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How could wisdom be born and raised up?

The language of "wisdom" can sometimes be confusing.

1. Why might some think that wisdom has a beginning?

Proverbs **8:24** Genesis **1:12**, 21; Genesis **30:39** Genesis 20:10 Isaiah **66:6-8** Matthew **1:25**

The scriptures tell us that "[wisdom] was brought forth". The language of being "brought forth" is often used of plants, animals and even people coming into existence.

2. What else can "brought forth" mean?

Genesis 24:53 Genesis 38:25 Exodus 3:12 Ezekiel 12:7

The language of "brought forth" can also communicate that something or someone is now brought to the foreground of the action or something or someone is put on display. It can also communicate the message that someone or something is being led forward by another.

3. When did "wisdom" come into existence?

Proverbs **8:22-26** Psalm **90:2**

We are told that wisdom was "possessed" or "obtained" by the LORD "in the beginning of His way" and that it is "from everlasting". Since the LORD is "from everlasting to everlasting" and wisdom was "possessed" by the LORD "in the beginning of His way", it naturally follows that wisdom is likewise from eternity past and thus actually outside of time and space.

4. What other unique things are said about wisdom?

Proverbs 1:20-21 cmp Proverbs 8:11 & Proverbs 31:10 & Proverbs 18:22

The pronoun used to identify "wisdom" is feminine. This does not mean that only women possess wisdom nor does it mean that wisdom is a feminine quality. The Hebrew language is one of those languages what employs the use of "gender" on words. Wisdom is a word that is linguistically feminine. But there are some specific things to learn about wisdom being a feminine word. Wisdom is compared to rubies with respect to value, so is a wife. The challenging link for many is that women actually DO possess wisdom that should be received and processed. It is easy for some men to realize that women can actually be wise. Also not that a woman (who is of great value) is a gift from God and should be honored as such.

Proverbs **2:6-12**

It is wisdom that will provide the way of escape from sin and the way to move forward to honor God.

Proverbs **9:10-11**

True wisdom (not intellect as man measures intellect) begins with the knowledge of God. This indicates that in order to understand anything properly (thus exercising intellect appropriately), that you must know, trust, and begin with God.

Proverbs 2:2-5; 3:13; 13:10

Wisdom is to be sought after and is arrived out through receiving of advice. No one person can know everything but the man who knows how to surround himself with good and godly advisers truly is wise.