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- I. The tongue is an important gauge of one's spiritual health (v 1-5a)
  - a – An equine illustration (v 3)
  - b – A maritime illustration (v 4)

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II. An untamed tongue is a weapon of mass destruction. (v 5b-12)

a – An untamed tongue is like fire (v 5b-6)

b – An untamed tongue is like a wild animal  
(v 7-8a)

c – An untamed tongue is like deadly poison  
(v 8b)

d – An untamed tongue is like an unnatural  
spring or plant (v 9-12)