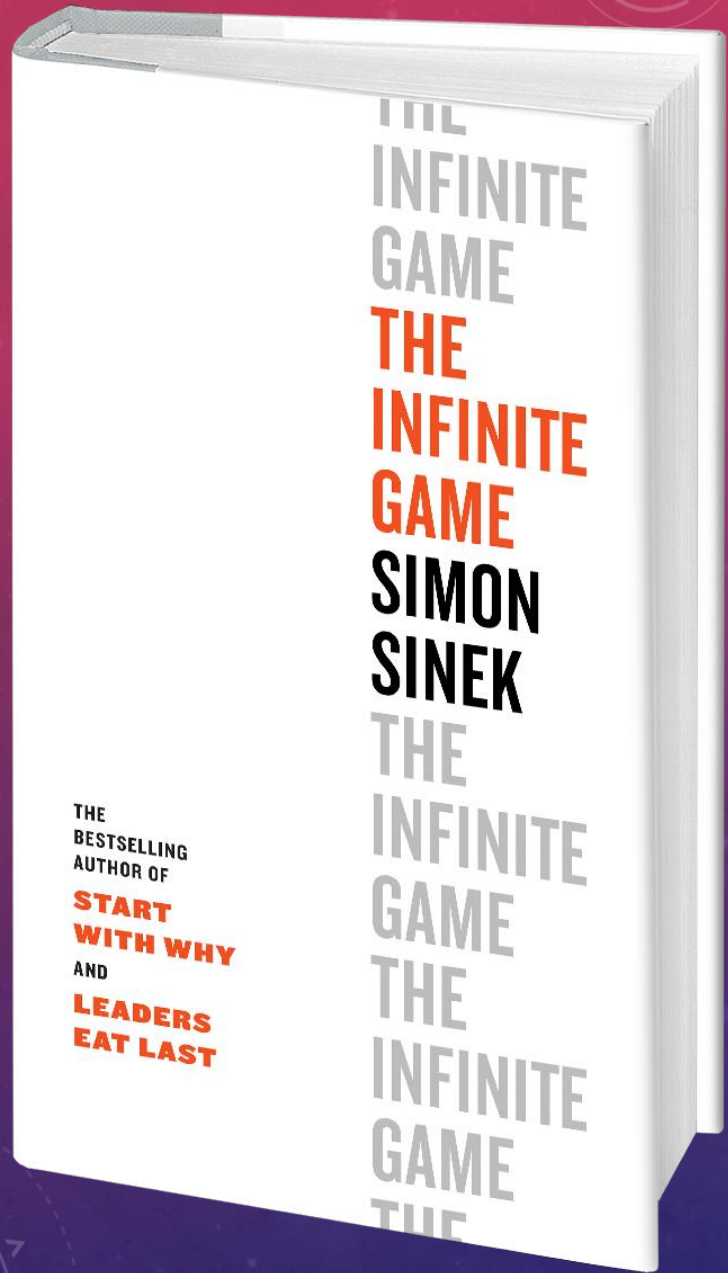


The background features a dark, starry sky transitioning from deep red at the top to dark blue at the bottom. Overlaid on the sky are several faint, white circular patterns, some resembling orbits or paths, with small arrows indicating direction. At the bottom of the image, a silhouette of a mountain range is visible against the dark blue sky.

CORRECTING MISTAKES IN FAMILYSEARCH FAMILY TREE

THE INFINITE ITERATIVE QUEST FOR ACCURACY



“Infinite-minded leaders understand that “best” is not a permanent state. Instead, they strive to be “better.” “Better” suggests a journey of constant improvement and makes us feel like we are being invited to contribute our talents and energies to make progress in that journey.”

— Simon Sinek, The Infinite Game

THE FAMILYSEARCH OATH



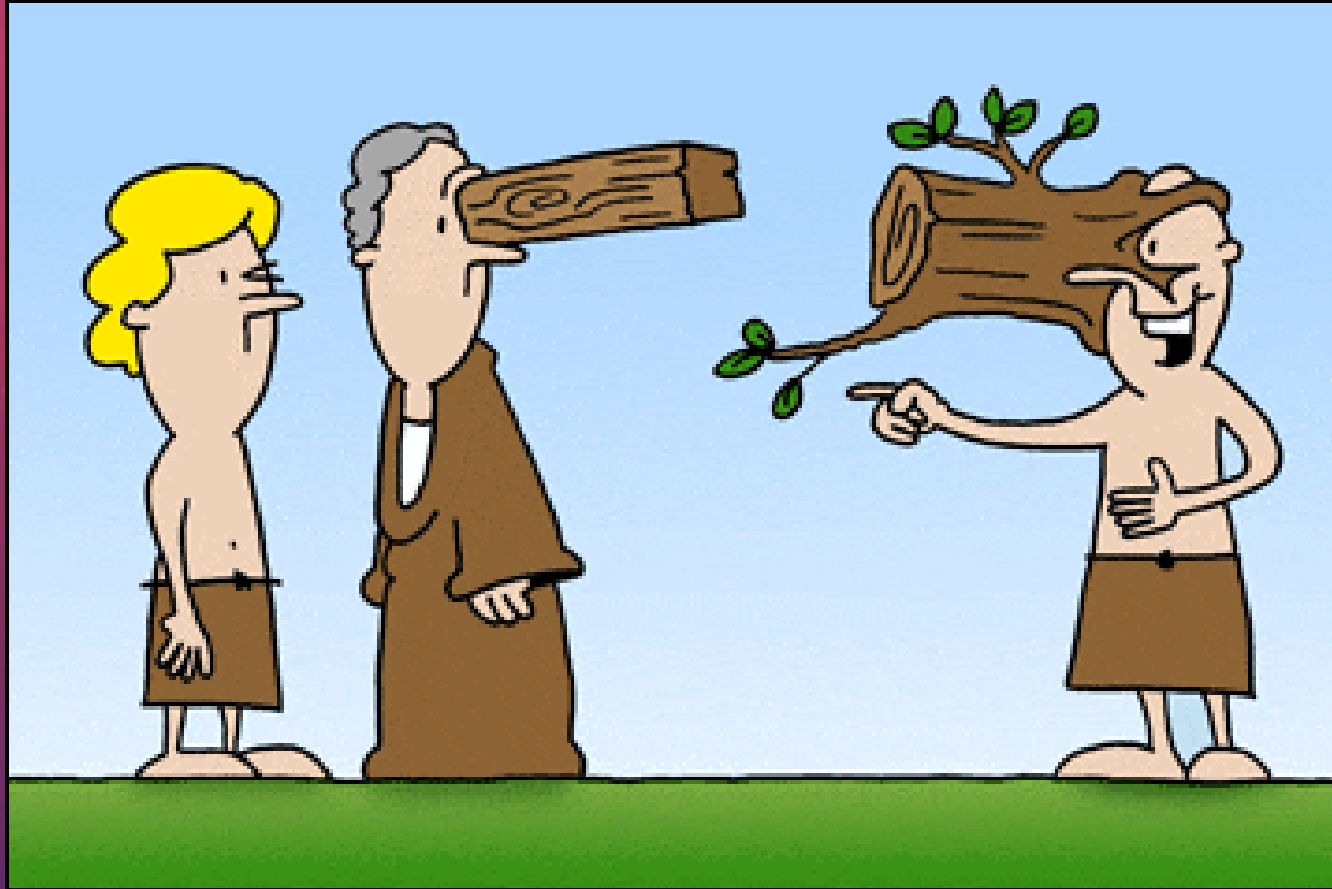
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(See Matthew 7:1-5)

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HAH HAH, YOU JUST TOLD HIM THAT HE HAS A
SPLINTER IN HIS EYE, AND YOU HAVE A BEAM
IN YOURS

The first step in fixing mistakes in FamilySearch is to learn not to contribute to the problem ourselves, by identifying our own mistakes and avoiding them in the future

EIGHT STEPS FOR ACCURACY IN FAMILY TREE

1. Learn as much as possible about the person
2. Gather as many sources as possible
3. Post all sources to the person on Family Tree
4. Reach evidentiary conclusions after evaluating all sources
5. Clean up person and relationships to match evidentiary conclusions
6. Place a Watch on the person
7. Reverse changes made by other users if no new sources are provided
8. Re-evaluate conclusions if new sources are provided

USING WATCHLIST TO CORRECT BAD CHANGES

1. Check watchlist as first step when you log on (Select “Changes to People I’m Watching”)
2. Click on each person you are watching to whom changes have been made since the last time you worked on Family Tree
3. Look at the “Latest Changes” for each person
4. Scroll down list to last change that you made on the list
5. Move up the list and evaluate each change, one by one, made since your last change
6. Undo bad changes

TYPE OF PROBLEMS YOU WILL ENCOUNTER

- Bad names
- Bad dates or places
- Bad relationships
- Junk sources, notes, or Life Sketch
- Improperly formatted sources
- Hijacking of people
- Bad memories
- Merging of two distinct people
- Duplicate people
- Duplicate sources
- Duplicate relationships
- Non-standard dates or places

REASONS USERS MAKE MISTAKES

- Errors in logic
- Failure to recognize varying evidentiary value of different sources
- Mindless reliance on Ancestry or online/paper tree
- Failure to review sources before making changes
- Carelessness
- Lack of training
- Making assumptions
- Not understanding difference between birth/christening & death/burial
- Desire to leave no blanks in dates and places
- Failure to recognize that Family Tree is not their own personal tree

LIVE CORRECTIONS FROM WATCHLIST

