

## Where Were You?

The first time we babysat our granddaughter, our son and his wife nervously gave us a long list of instructions about how to take care of the infant and what to do in case of an emergency, as if they were the first to discover these things. I just nodded. But inwardly I had to laugh. I felt like saying, “You do realize that we’ve done this before, right? We were parents long before you were.” Babies and their needs hadn’t changed, so they weren’t telling us anything we didn’t already know.

Hmm. I wonder if God metaphorically rolls his eyes every time humans claim to have “discovered” something – some medical breakthrough or a new moon orbiting Uranus – things he created and has known from the beginning of time. There’s nothing wrong with gaining new knowledge, of course, as long as we remember who masterfully designed all the wonders of creation and set our amazing world in motion. It’s when we step out of our place or think we’re smarter than God that we risk his wrath.

*Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said, “Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions?.. Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone, while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”*

It’s not unexpected that atheists hail mankind’s latest advances as the highest wisdom. It’s more surprising, though, when people who claim faith in God rob him of his glory by explaining away his miracles or discounting his Word. For the God who created the entire universe, causing a virgin to conceive a special child was simple enough. By the same token, we need not look for other explanations to account for the parting of the Red Sea or a miraculous healing.

Perhaps most mystifying of all is when a clear Biblical teaching is discounted or disregarded because “*We know so much more about that now than when the Bible was written.*” Have you heard that kind of faulty logic invoked? It could only hold water if the Bible had been written by human wisdom alone. But our all-powerful God, who knew everything from the beginning, did by holy inspiration cause exactly what he decreed to be written down in his book: truth unchanging. How arrogant (and dangerous) to think we now know better! After all, where were we when he *laid the earth’s foundation*?

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