My March Moment for Maheo



"We call God Maheo.

Maheo means 'I don't know'
because
we don't know what it is
but it is everything."

(Quoted from the Cheyene people in Dave Bell's recent Blog)

The little girl holding my hand is our 9th great grandchild...she can't walk or talk yet but her little brain is learning fast. She knows a lot.

"MY GRANDPA KNOWS EVERYTHING"

Her cousin is in 2nd grade. where the teacher had a "show and tell" time. He took my photo up front and told the class;

"My grandpa can answer any question I ask. My grandpa knows everything."

I laugh but not loudly. Nobody knows everything. Artificial intelligence is trying. Infant trust soon becomes "Why, grampa?" Until grampa finally says "Just because!"

I don't know of any religion that admits "I do not know" so urges silence. Maybe the Quakers. Buddhist meditation maybe, but mostly we hear preachers proclaiming, evangelists interpreting, or scriptures declaring.

One of my youth ministers said "Belief and Faith are highly over-rated." You can hardly avoid the two. But ultimate "knowing" is beyond us. Belief in some variety of "god" becomes less certain.

To question or deny belief has led many to be excommunicated or executed.. Albert Schweitzer wrote "The Quest for the Historical Jesus" that "He comes to us as one unknown..." Schweitzer's Missionary Society at first rejected him over his questioning. He had a wider view. His guiding life-principle was reverence for life. He lived that principle as a doctor in African Lambarene. (See Dick Wing's book on Schweitzer, "Finding Your Lambarene."}

Back to now and my wonder and awe about everything and how little I know. I can't really grasp the fact in my moment of existence our outer space camera is sending pictures of galaxies 13 billion light years away. And at the same time I am alive to see 9 great-grandchildren.

My great-grand-daughter crawls to me and pulls herself up and holds my hand...and something touches my heart. I don't know what *it* is...I don't know, but it means everything...Maheo.

For the Moment...

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