

# GRAVITAS: IN SEARCH OF WEIGHT PROVERBS 25:2

**Gravitas: dignity, seriousness, authority, presence, importance of manner**

## **Proverbs 25:2**

It is the glory (כְּבוֹד אֱלֹהִים) of God to conceal a thing:

**But** the honour (כְּבוֹד מְלָכִים) of kings is to search out a matter.

**Isaiah 42:8** I am the LORD: that is my name:

And my glory (כְּבוֹדִי) will I not give to another,

Neither my praise to graven images.

## **Isaiah 48:11**

For mine own sake,

even for mine own sake, will I do it:

For how should my name be polluted?

**And** I will not give my glory (כְּבוֹדִי) unto another.

**כְּבוֹד: heaviness, glory, honor, reputation, importance...**

If you do a search online for “gravitas” you can find out how to have gravitas! Things such as:

**Stand/sit tall, deep voice, hold eye contact, etc**

**Gravitas as a technique**

My experience:

**This is gravitas as sacrifice, accomplishment, work, investing, giving, giving up**

**Thoughts:**

**1. There is a world out there!**

**2. A world that's not me → different from me, bigger than me!**

**Isaiah 40:12** Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, And meted out heaven with the span, And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, And weighed the mountains in scales, And the hills in a balance? **Isaiah 40:13** Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or being his counsellor hath taught him?

**Isaiah 40:14** With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, And taught him in the path of judgment, And taught him knowledge, And shewed to him the way of understanding? **Isaiah 40:15** Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, And are counted as the small dust of the balance: Behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. **Isaiah 40:16** And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. **Isaiah 40:17** All nations before him are as nothing; And they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

**Psalm 8:3** When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; **Psalm 8:4** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

### **3. A world created by God and yet also concealed by God!**

**Proverbs 25:2** It is the glory of God **to conceal a thing**: But the honour of kings is **to search out a matter**.

Obviously, God could have created this world differently!

He could have created this world utilitarian & so booooooooooooooooooooooring!!!

He could also have made the world easy to understand &/ grasp

**Without:**

A Grand Canyon, the Arches, Lake Superior

The beauty, complexity, mystery, majesty, ... all brings God glory / weight → gravitas

### **4. A world waiting to be discovered!**

### **5. And the **process** of discovery brings / gives weight to us!**

**Weight comes from:**

- Longer investments
- More sacrifice
- Greater effort
- Harder requirements
- More difficult
- Fewer people doing it

**John 4:31** In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

**John 4:32** But he said unto them, **I have meat to eat that ye know not of.**

**John 4:33** **Therefore** said the disciples one to another, **Hath any man brought him ought to eat?**

**John 4:34** Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to **do** the will of him that sent me, and to **finish** his work.**