

A Carefully-Crafted Universe

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Job 38:1-18

I enjoy learning, so I know a little bit about many things. Yet, even in my “areas of expertise,” it doesn’t take long to reach the limits of my knowledge.

Job’s friends were confident in their beliefs about God; they were convinced they knew the cause of his suffering. Resigned, confused, and then angry, Job demanded a hearing before God. Catapulted into chaos, he finally challenged God: Is there truly any order to the universe? (see Job 30–31). Both Job and his friends spoke on the basis of limited understanding. God accepted Job’s challenge, and then God challenged Job: “You’ve asked a lot of questions; now it’s my turn.” The questions poured forth and the first must have stopped Job in his tracks: “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?” (38:4).

Beyond human knowledge lies vast mystery. We must humbly acknowledge our limitation. Yes, humans are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14), but none of us is God. Though limited in our understanding of creation, may we take comfort in knowing the Creator.

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