

# Job

## Ten cool verses

### Verse 6

#### Job 11:12

***“But a stupid person will get understanding, when a wild ass is born human.”***

It's tough to know what a writer is thinking? We can dissect the words and assume too much. In my mind this is a *reductio ad absurdum*. In Latin it's an absurd statement. We say these all the time. *When hell freezes over. If the heart is the strongest muscle then why does it break so easily. The tongue can pierce the soul.* You get it. This is being said to Job because his situation is ridiculous. He is guilty obviously because of what happened to him. God punishes, right?

Imagine God punishing everyone. Imagine how many punishments over 6 billion people would receive a day? That would be ridiculous. Talk about a full time Job. Some people think demons attack us. It's a form of punishment. Really? Job's friends think he is guilty of something. The saying above is asking the question. As surly as a duck is not a goat, you "Job" did something wrong. Will a stupid person get understanding? Can a wild ass be born a human?

In the book of Numbers there is a story of a talking donkey. Some smart pastors have said this ass talked wisdom but many are just dumb asses. It's funny. Let's break this verse in half. Can a stupid person get understanding? Maybe when hell freezes over. People are not born stupid in my mind. They become lazy at understanding and learning. These days people get irate over fake news. They know if it's true or false, but they are too lazy to check. Anger is easier than understanding. Some of the smartest people I know act stupid at times.

Let's look at the second part. When a wild ass is born a human. Are people born criminals? Some believe that certain people are destined for heaven or hell? They call it predestination. If that were true then why pray? Can we change? Are their different paths? Fate? Many think we came from monkeys. Maybe an ass is not that far off. We appear reckless at times. People act wild like animals. That does not mean we are less human. Just more like an ass.

Finally, let's wrap it up. Job has no answer as to why God has allowed tragedy in his life. He and his friends wonder if he did something wrong. Is God mean? Job could learn from his mistakes. Yes, even the ones that make him look stupid. We have wandering reckless periods in our lives. Yet, we do grow up sometimes. I think stupid people ignore learning. A real smart person knows that knowledge and wisdom are a deep well. Ignorance makes us look like an ass. This is a rhetorical verse but it has deep meaning if we let our minds wander.