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	Recognize that this culture is foreign (1:17; 2:11)	
	Have been purified through obedience (1:22)	
	Crave pure spiritual milk (2:2)	

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