

## **BE SMARTER THAN EINSTEIN!**

*Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!*

I don't know about you, but I love things that are predictable. It brings a sense of security knowing what is going to happen and how it is going to happen. I feel more in control when I do. Likewise, when I can't predict what is going to happen or even how it is going to happen I tend to experience some apprehension and anxiety. This was the case with arguably the greatest thinker in human history, Albert Einstein. In 1905, as a patent clerk, Einstein published five scientific papers that would revolutionize science, physics, and the understanding on how the universe worked. This year was called Einstein's "Miracle Year". In this year Einstein came up with several theories- Special Relativity and quantum light theory. Over the next few decades Einstein was able to produce equations that both explained and predicted precisely how and when the heavenly bodies would act over time. To Einstein, he had figured out God! He thought he had discovered how God worked and that God was indeed very predictable! It was a matter of math! Einstein relished in his findings and the fame it brought him until one day a new branch of science was developed which was called quantum mechanics. Einstein had spent his life studying the **MACRO** universe and how it worked. His equations were proven over and over again with precise accuracy. They were on the verge of being called LAWS...when came along quantum mechanics which is the study of the **MICRO** universe. This new field of science was the study of sub-atomic particles. This field of study was developed by a contemporary and friend of Einstein named Neils Bohr. For centuries it was thought that the atom was the smallest particle there was. The word atom comes from Greek word *atomo*, and means that which cannot be further divided. However, it was discovered that you could split an atom and within the atom are many sub-atomic particles. What was interesting about this new field of study was that the equations and principles that Einstein discovered that governed the **MACRO** universe, did not apply to the **MICRO** universe. The sub-atomic world did not operate like the macro universe did. As much as the macro universe was ordered and predictable, the micro universe seemed to be

random and unpredictable. Sub-atomic particles seem to act strangely and with no rhyme or reason to them. It was even showed that some particles would change by the simple reason they were being observed! Einstein, who thought he had God figured out, hated this new field of science. He actually deplored it! Einstein had this to say about quantum mechanics:

**I find the idea quite intolerable that an electron exposed to radiation should choose of its own free will, not only its moment to jump off, but also its direction. In that case, I would rather be a cobbler, or even an employee in a gaming house, than a physicist. -Albert Einstein**

Einstein and Bohr would spend hours arguing with one another about the MACRO and MICRO universe. Einstein would tell Bohr that he was putting dice in the hand of God. Bohr told Einstein not to tell God what to do with His dice! Einstein spent the rest of his life trying to disprove quantum mechanics by coming up with one master equation of all things. He just knew there had to be one master equation that explained God and how He operated on all levels. To find this holy grail of equations would be to figure God out once and for all! It would just be a hop-skip-and a jump from there to maybe harnessing this equation for ourselves and we could become a god ourselves! Einstein refused to study quantum mechanics. He sort of put his hands over his ears and refused to face truth. He locked himself away for the last part of his life and scribbled math equations on his pad of paper. Up until the day he died he was still trying to find that one elusive equation that would figure God out. I could have saved poor Einstein a lot of years of frustration and a lot of spent brain power. The Bible says that God's ways are **past FINDING out**. This means that man by his brain **ALONE** cannot find out God's ways. Man without God's aid cannot know God's mind and how He does things in particular situations. Now, God by his grace will **REVEAL** His ways to a person who believes him, but someone cannot **FIND** out God's ways by his brain.

**Psa 103:7** He **made known** His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

In Psalms it says that God **made known** His ways to Moses. This means it was **revealed** to Moses God's ways. Moses did not figure God out. The New Testament has this to say:

**1Co 2:16** For "WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" But we have the mind of Christ.

No human has ever been able to figure out the mind of the Lord. However, believers have been **GIVEN** the mind of Christ as a gift by the scriptures and the Holy Spirit. The scriptures are like the equations that govern the **MACRO** universe, which delighted Einstein. As Einstein could predict what heavenly bodies were going to do, we can also predict **WHAT** God is going to do. He is going to do what His Word says! Because of God's Word and His Covenant we can know **WHAT** God is going to do. We can expect God to heal us. We can expect God to provide for us. We can expect God to protect us. We can expect these things if we trust in His Word. The problem we run into is the fact we cannot predict **HOW** God is going to do it! Many Christians are on a search for the holy grail of God's principles. We love to learn about the laws and principles of God. Much like gravity they work all the time. They bring us comfort, peace, and sense of control. Many are looking to discover God's principles so that they can "work the Word". Others are seeking for the master principle that they can employ it in all situations and at all times so that they can control their situations.

I can relate. I am a lot like Einstein, not in IQ, but in desiring to figure God out and pin him down to a principle that I can control. When I learn a new verse or principle, I tend to use it on everything and in every situation. I am dismayed when I find it often does not work! I get a bit miffed because it is a law and a principle and it should work by gosh! Why can't I make it work! I have made the same mistake Einstein made. We can know **WHAT** God is going to do [**MACRO**], but we cannot predict with our brain **HOW** God is going to do it [**MICRO**]. Revealing the micro is the role of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was given by God to reveal the **WAYS** of the Lord us and to give us the mind of Christ in each and every situation we face.

Jesus operated by the anointing and leading of the Holy Spirit. He had the mind of God in every situation. **Jesus in one sense was very predictable!** If someone asked to be healed, Jesus would heal them. However, **HOW** he healed was very unpredictable! Jesus rarely used the same method in ministering to people. With one he would lay on his hands,

to another he would simply speak, to another he would cast out a spirit of infirmity, to another he would spit in their eye, to another put mud in their eye. Boy was Jesus hard to predict in His WAYS! Jesus was lead by the Spirit of God in all that He did, so He got God's results every time. Our tendency is that when we get a scripture or a method that proved effective we want to patent it and use it in every situation and when it does not work we get mad, like we were ripped off! We were promised goods and services and they did not deliver!

It is very important that we learn the laws and principles of God. If we violate these laws and principles we will suffer for it. However, on the other hand we fall into another ditch when we seek principles over a relationship with God and hearing from His Spirit. The tendency for many is to learn the principles of God and then run off and operate the things of God like we are a puppet master. We think if we will just "work the Word" then life will come under control and we ultimately will be in control. In doing this we try to face life based upon the knowledge of God we have of scripture instead of knowing God Himself. We try to use verses as trusted tools of our trade, instead of seeking God's direction and what He is saying about particular a situation. God forbid, that God might want you to use a different verse! Many times when we come up against an adverse situation we will search our mental data-bank for a scripture or principle that covers it and pull it out and try to use it. Sometimes it works but many times it does not. When it does not we just think we did not believe it enough or we didn't "work the principle" right. The problem is that we are trying to determine **HOW** God is going to take care of our problem, instead of coming to God [which takes time and relationship] and seek His wisdom and direction for the situation. We can know **WHAT** God is going to do, but we have to receive from God **HOW** He wants to do it.

**1Sa 23:2** Therefore David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" And the Lord said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah."

**1Sa 30:8** So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and without fail recover *all*."**2Sa 2:1** It happened after this that David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?" And the Lord said to him, "Go up." David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "To Hebron."

2Sa 5:19 So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

2Sa 5:22 **Then the Philistines went up once again** and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.

2Sa 5:23 Therefore David inquired of the Lord, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.

2Sa 5:24 And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

2Sa 5:25 And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

King David was a very successful man. One of the reasons for this is that he was wise in seeking and inquiring of the Lord before He did things. He knew that God could be counted upon to give Him victory over His enemies [MACRO] because of the covenant He had with God, however, he did not know **HOW** God would do it [MICRO]. He needed to hear from the Lord! He inquired of the Lord and acted upon what he heard. Instead of just going on past experience or his knowledge of scripture- David wrote a lot of scripture mind you, he sought God on the specifics on how, when, and where to go. Once, David asked God if he should pursue the enemy. God said pursue. Instead of going out and pursuing David asked where shall I go up? God told him "Hebron" David obeyed and won. In another situation the Philistines were gathered against him and David inquired of God and asked if he should attack them. God said yes and David won the battle. **Then the Philistines re-gathered their army and camped against him in the exact same place in the exact same way.** David did not say, Ah! I remember what I did last time! I will simply go out and fight them because God said that last time in this situation and I trust God will do the same thing! No, he inquired of the Lord, and God told him to **NOT** attack but go around them and when he heard marching in the mulberry trees, then attack. David

did just what the Lord told him and he won! David could have never figured out God's **WAY** for this battle with his peanut brain. We can't either! I know that this takes away some of the comfort and sense of control we desire to possess in the things of God. However, we cannot control God even by his own principles and scriptures! We are not a puppet master. God is God, and we are not. We will never be able to find out God's **WAYS** by our intellect. It will only be by **REVELATION**.

Next time, do not be so quick to pray off the top of your head over a situation. Inquire of the Lord and ask for His wisdom and leading on how to pray or act in the situation. You are in a relationship with the Living God, not working impersonal laws in an impersonal universe. You can always know **WHAT [MACRO]** God will do, but you need His **WAYS [MICRO]** revealed. If you will inquire of the Lord to receive His **WAYS** then you will be smarter than Einstein!