

# THOUGHTS

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## SING AND MAKE MUSIC IN YOUR HEART

**J** Pay attention to how often the Bible encourages us to sing and praise God. Very few things move the spirit of man like music! It is a force that can cause us to feel deeply in a way that intellectual stimulation barely budes us. Consider whether you were excited to study minutia in school, or whether you were happiest during choir or band rehearsals. In both cases, learning was happening, but the social and emotional nature of the learning was different.

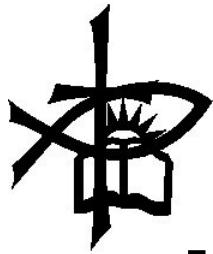
**U** I find that many do not realize the impact that music makes on their mind. Thoughtlessly, they funnel horrific, disgusting, worthless music into their brains as if it will not harm them. Our minds swim in the sea of stimuli, just as fish swim in the ocean. The degree to which the waters are polluted determine the health and longevity of the animals in the aquatic environment. Why would we not think that our mental and spiritual health would be affected by the conditions in which we find ourselves? It seems terribly arrogant of humans to think that we would not be adversely affected by noxious media of all kinds.

**L** I think back to a tragedy which happened several years ago to a younger husband and father of three children who worked in the oil patch. One day he violated protocol and stepped through the door hatch of an enormous tank that stored sour gas (Typically containing a minimum of 4ppm concentration of hydrogen sulfide) without protective gear. In moments he was overcome by the invisible, poisonous fumes and died. His failure to realize the potential of the environment to influence him, even to kill him, was devastating. In the same way, the invisible forces at work on us have either supernatural power to bless us, or to destroy us. Music is one such influence that can build us up or take us down.

**Y** How critical is it to praise God, to sing of his glory? I believe it is both necessary and irreplaceable if a person wishes to be pleasing to the Lord! Consider that humans made in God's image have a unique capacity to praise him and are expected to do so. Acknowledgement (confession and praise) of God is so important that the second commandment's implications are that we will pray, praise, and give thanks to Him continually. The sinful human pride does not wish to acknowledge God, nor worship Him. It seeks to take glory for itself, and this is one reason that the arrogant do not worship God. They are not willing to humble themselves to open their mouth and sing the Creator's praises.

## TRUST, DISCIPLINE, CONSISTENCY

These combine to bring wonderful blessings from God! If we do not trust the Lord, then why should he bless us? Do we wish to show favor to people who despise us? The people who are examples in the Bible made it a point to put their confidence in what God said. We should do the same!



*The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh...  
His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

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Have you made the connection that to be a disciple of Jesus means to practice certain disciplines? The root of both words is clear, adhering to a set of principles and behaviors. Jesus intends us to submit to being changed, through the Holy Spirit to develop a new set of attitudes and behaviors. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (see Romans 12:1-2).

### **NOISE DESTROYS, FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

Imagine that you are attempting to throw a clay pot on a potter's wheel. For materials you have sand, gasoline, plastic, rocks in various sizes from pebbles to 100-pound boulders, sheet metal, rubber bands, and cotton candy. You may object that there is no clay or water made available for you. Too bad, try to make the pot anyway!

I use this illustration to show the foolishness of Evolutionary theory featuring Neo Darwinian synthesis and natural selection. The foolishness of it is that you didn't even have the proper media offered to make clay, much less a pot. That is the chemical reality of the story of Evolution; the proper materials to make life were not even in existence, yet somehow life was made, akin to magically being able to make a clay pot from the above materials.

But the situation for Darwinists is nearly infinitely worse than the illustration shows. My illustration involves only a handful of materials unsuitable for making a pot, but reality shows accident and natural selection would have a nearly infinite chemical combinations unsuitable for making life. Materialists, that is, both lay persons and scientists who adhere to a Darwinian worldview insist that plenty of materials for making life from nonlife existed. Don't believe it, because it's a lie. It is so untenable that desperate attempts to save the theory such as the Multiverse, are employed, entirely without evidence; these literally are fantasies to buttress Materialism.

The phrase, "Noise destroys," has had a big impact on me, because it succinctly shows how damaging inappropriate or unwanted stimuli are. Genetically, the equivalent of noise is a mutation, which is an error. The Darwinian worldview posits mutations, errors, noise results in the beautiful genetic beings that exist on Earth! The equivalent would be to suggest that acoustic noise results in a symphony! That noise is also considered undirected, so our illustration becomes fundamentally less likely, because random noises are claimed to be creating the symphony! When assessed not only logically, but philosophically, Evolutionary theory is a failure. It is only popular because sinful humans despise the will of God and wish to deny Him. Science is increasingly showing that the purported mechanism of Evolution, mutations, is nothing more than noise and utterly incapable of creating the symphony of life! The Director is God!

Blessings,  
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