

Proverbs 3:19-20

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Wisdom is woven into the fabric of creation. It is an essential element of God's created order. By embracing wisdom, we embrace the reality of what is.

Throughout Solomon's introduction to Proverbs, he has alluded to *wisdom* as a path. The way to live life. A practical perspective that acknowledges reality and aligns us with the heart and character of God. When we adopt *wisdom*, we are equipped to make good choices, discern judgments, and engage with one another in the **way** God intended.

In these two verses, Solomon makes an incredible statement about *wisdom*. He says that *the Lord* (Yehovah, "The existing one"; [see notes on Proverbs 3:5-10](#)) by his *wisdom* *founded the earth*. This clearly harkens back to the creation of the world (Genesis 1). The very construction and purpose of our planet and human existence.

What Solomon is saying here is that *wisdom* is baked into the DNA of existence. It is the undercurrent of all reality. *By understanding He established the heavens*. The *earth* and the *heavens* were both made *by God's wisdom and understanding*. God is the source of creation. An instrument of His creating is *wisdom* and *understanding*. This is a powerful statement. Solomon is calling his audience into alignment with the created order, to participate in the very *wisdom* that served to create reality itself.

This applies to both the physical and spiritual realms. God is the creator and created both the tangible and intangible. As we are told in the New Testament, which speaks of Jesus as an agent of creation:

"For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."
(Colossians 1:16)

This verse makes it clear that God, through Jesus, created all matter, all that exists in the spiritual dimension as well as all authorities and dominions. Proverbs adds that this creative event was also accomplished through *wisdom* and *understanding*. All are a part of the fabric of Creation, which is an extension of Existence, which is God.

Verse 20 says that *by His knowledge the deeps were broken up and the skies drip with dew*. In Genesis 1:2, God is hovering over the *deep*—the same word used here in Proverbs 3:20. This is the preamble to the creation story. There is darkness over the *deep* and when God says, "Let there be light," the process of creation begins—breaking the darkness to make room for the light.

So, here Solomon is saying this process was initiated with the same *knowledge* of God that he is trying to impart to his audience. On Day Two of creation, there is another separation, or breaking

up. This time it is “the waters” and on one side is the heavens and the other earth. Effectively, it is atmosphere that is being created, the setting wherein *the skies drip with dew*.

Solomon has been alluding to the integration of wisdom with all of created reality throughout the first three chapters. The preceding verse (18) talks about wisdom as “a tree of life,” another allusion to creation. In Chapter 1, Lady Wisdom implores the hearers to “return” to the wisdom they were created for.

We were all created by *wisdom* and for *wisdom*. Nature and natural law have the undercurrent of *wisdom* flowing within them. It is the fabric of existence, a fundamental element of reality.

Solomon is calling his audience to understand that *wisdom* is at the heart of reality and therefore it is in their best interest to align with it. *Wisdom* was an integral element of the creation of all that is on Day One of human existence. *Understanding* and a wise perspective are key to unlocking what it means to be human and how to best operate as a person in God’s world. When we accept wisdom and make it the center of our character, we join in harmony with the created order. We participate in reality as it is.

Biblical Text

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By understanding He established the heavens.
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And the skies drip with dew.**