

The Hiddenness of God



Where can I go and meet with God?

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
'Where is your God?'

Psalm 42:1-3



Finding God



How to find God

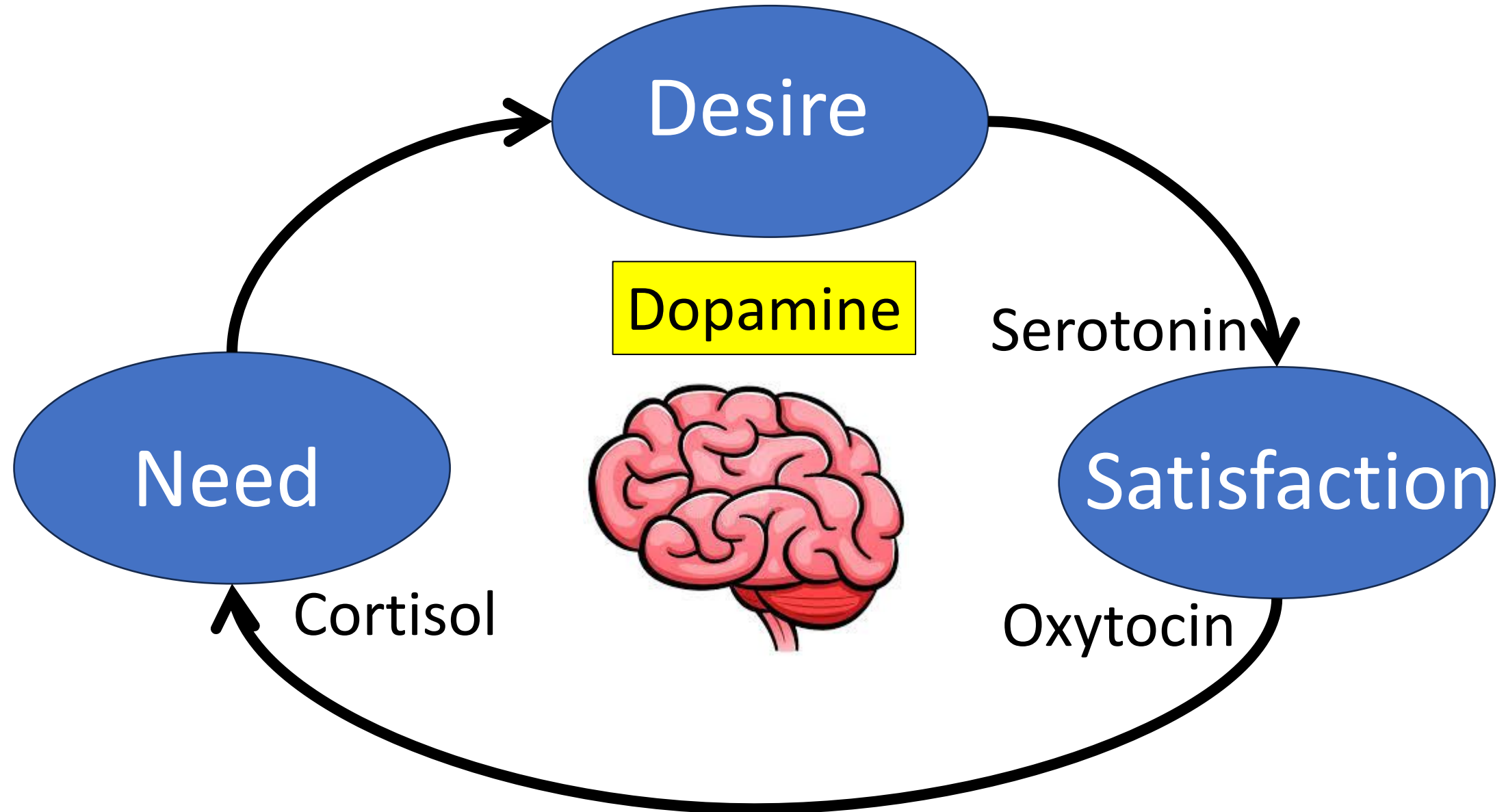
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Jeremiah 29:13

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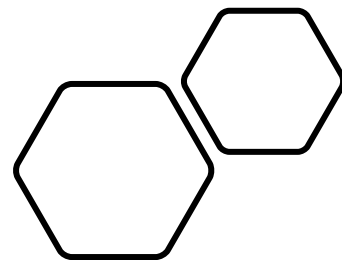
Matthew 7:7

The Motivation Cycle



The Path to Addiction





A rainbow flag with six vertical stripes of equal width: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The flag is slightly wrinkled and has two silver grommets on the left edge. The phrase "Love is Love" is written across the center in a cursive font. "Love" is in black, "is" is in black, and the second "Love" is in white.

Love is Love

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father^[d] is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever.

1 John 2:15-17



Finding True Satisfaction

**WE ARE BORN WITH A GOD
SHAPED HOLE IN OUR HEARTS**



**WE WASTE TIME AND ENERGY TRYING
FILL THE EMPTY PLACE WITH ANYTHING ELSE**

Finding satisfaction in God Part I

for he satisfies the thirsty

and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 107:9

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the
desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

Finding satisfaction in God Part II

and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:10-11

Finding satisfaction in God Part III

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Psalms 90:14

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Dealing with Desire



Dying to Self Scriptures Part I

²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:24-25

Dying to Self Scriptures Part II

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²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple

Luke 14:26-27

Dying to Self Scriptures Part III

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[f] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Matthew 16:24-26

DYING TO SELF ISN'T ABOUT LOSING IDENTITY.

It's about losing
the version of you
that was never
God's design.



ADDICTED
TO
GOD.

