

“The Inchworm Effect”

Introduction: Life, liberty, and the pursuit of (un)happiness

Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

- I. The Happiness Experiment – Eccl. 2:1-11
 - a. Laughter, wine, and folly
 - b. Great projects
 - c. Populating “paradise”
 - d. “I’m the king of the world!”

- II. A Philosophical Interlude – Eccl. 2:12-16
 - a. An inward look: from *what* I’ve done, to *why* I did it
 - b. At least the wise has eyes!
 - c. But then—like the fool—he dies!

- III. From Everything to Nothing...to Someone – Eccl. 2:17-26
 - a. Consider the inchworm climbing...
 - b. Consider the inchworm flailing at the top
 - c. Consider the inchworm being *still*, and looking *up*

Conclusion: “This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?” Ecclesiastes 2:24b-25 (NIV)