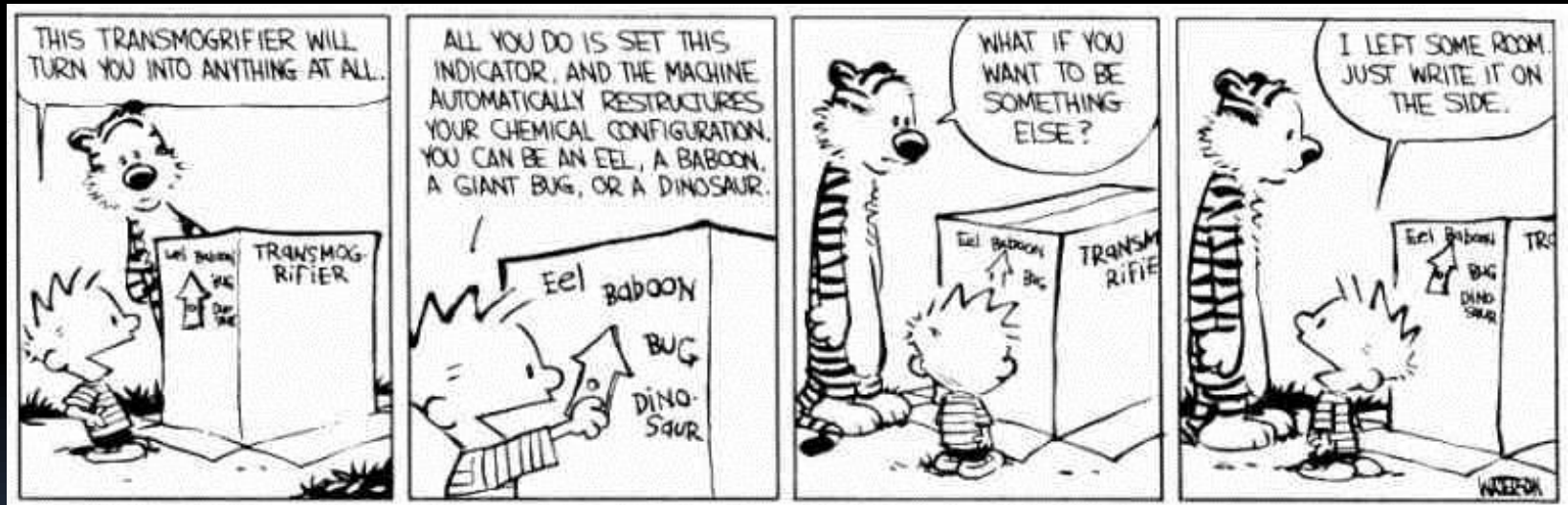




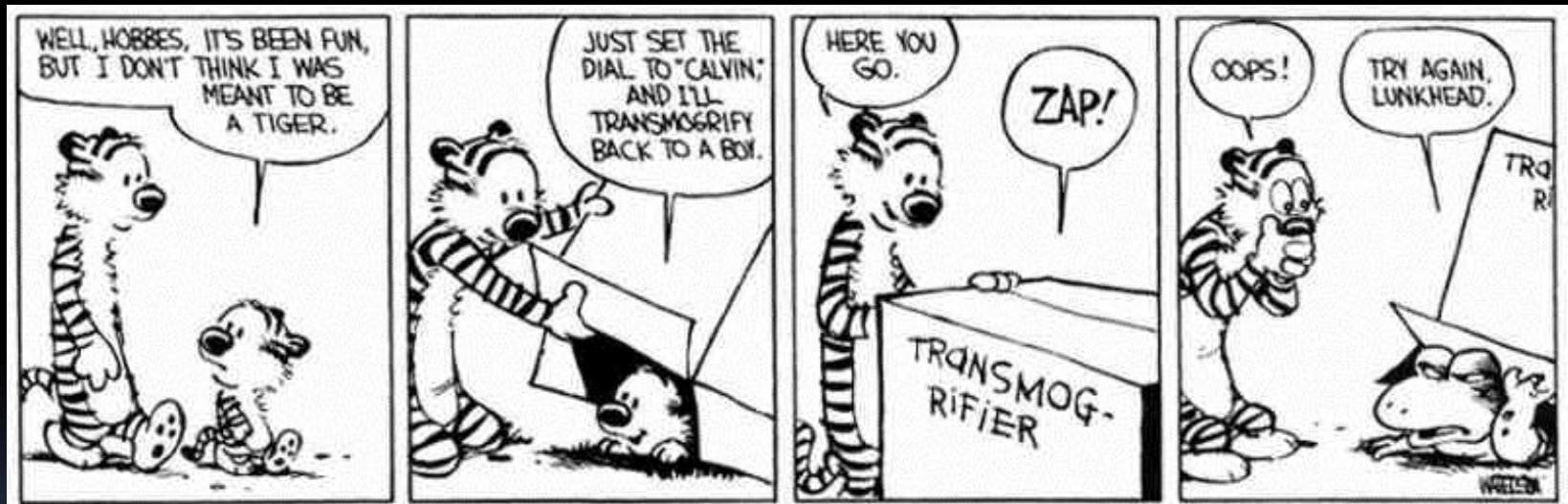
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TRANSFORMING THE MIND

Calvin and Hobbes and the Transmogrifier



Transmogrification can have unexpected results





Transmogrify your mind

PARADIGM SHIFT

Romans 11:33-36

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!


How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?

Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?

For from him and through him and for him are all things.


To him be the glory forever! Amen.”



John 1: “Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

Colossians 1: “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.




And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”



Johannes Kepler

I was merely thinking God's thoughts after him.




Since we astronomers are priests of the highest God in regard to the book of nature, it benefits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God.



Abraham Kuyper


Oh, no single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over *all*, does not cry: 'Mine!'





Romans 12:1-2


I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your Spiritual worship.



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.




Integrate Spiritual and Academic Life

- Study and research are an act of worship
 - Engage theologically
 - Atheists are not your enemies
 - Pondering
 - Creativity
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The Reality of God in our Everyday Environment

- Be confident and natural in our faith
 - Be humble: Less dogma – more engagement
 - Passion for God's world
 - ***Avoid lazy evangelism!***
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To whom much is given, much is expected

- We are called to do *something* in God's world. To establish His Kingdom. To make a difference.
 - Many of you will be leaders in society.
 - We will fail our society, if we apply the things we have studied with little or no theological understanding of what we do.
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Renewing minds – deepening faith

- Transformation requires understanding
- God's world implies a Christian perspective
- Engage with Christian thinkers – especially in your field
- Be prepared to change

Cerebral Enhance-o-tron

- Input
- Output
- Grounded







If our minds are not transformed we will not think the thoughts of God.

If we do not think the thoughts of God – we will not build the Kingdom of God.

If we do not build - God's Kingdom will not flourish



If God's Kingdom does not flourish we would have failed in our calling!



“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying “See the home of God is among the mortals, He will dwell with them, they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them.

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “see I am making all things new”...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the lamb. And the city has no need of the sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of the God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it... People will bring into it the glory and honour of the nations.”



**BE TRANSFORMED BY THE
RENEWING OF OUR MINDS**