

The Congregation Pt20

Lights In Darkness Pt1

EXODUS 3:1-4

1. Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.
2. And **the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of [fire]** out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with **[fire]**, and the bush was not consumed.
3. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
4. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

HEBREW LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 784

'esh {aysh}

1b) supernatural fire (accompanying theophany)

EXODUS 13:21

21. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and **by night in a pillar of [fire], to give them light;** to go by day and night:

JOHN 1:1-5

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 was life; and the life was the light of men.
5. **And the light shineth in darkness;** and the darkness comprehended it not.

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3056

logos {log'-os}

1a) a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea

REVELATION 3:14

14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, **the beginning of the creation of God;**

COLOSSIANS 1:14-17

14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
15. Who is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:
16. For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
17. And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist**.

JOHN 13:3

3. Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that **he was come from God, and went to God**;

ACTS 9:3

3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him **a light from heaven**:

GENESIS 1:1-5

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon 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 the darkness.
5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. [NB note: Sun & moon created on 4th day (Gen. 1:14-19).]

‘Earth’s Earliest Ages’ by G.H. Pember (page 84)

[God creates light, which did not, however, spring from the sun; but was, possibly, magnetic, like the terrestrial light of the Aurora Borealis.]

‘Earth’s Earliest Ages’ by G.H. Pember (page 84-85)

In past times infidels have scoffed at the idea of light being called into existence independently of the sun. And certainly it does seem difficult to conceive that Moses could have anticipated science by so many centuries except upon the one supposition that he was instructed by the Spirit of God, Who is not circumscribed by the limits of human knowledge. But now science also has discovered that the sun is not the only source of light; but that the earth itself, and at least one other planet in our system, may under certain conditions become self-luminous.

The light of the first day may, possibly, have been magnetic, like the Aurora Borealis, which seems to be powerful only when the sun is weak: for its most brilliant displays are restricted to the long nights of the cold north.

REVELATION 1:16

16. And he had in his right hand **seven stars**: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

REVELATION 1:20

20. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The **seven stars** are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT [55-0819]

Before God does anything on earth, He shows a sign in heaven, before He does it on earth.

AMOS 5:8

8. Seek him that maketh **[the seven stars]** and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

HEBREW LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3598

Kiyamah {kee-maw'}

1) *Pleiades, a constellation of seven stars*

JOB 9:9

9. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and **[Pleiades]**, and the chambers of the south.

JOB 38:31

31. Canst thou bind **the sweet influences of [Pleiades]**, or loose the bands of Orion?

"The Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters... are an open star cluster... located in the constellation of Taurus. It is among the star clusters nearest Earth and is the cluster most obvious to the naked eye in the night sky." ~ Wikipedia

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[The record of the existence of light apart from the sun is a proof of the Divine origin of the Scriptures. Memorable anticipation of science in the book of Job.] The fact, then, that, at a time

when terrestrial luminosity was probably unknown, Moses spoke of the existence of light without the sun, is a strong proof of the Divine source of his knowledge. For though the Bible gives no information by which science is likely to be advanced, yet it does here and there drop mysterious utterances, the truth of one after another of which is discovered as scientific men become better acquainted with the laws of the universe.

Perhaps the most memorable instance of this is the familiar passage in which God demands of the patriarch, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" Through the long lapse of centuries since the writing of the Book of Job, which probably dates back into the past as far as three thousand three hundred years, no adequate sense was found for these words. But now a meaning seems to be assuming shape, and gradually becoming more defined and vivid, a meaning worthy of the great God Whose lips first uttered the mysterious sentence. For in 1748 the astronomer Bradley gave a hint, which others have subsequently developed and confirmed, that our solar system, together with the whole of the sidereal heavens within range of our vision and telescopes, is but a portion of an inconceivably vast circle of stars revolving around one centre. And that centre, the pivot of the universe, is now supposed to be among the Pleiades. If this be the case, wonderful indeed are "the sweet influences of Pleiades" which keep the whole of the starry heavens in orderly motion.

"Subaru is the Japanese name for the Pleiades... or the "Seven Sisters" (one of whom tradition says is invisible – hence only six stars in the Subaru logo)..." ~ Wikipedia

NEW YORK TIMES – front page article – Monday, December 30th 1963:

"ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 30 --Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople, leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church, will exchange visits in Jerusalem next Sunday and Monday during the Pontiff's pilgrimage to the Holy Land." ~ nytimes.com

Total lunar eclipse: Monday, December 30th, 1963

"No pope ever traveled to Jerusalem until Paul VI spent one day in the city, on Jan. 4, 1964." ~ npr.org

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Here is the sign in the sky. The last eclipse of the moon was a total eclipse. It waned to a total darkness in seven stages. In the seventh stage, the total darkness came as the Pope of Rome (Paul the Sixth) went to Palestine to make a holy tour of Jerusalem. He was the first pope to ever go to Jerusalem. The pope is named Paul the Sixth. Paul was the first messenger and this man goes by that name. Notice it is the sixth, or the number of man. This is more than a coincidence. And when he went to Jerusalem, the moon or the church went into total darkness.

RECOGNIZING YOUR DAY AND ITS MESSAGE [64-0726M]

Me not knowing what I was drawing on the board, for the Church Ages. I never. God knows. Just by vision, I drew it. Not knowing that God, a year and six months later, was going to vindicate it in the skies, by the moon, and slip it across the national papers. I didn't know that. I didn't know there would be a mysterious blackout in the moon, to represent this Laodicea Age.

Now, on the papers, you only get the six ages. Is because the Laodicea church was blacked out completely. And if you would notice the spiritual application, as God set it in the heaven. When I set it here on earth, I left a little bitty space, as you see, **just a tiny little bit of light.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-1015M]

Listen, I don't care how dark the night is; it might be so dark till you could feel it; you could put you hands up like this and couldn't see a shadow of no type. **The least little bit of light will expose that darkness.** Certainly, that's the way life does in the presence of death. That's the way right does in the presence of wrong. That's the way faith does in the presence of doubt; it scatters it away.

JOHN 1:6-9

6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8. **He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.**
9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

GOD'S WRAPPED GIFT [60-1225]

What we ought to do today is **find that Star Light** (Amen.) that's reflecting His glory, that's reflecting His power, that's reflecting His Deity, and **follow that till we find that perfect Light.** *"Keep westward leading, still proceeding; guide us to that perfect Light."* Oh, just keep moving, no matter what the price is; over the mountains, down through the jungles, everywhere else.

MATTHEW 5:14-16

14. **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
16. **Let your light so shine before men,** that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

II CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

3. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
5. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
6. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

15. That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

SHALOM [64-0112]

... we are in a mixtury of Light and darkness...

SHALOM [64-0112]

How can there be darkness and Light, it's got to be separated. And only one thing separates it, the Word manifested, separates, It presses it to the other side of the... Here's the darkness on the earth, but when the manifested Word of God, the sun, which it was spoken into existence by the Word, shows itself, darkness runs to the other side. And that's what's taking place now, darkness separating itself from the Light.

SHALOM [64-0112]

The darkness is separating itself from the Light. God's causing it, the Light's doing it. See, the Light's pressing Itself in such a way until the darkness has to congregate together. They had a chance to accept It and they wouldn't do it, so it's condensed itself.