

NATURE & CHARACTER OF GOD



Introducing the theme

Barnacle by C.S. Lewis

'There once was a wise barnacle that lived at the bottom of the ocean.

One day he got a glimpse of what a man was like, he then gathered his disciples around him and began to share with them his concept of man.

He said first of all that man does not have a shell, that man is not attached to a rock and that he is not surrounded by water.

So some of his disciples were able to grasp a little of what man was like.

But as time passed, the barnacles began to speculate on the nature of man.

They taught in their philosophy and psychology of man that man must be, since he has no shell, a shapeless blob of jelly.

And since he is not attached to a rock, he obviously has no location and he must not eat since there is no water surrounding him to float food to him.

And obviously man is far less definite than a barnacle, and from the barnacles' viewpoint, from their own environment and their nature, they developed an extremely limited and warped concept of man.'

Think:

Is this illustration funny?

Does it make you think about how you view things that you know little about?

Do you make assumptions based only on your experience?

Does this make you think about your view of God?

Can we use our *viewpoint*, our *own environment* and our *nature* to form an opinion of God?

If we do does it *develop an extremely limited and warped concept of God?*

Now read 1 Corinthians 2: 9-11

