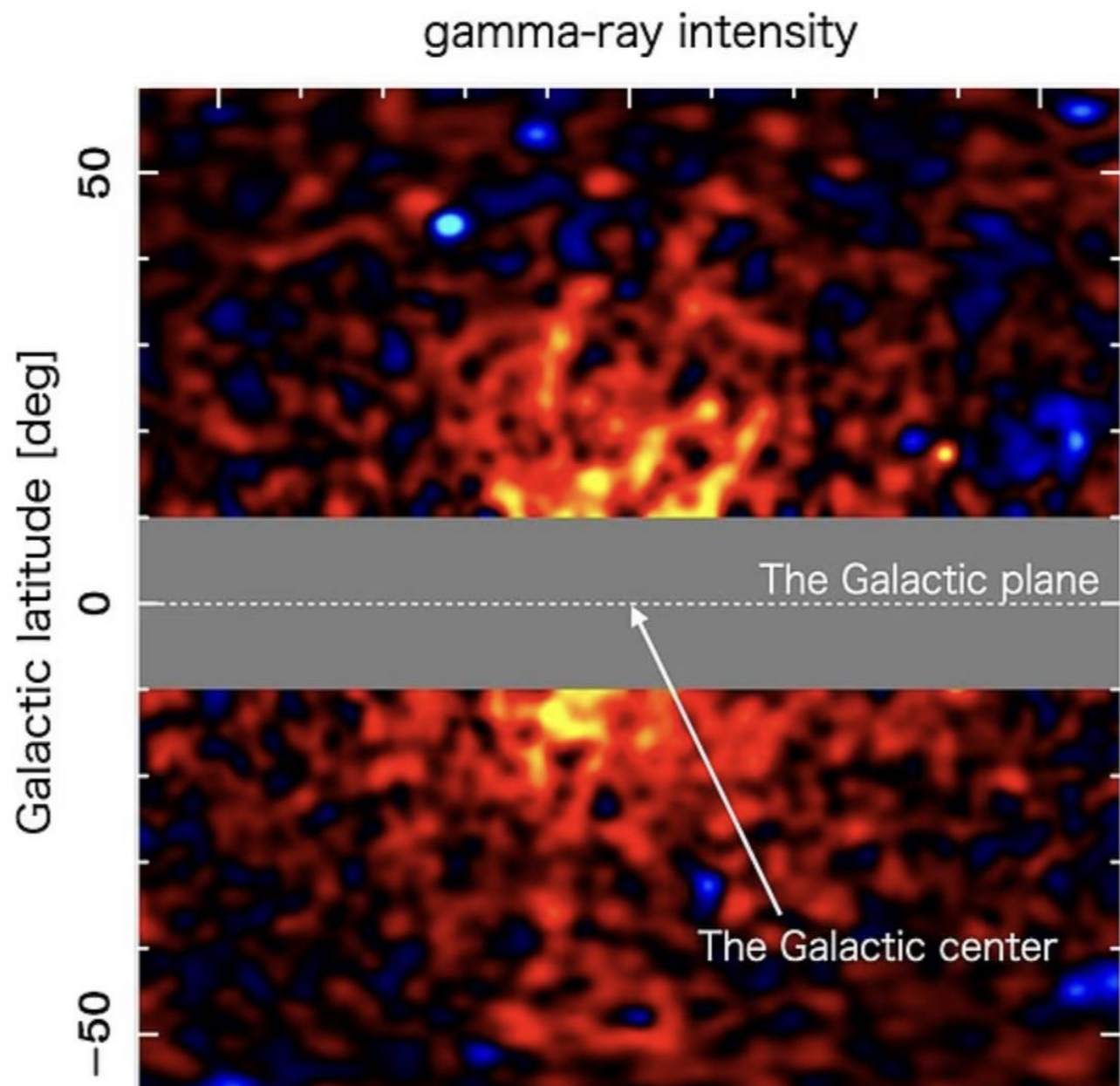


# Ch 10b - A Meekness Beyond Imitation

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Even after blocking out the glow of the galactic centre, data from NASA's Fermi telescope shows a 'halo-like' region of powerful gamma ray radiation that could be caused by colliding particles of dark matter

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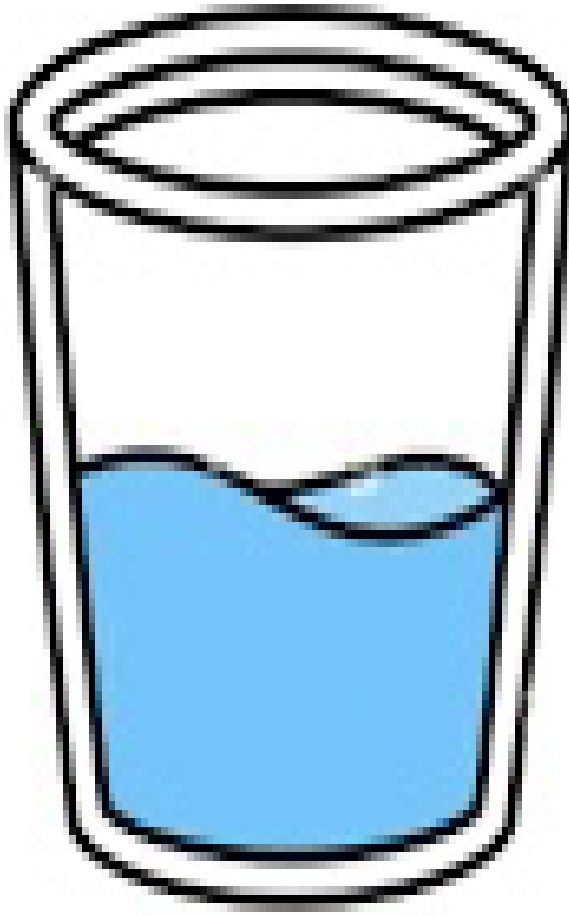
**Meekness** must issue from the work of the Holy Spirit, for He alone knows our need

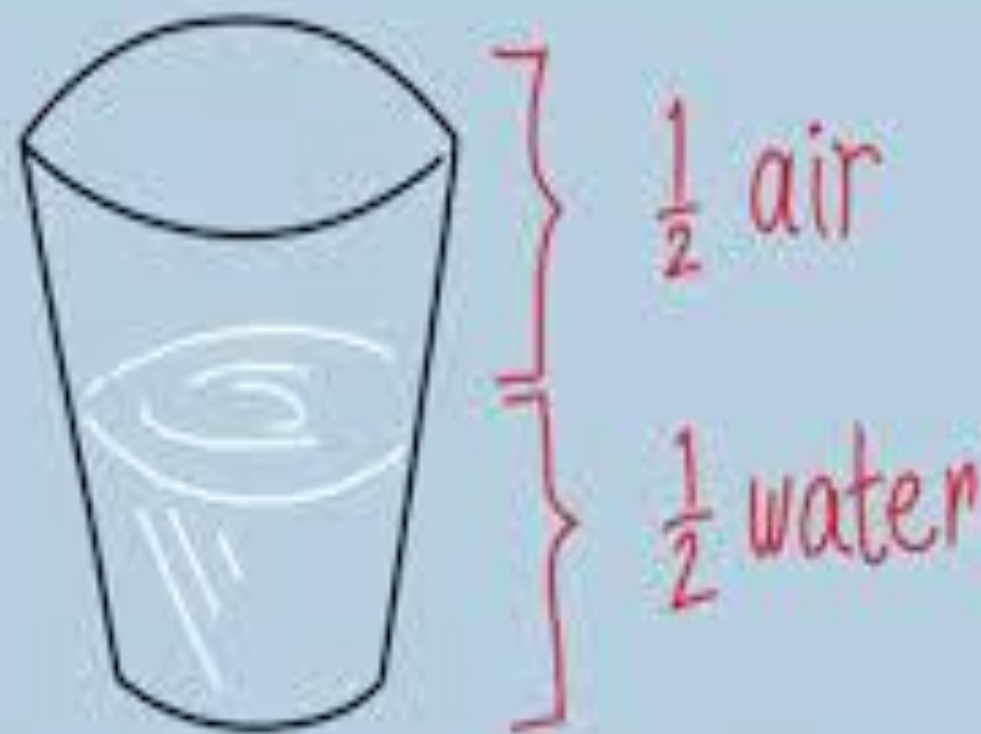
**and will arrange circumstances leading to the breaking of our outward man.**

**He must increase, but I must decrease.**

John 3:30

# Half Empty, or Half Full?





**technically, the glass  
is always full.**



**Meekness is a character trait**

**Humility is a technique**

**You cannot meek yourself ....**

**You can humble yourself**

**Neither can you break  
yourself (Your outer shell)....**

**God will**



# Humility

(from Phillipians 2)

make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind

regard one another as more important than yourselves;

do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

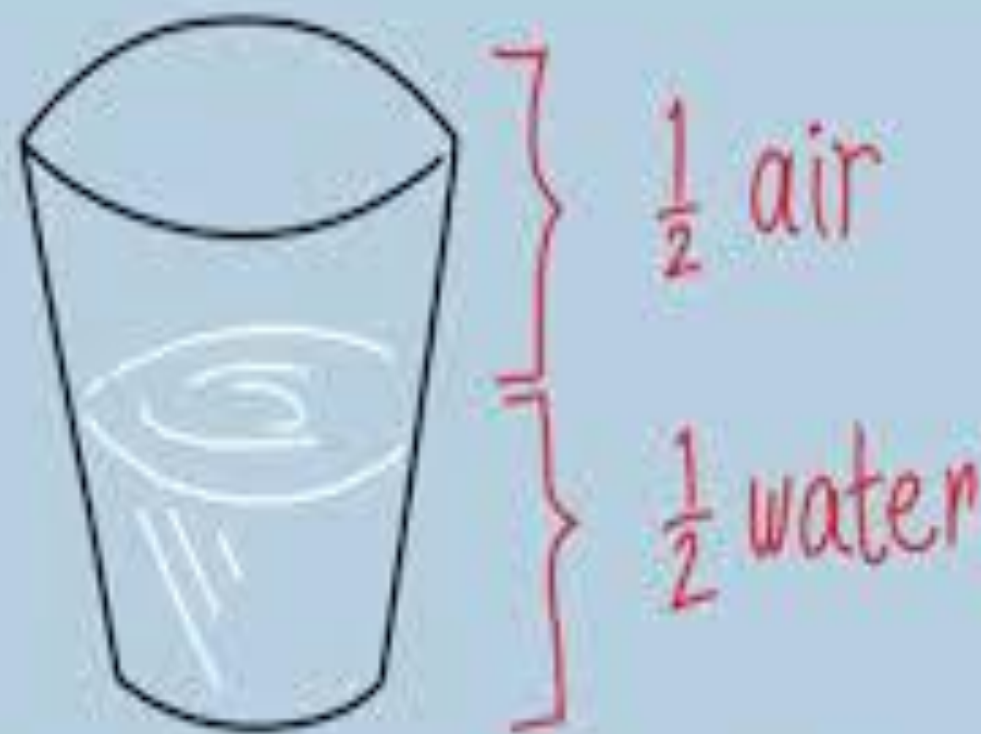
Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

**'For I will pour out water on the thirsty *land*  
And streams on the dry ground;  
I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring  
And My blessing on your descendants;**

Isaiah 44:3



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**...not have love, I have become a noisy gong or  
a clanging cymbal...**

1 Corinthians 13:1

# **Futility of achieving meekness**

**OPTIMIST**



**GLASS IS HALF FULL**

**PESSIMIST**



**GLASS IS HALF EMPTY**

**ENGINEER**



**THE GLASS IS TWICE AS  
BIG AS IT NEEDS**

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**So how do we become meek?**



**For the good that I want,  
I do not do,  
but I practice the very evil  
that I do not want.**

**Romans 7:19**

**Pray for discernment to recognize the Holy Spirit**

**Submit to it**

**Acknowledge what H.S. does is His prerogative**

**Understand the objective**

**Let the Lord's changes proceed**



*"Father God, I pour out all of me.  
Empty me of all the striving, and learning,  
and building, and earning, and competing..."*



**Pride**

**as a negative thing  
is something I can deal with,  
but humility  
as a positive thing  
is something I should not  
imitate.**



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As long as my negative temper is struggling to break out, I should resist it without letup. / Nevertheless, I should not pretend to have any of these genuine virtues, because any pretense is a counterfeit.

*"Father God, Forgive me of trying to be meek.*

*Holy Spirit, Wash me, refresh me.*

*Jesus, fill me with Your righteousness and your ways and Your thoughts & feelings!"*



But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.  
For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body  
rightly.

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

## **A Meekness Beyond Imitation**

When we suggest that it is essential for us to be meek, we are not trying to persuade you to act meek. For if you do, you will soon discover that this man-made effort of meekness needs to be shattered. We must learn once and for all that any human striving to imitate meekness is futile.







