**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 102**

**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?). “How did the universe start? One origin could explain, in simple terms, the beginning of the universe. The Big Bang theory is a popular one. Basically, the Big Bang theory says the universe came from **a singular solid mass.** At one instant, everything began to expand!” (I want to know the **origin** of the “singular solid mass”!). ***Doctor Scientist: you are boring me with your self-defeating proof!***

***“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. 19-30)**

**2. The Creation of the Heavens (vv. 19-30) > the obvious issue of ‘origins”**

**a. The Details of Light (vv. 19-21)**

1) Gen. 1:2-5 > the Lord as “Light” created darkness and then light (Isa. 45:7)!

2) He is the dwelling and house of both!

 3) Was Job infinite; when was he born; how old is Job? (Cf. Prov. 8:23-27).

**b. The Details of Snow and Hail (vv. 22-23)** > treasury or armory of God

 1) The Treasures of Snow (v. 22) > Job knows how to wash with snow water (Job 9:30)!

 2) The Treasures of Hail (v. 23)

 a) Ex. 9:18

 b) Ps. 18:12-13

 c) Hag. 2:17

**c. The Details of Light and Wind (v. 24) >** Job 1:19; 27:21

**d. The Details of Water (v. 25a) >** Gen. 10:25 **>** God gave watercourses or channels for rivers to divide (*palag > peleg*) countries. (*peleg* > pelican)

 **e. The Details of Lightning and Rain (v. 25b-28a)**

1) Who coordinates lightning and thunder? Where did the first lightning bolt come from?

 2) Who causes rain in the desert? > God cares for all of His creation (Mt. 5:45); does man?

 3) Who created rain? When the first lightning bolt hit the first cloud, where did the rain come from? Gen. 2:5; 7:4

 **f. The Details of Dew, Ice, Frost, Waters, Frozen Waters (28b-30)**

 1) Who is source for Dew? > Gen. 27:28 vs. Hos. 13:3

 2) Who creates and controls all stages of water? Job 37:10; Ps. 78:47

**CONCLUSION: The Benevolent Creator is the Benevolent Saviour Who has a Benevolent Will for proud you!**