

THE BEFUDDLING MYSTERIES

Job 11:7

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Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out God?

Science, of course, seeks to learn all truth by empirical methods. There's no harm in trying, but how's science been doing lately? Is science any closer to that lofty goal of discovering all truth? Actually, science has run into some serious snags.

In 1926, Heisenberg's "Uncertainty Principle" proved that we can never calculate the exact behavior of electrons in atoms.

In 1931, Kurt Godel's "Incompleteness Theorem" proved that all mathematical systems contain "undecidable propositions."

And then there's Irwin Hubble's Big Bang, and we'll never know what caused that.

And in the 1960s, a new branch of mathematics, called "caos," basically tells us that the universe is not "deterministic," which is a fancy way of saying we cannot predict the future..

The upshot then is that science now knows that there are things that science can never know, which is not far different than —

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

In other words, as George Gobel once said, "You can't get there from here."

It doesn't matter how big your computer is or how powerful your microscope is, some things we can never find out.

Now, that's interesting. What does it mean when science admits that there are things that science cannot know, and God proves that he knows it? Someone once said, "There's nothing so embarrassing as watching your boss do what you said couldn't be done." What does God know that science can't know?

Isaiah 46:9 I am God and there is none like me. :10 Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done.

The wonderful thing is this: The most important truths, like Jesus is the Christ, which are beyond the reach of science, God simply reveals to us.

Matthew 16:27 Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto you but my Father which is in heaven.

But what about the cosmic mysteries, the big bang, the behavior of atoms, the mysteries of deep mathematics? Is there any chance that God will reveal those answers too? Yes, there is.

1 Corinthians 13:12 Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as I am known.

That means that one day God will share all that he knows with us. We'll be omniscient!