

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

One may ask "What were the conceptual barriers to the Israelites grasping the nature of time under the effects of the power of God?" The Answer: there were no conceptual barriers. The problem was that the Israelites persistently refused to fully trust in God. The miracles The Lord did in Egypt, at The Red Sea and in the desert were all performed to overcome any conceptual barriers to understanding the relation of God to time.

That is why they were recorded for us as well. Unbelievers understand the world as a *metrical continuum*, devoid of the power of God. The Israelites must have seen things in that way. Measurement of one magnitude or another was their only comprehension of circumstance (14:10-12; 15:22-25; 16:1-3; 17:1-3; 32:1).

In such a way of thinking, God Himself, the Word of God, and the power of God were all displaced by measurement. Our hope in the Lord today is that the power of God breaks into the metrical continuum.

The Pharaoh of Egypt saw the Exodus as just such a *metrical continuum*. He had the greater measure, he thought. He was wrong about that! *The power of God and the metrical continuum stand in opposition.*

The point: the language manifold and the behavior manifold of the Israelites should have highlighted this contradiction. But they did not. In the serial circumstances of life that we face, as well, *reliance on measurement will inevitably redirect us from trust in God to human reason.*