

## No Contest

### Description

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Isaiah 41:18-29

A humorous story went around about a proud scientist who says to God, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. We have figured out how to create life out of nothing. We can now do what you did in the beginning."

"Oh, is that so?" God replies.

"Yes," says the scientist, "we can take dirt, form it, and breathe life into it, creating a human being."

"Well, that's interesting. Show me."

So the scientist bends down and starts to mold the soil. "Oh no, no, no," interrupts God. "Get your own dirt."

Some may object. They believe God and humor cannot mix. Yet the Lord himself, through the prophet Isaiah, proposes an equally ludicrous challenge. He commands the wood and stone idols that the people of Judah have forsaken Him to worship to speak up: "Tell us what the future holds so we may know that you are gods. Do something, whether good or bad, so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear" (Isaiah 41:24). The idols stand there as mute as dolls at a child's tea party. There is only one true God who can declare the things that are to come.

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