

# Job 28:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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After describing creation's precise ordering (vv. 24-26), this climactic verse reveals God's relationship with wisdom itself. Four verbs describe divine interaction with *chokmah* (חִכְמָה, wisdom): *ra'ah* (רָאָה, He saw it), *saphar* (סָפַר, declared/recounted it), *kun* (כּוּן, established/prepared it), and *chaqar* (חָקַר, searched it out/examined it). This progression moves from observation to proclamation to establishment to thorough investigation.

The language suggests wisdom existed before creation as an attribute or even agent of God (compare Proverbs 8:22-31, where wisdom claims, 'The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way'). God didn't merely employ wisdom—He examined it comprehensively, declared its principles, and established it as creation's foundation. The verb *chaqar* (to search out) is particularly striking, implying God fathomed wisdom's depths before deploying it in creation. This anticipates the New Testament's Christ-centered wisdom: Christ as 'the wisdom of God' (1 Corinthians 1:24) and the Logos through whom all things were made (John 1:3). Colossians 2:3 declares that in Christ 'are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.'

## Historical Context

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This verse functions as the theological apex of Job 28 before the practical conclusion in v. 28. The four-fold description of God's engagement with wisdom

reflects Hebrew poetic intensification—each verb adding nuance to portray comprehensive divine knowledge. Ancient wisdom literature across the Near East sought to discover wisdom through observation, instruction, and experience. Job revolutionizes this: wisdom isn't discovered by humans but was comprehensively known, examined, declared, and established by God alone before creation began. This makes wisdom fundamentally revelational—we know it only as God discloses it.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing that God 'searched out' wisdom thoroughly before creation began affect your confidence in His governance of your life?
2. What's the connection between God declaring wisdom at creation and Christ as the revealed Word (Logos) who embodies divine wisdom?
3. If wisdom was prepared and established by God, how should this shape your pursuit of wisdom compared to worldly approaches?

## Interlinear Text

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אָז	כִּי	וַיְסַפֵּר	הֵאָרָא	וַיִּבְרָא	וַיִּשְׁכַּח
H227	H7200	H5608	H3559	H1571	H2713
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 19:1** (Parallel theme): The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

