

From The Book of Exodus. THE ABSOLUTISM OF HUMAN REASON, PART FOUR.

Scripture contains a *symbolic manifold* (or complex of parts). This specialized manifold is a grouping of concepts linked by revealed rules. Believers are located by God within this *symbolic manifold* which constitutes a field of communication. The Israelites were situated within a circle of symbolism generated deliberately by God, which included:

- 10 plagues,
- Red Sea,
- water from the rock,
- manna,
- the Tabernacle,
- pillar of cloud and fire
- and other symbols

The account of such things is not just history; it's a field of communication. *God calculated revealed symbolism to displace the absolutism of human reason.* The Israelites did not escape slavery by human reason, after all. Add to this the Old Testament symbolism all that is written in the New Testament:

- Jesus' miracles,
- Apostles' miracles,
- The Resurrection,
- other wonders

All these symbols are communicating to us. So the biblical symbolic manifold functions as counter to the absolutism of human reason.

Question: What does it take to trust God? Answer: We have to wait on the Lord in dangerous circumstances for Him to act. Believers wait on the Lord in hope, with conviction and in faith. Intensity increases when human reason or rationalization provides no way out! Unfortunately, in times of trouble we like to keep the door open for the possibility of rational solutions, just like Israel in the Exodus.