**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 101**

**G.’ The Answer of the LORD to Job (38:1-39:30)**

**I. What Knowledge do you have? (38:1-41)**

A. The Challenge (vv. 1-3)

 B. The Creation (vv. 4-41)

 1. The Foundations (vv. 4-7)

 **2. The Seas (vv. 8-11)**

 **3. The Dawn (vv. 12-15)**

 **4. The Deep (vv 16-18)**

 5. The Heavens (vv 19-30)

 6. The Authority over Heaven (vv. 31-33)

 7. The Authority over Earth (vv. 34-38)

 8. The Animals (vv. 39-41)

**PREMISE:** Jehovah answered Job and challenged him about the knowledge of God and His creation (Jn. 3:12). If Christians or infidels can’t get past Gen. 1:1, then there will be no further absolute knowledge about physical or spiritual realms (Big Bang, Infinite Universe with time, or Divine Creation…hmmmm?).

***“Before something, there was nothing—it exploded!***

***Since then all thoughts of “absolute” imploded,***

***Fish turned into men,***

***Now monkeys stare and grin,***

***Such fantasies belong in the trash bin, loaded.”***

**B. The Creation (vv. 8-18)**

***1. The Creation of the Earth***

 **a. The Details of the Sea (vv. 8-11)**

 1) The Bible Text

a) Gen. 1:9-13 (3rd Day)

b) Ex. 20:11

c) Ps. 104:25

 2) The Boundary Truth > clothed with cloud and darkness

a) Its Breaking > *“brake up”* > analogy of water of birth breaking forth but restrained with boundaries!

 b) Its Barriers > *“doors”* (Job 26:10; Prov. 8:29)

 **b. The Dawn of the Sun (vv. 12-15)**

1) The Bible Text

a) Gen. 1:2-5 (1st Day))

 b) Gen. 1:14-19 (4th Day)

 2) The Breaking of Day (Lk. 1:78; II Pet. 1:19)

 a) The light of dawn exposes the wicked (Jn. 3:19-20)

b) The light of dawn turns on earth and exposes the garment hidden by night (vv. 13-14: So-called only heliocentric passage by Henry Morris who argued that the earth turns as the stationary sun exposes!).

***“The Father made the sun go up and down,***

***And the heavens go round and round,***

***With earth in her place,***

***He sent Christ’s saving grace,***

***So His glory throughout all creation should redound.”***

c) The light of dawn gives no benefit to the wicked and they are exposed for judgment.

 **c. The Depth of the Sea (vv. 16-18)**

1) The Bible Text (v. 16a) > Gen. 7:11; 8:2 > “springs *nebec* [1x] *of the sea”* > the source for the water of the oceans?

 2) The Bathymetry (vv. 16b-18) > Ps. 95:4-5

 a) Searched the depth > Prov. 8:27

 b) Gates of death & Doors of the shadow of death (*Sheol* in center of the earth) > I Sam. 28:15

c) Breadth of the earth > Isa. 40:22

**CONCLUSION: Although Job was a Creationist, he could not answer details about creation!**