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Wireless Technology 4000 years ago?

As I'm reading through the Bible I noticed that frequently (24 times) in the Old Testament, when one person would call out to another, they would reply with "Here I am". Now in some of these cases, it was God calling out to one of the prophets. And they would reply "here I am", as if God didn't know where they were. At least that's how it seems to me.

And in another case Abraham was with his son, Isaac, going up to offer a sacrifice to God. In this case Isaac said, "My father!" As if he was attempting to get Abraham's attention, or as a way of initiating a conversation, or perhaps, Isaac couldn't see Abraham and was trying to find out where he was. And then Abraham replied with the now well-known statement, "Here I am". (as if Isaac couldn't see him)

Well, you're probably thinking, what's his point? You're thinking this was probably a custom in a 4000-year-old culture that we don't understand. Well clearly that's a possibility.

However, when we communicate with one another, we don't say, "here I am" unless we are separated from the caller by any of a number of obstacles that would limit visibility. Such as if my wife comes home and I am in the back of the house where she can't see me. And naturally, she calls my name and when I hear it, I respond with "here I am", or "in the back of the house".

Consequently, we find each other through this form of communication.

My point is that we reply "here I am" in situations where it's not obvious where we are.

Other situations like that are when we answer the phone. When someone calls us, they may not have any idea where we are. Now, when we answer the phone, we don't usually say "here I am". But we say things that communicate that the caller has found us. Like "hello" or "this is Greg"; which essentially means the same thing as "here I am".

Getting to the point: I think that the ancient civilization may have had wireless communication. It probably didn't have a very far range, but it seemed to work when people were pretty close together. One person could speak, and without electronics or wires of any kind, another person could hear them and respond back, again I emphasize that this was done without technology, electronics or wires. Imagine, 2 people could communicate across moderate distances without using a telephone or a radio. This is an incredible discovery!

Can you imagine a world where people could communicate without using a cell phone or texting, or even a landline phone connected with wires? What would the world be like if we could simply talk to one another? No cell phone service required. No \$600 cell phone to purchase. You could simply call out and be answered. It would be almost like having a real conversation.

Why don't you spend time today communicating wirelessly with someone you love. **It's a great way to find one another.** Just say "here I am".

Greg