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What Does God's Word Say About... The Potter and the Clay

In last week's article we defined Secular Humanism to be a religion that claims mankind is the standard by which all of life is measured and judged. In effect, this religion claims that man has more knowledge than God who created this universe and formed man from the dust of the ground into the image of God (Gen. 1:3-26).

The prophet Isaiah wrote "Woe, to the one who quarrels with his Maker - An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?' Or the thing you are making say 'He has no hands?' "(Isa. 45:9). Another scripture Isaiah wrote would crush the thinking of a Secular Humanist today, "You turn things around! Shall the potter [God] be considered as equal with the clay [mankind], that what is made [mankind] would say to its maker [God], 'He did not make me'; Or what is formed [mankind] say to him who formed it, 'He has no understanding?' "(Isa. 29:16). Isaiah also wrote "But now, O Lord, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand" (Isa. 64:8).

In the 20th century God has allowed mankind to increase their knowledge in all of the known sciences. A Secular Humanist believes these accomplishments have been discovered by the knowledge of mankind, contrary to God's word. "Behold, He tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt; He imprisons a man, and there can be no release" (Job 12:14). This scripture explains that man's knowledge is restricted by God.

It is humorous to look into the writings of men of past centuries, before the invention of space travel and the telescope, and read their thoughts about the universe. The Creator of this universe inspired the writer of Job, the oldest book in the Bible, to write approximately 4,000 years ago "He stretches out the north over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. He wraps up the water in His clouds, and the cloud does not burst under them. He obscures the face of the full moon and spreads His cloud over it. He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters at the boundary of light and darkness" (Job 26:7-10). The prophet Isaiah wrote in approximately 700 B.C. "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth" (Isa. 40:22). The question to ask at this point is "How did these men, without any current scientific knowledge, know that the earth hangs on nothing and is round?" The answer to this question is that the Creator who designed the earth, explained to the prophets, through inspiration, how the potter designed the earth.

The apostle Paul wrote "Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, so that no man may boast before God" (1 Cor. 20-31). Let's trust in God's wisdom and not man's!

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