

> Great Day Everyone! Welcome back to another message-segment, brought to you from "**Discovery Crossroads Ministries**" – "*Were Dead-ends, become alive again*"!

-- We are recording today, from **Valdez Alaska**.

> As I ramble through the vastness of Alaska's mighty backcountry, I realize more, the significance of its immensity! I realize that it is NOT something that just happened, but something that happened purposely. There is "**Order & Purpose**" to everything about Alaska (*or, the world for that matter*). There is "**order & purpose**" to the creation around us, and friends we are just a part of the order & purpose of this world's nature. Anyone who has spent time in the wild of Alaska (*or our big world*), would agree & testify to this Truth!

...I see young people in AK realizing the magnitude of Alaska's creation, because they know that in nature here – they are just a part of **something Bigger than themselves!**

-- I often get the feel that people just take creation "**for granted**". We are surrounded by it every day, and its Magnitude just seems to leave us, or we get complacent with it! In these scenarios, it's easy to "**lose sight**" of what really lies behind all

of creation. **A Creator** who Masterfully pieced this world, and the cosmos, together. We tend to use our small minds, to “**rationalize away**” the Greater Truths about our world.

The Truth that there are many things, that we could NEVER create, as human beings! Oh, we’ll create things on a small scale, but NEVER to the Magnitude of what lies all around us. *Who of us could create gigantic mountains? Or, endless rivers that all meet at the same stopping point; the ocean? Who of us can make real lightning, and place it where we want it? If we are so good, why can’t we stop a tornado in its track? Or, stop a hurricane, before it makes landfall? Who of us can make the rain fall, to cool the earth down on a hot summer day? Why can’t we just turn off global-warming, with the flip of our fingers? Or, stop the glaciers from melting, by clapping our hands? For that matter, which of us could create the Magnificent glaciers that adorn the earth? You get it!*

> **The point of this message is:** We too often “**Miscalculate the Magnificence of God and His Creation.**” We truly overlook the Mighty & Magnificent Work of His Hands, in & behind all that we see, and don’t see, in creation!

-- As you might know, The Bible starts out in **Genesis 1:1** with, “**In the beginning, God created.....**” People turn off here, but please stay with me and hear the whole message.

- The Truth is, no one was here when the earth was created. No one was hanging around when the earth's great magma-center, began to take shape and form rocks & land. So that means: all theories, assumptions & truths, are open for investigation here.
- Now, we are not the only ones, who contemplate how the creation of everything happened. A man named **Job** (*in The Bible*), struggled with the same questions you & I do. In Job, chapter 38, Job and his friends have been trying to answer a question, that they ALONE could not solve. Point: there are "**Mysteries & Unknowns**" of the creation, that are beyond human comprehension. Job struggled to understand creation; as well as, how to explain suffering. Job is advised to recognize human limits, and trust that God will take care of what Job and others cannot know, or do.... **Job 38:1-38**,
"1 Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: 2 "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?" (realize that Job was getting a bit arrogant with God, on his quest for truth). So, God replied, 3 Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. 5 Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? 6 What supports its foundations, and who

laid its cornerstone 7 as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? 8 "Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, 9 and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? 10 For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. 11 I said, 'This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!' (Then God goes into a series of asking Job, if he could do what God does). 12 "**Have you ever commanded** the morning to appear, and caused the dawn to rise in the east? 13 **Have you made** daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night's wickedness?.... 16 "**Have you explored** the springs from which the seas come? **Have you explored** their depths? 17 Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? 18 **Do you realize** the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know! 19 "Where does light come from, and where does darkness go? 20 Can you take each to its home? Do you know how to get there? 21 **But of course, you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced!** (I'll jump to verses 31-37) 31 "**Can you direct** the movement of the stars — binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? 32 **Can you direct** the constellations through the seasons or guide the Bear with her cubs across the heavens? 33 Do you know the laws of the universe? **Can you use them** to

regulate the earth? 34 "Can you shout to the clouds and make it rain? 35 **Can you make** lightning appear and cause it to strike as you direct? 36 **Who gives intuition to the heart and instinct to the mind?**" NLT * In these words, God gives us all a "reality-check", about Truths that we tend to overlook!

> Let me run back to **verse 21**, "**21 But of course, you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced!**" Don't you all just love people, who are "know it alls"? I think that God struggles with them too! Here God sasses Job with, "**But of course you know all this Job – you know it all. Yet, surely you were born BEFORE it was all created, and so you are so very experienced**". Don't you know people like this; you just can't tell them, or teach them, anything? It's such a big struggle!

-- I'm making the point that: none of us were there, when everything was created – so we need to leave **ALL options** open; *including that: **God did it!***

* **Let me shift** to a new line of thought....

> Why are we so "**intrigued**" by the world and universe around us? Could our intrigue come from the many "**Mysteries & Unknowns**", that lie all around us? Don't we climb the

*highest mountains, to experience & conquer them? Don't we dive to the deepest depths of the ocean, just to know what is there? Don't we even travel to space, to explore & know what all lies out there? Personally, I believe we pursue our world's "Mysteries & Unknowns", because "**we didn't create them**"! **God created them - we didn't!**... **Listen**, if "WE" created everything, then we would know everything about everything (*low: there would be no more Mysteries or Unknowns, to be discovered*) – Therefore, we wouldn't be "**intrigued**" by them, nor would we all "**pursue**" knowing & experiencing them! *Did that make sense?* If we created the mountains, and ruled over them, we would get bored and not climb them anymore. If we created the ocean depths, and had been there, we would be over it and not go there anymore. If we created space, and had travelled to its farthest locations, we wouldn't have a desire to go out there again! **Come on**, *I'm not missing the mark!* How many of you have vacationed somewhere, and later decided that you would go to someplace new on your next vacation? That's because you've "**been there – done it – got the t-shirt**"!*

- The "**Intrigue**" with that place is over, and so we move on to New explorations (*New Mysteries & Unknowns*). Truly, we are all "*curious*" beings! *I hitting on the **passion that lies within** each of us, that causes us to be pulled towards*

*God's Creation – meant, so that we will get know **Him** - it's NOT meant for us to credit "Mother-nature, or The Universe"!*

...**Job 12: 7-10**, "7 Just ask the animals, and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. 8 Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you. Let the fish in the sea speak to you. 10 For the life of every living thing is in **his hand**, and the breath of every human being." NLT

...The Apostle Paul wrote in **Romans 1:20**, "For ever since the world was created, **people have seen** the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse for not knowing God." NLT

-- **Folks**, I'm trying to get across that: God HAS been there, and done that, with everything in creation – because He created it, and explored its entirety, long BEFORE any of us got here! These days, we turn "Mother-nature & The Universe", into something that is alive and has a being; like they are a god, or something! Seriously, we've "*personified*" them, into being something that is alive and in control. **But** "Mother-nature and The Universe", are simply creations of The One & Only Living Being - Creator of all things; **God Almighty**! **Yet**, God is a Great Mystery (*an Unknown to some people*),

and yet we REFUSE to explore Him, or give Him credit for His Magnificent Works in creation!

- > When it comes to deciding for ourselves, on how creation really happened - Do we truly **assess** "ALL" the available information about creation, or Do we just **take someone else's belief/word** about it? The word "assess" means: "The process of considering ALL the available information, about a situation, or a person, when making a judgement".

- If we really **take-in** (look into) "ALL" the available information, then we would find/discover that there are parts of creation that can ONLY be "**accredited**" to God! There are many scientists today, who admit that they cannot explain where certain aspects of creation started! Educated men & women, who cannot explain the true origins of creation! **Seriously**, just to say it started with a "**Big Bang**", falls way short of answering "**how & why**" the Big Bing happened! For real you all, these are facts that each of us has to come to (**really ponder**), in order to take-in "ALL" the available information (or possibilities) to creation's start! **And frankly**, part of the "available information", is "**The Holy Bible**"; God's Word.

- > I am just trying to get us to deeply "think-thru" the thought, that we CAN: "**Miscalculate God's Hand in Creation**".

- The word "**Miscalculate**" means: "To assess a situation, or thing, **wrongly**"; "To judge **incorrectly**".
- Let us NOT "**elevate**" ourselves in nature (*thru our limited intelligence*), and **reason away** God in Creation! I agree that we have been given a higher form of thought & language, than any other creature in creation – but sometimes that is not enough, when we are faced with other creatures.
- For instance: *How about all the people who think that they can just walk up & pet the Bison in Yellowstone National Park?* I question who the higher form of being is, at those moments!
- Sometimes, we have to "**give-way**" to the Higher forms of creation! If you are in nature and come across a big brown bear, you better realize who has the "upper-paw (*hand*)" in that situation. You better NOT "**Miscalculate**" the instincts & power of the bear! You better back-away, and give him his "**due-respect**"! **LIKEWISE**, we do well to realize & recognize that God is a Being of Higher form than us – and therefore, **He** deserves our respect & admiration! If He ever back-paws you (*back-hands you*), you will regret it! Those who don't respect God's nature, WILL suffer the consequences (*like: Christopher McCandless, whose body was discovered in a bus, in 1992, in the wilds of Alaska's backcountry. He Miscalculated God's Creation, and paid for it with his life*).

- **In the same way**: those who Miscalculate (*don't respect*) God, WILL suffer the consequences!

- **Please**, Don't let human-wisdom (*small as it is*), talk you out of (*or make you Miscalculate*) knowing The Truth that: **God** is **The Author of Creation**. He is much Smarter & Bigger than us, and He is Active in His Creation. He is NOT outside of it, He swims in this big aquarium with us friends! He Sustains His creation, and we benefit from it. He can be found on every: mountain-top, valley-floor, ocean-depth, and even in the vastness of space. King David said (**Psalm 139:7-10**), *"7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! 8 If I go up to heaven, **you are there**; if I go down to the grave, **you are there**. 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, 10 **even there** your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me."* NLT

- May we always keep in mind, this ole earth (*and all that we know of it*), was "Not formed by human hands"! **So please**, Give God "the credit" for creating the Mysteries & Unknowns, that you love to explore! Affirmation it to Him! No, it's NOT a life or death decision, but one that would please God, if you would just say, *"OK God, I'll give You **the credit** for creation"*.

> Let me end with this affirming passage (**Psalm 19:1-4**),

"1 The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 3 They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. 4 Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world" NLT

-- If you will just **STOP** - **LOOK** around you – and **LET** God be a Part of the "Available Information" about creation – Then He will be found by you, and you **WILL** see Him everywhere.

...The Christian artist **Toby Mac** sings, "*I see **You** in everything all day, and every beat of my heart keeps reminding me - I see **You** in every little thing!*" Please, let us give **God** "**the credit**" for His Creation – **NOT** "Mother-nature"; nor "The Universe"!

-- The Bible says (**Acts 17:27**), "*His (God's) purpose (for creation) was for the nations to **seek after God** and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him - **though he is not far from any one of us**. 28 For in him, we live and move and exist."* NLT Beautiful people, He really is not too **far from any of us**..... I believe He is close to your "thoughts & words" – so may they be such, that give Him the Glory!