# 2 Cor. 3:12-18

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# Contemplate:

"to thoughtfully look at a long time" synonyms: to take in, to reflect upon, to meditate, to ponder.

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# Exodus 33:18-21

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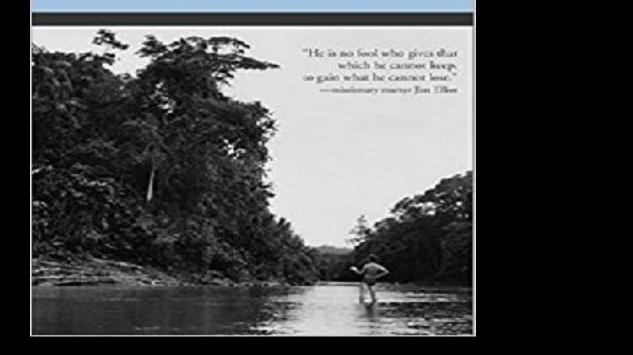
The Great Controversy, p. 555 "It is a law both of the intellectual and the spiritual nature that by beholding we become changed. The mind gradually adapts itself to the subjects upon which it is allowed to dwell. It becomes assimilated to that which it is accustomed to love and reverence."





#### SHADOW of the ALMIGHTY

The Life and Testament of Jim Ellion
ELISABETH ELLIOT



"A man's thoughts dye his soul. Constantly dwelling in the words of the Lord dyed Jim's soul, and it's color was not hidden from fellow students."

#### LEFT BRAIN

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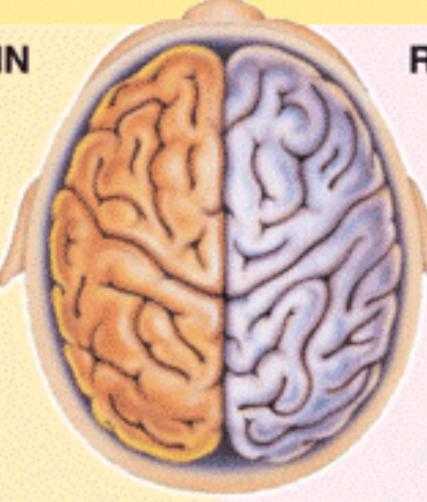
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THINK IN WORDS

WORDS OF SONGS

COMPUTATION



#### RIGHT BRAIN

CREATIVITY IMAGINATION HOLISTIC THINKING INTUITION ARTS (Motor skill) RHYTHM (Beats) NON-VERBAL FEELINGS VISUALISATION TUNE OF SONGS DAYDREAMING

Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings, p. 1 Let us in imagination go back to that scene, and, as we sit with the disciples on the mountainside, enter into the thoughts and feelings that filled their hearts. Understanding what the words of Jesus meant to those who heard them, we may discern in them a new vividness and beauty, and may also gather for ourselves their deeper lessons.

Desire of Ages, p. 83

It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the *imagination* grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit.

Acts of the Apostles, p. 557

"The power and tenderness, the majesty and meekness, the strength and patience, that he saw in the daily life of the Son of God, filled his soul with *admiration*. He yielded his resentful, ambitious temper to the molding power of Christ, and divine love wrought in him a transformation of character."

# Imagination. Admiration. Transformation.

# Definition of Imagination:

"the capacity to produce images, ideas and sensations in the mind without any immediate input of the senses (such as seeing or hearing).

# Synonyms: *Meditation*, Visualization, Contemplation, Reflection

"Eastern meditative practices involve the emptying of the mind, whereas biblical meditation involves filling the mind with the Word of God, reflecting carefully upon God's revelation of Himself in the Scriptures, in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, and upon God's acts in history, including in the life of the believer."

Psalm 119:27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I *meditate* on Your wonderful works.

1 Timothy 4:12 *Meditate* on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Christ's Object Lessons, 59 "Merely to hear or to read the word is not enough. He who desires to be profited by the Scriptures must *meditate upon the truth* that has been presented to him....God bids us fill the mind with great thoughts, pure thoughts. He desires us to *meditate* upon His love and mercy, to study His wonderful work in the great plan of redemption....

The soul dwelling in the pure atmosphere of holy thought will be *transformed* by communion with God through the study of Scriptures."

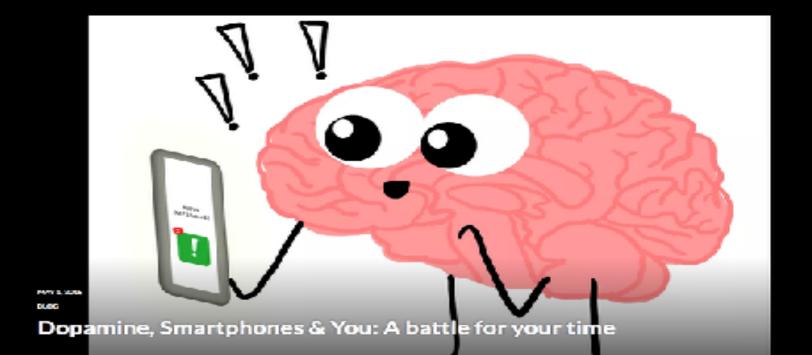


#### Genesis 6:5

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every *imagination* of the *thoughts* of his heart was only evil *continually*.

### 2 Cor. 10:5

Casting down *imaginations*, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ



"I feel tremendous guilt," admitted Chamath Palihapitiya, former Vice President of User Growth at Facebook, to an audience of Stanford students. He was responding to a question about his involvement in exploiting consumer behavior.

"The short-term, dopamine-driven feedback loops that we have created are destroying how society works," he explained. In Palihapitiya's talk, he highlighted something most of us know but few really appreciate: smartphones and the social media platforms they support are turning us into bona fide addicts.

While it's easy to dismiss this claim as hyperbole, platforms like Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram leverage the very same neural circuitry used by slot machines and cocaine to keep us using their products as much as possible. Taking a closer look at the underlying science may give you pause the next time you feel your pocket buzz.





#### Knives Not Allowed

#### A knife is prohibited if:



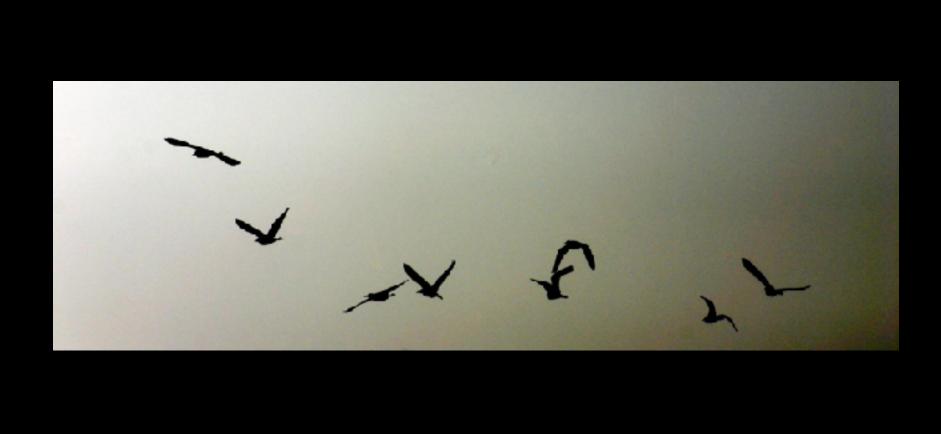
#### Phil. 4:8 - Filter

Is it true? Is it honorable? Is it right? Is it pure? Is it lovely? Is it praise worthy?

# Evaluate before you Contemplate

"Even the thoughts must be brought into subjection to the will of God, and the feelings under the control of reason and religion. Our imagination was not given us to be allowed to run riot and have its own way, without any effort at restraint and discipline. If the thoughts are wrong, the feelings will be wrong."

In Heavenly Places, 162





"We need a constant sense of the ennobling power of pure thoughts and the damaging influence of evil thoughts. Let us place our thoughts upon holy things. Let them be pure and true, for the only security for any soul is right thinking."

In Heavenly Places, 164



#### Psalm 1:2

"But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who *meditates on his law day and night.*"

### Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 85 - Enoch The infinite, unfathomable love of God through Christ became the subject of his (Enoch's) meditations day and night; and with all the fervor of his soul he sought to reveal that love to the people among whom he dwelt.

## 30 day challenge:

Make time in the morning Put your phone on air plane mode Choose a Bible Passage Journal your thoughts Meditate on the Text throughout the day