**NONE OF THESE DISEASES**

God always knows exactly what He is doing. Whether it is remembering the past, or foretelling the future, God has perfect memory and perfect vision. Being able to perfectly know the past and see the future, knowing exactly the answer to every problem and every question, is called omniscience.

Omni is the word for “all,” and Science is the word for “knowledge.” Thus, omniscience means all-knowing. While I have met a few folks who acted like they were omniscient, usually it only took a few minutes to prove otherwise. As the old saying goes, “It’s better to be thought a fool, then to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

But not so with our God. When He opens His mouth and speaks it becomes very obvious that He is the fountain of all truth. He knows the end from the beginning in all matters, whether scientific, philosophical, mathematical, moral or religious. Read His words from Isaiah 46 as He challenges idolatrous Israel to match their dumb, deaf and mute gods to Jehovah’s greatness:

8 “Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors.
9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other;
 I am God, and there is none like Me,
10 ***Declaring the end from the beginning***, ***And from ancient times things that are not yet done***,
 Saying, My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’

Let me be specific with just one example. Do you remember when God had brought Israel out of Egypt and was leading them to Mt. Sinai? Do you remember a promise He made to them in Exodus 15:25-26? Listen to it carefully:

25 There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26 and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, ***I will put none of the diseases on you*** which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”

Did you catch that? God promised that if these people would heed His voice and give ear to His commandments that He would “***put none of the diseases***” upon Israel that they had seen in Egypt. In other words, God could forecast the future by His omniscient mind and guarantee them escape from the plagues and pestilences He brought upon the Egyptians.

Now fast forward to the giving of His commandments on Mt. Sinai. They included not only the famous Ten Commandments we all know, but also important things like dietary laws of what animals they could eat. There were clean meats, and unclean meats (read all of Leviticus 11 for reference). But then see what God told them in Leviticus 20:25,

25 You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

If they obeyed God’s commands then, even regarding such things as what they ate, their life would be so much better than those who didn’t obey. Just read Leviticus 13-15. Such sanitary practices as taking their human waste outside the camp and burying it would stop the spread of diseases they would know nothing about. Likewise, stopping the spread of leprosy by quarantining the leper no doubt saved the nation from a deadly epidemic (Leviticus 13:1-8, 45-46).

It is obvious that Moses was not a scientist with a white coat, laboratory and microscope. He knew nothing of infectious diseases or germ warfare. But God did. God is the greatest scientist in history! If you put all the greatest scientists and medical geniuses in the world together in one room, their combined wisdom wouldn’t fill a Dixie cup compared to all God knows! He knows the cause, and cure, of every pandemic that ever hit the human race. He knew before man ever discovered it that the deadly Cholera pandemic of the 19th century was caused by contamination of food and water; that Malaria was caused by mosquitoes; that Typhus was caused by cramped unsanitary conditions (that is how many died in the trenches of World War 1); and that the Bubonic Plague (aka Black Death) of Europe that killed up to 200 million was due to fleas living on rats on merchant ships which then spread the disease in every port they sailed to.

The COVID-19 (aka Coronavirus) pandemic we are presently experiencing is under intense investigation by the greatest minds of epidemiology from around the world. Everyone is trying to find a cure, or at least a vaccine, to stem the tide of this virus. Like all other epidemics and pandemics in history – God already knows. So why doesn’t He tell us? I can’t answer that. If I could, I would be God, or a prophet He inspired to speak for Him. All I can tell you is what Moses told me:

“29 *The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law*.” (Deuteronomy 29:29)

God simply asks us to walk by faith. We must believe He knows, He cares, He loves, and that He is marching history toward a Judgment Day. Yes, this worldwide pandemic “might” be another act of God like He sent in the Biblical days to bring men to their knees, and then to their feet to walk toward Him. But whatever is happening now God is expecting us to believe with all our hearts that He is omniscient, and omnipotent, and He is in control. The world thinks this is chaos. The Christian thinks, and sings:

 “This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget,
 that tho the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done,
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.”

Until tomorrow … I love you, and so does an all-wise Father in heaven.

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