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**by Louie Marsh, 12-3-2023**

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## 4) Why God's Wisdom Appears Foolish.

- **It deals with the \_\_\_\_\_.**

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