

“The Force of Forgiven Forgivers”

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“Force” & the Laws of Physics

1st Law: *"A body continues to maintain its state of rest or of uniform motion unless acted upon by an external unbalanced force."*

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2nd Law: $F = ma$: *“The net force on an object is equal to the mass of the object multiplied by its acceleration.”*

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3rd Law: *“To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.”*

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“ $F = ma$ ” becomes ...

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F} &= \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\mathbf{v})}{dt} \\ &= m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \frac{dm}{dt} \mathbf{v} \\ &= m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{dE}{dt} \mathbf{v} \\ &= m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{c^2} \mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

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“May the ‘force’ go with you!”

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- **Forgiveness ANNOTATIONS**
- **Forgiveness QUESTIONS**

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“What is this “debt” stuff?”

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*Do we offer forgiveness to someone
who doesn't 'deserve it?'*

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How do I forgive my ‘enemy’? How do I love the ‘extra grace required’ type of person?

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Who should take the initiative to forgive ... the person offended, or the person doing the wrong-doing?

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Why should I make the ‘first move’?

I was the one who was wronged!

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*What does an attitude or practice of
unforgiveness lead to?*

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*When does the ‘victim’ become
responsible to forgive?*

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Can a person forgive an offender who has never repented? Should he?

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Matthew 6:14-15

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

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“Finally, all of you should be of one mind, full of sympathy towards each other, loving one another with tender and humble hearts and minds. Don’t repay evil with evil. Don’t retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do, and He will bless you for it.” (1 Pt 3:8-9)

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