

THOUGHTS

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PERFORMANCE BRAKES

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One would think the driver of the sleek BMW sports sedan would have been grateful that I gave him an opportunity to use the vehicle's super-capable brakes to slow down as I merged into his lane. He was traveling at a high rate of speed in the exit lane, coming up behind me at a fast pace. There was still enough time and a distance gap to leave the freeway and enter the exit lane. I was not about to punch it simply to accommodate his egregious violation of the speed limit.

Lately, I am in "too bad for them" mode, as I drive quite conservatively, floating just above the speed limit. That means literally every vehicle on the road is passing me, including semi-trailers, panel vans, beat-up older model cars, eco-mini cars, and even gray-haired ladies. It can be fun to watch the rest of the world stress and strain as they rage down the road. I certainly am relaxed when I hover near the speed limit, not a legal worry on my mind!

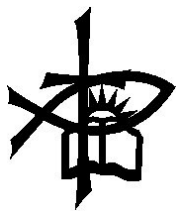
Everyone knows about the impressive performance of a sport sedans' steering and acceleration. The braking is underrated, for it is an important part of the violator's driving habits. Closing in at impact speed, then slowing down quickly to fill the rear-view mirror of the driver ahead is an art that many obnoxious people have mastered. They could hardly do it well if their brakes failed them. Let's hear it for rapid deceleration!

I suspected that even though I had been signaling my intent to merge into the off-ramp lane for several seconds, the BMW driver planned to speed through it to overtake several cars. As I slid slowly into the lane, he finally realized I had no intent on allowing him to fly past, and at the last second, he applied those high-performance brakes beautifully! It was almost like the Blue Angels, so precise, so tight! Odd that he did not appreciate our ballet, but honked his horn, swerved around me, and back in front of me with a few feet to spare on either end - wow, he showed the reason that people who like aggressive steering and acceleration appreciate BMW sport coupes! Then, as expected, he put the pedal to the metal until at the last second, he swerved once again to leave the off-ramp lane and merge into the ongoing traffic. He gave a textbook demonstration of how to drive illegally by speeding, failing to signal, and improperly use of an exit lane. It's a good thing he had such an impressive car, or he would not have been able to pull it off!

The braking to avoid piling into me, that was impressive! He should have been more appreciative of my skill in signaling and slowly merging into his lane. Maybe in the future he will appreciate sensible drivers, hopefully, not after wrecking his nice ride or killing or maiming someone.

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*The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh...
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As I slowed down on the exit ramp and approached the red light at the turn signal, a young woman with a minivan rode my bumper. She really needed to watch herself, because nothing about her vehicle was sporty!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What does it mean when it takes armies of computers, and server storehouses, to drive an analysis of human proteins? AI is being used to probe the mysteries of genetic information and the three-dimensional proteins it creates. The proteins literally build us. Now, the computer arrays we build are going to tease apart those protein networks.

Isn't it time the Darwinists gave up the foolishness of belief in the accidental assemblage of life? Or will they hang on to that belief until they are proven to be utter fools? Atheists open themselves to ridicule, as all human experience supports the conclusion that nature is designed. Its beauty, complexity, interconnectedness, purposefulness - all of it leads directly to the conclusion that Someone made life on Earth. One must intellectually punt, turning a blind eye toward the overwhelming evidence in favor of that conclusion, to hold the perspective that life pops into existence randomly and accidentally progresses in complexity. The Bible puts it bluntly, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good (Psalm 53:1)." The Psalm continues, imagining God peering down from Heaven, looking closely to see if He can spot a good human. Nope, not one. Sin has wrecked them all.

Over the past four years since the Covid debacle, we have seen what humans do when they proclaim themselves unfettered from God. They lie, cheat, steal, rape, destroy, manipulate, abandon responsibilities, ignore authority, covet, and fight. God would be in the right to condemn all humans. We are so blessed that He is also a gracious God, full of mercy and kindness! Jesus is proof that the Lord has compassion for the messed up human race! He will ultimately bring condemnation upon all those who oppose Him, but He is giving more time for people to repent (see I Timothy 2:1-6).

IT'S WORKING!

The attempt to reform my diet and exercise is working! When I realized that nearly all processed foods are like poison to the body, I found the motivation to eliminate most of them. I also have found benefit in intermittent fasting, eating in about an 8-hour window and fasting the remainder of the 24 hours. Why is it that we trust sinful human corporations more than the Word of God? There is low level pain involved in pushing to lose weight and treat the body properly. But it is well worth it! Hopefully, I can motivate you to join me in reforming our habits and being strengthened!

Blessings,
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