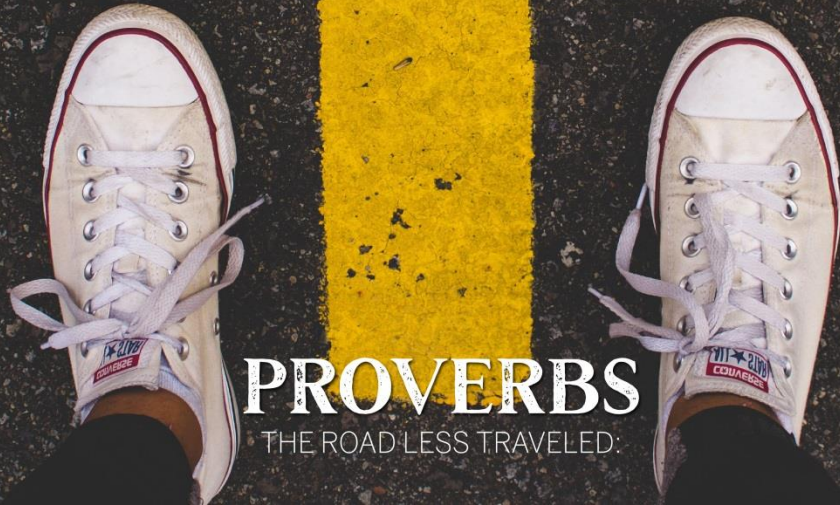


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Could appear that Solomon is saying, “Trust God with your heart, don’t think.”

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Solomon is saying, “Don’t disregard God and what He has revealed about who He is and how He has created life to work and instead trust your own understanding and thinking.”

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- Stephen Hawking

“Every one who is seriously involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe - a spirit vastly superior to that of man, and one in the face of which we with our modest powers must feel humble.”

“The scientists’ religious feeling takes the form of a rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection.”

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Expressions of our views void of facts is not helpful.

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*“When the facts change, sir, I change my mind.
What do you do?”*

- John Maynard Keynes,
Economist

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