

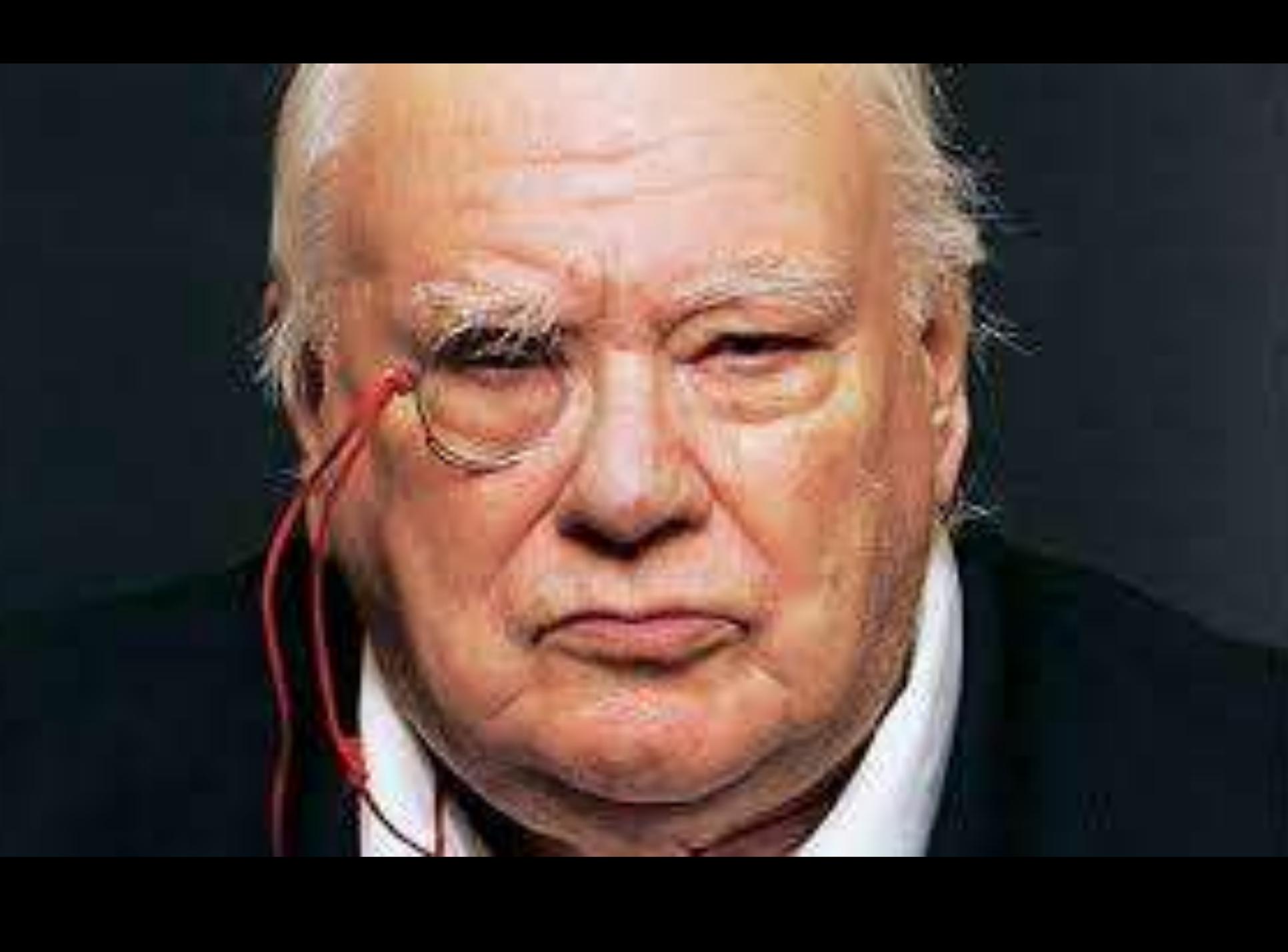
# Forgiveness and Bitterness





**“NOW, I KNOW IN MY EXPERIENCE THAT  
JESUS’ LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN THE  
BIGGEST DARKNESS.”**

**-CORRIE TEN BOOM**



# The cross and forgiveness

It is the way of Jesus:- forgiveness

1. Our individual ways, habits, mistakes

(be holy)

2. Others ways, habits, mistakes

(living at peace with them)

3. What life throws at us

(live in the grace of God)

To err is human, to forgive  
divine

All people commit sins and  
make mistakes. God forgives  
them, and people are acting in  
a godlike (divine) way when  
they forgive.

Alexander Pope.



# Bitterness

1. Physical sense of taste
2. Sense of cruel, biting words; intense misery from forsaking God, from a life of sin & impurity, the misery of servitude, the misfortunes of bereavement
3. Bitter & bitterness describe emotions of sympathy, the sorrow of childlessness and of penitence, of disappointment, the feeling of misery & wretchedness, giving rise to “bitter tears”

## Hebrews 12 v14-17

- Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

