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### Common Methods of Divination

- ☐ Astrology: by celestial bodies
- ☐ Augury: by the flight of birds
- ☐ Cartomancy: by cards
- ☐ Cybermancy: by computers
- ☐ Gastromancy: by crystal balls
- ☐ Numerology: by numbers
- ☐ Oneiromancy: by dreams
- ☐ Ouija: board divination
- ☐ Necromancy: by the dead, or spirits/souls of the dead

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**Corners of the head and Corners of the beard**

The Hebrew word here for “corners” is the word “pe-ah” which means sides. The clear interpretation of the text is that God was referencing “side-burns”. The prohibition is against the men of Israel cutting off their sideburns and wearing a “goatee”. The reason for the prohibition is because the ancient men of Egypt wore goatees. It is important to remember how both the men and women of Egypt revered the he-goat.

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The he-goat is a lascivious beast, known for its lusty nature. This nature makes the he-goat so hot that its blood can dissolve diamond, a stone neither fire nor iron can harm.

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Because of the Ancient Egyptian view and reverence for this animal, the men of Egypt did not mind resembling the he-goat by wearing the goatee. They saw it as a look of manliness and sexual aggression. God prohibited Israel from wearing this look as he wanted his people to be HOLY.

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