

The Manifold Wisdom of God

"The Refutation of the spirit of this age"

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The Holy Bible boldly states in Ephesians 3:10: "To the intent that NOW unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD". God wants to display His holy power not only to the church, but through the church, and thus to ALL mankind. God wants to show His miracle salvation power to the world. It is not enough to hold this thing inside or to keep it all to ourselves, but God wants to display His power for ALL to see and hear. The church is to exhibit this supernatural power and wisdom to all of God's creation and it is contained in your bible and in our hearts.

Now this scripture is fascinating because it gives us a peek into the supernatural mind of God. It reveals forever His plan of salvation in Christ Jesus to His church and it is manifested by plain old WISDOM. I don't mean man's wisdom. Wisdom that is learn or taught by rote, but God has displayed His heavenly wisdom that is far above, and more far-reaching than our pea brains can ever attain to. God showed me just what is meant by the phrase "the manifold wisdom of God". He showed me that His wisdom, which is supernatural has MANY LAYERS to it. This God kind of wisdom shows us His power through salvation, the way He saves the souls of men by the blood of Jesus. Hallelujah! Our God is rich in salvation. Has the blood been applied to your cold, dead heart?

This God kind of wisdom, God's miracle plan of salvation that delivers and confounds the wise in heart and mind, uses the so-called foolish things of the world to refute the thoughts of the so-called wise. Let me show you what I mean. In Genesis chapter one, that great chapter of creation begins with "In the beginning God..." Wait! Let's stop right there. For the wise in heart and mind this concept of God is foolishness (Psalm 14:1-3). This is a joke to him because his science, technology, culture, and intellect will not allow him to even fathom such an ideal as God "in the beginning". He thinks that any talk of a Creator is foolishness, that it is nothing but a myth, that it is unreasonable thinking for nowadays. The modern man thinks that this is stuff Hollywood legend is made up of, or something you would read in a comic book.

Man's mind is trained to look for facts, things he can touch, smell, hear, feel, or see. Never mind faith (what you cannot see, feel, hear, smell, or touch), because this is nonsensical to his trained mind. Man comes into the world with a consciousness bent towards God, something or SOMEONE greater than himself, but he is quickly trained to jettison this thought. His modernistic, unbelieving environment is quick to resist the notion of God, or heaven, or hell, or angels, or the devil. To his trained mind this is stuff fairytales and legend are made up of. But you see how our Infinite and WISE God has caused them to stumble and trip over their own so-called wisdom? Not because He gets a kick out of deceiving people and seeing them confused, but because they have stumbled on their own, they have all stumbled into a pit, where there is no recovery. They are all reprobate of mind and heart because they resist God and what is clearly in front of them (Romans 1:20). If they are honest, they know that this world did not appear of its own volition (Hebrews 11:3), so they invent ways to explain its origin. This is what man's so-called wisdom say, an explosion, called the Big Bang, spontaneously occurred of its own volition, it spewed a bunch of chemicals that hitched a ride on a comet, or asteroid, then deposited these chemicals into earth's already existing oceans, where these chemicals all spontaneously came together to spawn life on earth, and the world order that we see all around us today. Now doesn't that sound foolish? It sounds just as foolish as a two year old in a lab filled with all the chemicals known to man coming forth after an hour or two of playtime with a fully functional sky, trees, fruits, birds, fishes, animals, humans, or whatever your mind can imagine. That is just silly! We know that it takes a chemist; someone with intelligence; someone with a mastery or degree in chemistry to at least make some sense of what is before him or her, may I say, you need a Divine Designer or Architect to perform such wonders. It takes "Manifold Wisdom"! Read Proverbs 8:22-31. But a spontaneous, self-evolving universe, that's the crap they are trying to sell us. They will say, No! The ideal of a God, "in the beginning", who created all the order in the world that we see around us today is unsound learning, and should be relegated to myth. You see dear reader how God in His "MANY LAYERS OF WISDOM" used something so simple as... "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"... to confound the so-called wisdom of man? For man thinks that the idea of a Creator of all things is foolishness -- something to be mocked or scoffed at. But you see God used Scripture in the plain old language of man; in terms so terse, so powerful, so simple, that ALL of Humankind can understand it for ALL time. He did not use scientific terminology, philosophy, theory, or a complex formula or metaphor to tell His story. God is shouting to the hearts of mankind everywhere, Hey, I EXIST! I am Here! He used simple Scripture for all to read, so simple that even a four year old can understand them. So man is without excuse. Now that's the manifold wisdom of God. The Scriptures

can save because they tell us how to be saved (Romans 10:8-13). They also can show us the wisdom and mysteries of the universe if we trust, obey, and believe God's Word (Proverbs 8:22-36).

The Age of our earth

But one will argue, what about the age of the earth? Doesn't Science prove that the earth is at least four billion years old. Now God in His infinite wisdom did not speak of time in this manner of billions of years. I said before that God did not use complex things or formulas to explain something that He wanted to simply communicate to man. Instead, He used simple words of wisdom to confound the so-called wise. I say, again, God did not use a stop watch or time piece when He created the heavens. For a day with the LORD is as a thousand years (Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8). According to the Hebraic perspective creation was based on a 24 hour clock (evening and morning equals a day), but God is outside of our perspective of time and space. THE GREAT I AM, His clock is not the same as our clock, for He lives throughout all eternity, and there is no clock or stopwatch in eternity. I say this because we do not know how long the earth was left in a state of emptiness or voidness and darkness as described to us in Genesis 1:2. We do not know the date, year, or hour, or how long it was before God caused the dry land to appear. See Genesis 1:9,10. Neither do we have the date before God fashioned, and filled the earth with all manner of life. God did not tell us, neither was man there to record it, or to time it on his watch. Man is not qualified to put a timestamp or date on creation, because, simply, he wasn't there! Man is qualified to only guess using his modern instruments, mathematics, physics, scholarship and science. Just because a man-made date appears in your bible does not mean it is totally and one-hundred percent right or without error.

Neither was the vastness of the earth's darkness and watery chaos caused by Satan -- a so-called Lucifer flood. It was instead caused by God. Why? Because He wanted it that way. Please read Psalm 104:6. The earth in its original created state was not unlike any other planet or moon found in our universe, THAT IS, God made them totally EMPTY AND VOID. How do I know this. Well, because God didn't tell us that He created life elsewhere, and doesn't your so-called science bear this out? They might hope and search for life elsewhere but they will never find it. They might tell us that this planet has an ocean or a sun and a moon and the conditions are ripe for life, but it will never come to fruition. God is the ONLY creator of life, He is the Prime mover and shaker of Worlds, not your physics and

science or some accidental chemical mix-up that resulted in a big bang explosion. And to say that Satan caused a Pre-Adamic flood on earth, or, that there were other humans before Adam, well, that is just plain old foolishness, and the so-called wisdom of man trying to marry God's creation story with modern Science. Once again, man's so-called wisdom is turned into foolishness. So let God be true, but every man a liar! (Romans 3:4).

Adam created from the earth

Now how about a man being created from the dust of the earth and in the image of his Creator (Genesis 1:26 and 2:7)? Surely, the wise in heart and mind will say, this is pure fantasy. Modern man in his own wisdom who is under the deception of the enemy (Satan), says, man spawned from the oceans. He is not a terrestrial creature, but a water bred creature instead. You remember that comet that deposited life in the earth's oceans? They will say it also deposited humans in a tadpole form, who later on slided their way out of a watery chaos onto the dry land to later on become a monkey that eventually evolved into an upright, speaking, thinking, rational human being. Surely, they are certain this is the way it happened. Wrong! Not so! Because, as the bible states, man was created out of the dust of the earth, therefore, I can find minerals and chemicals that make up the dust of this earth in the body of every living, breathing human being. For man's foundation is in the dust, therefore, it makes perfect sense that he returns to it (Genesis 3:19; Job 4:19; 34:15; Psalm 90:3; Ecclesiastes 12:7). I can also find in the hearts and minds of people a rational, and thinking being not unlike their Creator. Although the way we treat our fellow man (Genesis 4:8) some of us act like we did indeed climbed out of a primordial soup, instead of being formed out of the very dust of the earth by the hand and living breath of God (Genesis 2:7). But don't blame that on the Creator. Blame it on the flesh of man and that old serpent, the devil, whom man loves to serve, instead of his Creator, God.

A Woman From A Man

What about a woman being built from the side of a man (Genesis 2:21-23)? The carnal and fleshly mind blinded by science will immediately reject this notion. The wisdom of God will not be mocked. Paul knowing the wisdom of God explains it in 1 Corinthians 11:8: "For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man". But for the arrogant and self righteous he adds in verses, 11 and 12: "

Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God." Oh, wise man, doesn't your science tell us that the man having the "XY" chromosome determines the female gender of the baby? Therefore, the woman having only the "XX" chromosome is dependent on the male for her gender? The woman needs the male to supply her the "X" chromosome, otherwise, she would not exist at all. Once again God used the so-called foolishness of "Adam's rib" to confound the man-made wisdom of your Science. Before the advent of man's microscopes, genetics, and science, God's wisdom proved to human beings through the Scriptures, that the woman does indeed come from the man! I AM YOUR CREATOR. I EXIST!

The Man and Woman Are To Marry

Here's a good one. What about a man and a woman, of the opposite sex, being married as it was in the beginning? Matthew 19:4-6. The world's laws, governments and courts would have this to sound foreign to us nowadays. They would like to make palatable the marriage and union of a woman with a woman, or a man with a man. They think this is love, and equal rights, but it is only perversion. It was perversion in the beginning, and it is still perversion today! Read Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Genesis 19:5; Romans 1:26-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Jude 7.

Now God in His manifold wisdom wanted a man and woman to marry so that they could procreate and make more people. God wanted to reproduce Himself in the earth (Genesis 1:27; 5:1,2; Malachi 2:14, 15). God wants a pure marriage between a man and a woman so that they could produce godly and holy seed. This is impossible with two people of the same sex.

"I was born this way"! God made me like this, so they unabashedly claim! If this were really true then it would be impossible to birth more people on the earth. Liars they all are! For they make God into a lie. In fact there wouldn't be any people on the earth. The human race would die completely out in about 150 years if the entire world took to this gay agenda, or may I say, gay spirit, for it is an unclean and perverted spirit. You need a male and female to keep seed alive on the earth (see Genesis 6:18,19; 7:2,3; 9:1). God knew this when He commanded male and female to "Be fruitful and multiply"! But modern man in his own so-called wisdom doesn't want it this way. The modern man in his perversion thinks that those who follow God's commandments concerning homosexuals, lesbians, and

transgendered people are all an intolerant, hateful, and sorry lot. They think that God's people are not showing biblical love not to put up with their shenanigans. Well, they have it all wrong, turned upside down, and have perverted the ways of God who commanded a man and a woman to marry (Genesis 2:23). This is the WILL OF GOD and not the other! Read Genesis 1:27,28; 2:18, 21-25; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 19:3-9; Hebrews 13:4.

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Now how about a tree of knowledge of good and evil planted in the midst of Paradise's Garden? Nonsense, huh? When Adam, the first man, was placed into the garden of Eden, he was as harmless and innocent as a three-month-old baby. But his mind was like unto God's. He not only had the mind of God, but the wisdom of God, too (Genesis 2:19-20). Man was at his best. He wouldn't have hurt a fly (Genesis 2:19). Man had morals. Man had a God-like conscience. But that old slippery serpent entered into the picture and corrupted the conscience of God's good creation -- Man! Satan exploited man's newly gained knowledge of good and evil (something God did not desire man to possess - Genesis 2:17; 3:3-7; 6:5,6; 11:6). He knew and understood that from here on out man's leaning would be towards the flesh and evil always. See Genesis 6:5; 8:21. Satan exploited man's disobedience to God, so that he would only obey Self, the Flesh, and Satan. Now you have what you see in today's world; a world in a heap of trouble, a world full of violence, sin, and corruption; human beings that are inherently evil and violent, that every imagination of the thoughts of their hearts are only evil continually (Genesis 6:5).

Is it no wonder man doesn't want to believe in or trust his Creator? Is it no wonder he will lie, cheat and steal his way to preeminence among his brothers? God gave man dominion over this world and the creatures in it (Genesis 1:26); not over each other, to exploit, or have rule over one another! So you see the foolishness of man wins out again. God has used a simple story of Scripture that a little child can understand to confound the so-called wisdom of man throughout the ages. Reader this is "the manifold Wisdom of God" at work in Scripture and in your hearts; to prove to man that he is NOTHING without God. Without God man will just annihilate himself and all of God's creatures along with him. What a fool man is!

Noah's Flood

I am tired of Satan and his minions saying, when are you Christians going to stop believing a lie about a world-wide flood? That flood in the bible was only a local flood made out and sensationalized to be a global flood. Stop telling lies. Don't they know that the Bible is not a book of science? It is a book of FAITH! For "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things NOT SEEN AS YET, moved with fear, PREPARED AN ARK TO THE SAVING OF HIS HOUSE; by the which HE CONDEMNED THE WORLD (not a local village or place), and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith". - Hebrews 11:7. The Scriptures, the Word of God, is for the believers, those that have faith. Noah was a believer, not a modernist, skeptic, doubter, or hater of God. He was a believer, and it was this belief that fearfully spurred him on to prepare an ark to the saving of eight souls. If Noah wasn't a man of faith, then there would be no earth's population today; so through one man's obedience, an entire world was birthed (Genesis 7:13; 9:18,19). The ways of that old, wicked generation, which passed away by mighty flood waters is forever marked. Read Job 22:15-17. They, like people today, asked, "what can the Almighty do for them?" God is concerned about both the righteous and the wicked, only He wants the wicked man to turn from his evil ways. This is called repentance. People perish because of unbelief. God in His manifold wisdom has given us a glimpse into the heart and mind of God, by slowly peeling back the layers of His grace, love, mercy and wisdom. It does no good to fight against God. You can't win that fight. The flood is a reminder of God's wrath towards sin and sinners, and God's grace and mercy towards those that love Him and keep His commandments. Noah's flood is no lie, but is God's revelation of His truth in Scripture. A once disobedient world was destroyed by water will once again be destroyed, but, this time, by fire (2 Peter 3:6,7). You will do well to take heed and save yourself from this untoward generation. For God has not appointed His own to wrath, but to salvation.

Some dead, cold, modernistic, unbelieving bible scholar will say that Noah's flood is a story derived from an older Sumerian mythological account. These so-called bible scholars make the grave mistake of understanding the Scriptures through the lens of Israel's ancient neighbors. Now why would these so-called bible scholars do this? I will tell you why! Because this gives them an excuse not to believe in a miracle-working God who can destroy the earth with a flood. This allows them to remove the workings of a super-natural God and replace them with the mythological accounts of the heathen. This gives the biblical record in their natural eyes more of a human origin that was borrowed, copied and modified from Israel's heathen neighbors. Now, yes, there are some similarities in these stories. But, why,

wouldn't there be? They are both ancient accounts of the same story. Although the two accounts, share some similarities, they are totally different. Read them for yourself. The Sumerian account is filled with stuff like a hero, myth, legend, and a whole pantheon of gods. The story of Noah's flood is a real account of what happened. Satan and his corrupt minions, that is, man, have corrupted and morphed the true story of Noah's flood into myth and legend. Satan will always take the pure things of God and corrupt them. Satan will pervert God's truth into a lie. In fact there are flood stories on all of the habitable continents. You will find them in Africa, Europe, Asia, South America, North America, and Australia. This attest to the biblical flood's widespread fame and validity. Such a catastrophic event could never be erased from the hearts and minds of men, no matter how corrupted they have become. You see after the fall of man, the human race was sold out to Satan and demonic gods. Is it no wonder a backsliding race will try to redefine the truths and reality of God's word. But thank God, there were a few souls in that backwards generation that were not sold out to the devil, but, instead called on the name of a pure and holy God (Genesis 4:26c). We still need this today. We need a few souls to stand up for the word of God in this unclean and corrupt generation.

About sixteen years ago my future wife and I were traveling through the Grand Canyon. And we stopped along the side of the road to behold an astonishing site to see. There were these seashells along the side of the road. We were thousands of feet above sea level. We were far, far away from any ocean. I thought, at first, maybe someone put these seashells there, but our guide assured us that that was not the case. I did some research and found that this was a worldwide phenomena. These seashells are even found in the deserts, not just on the tops of mountains like Mt. Everest. Now man's so-called wisdom, that is, his science, will try to explain away this phenomena. They will tell you that these mountains had to at one time be under water. Well, duh? I agree with that. See Genesis 1:2,9,10; 7:19; Psalm 104:3,6 (Poetic); 2 Peter 3:5,6. But man's science will go further and say that the seabed was raised by the activity of plate tectonics; that it was the buckling and shifting of the earth causing the mountains to rise and form. If Science were truly honest it would admit that such a cataclysmic event as the seabed rising would trigger a massive flood of global proportions anyway. Nevertheless our God from the beginning established the earth so that it cannot be moved or shaken, and the shores of the sea so that they cannot pass beyond what has already been decreed (Psalm 104:9; Proverbs 8:28,29; Jeremiah 5:22). This does not mean that God does not shake the earth from time to time to get our attention, or to draw us back unto Himself (Job 9:6,7; Isaiah 29:6; Amos 1:1; Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:7; Revelation 16:18). However, these seashells are not only found on the top of

mountains that are thousands of feet above sea level, but, they are also found embedded inside of these mountains.

Man's Science has already told you how the mountains were formed, and most of you will take it as the absolute truth. Now if two different tectonic plates are pushed into each other causing the land to buckle and mountains to form, wouldn't the mountains mostly form along the newly formed crack or point of the upward shifting of the earth? Yet, we see high mountains all over the planet, not just along the fault or the Great Global Rift. Would not such a violent action as two different plates crashing into each other crush, erode, or even destroy the seashells found on top, or inside of these mountains? But, no, we see them perfectly deposited and preserved on the tops and inside of these mountains.

Science tell us that floods erode mountains and deposit their sediment in valleys. Duh? Yeah! See Psalm 104:6-8,10. Wouldn't the Bible give a better explanation for the preservation of these seashells? Now look at the "Manifold wisdom of God" as found in the Scriptures. The Bible tells us that during Noah's flood not only were the heavens pouring down rain, but the seas overflowed their banks, and the subterranean waters gushed out, too. Here's how it reads in Genesis 7:11. "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened". Here we see the floods of the deep pushing upwards and the floods of the heavens pushing downwards until the waters prevailed upon the entire earth in a very, very short span of time; only forty days and forty nights. The great upward and downward force of these great waters could have easily deposited these seashells inside and on top of the mountains without being eroded or crushed, but preserved perfectly as a witness to all generations to come. This sign along with God's great Bow in the sky (Genesis 9:11-17) are reminders of His covenant with all flesh, that the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy ALL FLESH. "O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" (Psalm 104:24).

Some wise guy will say, what about the fossils? Fossilization does not need millions or billions of years to occur. Many years ago my wife and I were walking along a canal near the Desert Botanical Gardens and we saw a fossilized fish. It looked as if it were a million years old, but it was not. Fossils can form very quickly. It only took forty days and forty nights for these fossils to occur during Noah's flood. That's because of the great force of the waters and its impact on the soil of the earth. Over time sediment builds and hardens into rock. Now I am no scientist, but I do have the wisdom of God. It is so easy for man to trust and

believe in his science rather than trust and believe in God. After all it requires faith to even approach God (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is something which by nature most folks are totally devoid of and which Satan eagerly wants to steal from the hearts of man (Luke 8:12). It is not foolish to believe in a God who created the heavens and the earth and all that is therein. However, it is foolish to believe that the heavens and earth and all things therein were created or formed of themselves and by themselves. This does not pass the common sense test nor are they worthy of a rational mind.

The Preaching Of The Cross

Let me now come to the real crux of the matter. A Savior who died on a cross for your sins and mine and who was raised from the dead and was caught up into heaven where he awaits the great trumpet call from heaven to settle the score once and for all with Satan and fallen man. Sounds foolish, huh? Well, that is exactly what the Greeks thought upon hearing the Gospel message. And to the people the Messiah came to (the Jews) he was and still is a stumbling block to them and their religious leaders. See 1 Corinthians 1:23. You see man in his own so-called wisdom tried to comprehend the meaning and work of the cross but it was foolishness unto him and a thing to trip over or stumble upon. God had sent His only begotten Son into the world to save sinners and the world from corruption. The Messiah's mission was a message of reconciliation to the world. God wanted to be reconciled with man and man reconciled to Him. But man in his haste to be wise missed it! Aren't we still missing the point of the Gospel today? God wants men to call on His name again (Genesis 4:26). Not see Him as a fairytale or the figment of some man's imagination or something you would read in a comic book or read about in a fantasy novel. The Gospel is man's final curtain-call to either get right with his Maker or face the final onslaught of death and destruction. People need to flee into the "ark of safety" and be delivered and saved from this wicked world. Hallelujah! God has sent His DELIVERER. The ONE TRUE GOD has put all things into the Messiah's hands and under his feet. God will settle the score once and for all with the devil and his cohort, wicked man.

The preaching of the cross may seem foolish to some but it is the way of salvation to those who have been called to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The blood can never fail to save and deliver. Get right with God today. For now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). Receive the love of the truth and be saved before it is too late (2 Thessalonians 2:7-14).

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