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From Darkness to Light

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ST JOHN 1:

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4. In him has life; and the light was the light of me.
5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

In St John 1:5, Light and Darkness are given human Characteristics // Light shines in Darkness, and the Darkness comprehended it not.

We need to take a deeper look at LIGHT and DARKNESS.

We can do this by going back to Genesis, the Beginning. There we can learn some interesting things:

GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH.

GENESIS 1:

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
THE ORIGINAL CREATION WAS ALL WATER
 - Babies are born in water
 - Chemical makeup of water is H^2O
 - 2 parts of Hydrogen (God and Jesus/Word) and one part Oxygen (Holy Ghost)
 - Maybe we all need to drink more water so we can be healthier
 - o Water cleanses things
 - o Our body is made up of 70% water
 - o Challenge the church to being drinking more water than you all other fluids you consume on a daily basis
 - o If you want the full benefit, try drinking only water for the next few months
 - The world was all in Darkness
 - Until God created light
2. **And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved across the face of the waters.**
3. And God said, **Let there be light: and there was light.**
4. And God saw the **light that it was good:** and God **divided the light from darkness.**
5. And God **called the light Day**, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the **first day.**

GOD CREATED A DIVIDE AND MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH MORE DISTINCT



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6. And God said, Let there be a firmament **in the midst of the waters**, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
7. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
8. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the **second day**.

GOD CAUSED DRY LAND TO APPEAR / WE BREATHE THE OXYGEN

9. And God said, **Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.**
10. And God called the **dry land Earth**; and the gathering together of the **waters called he Seas**: and God say that it was good.
11. And God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, **whose seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so.
12. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind and the tree yielding fruit, whose **seed was in itself, after his kind**: and God saw that it was good.
13. And the evening and the morning were the **third day**.

GOD CREATED TWO GREAT LIGHTS

- **ONE TO RULE THE LIGHT (SUN / JESUS)**
 - **ONE TO RULE THE DARKNESS (MOON / SATAN)**
14. And God said, Let there be **lights in the firmament** of the heaven to divide **the day from the night**; and **let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years**:
 15. And let them **be for lights** in the firmament of the heaven **to give light upon the earth**: and it was so.
 16. And God made **two great lights; greater to rule the day, and the lesser to rule the night**: he made the stars also.
 17. And God **set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth**,
 18. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.
 19. And the evening and the morning **were the fourth day**.
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The physical creation we see is merely a representation of the Spiritual things of God

- They were so ordered because they teach us about spiritual things and that road leads back to God.

LET'S LOOK AT THE SUN

- A yellow dwarf star at the center of the solar system
- Distance from earth to sun is 92,960,000 (92 million) miles
- Light travels this distance in 8.3 minutes
- Energy from the sun in the form of sunlight support almost all life on earth via Photosynthesis and drives the earth's climate and weather

When you look at the **SUN** it sounds a whole lot like the **SON**.



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God is light and the source of life on earth. He created it and made man in his image.

But look at the difference between the way we treat the **SUN** and the **SON**!

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- Humanities most fundamental understanding of the Sun is as the luminous disk in the sky, whose presence above the horizon creates day and whose absence causes night.
- In many prehistoric and ancient cultures, the Sun was thought to be a solar deity or other supernatural phenomenon.
- Worship of the sun was central to civilizations such as the Inca of South Americas and the Aztec of what is now Mexico.
- Many ancient monuments were constructed with solar phenomena in mind; for example, stone megaliths accurately mark the summer and winter solstice (some of the most prominent megaliths are located in Nabta Playa, Egypt, Mnajdra, Malta, and at Stonehenge, England). Newgrange, a prehistoric human-built mount in Ireland, was designed to detect the winter solstice; the pyramid of El Castillo at Chichen Itza in Mexico was designed to detect the winter shape of serpents climbing the pyramid at the vernal and autumn equinoxes. During the Roman era the winter solstice was a holiday celebrated as Sol Invictus (literally “unconquered sun”) which is an antecedent to Christmas.

HOW DID MAN GET TO THIS PLACE // THE BIBLE EXPLAINS IT

ROMANS 1:

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

¹⁹Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. ²¹Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. ²⁴Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves. ²⁵Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. ²⁶For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. ²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰Backbiters, haters of God,



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despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³²Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT DARKNESS

Darkness: 1. With little or no light. 2. Of deep or somber color. 3. (of a person) with dark coloring. 4. Gloomy, depressing, dismal. 5. Evil, sinister. 6. Sullen; angry. 7. Secret, mysterious 1. Absence of light. 2. Nightfall.

ST JOHN 3:

⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹**And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** ²⁰**For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.** ²¹**But he that doeth truth cometh to the light,** that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

IT IS DANGEROUS TO STAY IN DARKNESS BECAUSE THERE IS A RULER OF DARKNESS:

EPHESIANS 6:

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, **against the rulers of the darkness of this world,** against spiritual wickedness in high places.

THE KINGDOM OF THE BEAST IS FULL OF DARKNESS

REVELATIONS 16:

10. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; **and his kingdom was full of darkness;** and they gnawed their tongues for pain,
11. And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.



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THE FALLEN ANGLES ARE TRAPPED IN THE DARKNESS UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

JUDE 1:

6. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, **he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness** unto the judgment of the great day.
7. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set for an example suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

HATE CAUSES ONE TO REMAIN IN DARKNESS

1 JOHN 2:

8. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: **because the darkness is past, and true light now shineth.**
9. He that saith he is in the light, **and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.**
10. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
11. But **he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness**, and knoweth not whither he goeth, **because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.**

GOD IS LIGHT, AND WE CANNOT WALK IN DARKNESS AND BE WITH HIM

1 JOHN 1:

5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that GOD IS LIGHT, and in him is no darkness at all.
6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.
7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

WHAT IS THE ANOINTING

It is a place where God is

- **Moses** meeting God on Mount Sinai to get the ten commandments
 - o His Face shone from meeting with God
 - o He has to wear a veil to cover his face
- **Elijah** meet God on the mountain
- Peter, James, and John, on the mountain of transfiguration with **Jesus, Moses, and Elijah**



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- The glory of God falling at the dedication of the temple

If we say that we want the anointing, what we are really saying it that **I WANT TO LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD where his glory overshadows me.**

2 PETER 2:

1. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
2. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
3. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make MERCHANDISE of you: whose judgement now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
4. **For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement;**
5. And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eight person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7. And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)
9. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

GOD HAS CALLED US OUT OF DARKNESS

1 PETER 2:

9. But ye are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, an **holy** nation, a **peculiar** people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you of darkness into his marvelous light:
10. Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of god: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:

1. But of the times and of the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
3. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.
4. But ye, **brethren, are not in darkness**, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
5. Ye are all **the children of light**, and the **children of the day**: we are **not of the night, nor of the darkness.**
6. Therefore **let us not sleep**, as do others; but **let us watch and be sober.**
7. For **they that sleep sleep in the night**; and they that **be drunken are drunken in the night.**



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8. But let us, **who are of the day, be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

COLOSSIANS 1:

12. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
13. Who hath delivered us from the **POWER OF DARKNESS**, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

EPHESIANS 5:

8. For **ye were sometimes darkness**, but **now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light**:
9. (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
10. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
11. And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather **reprove them**.
12. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:

14. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?
15. And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
16. And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
17. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
18. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

ST MATTHEW 4:

¹²Now when **Jesus** had heard that **John was cast into prison**, he departed into Galilee; ¹³And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: **14That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias** the prophet, saying, ¹⁵The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; ¹⁶**The people which sat in darkness saw great light**; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. ¹⁷From

ST MATTHEW 6:

²²The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of **darkness**. If therefore the light that is in thee be **darkness**, how great is that **darkness**! ²⁴No man can serve two masters:



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for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

ST MATTHEW 24:

²⁷For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ²⁸For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. ²⁹**Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:** ³⁰And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, **and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** ³¹And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

DARKNESS AT THE DEATH OF JESUS

ST MATTHEW 27:

⁴⁴The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. ⁴⁵**Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.** ⁴⁶**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

ST LUKE 23:

⁴⁴**And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.** ⁴⁵**And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.** ⁴⁶And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

THE FINAL DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD:

JOEL 2:

⁸And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: ²⁹And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. ³⁰And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹**The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.** ³²And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.



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¹Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is nigh* at hand; ²A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations. ³A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. ⁴The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. ⁵Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. ⁶Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. ⁷They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: ⁸Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. ⁹They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be **dark**, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: ¹¹And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

¹²Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: ¹³And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. ¹⁴Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: ¹⁶Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. ¹⁷Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

¹⁸Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. ¹⁹Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:



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The **Sun** (Latin: *Sol*), a [yellow dwarf](#), is the [star](#) at the center of the [Solar System](#). The [Earth](#) and other matter (including other [planets](#), [asteroids](#), [meteoroids](#), [comets](#), and [dust](#)) [orbit](#) the Sun,^[9] which by itself accounts for about 98.6% of the Solar System's [mass](#). The mean distance of the Sun from the Earth is approximately 149,600,000 kilometers, or 92,960,000 miles, and its light travels this distance in 8.3 minutes. **Energy from the Sun, in the form of sunlight, supports almost all life on Earth via photosynthesis,^[10] and drives the Earth's climate and weather.**

The Sun is a yellow main sequence star comprising about 99% of the total mass of the [Solar System](#). It is a near-perfect sphere, with an [oblateness](#) estimated at about 9 millionths,^[35] which means that its polar diameter differs from its equatorial diameter by only 10 km (6 mi). As the Sun exists in a [plasmatic state](#) and is not solid, it rotates faster at its [equator](#) than at its [poles](#). This behavior is known as differential [rotation](#). The period of this *actual rotation* is approximately 25 days at the equator and 35 days at the poles. However, due to our constantly changing vantage point from the Earth as it orbits the Sun, the *apparent rotation* of the star at its equator is about 28 days.

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