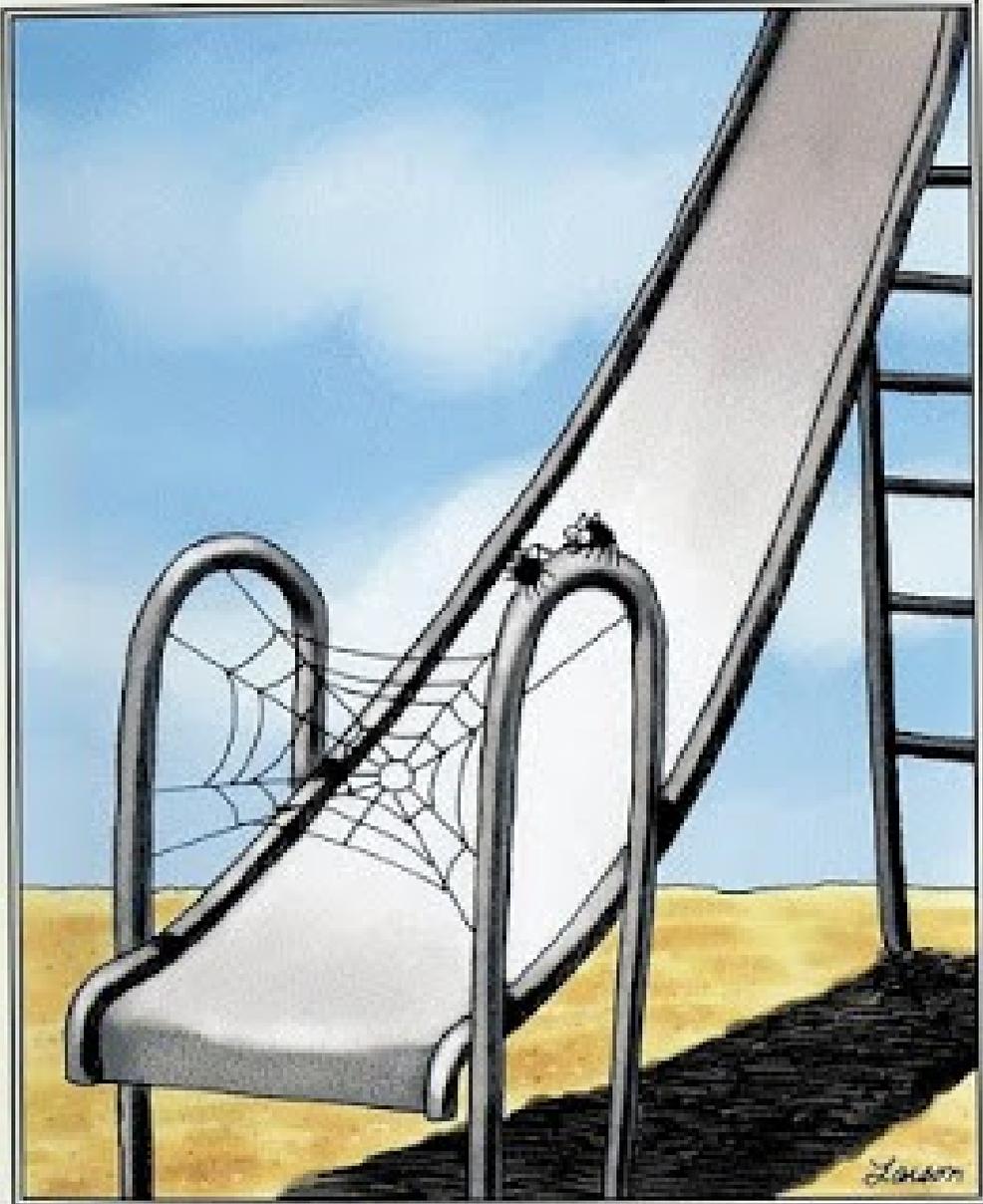


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“If we pull this off, we’ll eat like kings.”

Timeless, simply timeless. Two spider's planning something great, trusting in their ingenuity and reasoning. They waste their time and effort, for they just don't realize they are doomed to failure.

Sometimes, it seems to me that human beings are like that, trusting in their own intelligence and creativity, only to see the wind blow away their efforts in an instant. Think I am wrong? Well, how about margarine, remember how that was touted as THE replacement for butter; today, virtually no one uses it because we are told it is not good for you. Margarine is not the only thing, for we constantly see lawyers urging people to sue over defective products that cause damage. People know so much and understand so very little. They try to live a life without God, but that life so often ends in ruin. Things like divorce, bankruptcy and diseases caused by smoking, drinking, illegal drugs can be avoided if we just lived our lives listening to God rather than our own foolish desires. The Bible says...

Proverbs 16 ([World English Bible](#))

[25] There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Job 8 ([WEB](#))

[11] "Can the papyrus grow up without mire? Can the rushes grow without water? [12] While it is yet in its greenness, not cut down, it withers before any other reed. [13] **So are the paths of all who forget God. The hope of the godless man shall perish, [14] Whose confidence shall break apart, Whose trust is a spider's web.**

Matthew 7 ([WEB](#))

[24] "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock. [25] The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house;

and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock. [26] Everyone who hears these words of mine, and doesn't do them will be like a foolish man, who built his house on the sand. [27] The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

But, you say, look at that man – he is prosperous and healthy; he doesn't need God. Really; do you actually think that he will live forever? Ultimately, we all die- of something. Why not learn to think about more than just what you can understand by just using your senses? There really is more to life than what the human mind can comprehend. Jesus' words of Matthew 7 make sense, for they transcend time and culture. A life lived with (and in obedience to) God is the only one that endures, because it survives beyond the grave. Think: are you trusting in a spider's web or God? Only you can answer that question.