

CHALLENGES TO OUR UNDERSTANDING

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From an article on “**Industry Tap**” written by David Schilling, the host went on to say that not only is human knowledge, on average, doubling every 13 months, we are quickly on our way, with the help of the Internet, to the doubling of knowledge every 12 hours.

To put it into context, in 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every 100 years. By the end of 1945, the rate was every 25 years. The “**Knowledge Doubling Curve,**” as it’s commonly known, was created by Buckminster Fuller in 1982. If you want to take this even further down the proverbial road, you combine this with Ray Kurzweil’s (Head of Google Artificial Intelligence) “**singularity**” theory and Google’s Eric Schmidt and Jared Cohen’s ideas which are discussed in their book, “**The New Digital Age: Reshaping the Future of People, Nations and Business**” and you have some serious changes to technology, human intelligence and business coming down the pike whether you like it or not.

Here are some numbers which can put the below chart into context but just keep in mind that whole “doubling every 12 hours” statistic:

Human Brain = several billion petabytes to index

The Internet = 5 million terabytes

Amount of Internet indexed by Google = 200 terabytes or .004% of the total Internet

<https://lodestarsolutions.com/keeping-up-with-the-surge-of-information-and-human-knowledge>

This incredible speed has (what I term as “**The Giants in Understanding Technology**” are **CONCERNED** that there is too much **MISINFORMATION**. It has also been called “**Conspiracy Theories.**” We’ve been noting more and more that these so called “Conspiracy Theories” are actually the Hidden Truths that goes against “**The Global Agenda.**” You’re welcome to take a copy from the back table into the massive changes and amendments presented by the United Nations and the World Health Authority which are about to be adopted as declarations the entire world will be forced to follow.

These are the many roads that are intersecting to set up a **One World Order** where the antichrist will take dominion over those left behind after the Rapture of the Church for 7 years. There are 4 main points I wish to highlight in Job 16 that are being duplicated before our very eyes and ears.

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I. PROPER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT HIS “COMFORTERS” (Job 16:1-6)

Then Job replied:

2. “I have heard many things like these; you are miserable comforters, all of you!

3. Will your long-winded speeches never end? What ails you that you keep on arguing?

4. I also could speak like you, if you were in my place; I could make fine speeches against you and shake my head at you.

5. But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief.

6. “Yet if I speak, my pain is not relieved; and if I refrain, it does not go away.”

Job 16:1-6

Our world is becoming ruled by “**miserable comforters.**” **Those who should be listened to are being drowned out by careless and controlling barbarians.** Many Christians throughout our world are being tormented because they are following the scriptures.

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Colossians 3:2

God is the ultimate Comforter in this world. His Word has stood the test of time. The apostle Paul goes on to describe the “**earthly nature**” that we need to “**put to death.**”

“And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”

Colossians 3:10

As we mature in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, perfect unity and walk with a heart that is at peace with God doesn’t mean that we will be relieved of our constant pain in our soul any more than it did in the life of Job.

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II. IMPROPER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT GOD (Job 16:7-14)

7. ***Surely, God, you have worn me out; you have devastated my entire household.***
8. ***You have shriveled me up—and it has become a witness; my gauntness rises up and testifies against me.***
9. ***God assails me and tears me in his anger and gnashes his teeth at me; my opponent fastens on me his piercing eyes.***
10. ***People open their mouths to jeer at me; they strike my cheek in scorn and unite together against me.***
11. ***God has turned me over to the ungodly and thrown me into the clutches of the wicked.***
12. ***All was well with me, but he shattered me; he seized me by the neck and crushed me. He has made me his target;***
13. ***his archers surround me. Without pity, he pierces my kidneys and spills my gall on the ground.***
14. ***Again and again he bursts upon me; he rushes at me like a warrior.”***

Job 16:7-14

In my younger years I pictured God as an old man with a long white beard and an angry face looking down on this pathetic world He wished He never Created. Hear me when I say, challenges of every type often redirect our focus upon a god we create in our mind that isn't anywhere close to the God we serve. Please don't misunderstand me when I say we not only blame God for things that go wrong in our life - We also blame the devil when it may be just the harvest of the bad seeds we've sown.

III. DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PAIN (Job 16:15-18)

15. ***“I have sewed sackcloth over my skin and buried my brow in the dust.***
16. ***My face is red with weeping, dark shadows ring my eyes;***
17. ***yet my hands have been free of violence and my prayer is pure.***
18. ***“Earth, do not cover my blood; may my cry never be laid to rest!***

Job 16:15-18

III. DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PAIN (Job 16:15-18)(Contd.)

It must have been painful for Job to gaze at the blistering sores over his entire body. Sackcloth would only irritate the sores and continue to break his scabs open time and time again. Even though his face had discoloured because of his continued sorrowful tears and there was a dark ring around his eyes because he was lacking a solid rest night after night.

There was something that stood out in the midst of his sorrow.

*“yet my hands have been **free of violence** and my **prayer is pure.**”*

Job 16:17

The word **“pain”** is seldom linked with **“purity.”** Our Lord and Saviour was able to remain pure in His prayer at Gethsemane thousands of year after Job passed from this earth. I don't think I've ever hear of anyone wanting to meet Job when they get to heaven. It's rather someone like Abraham. Moses, Ruth, David, Daniel, Peter or Paul and Mary. Is that because we have a hard time fathoming how God can mold and shape us after His own image with a picture of a suffering servant or a Saviour with droplets of blood dripping down His Holy face?

Pain is a major part of God's divine plan for our world.

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2. He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

*3. He was despised and rejected by mankind, **a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.** Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

*4. **Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,** yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.*

*5. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; **the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.***

6. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

III. DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PAIN (Job 16:15-18)(Contd.)

7. *He was oppressed and afflicted, **yet he did not open his mouth**; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, **so he did not open his mouth.***
8. *By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.*
9. *He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, **though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.***
10. ***Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer**, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.*
11. *After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; **by his knowledge [or by the knowledge of him] my righteous servant will justify many**, and he will bear their iniquities.*
12. *Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, [or the many] and he will divide the spoils with the strong, **[or the numerous/multitude] because he poured out his life unto death**, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."*

Isaiah 53:1-12

Some 50,000 Jewish worshipers took part in the central Selichot service at the Western Wall in the Israeli capital of Jerusalem on Thursday night, the Western Wall Heritage Foundation said.

The Western Wall Heritage Foundation planned 17 central Selichot services for the thousands of worshippers expected this year, five of which have already taken place.

The Western Wall Heritage Foundation called on worshippers to come early in the month of Elul to Selichot services and not to wait until the end of the month and the days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in order to spread out the crowds for the safety and welfare for all visitors to the Western Wall.

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/world/50-000-jewish-worshipers-gather-for-selichot-prayers-at-western-wall/ar-AA1gqpXJ?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=U159&cvid=9c3feeb36bfe4a50b1d12602dedc1567&ei=46>

IV. INCREDIBLE UNDERSTANDING OF ETERNITY (Job 16:19-22)

19. *Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high.*

20. *My intercessor is my friend [or my friends treat me with scorn] as my eyes pour out tears to God;*

21. *on behalf of a man he pleads with God as one pleads for a friend.*

22. *“Only a few years will pass before I take the path of no return.”*

Job 16:19-22

The end of this chapter unveils an understanding of eternity that is unmatched in his day and age. He was confident that God would not only **intercede for him** but would also stand before his accusers as **his advocate**. He was NOT aiming to prove his sinlessness but rather to highlight the fact he was sincere in his heart toward God and even a day in the courts of heaven would prove that to be true.

We all must stand before God in heaven. **We should never be content to think that we can stand before God in our righteousness but rather we are clothed in God’s righteousness as sinners saved by the grace of God.**

Heaven is a POSSIBLE destiny for everyone. It’s NOT GUARANTEED to everyone.

“Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:15

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 21:8

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,”

Hebrews 9:27

Eternity is a fact in the Bible. It is unfortunately NOT going to become the final destiny of every soul that has been born upon this earth. It’s the most important decision we will ever make.

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, **that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**”*

John 3:16

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