Questions that do not deserve an Answer

One of the most famous foolish questions is “Can God make a rock so big that He cannot move it?” The answer is simple but the question is dumb. The answer is that God is too smart to do something stupid. He would never do anything that would relinquish His power and therefore we can dream up anything we want but God is not intimidated by our foolish thoughts. The Bible says quite clearly that God “cannot lie” (Titus 1:2) because if He lied He would relinquish His trustworthiness and thus cease to be God.

It is a foolish assumption that we are obligated to answer every question. Jesus didn’t! In Matthew 21:23, Jesus was asked “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?” and would not give an answer. In Acts 1:6, the disciples asked their master “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” and He told them it was none of their business.

Curiosity got man into the sinful condition that we are in by wondering what it would be like to know good from evil. Curiosity has gotten more men into traps of sin than we can count. When curiosity is guarded by obedience to God’s word it can be a great and beneficial motivation. When it leads to sin, it is our enemy.

In our daily lives, men frequently ask us questions from the wrong motives. This is very often true in the area of our Lord’s return. Many have tried to determine the timing of Jesus’ return even though the Bible consistently reports that we are not to know and when Jesus was here He did not even know “of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” (Mk.13:32)

We are not on a good path when our questions are driven by unfruitful curiosity and we are not obligated to answer questions asked from wrong motives. Sometimes questions are designed to create more questions and in so doing breakdown faith and we are supposed to build up in one another.

It is very wise to consider why questions are being asked and when we cannot determine that fully, it is not unwise to simply ask “why do you want to know?” Honest questions asked from a sincere heart are questions Jesus always responded to. For example, when Philip asked “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” (Jn. 14:5) he was honestly confessing his confusion.

There is no question that not all questions are good questions. There is no question that all questions do not deserve an answer. There is a time and place for everything according to Solomon but this world is not the time or the place for many of the curious questions that men ask.
1. Why would Jesus not answer the question in Matthew 21:23 and are there times when we should not answer questions for the same reason?

2. Why would Jesus not answer the question of His disciples in Acts 1:6 and what can we learn from His refusal?

3. What was the purpose of Jesus’ question in John 5:6 and did He get an answer?

4. How many different examples can you give where questions do not deserve an answer?