

The Light is Going Out

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Light has a very long history both metaphorically, and literally speaking. There are a number of examples in Holy Scripture describing light increasing and diminishing. In our world today, light is actually lessening even though most people don't recognize, or acknowledge, this is happening. For those who believe that light is diminishing on earth, this study should confirm their suspicions. First though, the individual who is described as "the true light" will be identified because he is also credited with "creating all things" in accordance with his Father's instructions. Later, the individual who introduced darkness will be exposed, even though he pretends to be a "light-bringer".

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸He (John) was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹**That was the true Light** which gives light to every man who comes into the world (Jn. 1:6-9; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life (Jn. 8:12; cf. 9:5; 1Jn. 2:8; Isa. 9:2; emphasis added).

In order to be "the true light", Jesus Christ had to uphold his heavenly Father's laws and commands because they are synonymous with "light".

For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light... (Prov. 6:23; cf. Ps. 119:105; emphasis added).

Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! (Ps. 43:3a; emphasis added).

To the law and to the testimony (of God)! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them (Isa. 8:20; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Going back to the first chapter of John, this true Light was given the task of creating all things under the guidance and direction of Almighty God (the Father of Jesus Christ). Shortly, we will see that this true light is mentioned in Genesis 1:2, which is prior to the creation of the sun, moon, or stars.

He (Christ) was in the world, and the world was made (SGD 1096; came into existence, appeared, assembled) through him, and the world did not know him (and still doesn't in most cases) (Jn. 1:10; cf. Jn. 17:3; Ed. notes in parentheses).

God (the Father), who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He (Almighty God, the Father) made (SGD 4160; brought forth, constructed, formed, fashioned, caused to be) the worlds (SGD 165; unbroken age, period of time, universe) (Heb.1:1-2; Ed. notes in parentheses).

He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God (the Father), the firstborn (begotten) over all creation. ¹⁶For by him (Christ) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities (rulers) or powers

(authorities). **All things were created through him** (Christ) and for him (Christ).

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things consist. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in him (Christ) all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and by him (Christ) to reconcile all things to Himself (God the Father), by him (Christ), whether things on earth or things in heaven, **having made peace** through the blood of his cross (reconciliation with the Father for all repentant sinners; made possible through Christ's shed blood) (Col. 1:15-20; cf. 1Cor. 15:24-28; Heb. 9:22; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Before he was known as Jesus Christ, he was taught every detail regarding "the creation of all things" by his heavenly Father (see study: *Christ's Proof of His Preexistence*). So Christ is the personification of His Father's wisdom, as described in Proverbs 8: 22-36 and confirmed in the following scripture.

But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God (the Father) and the wisdom of God (the Father) (1Cor. 1:24; cf. 1:30; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Because Christ is the personification of his Father's wisdom, he introduced the central element of that wisdom, which is described figuratively as "light". As we have already seen, this represents God's law and commandments. Once this "light" was introduced in the Genesis account, it exposed a problem that occurred at some point during "the creation of all things". This problem is associated figuratively with "darkness" because darkness is the opposite of light, and therefore hides God's truth. Because of this, God had to create a temporary

separation, described as dividing the light from the darkness in Genesis 1:4. As mentioned earlier, this occurred before the physical sun, moon, and stars appeared.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was (SHD 1961; became; come to pass) without form (SHD 8414; place of chaos, desolation, confusion, waste), and void (SHD 922; emptiness); and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night... (Gen. 1:1-5a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

So at some point, after the original creation of all things, darkness entered but God did not describe this as "good". Why? Because darkness is the opposite of the light, which represents God's law and commandments. Therefore, the scenario in Genesis 1:2 must be describing a major act of restoration following the removal of God's law and commandments. Whenever God's word is ignored, happiness and prosperity cease and darkness gradually enters metaphorically. The next scripture confirms that God did not originally create all things in a state of chaos, desolation, confusion, waste, or emptiness.

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain (SHD 8414; place of chaos, desolation, confusion, waste), who formed it (originally) to be inhabited.. (Isa. 45:18a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Those who were responsible for the chaotic situation in Genesis 1:2 are described as

"foolish" because their lawless conduct led to the horrible conditions described in the following section of scripture. Because of this, God had to intervene to prevent even more degradation.

For My people are foolish, they have not known Me, they are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. ²³I beheld the earth, and indeed (because of evil conduct) it was without form (SHD 8414; a place of chaos, desolation, confusion, waste), and void (SHD 922; emptiness); and the heavens they had no light (symbol of God's law). ²⁴I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. ²⁵I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. ²⁶I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger (Jer. 4:22-26; Ed. notes in parentheses).

In the next scripture, Christ describes judgment against this sinful conduct and he identifies the main architect and antagonist as Satan.

And he said to them (his disciples), "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven (Lk. 10:18; Ed. note in parenthesis).

According to Revelation 12:4, Satan used his cunning deceptions to mislead a third of God's angels, but as the following scriptures confirm, his methodology will eventually backfire.

The light is dark in his tent ("tent" is a metaphor for one's body: cf. 2Cor. 5:1, 4), and his lamp beside him is put out! (Job. 18:6; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks into a snare (Job 18:8; emphasis added).

Terrors frighten him on every side, and drive him to his feet (Job 18:11; emphasis added).

Eventually, Satan will be the master of his own destruction because his sins will come back upon him.

He is uprooted from the shelter of his tent (currently a spirit-body), and they parade him before the king of terrors (metaphor describing judgment) (Job 18:14; cf. Isa. 14:16-21; Rom. 16:30; Mal. 4:3; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Going back to Genesis 1:2, Lucifer understood the difference between good and evil, but he eventually chooses evil. By making this decision, he became known as Satan, or the Adversary, because he rebelled against the light that represents God's law and commandments.

There are those who rebel against the light; they do not know its ways (benefits) nor abide in its paths (Job 24:13; cf. Isa. 5:20-21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

After Satan's rebellion, darkness permeated everything; figuratively speaking. Thankfully, someone took action to restore the light of God's law as a first step in the restoration of what had been destroyed.

Listen to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, and I will make My justice rest as a light of the peoples (Isa. 51:4; emphasis added).

Sadly, the scenario described in Genesis 1:2 can occur again because Satan's judgment is not yet complete. Therefore, he is still able to deceive

everyone on this planet and he is doing an outstanding job right now, in a negative sense.

*So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him* (Rev. 12:9; cf. 2Cor. 4:3-4; Jn. 12:31; emphasis added).

Because the majority of mankind is deceived, they are susceptible to Satan's influence, which is in opposition to God the Father. Therefore, this planet is becoming increasingly dark as the light of God's word is being extinguished. So history is going to repeat itself very soon unless mankind wakes up to the consequences of their rebellious attitudes and actions. Failure to do this will result in a scenario similar to the one described in Genesis 1:2. This is confirmed in the following prophecy, and the outcome will be dire for mankind.

*The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away; the haughty (proud) people of the earth languish.⁵ **The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.** ⁶Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate (held guilty). **Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left** (Isa. 24:4-6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Following the darkness, destruction, and judgment described above, the light of God's law will once again be seen.

Do not rejoice over me, my enemy (primarily Satan; cf. Eph. 6:11-12); when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.⁹ I will bear the indignation

*of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me; **He will bring me forth to the light, and I will see His righteousness*** (Mic. 7:8-9; cf. Ps. 119:172b; Ed. notes in parenthesis; emphasis added).

As mentioned in the beginning of this study, there is a pseudo light but it is "a pretender" because it does not reflect the light of God's law and commandments. This pseudo light misleads the majority of mankind.

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.¹⁴ And no wonder! For **Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.** ¹⁵Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works* (2Cor. 11:13-15; emphasis added).

This is why the majority of those in positions of authority say one thing, in order to sound righteous, but end up doing the opposite, which is usually lawless and self-serving just like Satan who affects their reasoning processes (cf. Jn. 8:44).

So "the light" that is described as being "good" in Genesis 1:4, is actually referring figuratively to God the Father's faithful representative, who later became known as the only begotten Son of the Father, Jesus Christ. However, because the author of darkness (or sin) is still functioning, pending his final judgment, we only have partial light. This means that God's truth is not fully or clearly understood on a universal basis. However, following Satan's final judgment, darkness or sin will no longer exist. This is described in John's vision of New Jerusalem, and it probably is an accurate portrayal of the heavenly realm before Lucifer sinned and became known as Satan.

*And the city (New Jerusalem) had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine, for the glory of God illuminated it, and **the Lamb is its light** (Rev. 21:23; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Its gates shall not be shut at all by day; **there shall be no night there** (Rev. 21:25; cf. Isa. 24:23; emphasis added).

So the darkness, or deception of Satan, that has permeated man's history will be removed upon Christ's return, and then replaced with the continual light provided by God's law and commandments. This is described figuratively as follows.

Arise, shine; for **Your light has come!** And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. ²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but **the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.** ³**The Gentiles shall come to your light** (a process that began following Christ's sacrifice), and kings to the brightness of your rising (Isa. 60:1-3; cf. 2Pet. 1:19; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Listen to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation (as opposed to Satan's nation): **For law will proceed from Me, and I will make My justice rest** (remain permanently) **as a light of the peoples** (Isa. 51:4; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Therefore, when someone prays "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt. 6:10), they are actually requesting that all things return to the way they were prior to Satan's rebellion. And, as we've seen this was a time when there was no darkness or lawlessness, as it will be again following Christ's return to teach his Father's law and commandments to all nations (cf. Isa. 2:2-4).

In the meantime, our world is becoming increasingly ruthless and lawless, and the final consequence will be similar to the one described in Genesis 1:2. In reality, Genesis 1:2 is a warning of things to come for those who continue to reject God's word.

Although Christ himself was not extinguished by the events leading up to Genesis 1:2, the law and commandments of his heavenly Father were viciously attacked and degraded by Satan to the point where darkness permeated the known universe at that time. This is why Satan was tossed out, as described in Luke 10:18, and "the true light" began a restoration process that is still ongoing. The continual waxing and waning of the moon's light every month throughout the year may serve as a reminder of the process that has been occurring throughout the history of God's creation. Specifically, that some individuals have attempted to undermine God's law and commandments, while others seek to embrace and obey them. Hence, times of more light or law, and times of less light and law throughout history. However, according to the cycles of the moon, its complete darkness is very short-lived prior to the dawning of a New Moon every month. This indicates that the darkness mentioned in Genesis 1:2 was also short-lived because Christ acted quickly to begin the restoration of his Father's law and commandments as he will again following his return to rule this planet.

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