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Teresa's Passing

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- The Science of Tears

Time Magazine “The Science of Crying” (Mandy Oaklander, March 16, 2016)

Southwestern Eye Center “The Science Behind Why We Cry”

“Have you ever thought about why humans cry or weep? Physiologically, it's been well established that the process of lacrimation, tears produced through tiny, almond shaped glands located above the eye, help clear the eyes of debris and other irritants, as well as keep eyes moist and lubricated.”

Psychic Tears

“higher concentrations of protein-based hormones, including prolactin, as well as the neurotransmitter leucine enkephalin—a painkiller produced when one experiences stress.”

Dr. Michael Trimble

“The same neuronal areas of the brain are activated by seeing someone emotionally aroused as being emotionally aroused oneself.”

“There must have been some point in time, evolutionarily, when the tear became something that automatically set off empathy and compassion in another. Actually being able to cry emotionally, and being able to respond to that, is a very important part of being human.”

- Crying in the Bible

- The Initial Occurrence of Crying (Gen. 21)

1. The shedding of tears was a response to human helplessness.
2. Tears are an expression of our emotional state.
3. God responded to the tears.

○ God Responds to Crying

• In a Perilous Sense

2 Kings 20:5 “Return and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of your father David, ‘I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord’”””

Psalm 39:12-13 “12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with Thee, A sojourner like all my fathers. 13 Turn Thy gaze away from me, that I may smile again, Before I depart and am no more.”

Psalm 56:8-9 “8 Thou hast taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Thy bottle; Are they not in Thy book? 9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; This I know, that God is for me.”

Psalm 20:4-5 “4 Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones, And give thanks to His holy name. 5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning.”

Psalm 116:5-9 “5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate. 6 The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. 7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For Thou hast rescued my soul from death, My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling. 9 I shall walk before the Lord In the land of the living.”

Isaiah 30:19 “O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.”

• In a Salvific Sense

Jeremiah 31:9 “With weeping they shall come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they shall not stumble; For I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My first-born.”

Jeremiah 31:15-20 15 Thus says the Lord, “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.” 16 Thus says the Lord, “Restrain your voice from weeping, And your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded,” declares the Lord, “And they shall return from the land of the enemy. 17 And there is hope for your future,” declares the Lord, “And your children shall return to their own territory. 18 I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, ‘Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; Bring me back that I may be restored, For Thou art the Lord my God. 19 For after I turned back, I repented; And after I was instructed, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed, and also humiliated, Because I bore the reproach of my youth.’ 20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 50:4-5 4 “In those days and at that time,” declares the Lord, “the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the Lord their God they will seek. 5 They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

Isaiah 25:6-9 6 And the Lord of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. 7 And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day, “Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”

Numbers 11:18-20 “18 And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have

wept in the ears of the Lord, saying, “Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we were well-off in Egypt.” Therefore the Lord will give you meat and you shall eat. 19 You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the Lord who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?””

Isaiah 65:17-19

17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing, And her people for gladness. 19 I will also rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

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- The Eradication of Crying