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**Beyond Wishful Thinking**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-22; I Corinthians 15:12-20

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Why and how does the “eternity in our hearts” drive us crazy? What do we know that would be easier not to know (Genesis 3:6-7)?

From Genesis 3, how is God’s Knowledge of Evil different than ours? Why are we amused but wistful (a little sad) about the innocence of children? Why do we get angrier about harm coming to some animals than to some people?

GK Chesterton said that without God there would be no atheists. If that is true, what does that imply about atheism?

If God makes everything beautiful in its time, how do things turn out for us when we plan them? How do we get in sync with God’s timing (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13; 2 Corinthians 1:12)?

“**Do good**” while eating & drinking in Ecc 3:12-13 puts the focus on neighbors, not self-focused hedonism. Ecc 3:17 says that **God will judge**. How do these two ideas frame the ambiguity about the afterlife in 3:18-21?

Why is it still true that we should enjoy our work and do good, even with the incredible revelation of Christ’s Resurrection from the dead and our assurance of an afterlife with Him?