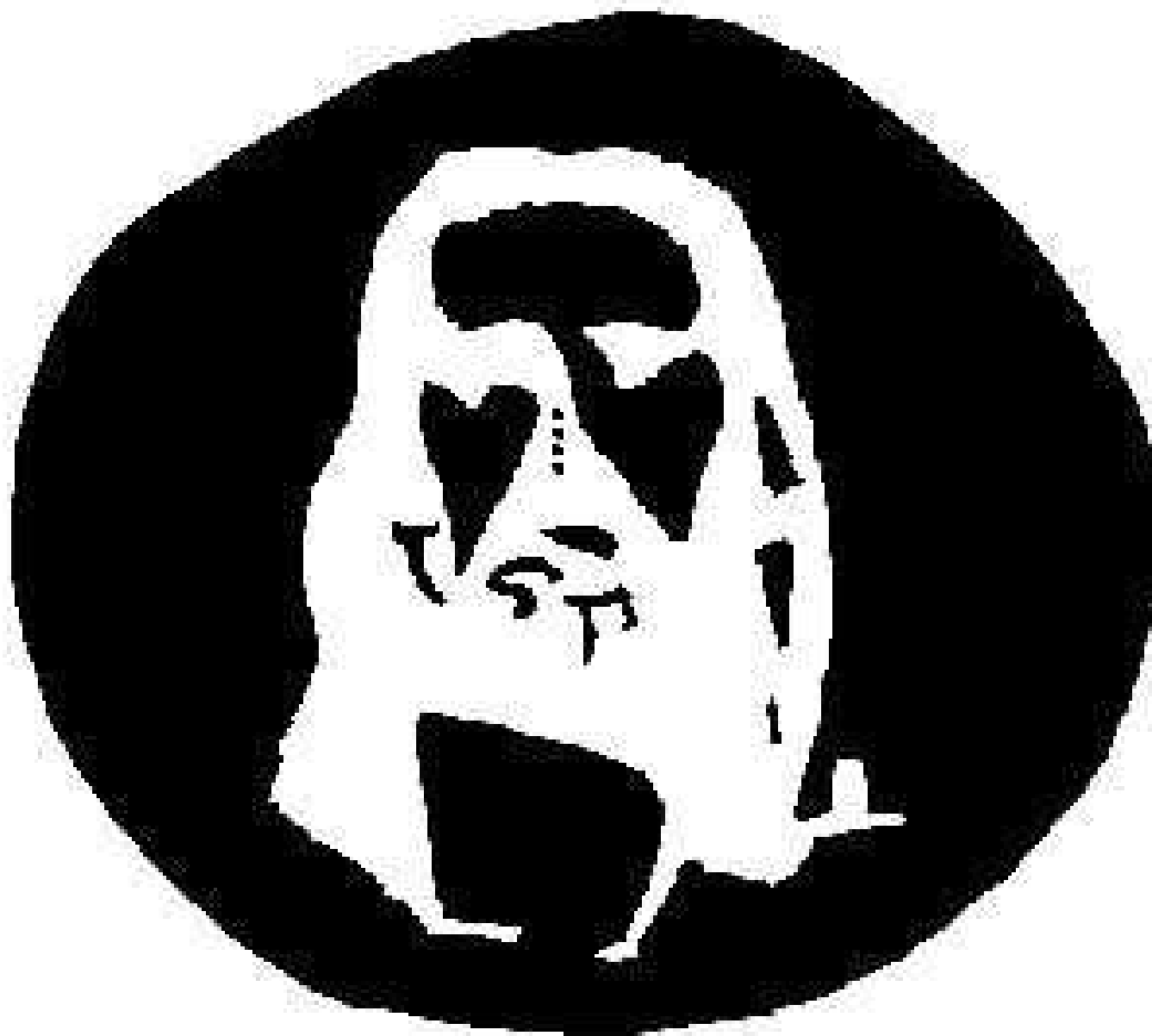


Lesson 10



originally named Saul, later renamed as Paul, which means "small" or "humble" in Latin.

lived in Tarsus, so he was a Roman citizen

a Jew, he was like many Jews who felt the followers of Jesus posed a threat to the Jewish religion

persecuted the church but after a **life-changing experience on his way to Damascus**, he was converted to Christianity



proposed by Düsseldorf historian Michael Hesemann.
(Source: Wikipedia)

became a missionary and went to many places to preach the Gospels of Christ

Acts 9:1-22

v 1- 3 background of Saul's journey

v 4-8 Saul's conversation with Jesus and how he was blinded

v 9-17 God called Ananias to help Saul

v 18-22 Saul regained his sight and became a Christian.
He then started preaching God's words.



Idioms -

A Damascus road experience / Damascus road conversion

In modern day usage, a Damascus road experience or conversion refers to a sudden change on a serious issue such as changing political views, a major career change or converting to another religion.

(source: <http://www.selbl.org>)



usage examples of the idiom: refer to P. 61 and 62

Idioms -

Scales falling from the eyes

When the scales fall from your eyes, you suddenly realise the truth about something.

(source: <http://www.selbl.org>)



usage example of the idiom: refer to P. 62

Idioms -

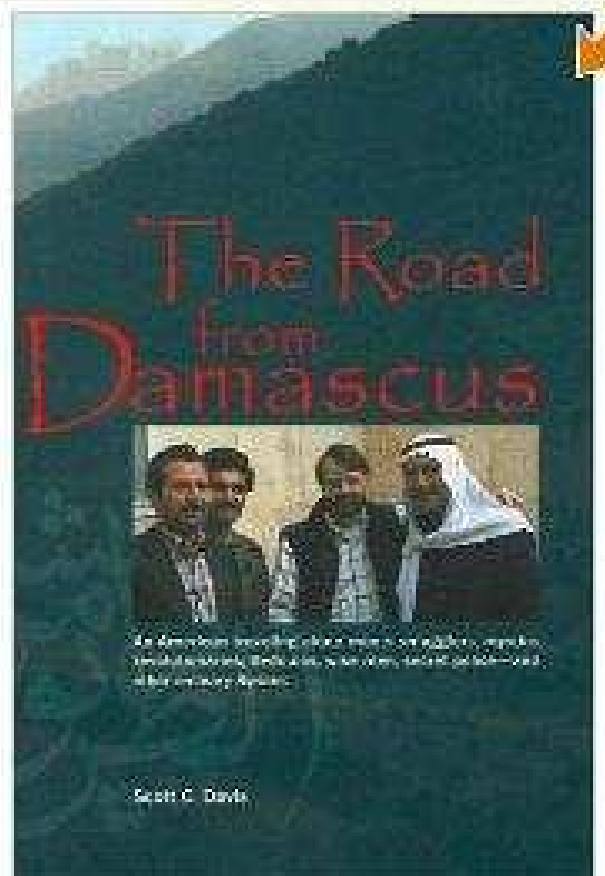
Raised havoc / wreaked havoc

Caused trouble, damage or disorder

usage example of the idiom: refer to P. 62

Exercise: Make a sentence using one of the idioms above.

The Road from Damascus: A Journey Through Syria (2001)



as Davis learned during his second visit to Syria, it is not the vision of God that a seeker receives "on the road **to** Damascus" that is important but rather how the seeker puts it into practice in life (i.e., how he or she walks the road **from** Damascus).

(source: Library Journal
<http://www.amazon.com/>)

Road to Damascus



It must have been somewhere along this stretch that Saul had a vision that completely changed the direction of his life

(http://www.welcometohosanna.com/PAULS_MISSIONARY_JOURNEYS/0.2Conversion.html)

Group Discussion : P. 63

Which aspect of your life do you think needs changes? e.g. school life, relationship with family or friends, etc

What did Paul say about "change" in the Bible?

"Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)