**Chiastic Structure of the Book of Job, Part 79**

**L.’ The Words of Job (29:1-31:40)**

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**B. His Present Testing (Job 30:1-31)**

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**1. His Declarations of Innocence (vv. 1-34)**

2. His Desire of Inquest (v. 35)

1.’ His Declarations of Intent (vv. 36-40)

**PREMISE: The last discourse by Job was an affidavit of a series of oaths (*‘im* [17x] vv. 5-39) to be weighed by a just Judge. He claimed he had no faults—but suffered anyway. *“I find no fault in him”* (Jn. 18:38; 19:4, 6): He claimed he had no personal, public, or pious sins!**

**A.’ His Past Testimony (Job 31:1-40)**

**1. His Declarations of Innocence (vv. 1-34)**

***a. The Declaration of Innocence in His Personal life (vv. 1-12)>***

***b. The Declaration of Innocence in His Public Life (vv. 13-23)***

***c. The Declaration of Innocence in His Pious Life (vv. 24-34)***

**1) His Wealth (vv. 24-25)**

a) It was Gold (v. 24) > see Job 28 (7x)

(1) His *“gold”* (*zahav*) his *“hope”* (*cesel*) > Ps. 49:13

(2) His *“fine gold”* (*cethem*) his *“confidence”* (*mivtach*) > Ps. 40:4

b) It was Great (v. 25) > Dt. 8:18

**2) His Worship (vv. 26-28)**

a) The Lights (v. 26)

(1) Sun > *‘or* (123x) > light source

(2) Moon > *yareach* (26x); NT: *selene* (9x)

b) The Love (vv. 27-28)

(1) His Astral Affection (v. 27) > blowing a kiss to astral objects> Dt. 4:19 (sun, moon, stars); 17:3; II Ki. 23:5; Ezk. 8:16.

(2) His Alleged Atheism (v. 28) > cf. Isa. 59:13

**3) His Wish (vv. 29-30)**

a) His Exaltation > By his Happiness > rejoiced (*samach*), lifted up (*`ur*), cursing (*‘alah*) > Prov. 17:5; 24:17

b) His Enemies > Toward his Haters > see Ex. 23:4,

**4) His Welfare (vv. 31-34)** > Contextually, the sense seems to be that he servants could not find anyone who did not receive Job’s hospitality.

a) He supplied meat to all in need to their satisfaction > *contra* Job 22:7!

b) He opened his home so that no stranger/traveller lodged in street > cf. Gen. 19:2-3.

c) He confessed his sins unlike Adam who hid sin behind fig leaves > Gen. 3:10; Prov. 28:13.

d) He spoke the truth in spite of multitudes disagreeing with him > Ex. 23:2

**2. His Desire for Inquest (v. 35)**

**1.’ His Declaration of Intent (vv. 36-40)**

**CONCLUSION: So, you are the “perfect Job” suffering without a cause (a victim of others), and you can measure yourself with his testimony? Don’t be a Hypocrite!**