

Psalms
Disorientation to
Reorientation



- 1. Plausibility is accepted as being equivalent to evidence.**
- 2. It seems to be more metaphysics than science.**
- 3. They are obsessed with Christianity and Creationism.**

"The smartest in a large number of hamsters is still a hamster."



1. Everyone lives by faith.

**2. We are finite...humility should be
our norm.**

**3. We tend to be emotionally tied to
what we believe.**

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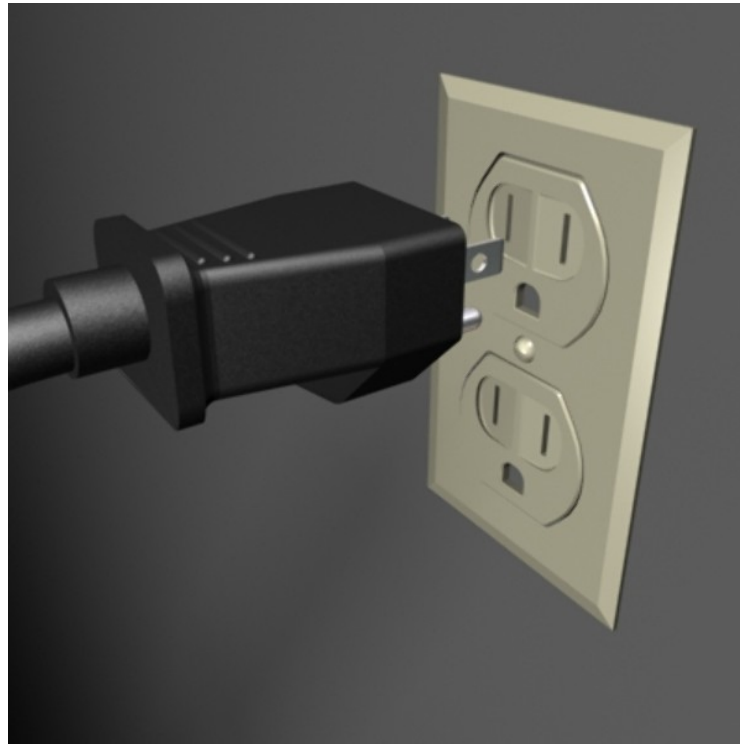
Psalm 147

Psa. 147:1 Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

The more we choose to praise God because it is "fitting" then the more we will experience the reality that it is "pleasant" as well.

A less developed understanding of the truth of who God is will decrease our capacity for feeling the pleasure of praise.

"Embrace emotion that is plugged into the outlet of understanding the truth about who God is."



Psa. 147:2-4 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Psa. 147:5-6 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

**Psa. 147:7 Sing to the LORD with
thanksgiving; make music to our God
on the harp.**

Psa. 147:8-9 He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

Psa. 147:10-11 His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Psa. 147:12-18 Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion, for he strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat. He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.



Psa. 147:19-20 He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the LORD.

**Humility is an essential quality for
humanity.**

**It is a reality for us...whether we
understand that reality or not.**

Humility is shy...it doesn't like to be pursued.

Humility is revealed through those who pursue love of God and others.

"What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you did not?"

1 Cor. 4:7

Phil. 2:1-7 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Phil. 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others