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A Second Later

“What happens when a galaxy falls in with the wrong crowd? The irregular galaxy NGC 1427A is a spectacular example of the resulting stellar rumble. Under the gravitational grasp of a large gang of galaxies, called the Fornax cluster, the small bluish galaxy is plunging headlong into the group at 600 km/sec or nearly 400 mi/sec. The Hubble Space Telescope's Advanced Camera for Surveys was used to obtain images of NGC 1427A in visible (green), red, and infrared filters in January 2003. NGC 1427A will not survive long as an identifiable galaxy passing through the cluster. Within the next billion years, it will be completely disrupted, spilling its stars and remaining gas into intergalactic space within the Fornax cluster.” <http://www.nasa.gov>

Yesterday during evening worship service, I was very fortunate to sit right next to a young couple with a three-month old child. As we were singing, the girl, during the male parts of the song, looked my direction and smiled. The smiles on her face were very delightful. During the middle part of the next song, she began mouthing the words. Her mother Ana was so happy and pointed to her husband, “Lucy is singing.” Nelson replied, “She’s too young to be singing.”

Once again part of the way into the next song, Lucy smiled and moved her lips to the words of the song. Ana could see her daughter and I were having a fun time. Ana looked at me and words were not necessary, her eyes said, please continue.

A second later, Lucy turned towards her dad, Nelson, and started to sing with him.

That instant, something triggered in my mind: *slow down, learn to appreciate life!*