

Questions Without Answers  
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Which came first, the chicken or the egg? A little boy on the Art Linkletter show years ago answered the question, "The chicken had to come first, because God can't lay eggs." His answer is probably as good as any other."

What is it that we look for when the riddles and the puzzles and the problems and the questions line up on the path of life? Solutions? Answers? Explanations? Mysteries revealed? All the puzzles finally unraveled?

From the time in the Garden of Eden with the temptation of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, there has been the conviction that we can and should have all the answers to life's every question. The reality is we don't have all of the answers. And what's more, we can't.

There are so many questions for which there are no satisfactory answers. To be sure, we can make some suggestions, but when all the questions have been asked and when what answers available have been given, we, in faith, move beyond questions related to "how" and set ourselves to the discovery of meaning. Beyond the questions we seek a presence – a presence that bestows upon us a peace that is beyond our understanding.

Someone once commented, "Birds do not sing because they have an answer. They sing because they have a song!" When we come to worship, it does not mean that we have all the answers. It simply means that we have a song.

We may not understand how the God of all creation could empty Himself and become the Babe of Bethlehem. We may not understand how a crude cross erected by Roman soldiers on the top of a hill outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago could save the world from its sin. We may not understand how the God of the billions of galaxies could hear and answer the prayers of a small child kneeling beside his bed in a tiny home in the most remote part of the world. We are not Christians because we have all the answers. We are Christians because we have a song. Having a song, let's sing it!