

God's Ways

“But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.” Micah 4.12

Someone once said, “I don't have enough faith to believe in evolution.” Carrying that one step further, I do not believe I have enough faith to be an atheist.

Think about that for just a moment. For anyone to say emphatically that there is no God, one must assume that he knows everything there is to know about the entire universe - that he has searched out the far reaches of the unknown and proven God does not exist. I really do not have enough faith to believe in someone like that, especially since the furthest anyone has reached beyond this planet is less than the distance a spitball travels from the end of a straw by comparison.

The fact is that many people, who cannot place their faith in an all-wise God, willingly place their faith in their own musings and understandings without giving a thought to the possibility of error. **(Psalm 93.3, 4)** Because they do not understand God's ways, they assume all things continue naturally without Almighty intervention.

Peter calls them scoffers. **“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.” (II Peter 3.3)** While we understand that this means they will choose their own way - determining what is right and what is wrong by their own personal standards - it also suggests that they will be self-absorbed and willingly ignorant of the truth. **(II Peter 3.5)**

While some have attempted to bridge the generation gap, the greatest chasm of all is the gulf between our understanding and God's. The Bible declares, **“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55.9)** Even though many reach great heights of wisdom and understanding, no one has reached the level of God's wisdom.

Think about it for a moment. If we could understand all there is to know about God, how great would He be? If we could understand His plan perfectly, His love intimately, and His foreknowledge extensively, one of two things would be true. Either we would have unlimited ability in knowledge (which we know is not true) or God would be no greater than a human (which could not be true).

Very comforting, indeed, is the thought that we are not left to our own devices. Very marvelous, indeed, is the fact that we cannot attain unto the knowledge and greatness

of the All-knowing God. And yet, this perfect God invites each of us to His throne room, not to be judged, but to commune in fellowship in His presence. With His power, He commands all nature, yet, He deigns to include us in His conversation.

Unlike the gods of various religions that use their powers for their own amusement, our God used His to make a bridge so that we could approach Him - a bridge build by the blood of the Lamb, His Son.

Remember that the difference between true Christianity and every other religion in the world is that in Christianity, God reaches out to humanity, but in every other religion, man attempts to reach out to a god. The plea of every other religion in the world is seen in Lucifer's attempts at the overthrow of God. **"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."** (Isaiah 14.14) That statement shows the desire to know and to be like God - to usurp His place.

Because His ways are so beyond our ways, the heart-cry of every believer should be more akin to Paul's. His desire was not to gain more knowledge of the world, but to understand more of God - to have a more personal walk and fellowship with his God - so that we may know Him.

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." (Philippians 3.10, 11)

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