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(Eph. 5:18-20 ESV)

“I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.”

(Psalm 146:2 ESV)

“... Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”

(James 5:13 ESV)

Creationism support is at a new low. The reason should give us hope.



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People aren't dumping faith. They're reconciling creationism and evolution in a way that suggests how we can bridge other polarizing divides, including the current health care impasse.

• Evolutionists claim

- Earth's age is 4.5 billion plus years old
- Man has been here 4 million years or so

4.496 billion
(man)



• Jesus states

- “But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’” (Mark 10:6)

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- Singing
 - Positive command to sing excludes all other types of music

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- psalms
 - the Psalms of David
 - most express thoughts of praise, glory, honor, and devotion to God in words which proclaim the deepest thoughts of man's worship
- hymns
 - a song offering praise unto God
- spiritual songs
 - songs focused on spiritual themes and reverence to God in contrast to secular songs about any subject
 - based upon things revealed by the Spirit (Scriptures) – 1 Cor. 14:26

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"You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.' And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, *Is it* not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, *Is it* not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. (Mal. 1:7-8)

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Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God *is* a consuming fire.
(Heb. 12:28-29)

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- addressing [teaching and admonishing] one another
 - This demands that we think about the message of the song ourselves and that we attempt to convey that message to those with whom we worship.
 - When we really think about the meaning of the songs, we will call these songs to mind in the times we think upon such themes just as we think of passages dealing with those themes.
 - As we sing the type of songs authorized by God, we warn ourselves and our brethren of the tragic consequences of disobedience and exhort one another to live acceptably before God.
 - Positive command here excludes styles of singing which do not address one another, e.g. choirs, solos, etc.

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- with your heart
 - The instrument to be touched, plucked, or stimulated is the heart
“For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.” (Pro. 23:7)

Stimulating the heart with songs

- Intellect/reasoning
- Emotion
- Conscience
- Will

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- Intellect/reasoning

- understand, reflect, mediate, remember

I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search. (Ps. 77:5-6)

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

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O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Here I raise my Ebenezer

(1 Sam. 7:12)

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O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

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 - The deep feelings within the heart

And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, ‘My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.’ ... When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.’” ... And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Mt. 26:18-30)

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. (Act 16:25)

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If Jesus Goes With Me

It may be in the valley, where countless dangers hide;
It may be in the sunshine that I, in peace, abide;
But this one thing I know—if it be dark or fair,
If Jesus is with me, I'll go anywhere!

Refrain:

If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere!
'Tis heaven to me, where'er I may be, if He is there!
I count it a privilege here, His cross to bear,
If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere!

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 - The moral sense or judgment of right and wrong
 - The knowledge of our own actions or thought

For if our heart condemns us (1John 3:20)

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.(Ps. 51:7-10)

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Ah, Holy Jesus

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;

I crucified thee.

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- Conscience
- Will
 - The faculty of the mind which plans, makes decisions, determinations and commitments

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' (Luke 15:17-19)

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A Beautiful Life

Each day I'll do a golden deed, By helping those who are in need;
My life on earth is but a span, And so I'll do the best I can.

Refrain:

Life's evening sun is sinking low, A few more days, and I must go
To meet the deeds that I have done, Where there will be no setting sun.

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