

Trust is the Core - by Jack, November 2020

Trust is the core of any partnership. If you cannot trust someone, they could do anything behind your back. This is like when Jacob and Laban build a mound - a physical promise, so that they can remember it and the pact with it - to create a promise that Jacob will never mistreat Laban's daughters after they part.

One would say this is a strong and good way to keep a pact. Building a mound takes time and effort, time where you bond with one another and maybe even become friends. This bonding might ultimately lead to not wanting to deceive your new friend and to keeping your promise.

However, a mound is only useful as a promise if you don't believe in God, as God is the glue between the rocks and the force in the heavens that can always watch you. Hence, you know that God will know if you break the promise and will frown upon you. You do not want this to happen, so you will keep the pact. Not believing in God eliminates the mental barriers, and you have nothing more than your will protecting the promise you made.

Ownership is just a feeling. You don't own many of your possessions; you are just keeping them safe for God. Ownership creates lust and greed. Many people unconsciously crave ownership, such as Laban - how he made Jacob work for 14 years, deceived him, and always took a disliking to him. This is an example of greed, just to stay with his daughters. However, everyone loves their daughters (and sons, of course!) and maybe just wants to protect them as they care.