



Mechanism for the Music 3/9/25

Psalm 19:1-4, "The heaven is declaring God's glory...."

When you look into the heavens, what do you see?

*Up until the 1600s, both science & religion worked together, but then the landscape changed (moving away from the Dark Ages)

Ex. #1 - The Galileo Incident (1600s): Church denounced Galileo for heresy by Inquisition; forced him to renounce his belief that the planets revolved around the sun (Copernicus – start of scientific revolution)

Ex. #2 – Richard Dawkins (late 1900s) – zoologist, ethologist; "The big lie is that God created and oversees the world," *The God Delusion*

The Cultural Paradigm = SCIENCE and RELIGION can't co-exist

*What is the Domain of Science - The physical realm; Experiments; Data collection; The formation and testing of hypotheses; Very specific; explains the how/mechanics. How does it work?

*What is the Domain of Religion - Why does it exist? Why does life & the physical world exist? What does it all mean? Why is it all here? What's the purpose?

Truth = Science and Religion Co-exist easily, because they are talking about 2 entirely different things, but BOTH ARE SEEKING TRUTH!

*only, they are seeking truth about different things

*IE, math is not asking questions about sociology
physics doesn't ask questions about music
music doesn't ask questions about economics

Religion, in its purest form, is not about science; nor science religion

Science: MECHANISM, The HOW ... HOW do things work?

Religion: MUSIC, The WHY ... WHY those things exist in the 1st place

MECHANISM + MUSIC = where science and religion meet

*just because boundaries exist, it doesn't mean science and religion are mutually exclusive. In truth, they NEED each other.

WHY DOES SCIENCE NEED RELIGION?

A: Science w/out religion wreaks havoc/terror on the world, because there is no moral compass.

*what happens when nuclear technology falls into amoral hands?

*from Dark Ages (science is witchcraft) to Enlightenment (science will solve all problems) to Postmodernism (science may destroy us)

But in fairness, it is NOT SCIENCE that is the problem rather it is the "nature of humanity" that is the true problem here, and thus:

B. Science without religion is a mechanism without Music

Ex. - the piano + the music

*Science teaches us about the mechanics of the piano (the mechanics of the world we live in)

*Music is the POINT/purpose of the piano (the WHY it exists)

*without music, the piano becomes meaningless

Science says - you (your entire life) are nothing but a mechanism. The only point of "life" according to science, is to keep your mechanism "functioning well" for as long as possible. In its purest form, this is the goal of medicine if it is absent any religion.

Religion/Jesus says - nothing wrong with the mechanism, but that's not the point. You "human" are NOT simply your mechanism, rather the "mechanism" is nothing more than a "vehicle" for your purpose to "make music." The "real you" *should be* a masterpiece (Eph 2:10), depending on your choices to love the Lord or not, that is characterized by your *healthy soul*, whose point is to bear good fruit of love for God, others and self, as well as joy, peace, hope, goodness, kindness, self-control, etc.

Eph 2:10, " ¹⁰ Instead, we are God's masterpiece/poema created in Christ Jesus to do good things... or in Jesus' terms... *to bear good fruit*"

John 15:1-8, I AM the Vine and you are the branches. ... the purpose of the branches (vs. 8) is ... *to bear good fruit*

*Gal 5:22, like love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, etc

*NOTE: This "good fruit" when "lifted up" in worship to Our Father in Heaven in essence IS your true self/your masterpiece, created by God, for the purpose of glorifying God through producing good fruit

- the good fruit IS the masterpiece/song of praise to God

- this is the "WHY" of your mechanism

Piano Music Analogy = Beautiful Music - good fruit

Harsh Music - bad fruit

Consider Funerals - We're always more than our "mechanism"

*When we describe our loved ones at a funeral eulogy, we actually do this too. Who is "Thomas Childs"? No one will talk about my physical attributes, rather it will all be about my soul/inner character. IE, Thomas was loving, kind, generous, self-controlled, wise or hateful, greedy, an alcohol addict and foolish. All MUSIC, depending on bad or good music.

In Truth, your "mechanism" is nothing more than a vehicle that houses the real you until you get your "true heavenly body."

Rom 8:23, " We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and redeemed/set free .. when the time comes that our bodies are set free/redeemed."

hēmeis kai autoi en heautois stenazomen
 ἡμεῖς καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν ἑαυτοῖς στενάζομεν
 we also ourselves in ourselves groan

*Note: the "we, in ourselves" = the real you, "inside your body"

Gen 2:7, " ⁷ the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath (soul, ruach, pneuma) into his nostrils. The human came to life" - no life, until "soul" was breathed into the human

*to the point: The Mechanism is only a vehicle
 The Music is the point

This is why SO MANY PEOPLE feel that life is futile!

FUTILITY = owning a piano, but never playing it/never making music

FUTILITY = being a piano, but never realizing the point of everyday existence is to make good music (good fruit) to God

- it is NOT your accomplishments, success, money, etc
- IT IS your love, peace, gratefulness, joy... lifted up to God in a life characterized by ongoing worship/singing to God by rejoicing always, always giving thanks, being His witness, etc

*to **Ecclesiastes: A Book of Wisdom - there is nothing but futility without God; mechanism without music is futility of futilities, vanity of vanities**

Ch 1-2: Everything is pointless (Futile/Vanity of Vanities)

Ecc 1:13-18 - INTELLECTUALISM is pointless

13 - I applied my mind, investigated, explored and observed

17 - In the end, "me being smart" was just wind chasing

*to have knowledge, with no purpose, is pointless

- if we are all cosmic accidents, then science is futile
- if we are cosmic accidents, "Mother Earth" is cold and heartless

to Ecc 3:20, From the dust you were created, to the dust you will return

Ash Wed = a reminder of the FUTILITY of "science/the earth"

= a reminder to make music with your life/live into your purpose

Science - Helpful to see how things work, including death; and it's okay

Religion - My purpose is to glorify God in this life and to be with God in the life to come. Making good music today is what matters.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE - See notes above for details

Mar 10 Mon - Rom 8 **Mar 11 Tues** - Gen 1 **Mar 12 Wed** - Psalm 19

Mar 13 Thur - Rom 1 **Mar 14 Fri** - John 1 **Mar 15 Sat** - Gen 2-3

Items of Note:

Sunday Mar 23 Create and Contemplate w/Sherri Jones. Register online or email Info@LPF.church *after church Lunch, Art, Fellowship, etc

Wed night ADULT and YOUTH program continues this Wed, 6:30 pm.

Wed Mar 26 - Wed Night of Prayer and Worship, 6:30 pm

Current Missions = CANNED FOOD DRIVE details at missions station

March 27 - Men's Gathering @ Jason's Deli in Alliance (6:30)

April 13 - Easter Festival after church

April 18 - Good Friday Worship service, 6:30pm

May 17 - Women's Day Retreat

Quilters Group every 2nd and 4th Sat at 10 am.