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INTRODUCTION:

Note: The capabilities of the human brain.

"Omni" = all "Science" = to know; to have knowledge
(see Ps. 33:13)

God is <u>independently</u> intelligent
(Isaiah 40:13,14; 27, 28)
(He never learned anything from anyone else)

God is the only One who never, ever learned anything.

The question is asked: "Shall any teach God knowledge?" (Job 21:22).

Man knows because man discovers. God has never discovered anything.

The reason God knows all is because He:

1. <u>Made</u> all - Ps. 94:9-11; 103;14; SEE Is. 29:15

2. <u>Sees</u> all - II Chron. 16:9 - "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."

   Jer. 23:24. Job. 28:10, 24; 34:21, 22

   Sin abounds when men are deceived into thinking that God does not see.

3. Hears all - Num. 14:27

4. Planned all -

   a. The course of history - History is "His story" (Acts 15:18)

      (past, present, future)

   b. The crucifixion of His Son - Acts 2:23

God knows the future as accurately as He knows the past.

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"Searched" - This word was a mining term, used for digging down through the strata (Job 28:3-7).

When used of man, it describes a work that is difficult and requires diligent effort.

"Known" - to know personally and intimately.

I. God knows me <u>all the time</u> (v. 2a)

"Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising" - This sentence is a <u>merism</u>.

A statement referring to one's lying down at night and getting up in the morning. The point is - God knows me all the time.

II. God knows me <u>in every way</u> (v. 2-3)

1. What I <u>do</u> (v. 2a)

2. What I <u>think</u> (v. 2b)

God knows our minds better than we know them (Amos 4:13 - He is one who "declareth unto man what is his thought").

He knows our inner desires, motives and ambitions.

Many times we do not even know why we say or do what we do. Our motivations elude us because of our sinful heart (Jer. 17:9).

God knows the <u>hearts</u> of all people
God sees the unseen; He observes the unobservable.

I Sam. 16:7 - "The Lord looketh on the heart."

I Chron. 28:9 - "And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever."

"No thought can be withholden from Thee."
(Job 42:2).

"He knoweth the secrets of the heart"
(Psalm 44:21).

"I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them"
(Ezekiel 11:5).
God knoweth your hearts" (Lk. 16:15).

3. Where I <u>am</u> (v. 3a)

4. Where I go (v. 3b)

God knows the actions of all people

Job testified: "He knoweth the way that I take" (Job 23:10)

David said: "All my ways are before thee" (Ps. 119:168).

Solomon declared: For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings" (Prov. 5:21).

Prov. 15:3 - "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

God knows about evil (sin, etc.), but never has experienced it like Adam and Eve did when they were deceived by the serpent (Gen. 3:5).

Man is foolish to boast of his intelligence, because it is nothing in comparison to the infinite God's knowledge.

III. God knows what I'll do before I even do it (v. 4)

God knows all things previously (Isaiah 41:4; 42:9; 46:10; 48:5, 6)
(God knows all things in advance)

Election (God's choosing of those He would save) is basaed upon the foreknowledge of God.

Romans 8:29; I Peter 1:2

The question is: What did God foreknow? Did He foreknow that you would choose Him? Or that He would choose you?
BOTH!

IV. God knows me <u>personally</u> (v. 5-6, 17-18)

V. 6
Such knowledge is:

1) Awesome - "wonderful
2) Transcendent - "high"
3) Unattainable (far above us - incomprehensible) - "I cannot attain unto it"

Though God knows all men, He knows those who are related to Him in a special sense. (I Cor. 8:3) (an infinite relational knowledge -
) SEE Gal. 4:9

"My sheep hear my voice and I know them" (Jn. 10:29)
II Tim. 2:19 -
Contrast: Unbelievers: "I never knew you; depart from Me" (Mt. 7:23)

CONCLUSION:

The omniscience of God is a reality that should cause all of us to take <u>CAUTION</u>!

Because God knows all, there is no one who can:

1. <u>Hide</u> from God (Ps. 139:11, 12)

2. <u>Lie</u> to God (Acts 5:1-11 - Ananias and Sapphira)

   Because God knows all, we should:

   a. Be <u>sincere</u>, not a hypocrite (I Th. 2:4)
   (God knows the real you)

   b. Be <u>honest</u>, not liar nor a thief

   --Tell the truth
   --Keep your word
   God remembers your wedding vows. . . do you?
   --Don't steal

3. <u>Offer excuses</u> to God -

   He knows the real reason why you did what you did.

   Ps. 90:8 - "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance."

The omniscience of God is a reality that should cause all believers to take <u>COMFORT</u>!

Because God knows all:

1. He knows what you <u>do</u> (good or bad) (Gal. 6:7)

2. He knows what you <u>need</u> (Mt. 6:8, 32)

3. He knows about your <u>problems</u>, <u>sorrows</u>, etc.
   (Ex. 3:7)

4. He hears everytime you <u>call</u> (Mt. 7:7)

   The only thing that keeps God from answering prayer is sin (Is. 59:1, 2).

5. He cares about the <u>details</u> of your life
   (Mt. 10:29, 30).

He knows us completely