



CULTIVATING
THE BUTTERFLY
EFFECT

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WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

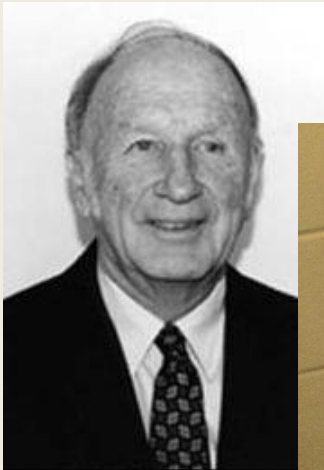
- We cannot take credit for the fruit of our attempts at cultivation.
- The real “payoff” is us – the work the Lord does in us while we cultivate in obedience.
- “If God can...”
- The fruit we seek may not be what is best for us.
- An object lesson in obedience.
- Not giving up when we run into the mountains

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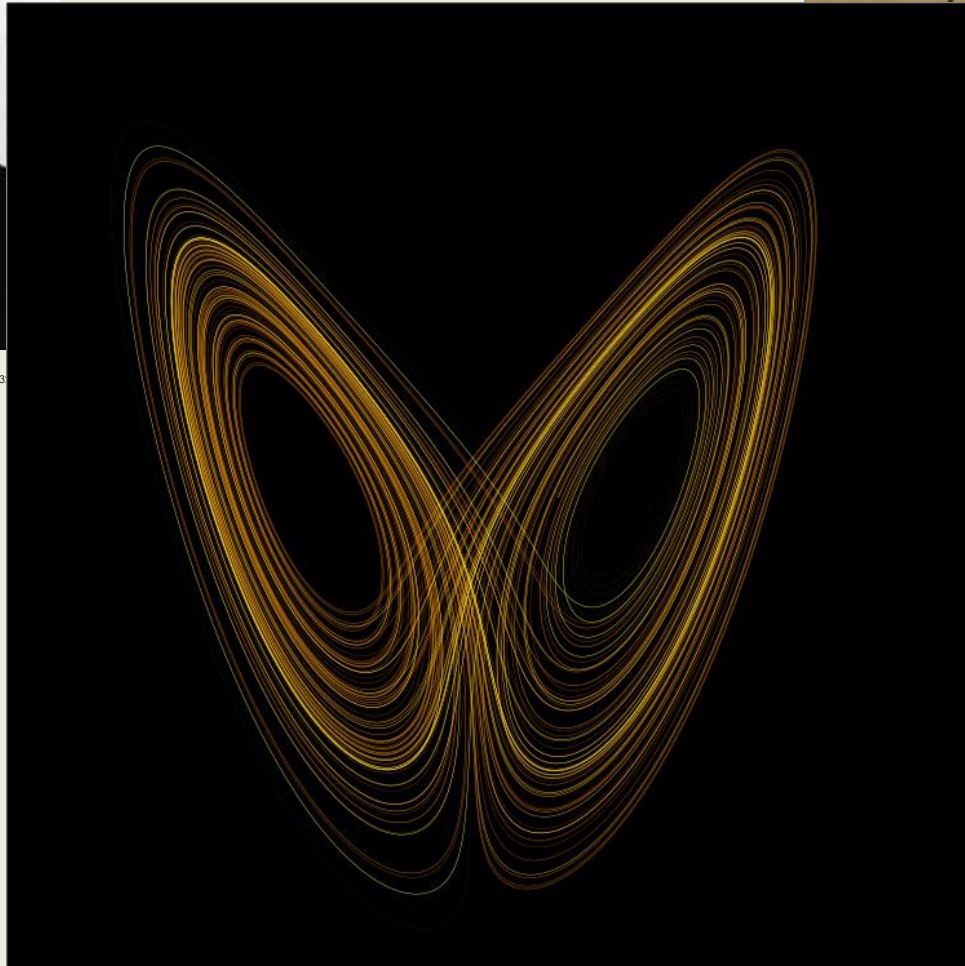
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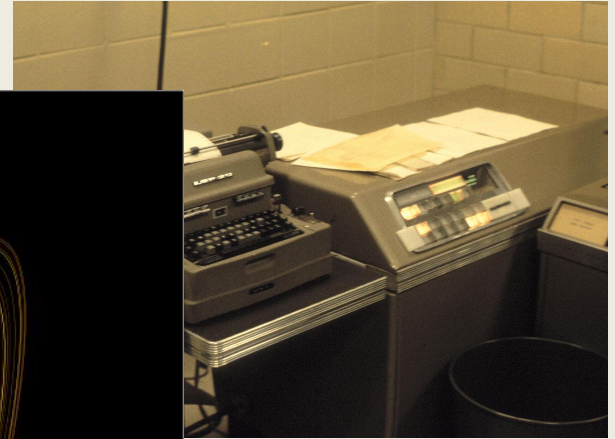


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THE GOD EFFECT

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:8-11, ESV

WHY ASK WHY?

- Joshua 6: The battle of Jericho
- Jeremiah 13
- Acts 8: Philip and the Ethiopian

CULTIVATING OBEDIENCE

- Close the door to distraction
- Close the door to derision, especially self-derision
- Don't worry about performance
- Don't worry about the results

FAITH TO OBEY

- You are God's field, God's building. *1 Cor 3:9b ESV*
- Allow yourself to be cultivated and built up.
 - The Word
 - Fellowship
 - Prayer

WHEN YOU DON'T HEAR

- “God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” *Rom 5:5b ESV*
- “...as long as we believe, hope, and love, something is happening whose fruits will appear sooner or later, in the time of God's mercy. Love, though bereft of means and apparently powerless, is always fruitful. It cannot be otherwise, because it is a participation in the being and life of God.”
Interior Freedom, Jacque Philippe, translated by Helena Scott, Scepter Publishers, 2007, Kindle location 6:13. Emphasis added.
- Living a life of love -- 1 Cor 13: 4-6



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