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We are light #1; the universe too

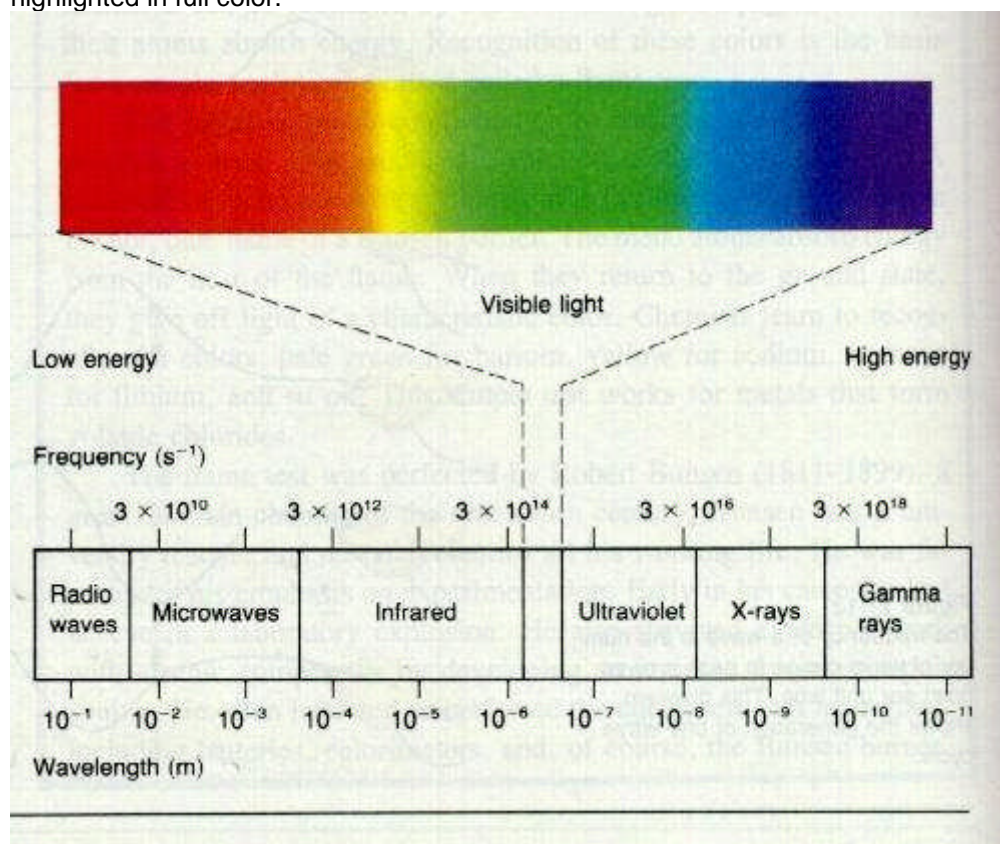
Hi all,

I've long been fascinated by clues in scripture about the interface between the invisible God and the physical world. We are told the worlds were framed by the Word of God; the invisible created the visible*. Paul observing creation teaches* us the things of God. (*Hebrews 11:3, Romans 1:20)

"God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." I John 1:5

That dark night sky isn't really dark at all - the universe is bathed in light

You may not realize how full of light you and I are, in fact the whole universe is full of light. We look into the night sky and see darkness, but that isn't the truth because we can only see a tiny sliver of the light spectrum that is sandwiched between infrared and ultraviolet. Below is the full spectrum, with the part of light we can see with our physical eyes being that very narrow part in the middle, highlighted in full color.



All we can see with our physical eyes is within the narrow band of visible light, though I've been in the Spirit and have seen colors beyond earthly colors - more on that next week. When the sun goes down and the daylight fades and there is no moon, we talk about how dark it is. We get up in the middle of the night when no lights are on, and feel our way to the bathroom.

But the truth is the night isn't dark, nor is your home in the middle of the night. The truth is our physical eyes are designed to only see that narrow part of the light spectrum highlighted in the chart. But that doesn't mean light isn't all around us, in fact our bodies (and spirits) emit light and we even have light beams passing through our bodies 24 hours a day, every moment of our lives. The universe is bathed in light and it is in fact never, ever dark.

Infrared

Moving to the left of visible light is infrared. Infrared includes heat. Your body emits light in the wavelength of 10 micrometers. That's right, just sitting there you are a being of light. Your body heat is light and you've seen soldiers, law enforcement and others use infrared glasses to see light emitted by living things. That oven you heat food with is light. You cook your food with light whether on an open fire, an oven, or....

Further left on the chart - microwaves

When you use a microwave oven you are using light, for microwaves are light too. The inside of that oven is probably lit by a light bulb that gives off light, so your eyes can see the food you are cooking with light.

Furthest left are radio waves

Radio and TV (and wifi) waves are light. As you switch from radio station to radio station, or turn your TV from channel to channel all you are doing is changing from one light beam to another light beam (wavelength) within the radio wavelength. If you have an antenna on your TV it is a device to see light (radio/TV waves) that we can't, and convert them into sound and pictures.

All those beams are shining all around us and through us 24/7 - through the walls of your home into your radio and TV which have been built to 'see' each individual wavelength of light and convert them into speech and pictures.

When a TV light signal is produced at (for example) a sporting event and beamed up to a satellite, the satellite relays the beam of light (signal) down to the earth, bathing the earth with that light (signal). Realize we have thousands of TV and radio stations beaming signals at the same time, and all those beams of light are shining all around us and through us - plus all those occurring naturally in nature by stars and galaxies!

If you have cable, a cable company has many satellite dishes picking up various wavelengths of light (signals) from hundreds of broadcasts, and sends that light through glass tubes called fiber-optic cables which carry the light to your home where it is converted to various TV station signals on your TV. (Or by copper wire called coaxial cable) It is all light!

X-rays, the right side of the spectrum

As we move now towards the right side of the chart: Visible sunlight contains UV or ultraviolet light, just outside our visible range. It is UV rays that damage our skin (burn or tan us) and fade fabric and cause plastic left outside to become brittle.

Moving further right are the x-rays we get at the hospital - invisible-to-us beams of light aimed through our bodies, used by doctors because some of that x-ray light is stopped by solid things like bones and more dense tissue and can be seen on special x-ray film. And the universe is filled, literally filled with x-rays and gamma rays and radio waves (and infrared) as well as a lot of visible light - even when we can't see light when we look into the night sky, if we could see invisible light we'd need sunglasses because it is so bright. The universe is literally, lit up with light. Your body emits light. Light fills the universe.

Think of that - the universe is full, absolutely full of light - but all we can see of that light is just that tiny sliver on that chart, so when the sun goes down we think it is getting dark - it isn't - it is just as light as before, merely missing that very narrow bandwidth of light we humans can see.

The great I AM

He is light in the realm of the Spirit and He made physical light. So by looking at physical light we see characteristics of its Creator.

The Father is light and Jesus said He is the I AM, meaning the ever-present One. Those are spiritual truths. In the physical realm Einstein calculated as you move towards the speed of light mass becomes infinite and time stands still.

Mass becoming infinite at the speed of light explains how the Father is everywhere by His Spirit - His mass is infinite because He is light. It also explains why Christ is the ever-present One, the I AM, because being light it means time stands still for Him - there is no time.

Time to Him is like a table top. He is standing above that table top looking down and can see from one edge to the other and everything on the table all at once. He is able to move freely from one end to the other - it is all the same to Him as He is above the table/time and is therefore ever present at all parts of the table top at the same time. He is the I AM, the ever-present One.

In Ephesians 5:8-9 Paul writes this: You were before time darkness, but now are you light in the Lord...live as the light...Daniel 12:3 says "Those that are wise will shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

I've run out of room today and will make my larger point next week..until then, consider what we don't see, and that we are beings of light...until next week, blessings,
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We are light #2

Hi all,
Continuing about light...

As part of New Testament truth we are told* 'you were before darkness but now you are light', and not to err in what we believe, for when we fall into tests, trials and temptations it isn't God doing it to us*, for from Him flows only every good and perfect gift for He is the Father of lights (us), and there is no variableness nor hint of shadow (duplicity/ulterior motive) in His character. *Ephesians 5:8, James 1:1-18

These and many more verses throughout the Bible blur the lines between the spiritual truth that God is light and the physical light we see with our eyes (and those wavelengths we can't see):

Moses' face shone after spending 40 days and nights on the Mount with the Lord*, when the angels announced the birth of Jesus to the Shepherds* 'the glory of the Lord shone round about them'. When Jesus was transfigured* before Peter, James, and John a bright cloud overshadowed them and Jesus became bright light, and the Lord said He was going to return to the glory He had with the Father before the world was.* (*Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 2:9, Mark 9:3, John 17:5)

The unseen point where spiritual light and physical light meet is found in the person of Jesus Christ:

"...Who (Jesus) being the brightness of (the Father's) glory, and the impressed image of (the Father's) person, (Jesus) upholds (carries) all things by the Word of (the Father's) power, when He had by Himself purged out sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high..." *Hebrews 1:1-3

(Note: That is not 'the power of the Word', but rather the 'Word of the Father's power'. Perhaps a future 'Weekly Thoughts' about the difference is in order?)

And this: "...for by Him (Christ Jesus) all things were created, invisible and visible, and in Him all things consist." (Greek, 'in Him all things stand/are held together'). Colossians 1:16-17

And: "For by faith we understand the worlds were framed (fit/put together) by the Word of God, so that things that are seen were not made of things that are visible." Hebrews 11:3

Look at this as more than figurative speech and metaphors

There are 94 uses of the root word 'light' in the New Testament (KJV), the vast majority are about either God's light, us being light, letting our light shine, or something related to those 3 subjects.

What if for instance, in Matthew 5:14-16 when Jesus tells us we are the light of the world, and that no one lights a lamp and hides it under a basket but rather lets it shine to give light to their whole house, and that we should let our light shine so that others can see the goodness of the Father God - what if that is both figurative speech **and** at the same time a spiritual reality in the unseen realm?

Our light shining and how demons work

I was in worship one night when suddenly I was in the Spirit, and the Lord stood before me: "I want to teach you some things about how demons work." Immediately we were standing in the dark maybe 20 feet (6m) behind a Christian man who was unaware we were watching him. He was looking straight ahead, and was encased in a sphere of light that was emanating from him, extending out about 10 feet (3m) in all directions. It resembled a fuzzy white light rather than intense bright white, more like a glowing fog.

The light was an unbroken sphere extending into the darkness that I knew represented the spiritual darkness in the world, and though we were standing and walking, the light did not stop at the floor. I say floor though I had no idea if there was one as Jesus and I could walk around and beneath and at his 2 o'clock level above his head or at waist height or below him looking up at the soles of his feet at will. In fact the Lord and I walked all around the man while the Lord explained to me many things about how we are born of the Father by the Spirit and are therefore beings of light, and what that means in real life experiences.

One of the most lasting things the Lord said to me as we circled the man was this:

"Notice how he is of light and is bathed in light, but he barely recognizes who he is in Me. Watch and see how easily he is distracted from the light and life in him:"

Just then I noticed a demon coming out of the darkness and he began circling the sphere of light, looking so intensely for a way through he didn't even notice the Lord and I standing some 10' (3m) behind him. The demon was about 2 1/2 feet tall (0.76m) and looked like a small person or perhaps a monkey - his face was smaller than a toddler's as was his whole build - thin and no fat at all on his wirey naked frame. He circled the sphere as we did, top to bottom, side to side always looking at the man, like a lion might stalk an antelope, probing for a weakness.

The Lord continued: "The man walks with Me, but about every 2 weeks or so he starts thinking about a favorite sin, for he has not disciplined himself to control his desires of the flesh. He knows his tendencies and weaknesses, and so does the demon who has watched him for years, who therefore entices him. And because his flesh likes the sin, he entertains thoughts and imaginations about that sin."

Just then the man started looking around instead of straight ahead, which reminded me of Peter walking on the water who broke his eye contact with Jesus to look at the wind and waves and began to sink. I knew somehow the man was turning his eyes from the Lord in this one small area and thinking about that sin, and again somehow I knew the process was going on over the course of several days in the man's life - like he started thinking about it on a Monday for the plan to do it on Friday, sort of thing. The Lord continued: "Now watch what happens when his desire for sin combines with the enticing:"

Sin enters

Just then a piece of the sphere of light pulled back, opening up in shape like a slice of pie from top to bottom, about 2 feet wide (0.6m) at the equator on the outside and narrowing to maybe 6 inches (15cm) at the man's shoulders. It was the man's doing as he entertained thoughts on the sin, allowing his light to withdraw in this one little area of his life.

I could see this man's imagination racing with thoughts of his sin as the demon turned sideways as he edged closer to the man, careful to not allow the light of the sphere to touch him - and just before reaching the man he made a leap onto his shoulders and started talking to him.

As the demon sat on the man's shoulder enticing him, one of the things the Lord brought up is that is when you are aware of your light and you come across a person with a demon, you become aware the demon in them knows you know who you are in Christ and they don't want to be exposed. The demon becomes afraid of you, but as long as the person wants them there, you can't cast it out, yet they fear.

It often manifests in that person not wanting contact with you because the demon inside them doesn't want to be around you (meaning it would be cast out/the person would have to deal with their issue). That person may only know why on a subconscious level, though they will often make up a childish excuse or accusation against you in the natural, but they know and have to make their own way.

The Lord taught me how most people are delivered simply by walking with Him and hearing His voice only, and even long time in the family demons will then find no opening and so go off looking for another prey. But how at first it can be a battle of wills; how much does this person want the light of righteousness vs how much do they want the known and comfortable sin with associated demon, and so much more.

He talked of how darkness and demons retreat from the light and how a believing spouse influences their unbelieving family, how families can affect neighborhoods, and much more, all related to spiritual light affecting the darkness and demonic realms. Let your light shine...a reality in you!

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the Father's glory which is displayed in the face of Christ." II Corinthians 4:6

Next week part 3; the light of heaven. Until then, blessings,
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We are light #3 (heaven's light)

Hi all,

I've been talking about light - We are citizens of a city of light, the heavenly Jerusalem, a city which will one day come down to earth so God can live among men.

When I went to heaven

In about 1990 I was praying in our church one afternoon and suddenly in the Spirit, and saw my angel's arm appear in the air above my left arm. I heard him say, "Take my hand", and I did so, watching in fascination as my spirit man's left hand and arm came out of my physical arm and when I grabbed his hand I was immediately taken away in the Spirit through space...

...I felt us slowing down and I turned to see us coming upon a huge city suspended before us, with bright glowing white walls about 20 stories tall and about every 300 miles or so (my eyesight was as good as I needed it to be so distance wasn't an issue) were big tall gates at the base with each side seemingly made of 1/2 a pearl or mother of pearl in appearance. I was amazed because there was no place for those gates to open to but the emptiness of space...but I didn't have time to think about it then...later I realized the city we call heaven will come to earth*, and at that time those gates will be of use. *Revelation 21:2-3, 25-27

What amazed me was the pure white light emanating from the walls of the city, yet it didn't hurt my eyes. I found when I focused on the light and looked directly at the walls, I could see myriad other colors - when I looked away or was not focused on 1 spot all I saw was white, but when I focused it was like seeing what made up that white light and all the colors of everything was suddenly seen. I suspect those colors are the rest of the light spectrum that cannot be seen with earth-eyes - thus my chart from part 1 of this series.

The walls had jewels of different colors in them and many of the jewels were huge and almost had an extruded look to them, not cuts like jewelry worn on a necklace or ring today. Many were smooth and

long and of various colors and shapes imbedded in and part of the walls. Many of them at least 3 feet (1m) long. What an amazing city I was about to get a tour of! (You can read more about this in Pursuing the Seasons of God and the sequel, Knowing the Ways of God, both available as e-books)

We are that city!

"Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife*: And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...prepared as a bride adorned for her husband..." *Revelation 21:2, 9-27

Most people don't realize when they make the decision to grow in Christ rather than succumb to their old nature, those victories carry more weight than merely making us a better and more mature person in Christ here on earth. The larger truth is the bride of Christ's lives are turned into heavenly building material, into a great heavenly city that we call heaven - and as we live our lives in Christ those decisions for God's way, those victories and sacrifices, tears and prayers, are made into heavenly material.

The apostle describes the foundation walls having the names of the apostles written on them and decorated with all kinds of precious stones. How did the sacrifices of their lives get transformed into the foundation walls of the city? We don't know, but the Lord did say He was going to prepare a place for us.

Each of the 12 gates are named for a tribe of Israel. Paul told the Corinthians* their envy, strife and divisions were wood, hay, and stubble that would be burned up (though they would make it to heaven) and told them to build things on the foundation of Jesus Christ like gold, silver, and precious stones. *I Corinthians 3:3-15

Peter said we are living stones* being built up as a spiritual house as we offer spiritual sacrifices to God, and that Jesus is the Corner stone of the construction. *I Peter 2:5-6

Consider the angel told Cornelius* his giving and prayers were 'come up as a memorial before God' - a memorial is something solid placed as a reminder of an event or events worthy of remembering. David said* God put his tears in a bottle and wrote them in His book, and John sees* vials of incense in heaven which are the prayers of the saints. *Acts 10:4, Psalm 56:8, Revelation 5:8

Paul further stated* our lives are built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ and the apostles "in whom the whole building is growing up into a living temple for a place for God to live..." *Ephesians 2:19-22

He takes our tears, our sacrifices for Him, our victories over the lower elements of human nature, and turns those physical and soul-realm acts which are our lives, into spiritual material which is part of the building of the city we call heaven. Somehow the Father takes decisions in Him, acts of kindness and tears, and changes them into heavenly material. In the same way there is a link between the Father being light in the Spirit realm and physical light came from Him, there is also a link going the other way - the realms of our soul and this physical life are transformed into material in His realm.

Matter cannot be destroyed, and that includes light beams (photons)

One of the laws of the universe is that matter cannot be destroyed, it merely changes form. The body of Julius Caesar still exists in the form of dirt and minerals in the soil somewhere. The food you ate was digested to become part of you, and that which was waste has changed form yet exists in chemical form in the soil or was treated and flushed into the ground or a river or ocean...and on it goes.

Those leaves that fell from the trees that you burned last fall, changed into ash which becomes part of the soil. Much of it went flying into the air in tiny particles of smoke, around which water molecules formed to make clouds, that eventually rained onto land or sea...but they still exist.

And light - that flashlight beam you flashed into the night sky when you were a child, is still racing at the speed of light through the universe, diluted and absorbed by the rest of the light that is invisible to our eyes, having become part of the larger bright light that fills the universe. Technically speaking, the

photons that made up that light beam are either absorbed and become part of what it hit when it hit something, or is reflected back into space...but those photons still exist in some form.

And that means the reflections of all the events of our lives still exist. When you skinned your knee on the sidewalk when you were a child, you saw that through the light of the day, and as such that light is still in existence, somewhere, scattered, absorbed in the universe, but still there. That's how spiritual light is and one reason we will be able to give account of our lives to the Lord - in His memory all things in Him still exist.

This gives us a clue to the fact He can save earth tears in a bottle in His realm and record the anguish in His book. This is how He turns prayers and worship into heavenly incense. This is how giving money and prayers on earth come up as a memorial before Him in heaven. This is how your sacrifice, your victories, become living material by which He builds the city and adorns her as a bride on her wedding day.

He alone has the ability by spiritual laws we can only glimpse but not yet understand, to wipe away memories of past sin, past trauma, past life before we were in Christ. He only remembers what we've built on the foundation of Jesus Christ - it all continues to exist and will either survive the day as precious stones, gold, and silver, or as Paul told the strife filled Corinthians, some will be burned as wood, hay and stubble.

Let us be over-comers, choosing the more difficult path to walk in love, to forgive, to leave past lusts and childishness in favor of love, joy, peace, consistency, godliness, faithfulness, honesty, and the other godly character traits and fruit of the Spirit/spirit. Let us build gold, silver, precious stones as we remove the wood, hay and stubble of envy, strife, divisions and loving this world and the things in it.

Let us live our lives knowing when we choose to grow in Him, those decisions are turned into heavenly material which build up the heavenly city of light. I long for the day the city will be done, for each life who will grow in Christ will be complete, that the completed city may be adorned as a bride on her wedding! Christ is all in all! God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all, and we are now light. Let us live as people of light.

New subject next week, until then, blessings,
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