

A composite image of Earth from space. The top half shows a bright sun rising over the horizon, casting a glow over the blue and white clouds of the planet. The bottom half shows the Earth at night, with numerous yellow and white city lights visible against the dark blue of the oceans and landmasses. The text "DOES GOD KNOW THE FUTURE?" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline.

**DOES GOD KNOW
THE FUTURE?**

MODELS OF HOW GOD COULD VIEW THE FUTURE

Classic Calvinism

God controls everything

Moderated View

God goes into the future

The Open View

God knows some things in the future because He causes them to happen; but most things He does not know because they have not happened yet.



Arguments For God Knowing The Future

- The **LIFE** and **DEATH** of Jesus is prophesied throughout Old Testament scripture.
- The **ELECT** **Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:4**
- The **Apostasy** **1 Timothy 4:1-3**
2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

DOES GOD KNOW EVERYTHING?

Arguments For God Knowing The Future

- **Isaiah 46:9-10 (p 839)**

I will accomplish all My good pleasure

- **Isaiah 48:3-6 (p 840)**

Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass

- **Genesis 15 (p 15)**

God will make it happen (famine; Joseph; brothers and parents join him; stay in Egypt; Pharaoh does not know Joseph)

Arguments For God Knowing The Future

- **1 Kings 13:2-3 (p 404)** Josiah, the king
 - **Isaiah 44:28 (837)** Cyrus, My Shepherd
- God can put any person in any circumstance without taking away their free will!*
- **Matthew 26:34 (1146)** Peter's denial
- Does God have to make Peter deny Christ?*
- **John 13:18-19 (p 1241)** Judas betrayal
- Judas? John 6:64 (p 1229)*
- # FREE WILL

Foreknowledge Of Christ

- God brought about HIS WILL in the life of Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7 (p 1179)

- Jesus brought forth HIS WILL in His life to accomplish the WILL OF GOD!

Matthew 26:39 (p 1146)



The Elect of God

- Calvinistic view?

Paul? **Galatians 1:15-16 (p 1337)**

Pharisees? **Luke 7:30 (p 1230)**

- **Romans 8:29 (p 1301) Ephesians 1:4 (p 1342)**

As individuals? If so, we lose our FREE WILL

He can also know the *nature* of the person

“Whosoever believeth in him” (John 3:15-16)

God Does Not Know The Future

God repents; made sorry

“The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”

(Genesis 6:6)

God changes His mind

So the Lord changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

(Exodus 32:14)

God Does Not Know The Future

God regrets

"I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." (1 Samuel 15:11)

God changes His mind

"Set your house in order, for you shall die ... behold, I will heal thee" (2 Kings 20:1-6)

God Does Not Know The Future

God says He will not

“He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

(Revelation 3:5)

God Does Not Know The Future

God questions the future

The Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?" (Numbers 14:11)

"How long will they be incapable of innocence?" (Hosea 8:5)

God Does Not Know The Future

God is surprised as events unfold

"What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected *it* to produce *good* grapes did it produce worthless ones?" (Isaiah 5:4)

God expects one thing but does not happen

"I thought, 'After she has done all these things she will return to Me'; but she did not return"
(Jeremiah 3:6-7,19-20)

God Does Not Know The Future

God said He never expected some things

“A thing which I never commanded or spoke of, nor did it ever enter My mind”

(Jeremiah 19:5; 7:31; 32:35)

God test man to find out what man will do

“For NOW I know that you fear God”

(Genesis 22:12; Exodus 16:4; Deuteronomy

God Does Not Know The Future

God test men to see what they will do

“That I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction” (Exodus 16:4)

“Testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.” (Deuteronomy 8:2)

God Does Not Know The Future

God test men to make certain their faithfulness

“God left him *alone only* to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart”

(2 Chronicles 32:31)

What Does The Open View Offer?

The **OPEN VIEW** is more true to scripture than Calvinism or the moderated view.

The **OPEN VIEW** rejects the fatalistic view of life.

The **OPEN VIEW** elevates the position of prayer. (*Exodus 32:11-14*)

A view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the sun rising over the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effect. The sun is positioned in the upper center, with its light reflecting off the Earth's surface and creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The Earth's surface is visible as a blue and white expanse, with clouds and landmasses. The sun's rays are visible as a bright, hazy glow, and the overall scene is a dramatic and awe-inspiring view of our planet from space.

CONCLUSION:

It helps to understand how great the mind of God is and in the final analysis it makes Him far greater and wiser; and in some ways more powerful than if He were manipulating and orchestrating everything like a puppet master.

1 Peter 3:21

BAPTISM

A large, bold, blue word "BAPTISM" is centered on the slide. A dynamic blue wave splashes over the word, creating white foam and ripples. The background is a light blue gradient with small, faint bubbles.

**now saves you, not as a removal
of dirt from the body but as an
appeal to God for a good conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**