

The Blind Leading The Blind

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I heard a story about three blind men who had never seen nor been around an elephant. Someone was trying to describe to them what an elephant was like but had nothing to compare it with. Finally he took the blind men to the elephant and let them examine it for themselves. As the story goes one man came up to the side of the animal and exclaimed, "I know what an elephant is like - it's like a wall!" Another had wrapped his arms around its leg and said, "Oh, no, an elephant is like a tree!" The third man came up behind the elephant and grabbed it by the tail. He said, "You are both wrong, an elephant is like a rope!"

Sad to say, this little story depicts how some sincere, well meaning Christians have described God. Since we have not as yet seen Him, we blindly come up with our own ideas as to how he looks – what he is like. Jesus said:

"And the Father himself, who has sent me, hath born witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at anytime, nor seen his shape" (John 5:37).

Lest we forget what a mighty God we serve it would benefit all of us as Christians to read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah often. It tells us:

*"Behold, **the Lord God...He** shall feed his flock like a shepherd; **he** shall gather the lambs with his arm...who has measured the water in the hollow of **his hand**, and measured out the heaven with the span, and measured the dust of the earth ... and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? ...who instructed **him**, and taught **him** in the path of justice, and taught **him** knowledge, and showed to **him** the way of understanding? ...To whom, then, will you liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto **him**? It is **he** who sits upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are like grasshoppers...To whom, then will ye liken **me**, or shall **I** be equal? Says the Holy **one** (Isaiah 40:10-25).*

"To whom will you liken me?" "To whom shall I be equal?" He is the creator of the ends of the earth! To answer his question, one blind said: "He's like an egg. He's not really **one** but **three**." That blind man, in his

limited understanding is saying it's just too big a job for one individual. It takes a committee to run a universe. Even though Genesis 1:1 says; *"In the beginning **God** created heaven and earth."*

No, the next blind man says: In Genesis 1:1 "That means **Gods!**" "He's a triune God! A God with three personalities!" The blind man cannot grasp the significance of the fact that God says over and over, *"...besides me there is no God...I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me..."* (Isaiah 45:5,6).

The third blind man answers, "but there has to be more than one creator," what about Genesis 1:26?

*"And God said, let **us** make man in our image, after our likeness..."*

But that blind man does not realize that there were others who were not God - who were there at the creation. God was not talking to other "God-persons" in Genesis 1:26. He was talking to other wonderful beings whom he had already created by that time. We can see that from the Book of Job.

The Book of Job is a book of speculations about God. When the Lord God had heard enough of the speculations, He came on the scene in Chapter 38 and challenged Job:

*"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind...where were you when **I** laid the foundations of the earth?...When the morning stars sang together, and **all** the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:1-7)?*

Oh, is that who was there God? So **all** the created sons of God were watching intently as he created the earth. It must have been a grand celebration for all of the host of heaven to shout for joy when you laid the foundations of the earth! It must have been heavenly music when the morning stars sang together as they watched you create. So that was who you were talking to when you said, "let **us** make man"!

Now back to God's questions: *"To whom, then will ye liken me? To whom shall I be equal?"*

Yet another blind man answers: "God is like a man. He humbled himself as a baby and robed himself in flesh because it was the only way He could relate to man and understand what we have to go through." This blind man doesn't realize that there is not one verse in the Bible to support this *theory*. On the contrary God declares:

*“...for I am God, **and not man**, the Holy **One** in the midst of thee...” (Hosea 11:9)*

*“**God is not a man**, that he should lie; **neither the son of man**, that he should repent”
(Numbers 23:19).*

*“...**the strength of Israel** will not lie nor repent; for he **is not a man**, that he should repent” (I
Samuel 15:29).*

By these and other related Scriptures, we learn that God delights in being God! He has no need or desire to be a man. God is happy. God rejoices, he sings, and above all He loves because He is love.

*“The Lord, thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will **rejoice** over thee **with joy**; he will rest in **his love**, he will **joy over thee with singing**” (Zeph. 3:17).*

God didn't need to become a man to have understanding of men. It's foolish to think that God would need to learn **anything** from man. Do we think that God could learn anything from becoming a man when he is the eternal, all knowing, all wise God who himself made man?! Yet we some have modern day writers and scholars that blindly tell us that God became a baby. One that could not control his bladder. One that was helpless and dependent, having to be taught by a human being. This is the height of blindness. The blind are leading the blind and Jesus said *“they both will fall in the ditch.”*

It is human pride to think man could teach God anything. God said of Israel:

*“When Israel was a child, then I loved him...I **taught Ephraim also** to go, **taking them by the arms...**” (Hosea 11:1-3).*

God teaches man. He teaches understanding; He gives wisdom, He is the one that has those things to give; He is the fountainhead of wisdom and understanding. The wisest man is the one that strives to be like God! God is perfect. Jesus said:

“Be ye therefore, perfect, even as your Father, who is in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48).

Another blind man that has misled well-meaning Christians about God declares that God is hiding behind a wall. He accuses God of being unapproachable. The truth of the matter is that God loves the fellowship of His children. That fellowship began in the Garden of Eden:

“And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God...and the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where are you ” (Genesis 3:8-9)?

God is friendly. Abraham was God’s friend. Moses was on speaking terms with God in a special way. God talked to him "face to face." **God is approachable.** Hezekiah touched the heart of God and moved Him with his tears and God added fifteen years to his life. Rachael, Hannah, and even LaBreeska Hemphill have touched the heart of God with tears and caused Him to move by His mighty hand to meet our needs.

God didn’t have to become a man to have compassion. Man got his compassion from God. If God was no more compassionate than man, He would have destroyed the world long ago. I can assure you that God is not trying, and never has tried to be like us. The object is for man to be more like God. God is perfect in forgiveness, perfect in mercy, perfect in love, perfect in wisdom and understanding.

What could God possibly gain by being like us? For some modern day Christian writers to describe God as a helpless baby boggles the mind. It is a trick of the enemy to make man superior to God. And many Christian believers have adopted this theory. God forbid that we should think that we could teach our Creator anything. When Job was tried by fire he thought that he had a right to *“declare his righteousness to the Lord.”*

“...behold my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me...I would declare unto him the number of my steps; like a Prince would I go near unto him” (Job 31:35-37).

But when God did come on the scene He demanded of Job:

“Who is this that darkens counsel without knowledge? Gird up now your loins like a man; for I will demand of you, and answer you me” (Job 38:2).

“Then Job answered the Lord, and said, behold I am vile; what shall I answer you? I will lay my hand upon my mouth” (Job 40:3-4).

When God declared His glory to Job by describing the grand things that He has created, Job was speechless. In essence he ended by saying to the Lord God of the universe, “Lord I’m sorry. **I was blind but now I see!!!**”

All the years that Job had served the Lord, he just "**thought**" he knew him. It is the same with us when we really have an encounter with God. We will know that we are vile and there is **absolutely nothing that He can be compared to!**

We have been too content to let blind men describe God to us. We have too readily listened to people describing God who themselves don't understand him. Let us know him for ourselves. God intends that we would know him as he really is. God is not like an egg, or "Gods," nor does he have "multiple personalities." He created all things alone. No one helped him. God has never had a need to become a human being. He is not one of us! He has never been one of us and never will be. But, he desires that we would be like him.