

Not Quite Right News from Mark Golden

Astronomers Find Rock Too Big for Even God to Lift

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Rabbis' believe that our first parents, Adam and Eve, started playing this particular perennial theological ping pong ball game. Rabbis reckon that after one of the couple's first marital spats, Adam tried to catch the fuming first lady off-guard with this intriguing, and hopefully distracting, philosophical question. "Hun, I was wondering, do you think our Creator could ever create a rock soooo big that even He couldn't lift it? Hmm, honey?"

Legend has it that clever Eve, shrugged her perfect shoulders, shook her perfect head and while looking at the stars she exhaled through clenched teeth and cynically exclaimed, "Y'know, I liked you better before the whole forbidden fruit thing!"

So, down through the centuries the debate moved out of the Garden of Eden, into a vast multitude of bedrooms, from there to philosophers, theological seminaries and finally religions worldwide. Husbands still goes back to it, when all else fails. Whereas atheists, in pubs worldwide, instead ask one another: 'Do you think I could lift a heavy enough rock to smash your head in two and finally shut you up?'

This curiosity concerning the divine is akin to how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. What's the theological or scientific evidence for the pin's exact population on a particularly good dance night? The correct number of jovial angelic beings, that boogie, is most likely a fluid, ever changing number.

Now back to the deity versus the mega, super-sized rock. Can God be deity-deficient and geologically challenged?

A spokesperson for the International Space Consortium (ISC) stated, "Down through the ages, astronomers and amateur star gazers, always suspected that the Old Boy simply didn't have it in Him anymore. He pressed His luck one too many times you might say."

When queried why he said such a statement some might consider blasphemous, his answer turned out to be rather sensible. "God gave His all during that creative six-day run of really amazing hard work in what's known as Creation. After that, as we all know, though God is Almighty, the job tuckered Him out. A day of full rest followed. You may call it a needed day off.

"Since then, He's pretty much had others lending a hand: angels, humans and such. That says a lot about His stamina. In one Bible story, God even used a donkey do some of His business by talking to a prophet in order to straighten that guy out. Recall the story of Noah. God could've

offered one-on-one counseling to Earth's "wicked" populace and possibly have turned the apple cart around. Instead He turned on the spigot, napped for 40 days and wiped everyone out."

The ISC spokesperson continued, "Like most of us, no one wants to acknowledge the symptoms of aging. Pushing ourselves too hard or too fast when we are well past our prime is normal."

An angelic spokes-being confided on the condition of anonymity, "More than a few of us occasionally work double-shifts and quietly help out behind the scenes. After unfathomable eons of time, we think God wanted to show that He still had it in Him, to do, just whatever, y'know, the impossible. No surprise to us, He doesn't recall making this particular monumental asteroid, and now He greatly regrets it."

To clarify our deity's troubles. Astronomers have discovered big planets, stars and well...rocks, which we politely call asteroids, littler ones, meteors. There are some asteroids that make our own planet seem like a pebble next to a hippopotamus. Now such a hippopotamus-sized rockeroid enticed the bout. God's desire to lift it is not to be questioned – He works (out) in mysterious ways.

The angel added, "But at His age, and with His muscle, when God approached the docile, munching, hippo asteroid and attempted to move it a mere 14 light years to the left...there was a problem."

The angel confided, "It's His back, lower back to be exact. And no chiropractor or all the masseuses put together, couldn't make it new again. He's ignored it too long. You humans do the same thing – denial – and you are made in His image. That's where you get it from."

The astronomers are quick to point out that no one alive will see the match-off between the not-quite-so- Almighty and the rockeroid, because the immense mega-rock match-off is light years from Earth.

The sad results of the match, which they confidently claim was over before it even began, will not reach our solar system for 3.8 billion years – give or take a few hundred thousand years. By that time, anyone interested in this monumental controversy will at that time be only dust blowing in the wind.

So, it appears even the Supreme Being is limited when He tries to go beyond His limits.

