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Job 40:15 & 41:1

“Behold now Behemoth, which I made...” “... Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook?” Job 40:15 & 41:1

Most commentators rename these two ancient animals as a hippopotamus and a crocodile respectively. Why is it we feel a need to place things in a comfortable format for our intellect? It can be a dangerous thing spiritually for we may also begin to rationalize and absolve ourselves from the need we have for a Saviour. We begin to hunt for reasons why God’s Word apparently doesn’t work in our situation. Then we may even worse, begin to question why it is necessary to obey the Scriptures – after all, our situation is totally different from anyone else’s, isn’t it? (You are not the exemption to the rule!)

An honest reading of these passages makes it abundantly clear that both Behemoth and Leviathan are not animals presently found in our zoos or marine parks! Most likely the Lord is describing to Job an animal that Job is obviously familiar with and in our present day terms they are most likely some sort of dinosaurs. The modern mind reels at such a suggestion because of the bias of our knowledge so called. (The gorilla was considered only a myth until the beginning of the twentieth century!)

Avoid the temptation to compartmentalize your life. The Creator is also the Redeemer. The Holy Spirit – the Author of the Bible was also the only eyewitness of the creation – the only One alive at this world’s formation. To compartmentalize our lives – to hold our spiritual life separate from our intellectual life, separate from our physical life, etc. is to cut ourselves off from vast areas of genuine wisdom that is capable of radically helping and altering our lives.

God Word doesn’t need your rationalization. While God never asks you to throw out intellectual pursuits (the Word of God will stand up under scientific and rational scrutiny), He does call you to trust and believe what He has said!

“Lord, in spite of what man’s testimony is concerning the whole of creation, I will look to You and Your opinion for my final determinations!”

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