

Willingly Ignorant

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2 Peter 3:3-5, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water."

Man is quite a character isn't he? Made in the image of God, given the ability to learn, and to seek wisdom, the most intelligent of God's creation, yet is so ignorant in so many ways. In **1 Corinthians 8:1** we are told that knowledge puffeth up. Man learns some things, in some cases he only thinks that he does, and becomes filled with pride. When he thinks that he has the answers then he quits looking for the truth.

I know that there are men who have high IQ's. They may know a lot about many things of this world. I have no prob-

lem admitting that they are much smarter than me about so many things. What I don't quite understand is that they can be so smart in so many ways, yet, so ignorant in others. According to God's word some of them are called fools. **Psalms 14:1** and **53:1** both say, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." Can an intelligent man really say that everything came from nothing, and that all life just happened?

Are we to believe that a person can find some bones and tell when and how it lived? Could they accurately say how it acted, how it interacted with other creatures, and how it raised its young? We are even told that they can tell how old the bones are, at least by a few million years. How can they do this? They think that their thinking is correct. In school, I took tests on various subjects where I thought that I did well. When I got the grade I would be surprised to find that I was wrong as to how well I did. These that leave God out of their lives are going to be in for a rude awakening when they face the God that they claim doesn't exist.

We are here on earth because God created the earth and all the life that is on it. He made it and prepared everything that was needed for man, before man was created. Ignoring God won't make him go away, nor will denying him, deliver the unbeliever from his judgment. We live here for a number of years and then we leave this life behind. The flesh dies, but the spirit lives on. It is foolish to allow oneself to be taken in by someone who claims to know more than God.

Today, as in the past, are those who don't believe in God. Why? Because they don't want to know that they are wasting their years here by living for the flesh. To them its easier to deny God than to face the reality of the coming judgment. To believe in God is to be aware of his word and how he says to live our years here on earth. Then there is pride which is a problem for some. Instead of looking to God for redemption and life they like to think that man is the supreme being not only on earth, but in the universe. As someone, an unbeliever, once said, "Creation teaches the fall of man, while evolution teaches the rise of man." People who shut out the message of God are truly willingly ignorant of God.

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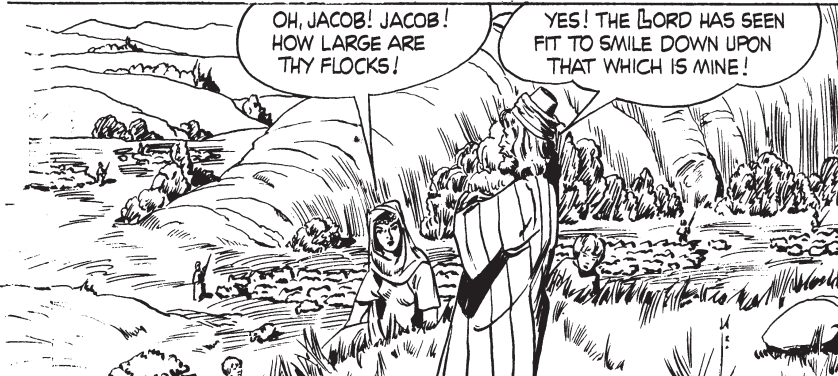
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