

More Questions Than Answers

*The secret things belong to the Lord our God,
but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever,
that we may follow all the words of this law."*

Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply..."

Psalm 73:16 NIV

"The Bible has all the answers!" shouted the man on our TV.

I was a very new Christian at the time and was so impressed with the persuasive words coming from the evangelist. It seemed so reassuring to know all my questions could be answered by looking in Scripture.

It was some time later that I learned the Bible does not have answers for all the questions we can ask about life in this broken world. What that enthusiastic man was talking about I am not certain, but his confidence—that he could get all the answers for life's questions in Scripture—was misleading.

In Deuteronomy Moses spoke about "secret things" that only God knows about—and we cannot find those things out. But Moses also makes it clear that God has revealed all that we need to know in order to be fully obedient to the Lord.

Humanity is wired with an insatiable curiosity and it can lead to trouble if we are not careful to curb it. We might wish to know why we have trouble in life when evil people seem to have no trouble at all. Why do the righteous suffer and evil people lead the good life we ask.

We may never learn in this life why we are made to suffer. But we are given guidance in the Bible on how to cope with suffering, and that needs to satisfy us until the day when all things will be explained at the return of Christ.

We must trust the Lord when we cannot trace Him. He has proven His everlasting love for us by sacrificing His Son on our behalf. That fact alone ought to cause us to believe He has good reason for His mysterious ways.

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving
between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colors
He worketh steadily.

Oft times He weaveth sorrow
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the underside.

Not til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are
as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold
and silver
In the pattern
He has planned."

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