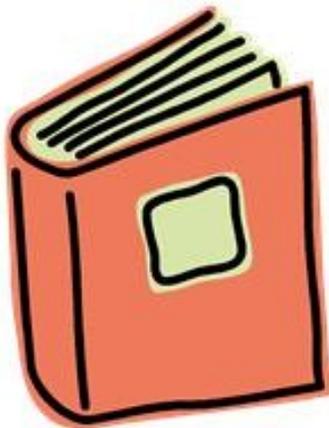


A bell can come in many different sizes and shapes and colors. It can have many different sounds. To be a bell it has to be heard and felt. To be activated it must come from something inside. It can be set in motion from a distance by pulling on a rope or close up by holding it in your hand. A bell can also be set in motion by wearing it somewhere on your body so that when you move and walk, you do so with the bell always in motion. You can feel the vibrations of the bells as they stir the ethers around them with their sound waves. Some bells are large and give out a deep loud gong and others are small and delicate and issue forth a soft tinkle, but all are heard and felt and are beautiful in their own way.



“Freedom” compared to a “Train and Track”

A track is built through lots of hard work. It's built over high mountains, cold desolate prairies, hot dry deserts, etc. It is usually a straight narrow track with a good roadbed. The train on this track has to be activated by an engine. This engine can be just big enough to carry one car or it can be powerful enough to carry many cars. There is a network of train tracks through most of the world.



“Truth” compared to a “Book”

A book of truth is bound in durable covering to protect it. It has many pages full of truth to be read and studied by all people. The best way found so far to get spiritual teachings to the masses is through the use of books. The truths can be translated into many different languages.



"Greed" compared to a "Toad"

A toad jumps all over sticking his tongue out and catching anything that comes near him. It is ugly. It is a carry over from the days of the cave man when this attitude was necessary to survive. Both greed and selfishness were necessary for survival then, but not now because we have evolved past this stage. Anyone still employing these attitudes is stopping their evolution. They're stuck in cave man days, and need to be enlightened. But first they have to be made to admit these are their attitudes before they will attempt to change them.



"Fear" compared to a "Hippopotamus"

Fear is like seeing a huge hippopotamus with ferocious looking teeth coming towards us. When it gets to us it will not harm us but we have built up in mind that all big things and unknown things are to be feared.



“Wisdom” compared to a “Chicken on Nest of Eggs”

A chicken sitting on a nest of eggs is wise enough to know how long it takes for chicks to hatch. It knows this instinctively. The chicken also knows the eggs must be kept warm while hatching and that she must have patience waiting.



“Unselfish Love” compared to “Helpless Little Baby”

A good definition of unselfish love would be to love everyone as you would a helpless little baby. You don't expect or demand anything from them. You just love them because they are an expression of the Creator's love, the miracle of life. We take care of their needs as best we can and try to help them grow.