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"There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is '<u>PRESENT</u> <u>TRUTH</u>' that the flock needs now." Early Writings, p 63.

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GREATER and LESSER LIGHT, part 3

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

In our last Newsletter we understood that God created the sun to rule over the darkness during the day time, and He created the moon to rule over the darkness during the night time. Both the sun and the moon have their proper place of rulership and their proper work to do. But their 2 lights are not different from each other, because it is sunlight that is seen reflecting off the surface of the moon. This means that even though God gave 2 lights to dispel darkness and rule over the earth, yet in reality it is the same source of light that dispels darkness in both cases.

We then discovered that the Bible - like the sun - is the greater light, while the Spirit of Prophecy - like the moon - is the lesser light. Both of these are God's chosen agencies to rule in their proper place in combating and dispelling darkness. But the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are only 1 word - the inspired word of God, just like the sun and the moon both shine with only 1 light source - the light of the sun. And this one word of God is Jesus Christ, and He is also the sun of righteousness. This meant that the source of light in both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy is Jesus - the Way, Truth and Life.

We then learned that in addition to the sun and the moon, God created stars to shine in the firmament and help by their light to combat and dispel darkness. But their light is so dim that these stars do not do very much to combat and dispel darkness compared to the light of the sun and the moon. And this is because God did not design for these stars to themselves rule over the night, but to aid the moon in rulership of dispelling darkness by its light.

We then understood that all of these stars are different from another. Each shines with their own light, are in their own particular place where God designed they were to be, and God has given to each star their own personal name, showing the individuality of each star from one another.

Then we amazingly discovered that stars can represent both angels and human beings. And since it was God's will that the stars were to aid the moon in rulership over the darkness of night and were not to rule by themselves, so in like manner, it is God's will that human beings were to aid the Spirit of Prophecy in rulership over the darkness and were are not to rule by themselves. But not every star continues to remain faithfully dependent upon God to shine as He intended them to. And what happens to these particular kind of wayward stars?

All of these individual stars are enabled to shine because God daily provides them with enough hydrogen fuel to convert into helium through nuclear fusion. This conversion produces an incredible amount of energy which can be given off as light. This light is white as it contains all colors of the rainbow, and the reason the color of our sun appears yellow is because of how hot it's surface temperature is - which is about 5,500 Kelvin (9400F or 5200C). If its surface temperature was to grow significantly hotter or colder, its color would change (see Web Exhibits website, under Causes of Color: What Causes the Colors Seen in Stars and Nebulae? - Stars Great and Small, at https://www.webexhibits.org/causesofcolor/18B.html, accessed 5-15-24).

This reveals to us that stars were created by God to burn hot at a certain temperature in daily sacrificing some of their energy to shine forth their light. So God's original design was for stars to burn hot in self-sacrificing light to dispel darkness around them. This is a perfect example of self-sacrifice.

But without God's daily blessing of fuel, these stars would then be forced to rely upon themselves for fuel, until that would eventually be all used up and then their light would go out in darkness. This means that as long as stars humbly depended upon God for their daily fuel, all would be well. But if they would ever cease to depend upon God, and would begin depending upon themselves for their daily fuel, then all would not be well.

When a regular sized star, like our sun (but no more larger than about 8 times the size of our sun), loses its normal daily hydrogen fuel it needs to convert into helium, it "has begun the process of dying". It then begins feeding upon itself by fusing helium into carbon, then carbon into whatever heavier elements it might have in order to stay alive. As this cannibalistic process continues on, the star grows larger and brighter than it originally was. Since its surface area is now larger, its temperature decreases to around 4000 Kelvin (6700F or 3700C), and its color then changes from a yellowish hue to a darker reddish hue, becoming what is commonly referred to as a Red Giant. As it continues to grow larger, all nearby innocent objects become caught in its fiery expanding mass and are consumed and destroyed, and their particular fuel is now utilized by this Red Giant in order for it to remain alive. This process continues on until all nearby objects are consumed and destroyed and the star has totally consumed itself. Then nuclear fusion stops, it collapses upon itself, dies and its light quietly goes out in darkness (see ESA Hubble website, article titled: Red Giant, at https://esahubble.org/wordbank/red-giant/, accessed 5-16-24; and Space.com website, Article titled: Red Giant Stars, by Nola Taylor Tillman, July 29, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22471-red-giant-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24).

This reveals to us that a star was originally designed to be humbly dependant for its daily fuel in order to be self-sacrificing in benefitting others by dispelling darkness. But when it began to depend upon itself, it begins to die and grows brighter and larger, colder and darker in color, stealing from and consuming others in order to remain alive, until there is no more fuel remaining. It then ceases to shine, and quietly adds to the darkness. This is a perfect example of selfishness.

But this dying process is different with a giant star. When a giant star (about 8-40 times larger than our sun) loses its normal daily hydrogen fuel to convert into helium, it also begins to die and starts feeding upon itself in order to keep shining. As this cannibalistic process continues, the giant star grows larger and brighter than it originally was, becoming what is commonly referred to as a Red Supergiant. This process continues on about 1000

times faster than a regular Red Giant sized star, until it consumes itself, then it collapses upon itself and dies. But instead of its light peacefully going out in darkness, it explodes in a powerful blast, commonly referred to as a supernova. This supernova is tremendously bright, and when it is all finished, what now occupies the place where this giant star used to be is either a Neutron Star or a Black Hole (see Spaœ.com website, Article titled: Red Giant Stars, by NolaTaylorTillman, July29, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22471-red-giant-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24).

Both a Neutron Star and a Black Hole are super dense objects. Imagine taking a star which is 1 million miles in diameter and compressing its whole mass down to just 10 miles wide. A piece the size of a sugar cube would weigh about 1 billion tons, and its gravitational force would be tremendous compared to its size. But unlike a Neutron Star, the size of a Black Hole can be millions of miles wide! In both cases, their immense gravitational force draws everything directly to them in order to be consumed and destroyed (see Space.com website, article titled What Are Neutron Stars, by Robert Lea, May 24, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22180-neutron-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24; and Sky & Telescope website, article of Black Holes, by Maria Temming, July 22, 2014, titled: Sizes at https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-resources/how-big-is-a-black-hole/, accessed 5-6-24; and HubbleSite website, News Release titled: Hubble Sees Bare Neutron Star Streaking Across Space, November 09, 2000, at https://hubblesite.org/contents/news-releases/2000/news-2000-35.html, accessed 5-16-24).

Now even though these 2 dense objects act the same in selfishly drawing everything to themselves, yet they accomplish this very differently from one another.

Neutron stars are "the most exotic objects in the universe", and they have some "extreme characteristics". Some spin slow, while others spin very fast, anywhere from about 8-700 times a second, and remember they are about 10 miles wide (see Space.com website, article titled What Are Neutron Stars, by Robert Lea, May 24, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22180-neutron-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24; and NASA website, Goddard Space Flight Center, article titled: Imagine the Universe - Neutron Stars, March, 2017, at https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/objects/neutron_stars1.html, accessed 5-17-24). But even though they spin, yet not all Neutron Stars act in the same way.

Some Neutron stars, known as Magnetars, have a magnetic force that is "one thousand trillion times stronger than the magnetosphere of Earth" (see Space.com website, article titled What Are Neutron Stars, by Robert Lea, May 24, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22180-neutron-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24; and NASA website, Goddard Space Flight Center, article titled: Imagine the Universe - Neutron Stars, March, 2017, at https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/objects/neutron_stars1.html, accessed 5-17-24). While many Neutron Stars pulse with light, reminding us of strobe lights. These are known as Pulsars.

Pulsars emit very powerful "beams of radiation from each pole, including radio, visible, X-ray, and gamma-ray wavelengths" at regular intervals ranging "from milliseconds to seconds". With some Pulsars, their magnetic poles are not aligned with their spin axis, so these beams of light are "swept around as the star rotates", and when "the beam crosses our line-of-sight, we see a pulse" which appears to "turn on and off as the beam sweeps over Earth", much like seeing a lighthouse at night (see Space.com website, article titled What Are Neutron Stars, by Robert Lea, May 24, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22180-neutron-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24; and NASA website, Goddard Space Flight Center, article titled: Imagine the Universe - Neutron Stars, March, 2017, at https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/objects/neutron_stars1.html, accessed 5-17-24).

In any Neutron star, especially Magnetars, "the crust of the star is locked together with the magnetic field so that any change in one affects the other. The crust is under an immense amount of strain, and a small movement of the crust can be explosive" and "cause the neutron star to release a vast amount of energy in the form of electromagnetic radiation". If this huge amount of electromagnetic radiation were to directly hit earth, it could cause a whole lot of various problems (see NASA website, Goddard Space Flight Center, article titled: Imagine the Universe - Neutron Stars, March, 2017, at https://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/objects/neutron_stars1.html, accessed 5-17-24). Now, if some object of space were to be caught in the huge gravitational pull of any Neutron Star, it would be drawn downward and begin to spin around in circles until it matched the same rotational speed of the Star. If this object were to resist and try to escape, it would have to speed itself up to about 93,000 mph just to overcome the downward gravitational force. If it could not escape, it would eventually grow tired of resisting, submit and be drawn down to the surface. When objects about the size of a marshmallow finally reach the Neutron Star's surface, they would be destroyed in a release of energy "equivalent to the detonation of a thousand hydrogen bombs". When gas reaches the Neutron Star's surface it is consumed in a "powerful firework displays in X-ray light that flicker in intensity thousands of times per second or perhaps burst only once" (see Space.com website, article titled What Are Neutron Stars, by Robert Lea, May 24, 2023, at https://www.space.com/22180-neutron-stars.html, accessed 5-6-24).

In addition to this, some Neutron Stars do not remain fixed in just one place, but can travel through space at "about 240,000 miles per hour" (HubbleSite website, News Release titled: Hubble Sees Bare Neutron Star Streaking Across Space, November 09, 2000, at https://hubblesite.org/contents/news-releases/2000/news-2000-35.html, accessed 5-16-24). This means that instead of being passive and allowing objects to come to them, they instead are actively seeking objects to destroy.

These facts reveal to us that a Neutron Star selfishly makes itself the center of attraction, using flashing pulsing lights to gain attention, in order to draw any innocent objects to itself in either a passive or aggressive way, so they can be caught, drawn downward, spin around in circles until they are destroyed in a way that attracts more attention!

A Black Hole, on the other hand, acts very differently. The dense mass of a Black Hole can be "a few times the mass of the sun", to billions of times the mass of our sun. This would make its gravitational pull so immense that nothing, "not even light can escape" from being absorbed by it. The reason Black Holes can become so immense is that they grow in size the more matter they absorb (see Sky & Telescope website, article titled: Sizes of Black Holes, b y M a r i a T e m m i n g, J u I y 2 2 , 2 0 1 4 , a t https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-resources/how-big-is-a-black-hole/, accessed 5-6-24; and Space.com website, article titled Black Holes, by Nola Taylor Tillman and Daisy Dobrijevic, May 19, 2023, at https://www.space.com/15421-black-holes-facts-formation-discovery-sdcmp.html).

This means that Black Holes are darkness themselves. They absorb anything that gets too close to their huge gravitational attraction, and when absorbed into their darkness there is no escape - even light itself is absorbed and is seen no more. The more they absorb, the bigger they become in order to attract more objects into their darkness. And to make matters worse, some Black Holes do not remain fixed in one place, but can travel through space at around "63,000,000 miles per hour" or around "17,500 miles per second" (Business Insider Newsletter, Science section, article titled: Black Holes Can Speed Through the Universe, Sonam Sheth and Morgan McFall-Johnsen, August 23, 2023, by at https://www.businessinsider.com/black-hole-speed-limit-could-reveal-new-laws-of-physics-2023-8, accessed 5-16-24).

This reveals to us that a Black Hole selfishly makes itself the center of attraction in order to draw all objects - including light - into itself so they can be absorbed and it can then grow larger. And some do not just wait for objects to come to them, but can actively travel in order to find more objects to devour in their blackness!

Now a Black Hole can also be created in a more quiet and deceptive way, in what is referred to as "direct collapse". This happens when a star "simply collapsed into a black hole without any pomp or fireworks", and just "winked out of existence, with no supernova or other explanation" (Live Science website, article titled "The Largest Black Holes in the Universe..., by Brandon Specktor, July 4, 2019, at https://www.livescience.com/65857-direct-collapse-black-holes-proved-theoretically.html, accessed 5-15-24; and Big Think website, Starts With A Bang Newsletter, article titled There are 40 quintillion black holes in Universe, Ethan Siegel, October our b y 30, 2023, аt https://bigthink.com/starts-with-a-bang/40-quintillion-black-holes-in-universe/, accessed 5-14-24).

This reveals to us that a star can be letting its light shine, and then seemingly overnight completely change into a Black Hole! So one day its sending light to all around, the next day its absorbing light from all around. One day its humbly sacrificing itself to shine for others, the next its proudly letting others sacrifice themselves to support its growing darkness. And this dramatic change from light to darkness deceptively occurs without any big event signaling the change, and without any warning that the change has occurred!

Now it is possible that after a star begins to die by feeding upon itself and becoming a Red Giant or Red Supergiant, that if its daily hydrogen fuel could be restored, then it no longer would need to feed upon itself or upon others in order to live. In this scenario, the dying process could be reversed, and it would then shrink back down in size until it was converted back to its original shape, and thus would no longer be dying. But once a Red Giant or Supergiant star dies, collapses upon itself and goes out in darkness, or becomes a Neutron Star or Black Hole, there is no possibility of it ever going back to its original state.

This reveals to us that there is only one way for any dying star to be saved from certain death, and that is if it again receives daily hydrogen fuel from God. But once it crosses a certain point and is dead, all hope of its recovery is forever lost.

Now if we were to take all that we have learned about stars and condense it into a concise statement of principles, it would be as follows:

- The focus or purpose of stars as God created them is to daily and humbly depend upon God, to deny and sacrifice self in order to shine light outward to others.

- The focus or purpose of wayward stars is to daily and proudly depend upon self, to shine brighter and feed off the sacrifice of others in order to grow larger, darker and colder - like Red Giant or Red Supergiant Stars.

- The focus or purpose of some wayward stars is to make themselves a center of attraction by drawing others inward towards themselves - like Neutron Stars and Black Holes.

- The focus or purpose of some wayward stars is to passively or actively cause strife, problems and destruction to others all around - like Neutron Stars.

- The focus or purpose of some wayward stars is to passively or actively absorb light and increase darkness to others all around - like Black Holes.

- The focus or purpose of some wayward stars is to exhibit greater deception than other wayward stars - like Direct Collapse Stars.

Since we have seen what happens to these different kind of wayward stars, then who can represent these stars that no longer are letting their light shine as God created them too?

Wayward stars can represent fallen angels:

– One-third of heavenly angels who joined Satan against God were represented as falling stars (Revelation 12:4, 9).

Wayward stars can represent fallen human beings:

– Deceptive ministers of unrighteousness were depicted as wandering stars (Jude 1:4-13).

– Attila the Hun was represented as a bright falling star (Revelation 8:10).

- Islamic prophet Mohammed was represented as a falling star (Revelation 9:1).

All these passages reveal to us that wayward stars can represent fallen angels as well as fallen human beings.

This shows us that not every angel and not every human being are loyal and obedient followers of God. Only heavenly angels are the true messengers, ministers, workers, witnesses and followers of God (Hebrews 1:5-7), while the fallen angels are the false messengers, ministers, workers, witnesses and followers of Satan (Luke 8:2; 1 Timothy 4:1). And each human being can either be a true messenger, minister, worker, witness and follower of God (Isaiah 43:10-12; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8), or they can be a false messenger, minister, worker, witness and follower of the Devil (2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12).

As these truths have revealed that stars can represent each human being - especially those who minister, then each one of us have our own proper place to let our light and influence shine for God or for the Devil. As stars need a daily supply of hydrogen fuel to live, then so do we need fuel, and what can spiritually represent this daily fuel from God? It is grace: we must daily have grace from God to keep our spiritual life alive. So if we daily depend upon God and humbly let our light shine for Him, then He will bless us tremendously each day with enough grace and will also establish us. But if we do not daily bless us or sustain us with His grace, we then begin to die and have to depend upon ourselves to keep going until our light goes out in darkness (Job 18:5-6). And depending on how large our influence was, we could become like a supernova where our light of self grows larger and brighter until it explodes, and then where an unselfish faithful follower of God used to be, we would instead become like a Neutron Star that selfishly attracts and then destroys any we come into contact with, or like a self-centered Black Hole that selfishly devours and absorbs any we come into contact with by our darkness.

But there is hope! If our spiritual life has begun to die because we are daily depending upon ourselves and not upon God, then if our daily supply of grace could be restored, we would no longer need to depend upon ourselves or upon others in order to live. In this scenario, the dying process could be reversed, and self would shrink down in size until we were converted back to our original purpose of life. But once our spiritual life completely dies, our light forever goes out in darkness, and then there is no possibility of ever coming back to God, but we would remain a selfish, self-centered follower of Satan.

This reveals that there is only one way for any to be saved whose spiritual life is dying, and that is if we again humbly depend upon God alone for our daily supply of grace. But once our dying spiritual life crosses a certain point and is dead, all hope of our salvation is forever lost.

"For [it is] **impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame....For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But <u>a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries</u>." Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-27.

Now, just as starlight shines very dim compared to the light of the sun and of the moon, so the light of each human being is very dim compared to the light shining from the Bible and from the Spirit of Prophecy. We must all remember this fact of truth – especially God's last day followers! The lesser light shining from the Spirit of Prophecy is still very much greater compared to the very dim light shining from you and me. So no matter how bright our light might be, it can never supercede or eclipse the light shining from the Bible or from the Spirit of prophecy.

This means that we must never believe that our own light is brighter than the light of the Bible or the light of the Spirit of Prophecy, because it can never supercede their light. God purposely placed the light of all the stars many light years away from the light of the sun and the moon. This was done so that no individual star, or group of stars, or even all the stars combined together could ever be able to supercede the ruling authority of these 2 lights on earth. So in like manner, God has placed the light of all human beings far beneath the light of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy in order that no individual human, or group of humans, or even all humanity combined together could ever supercede the ruling authority of these 2 lights on earth.

This should clearly reveal to every one of us, that whatever light we think we have is by no means greater than the light shining from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. And if we proudly think our light is somehow greater than the light of the Bible, or greater than the light of the Spirit of Prophecy, then this shows us that we are most assuredly depending upon ourselves, which indicates that our spiritual life is dying. This is because we are trying to change God's order of ruling authority in matters of the light of truth, believing that our particular light should be exalted above the light of the Bible or above the light of the Spirit of Prophecy! This is exactly what Lucifer did in heaven. Satan arrogantly believed that God's order of ruling authority should be changed, that he and his ideas should be exalted above Christ and become of equal authority with God (see Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19). When God denied Lucifer's demands, instead of humbly submitting to God's authority, he proudly chose to openly rebel against Him, attracting as many angels to him as possible. But he was then defeated, cast out of heaven and became the fallen angel that he is (Revelation 12:7-9). And from what we've learned, we can see that Satan is the ultimate and largest self-centered spiritual Black Hole ever, and he is indeed actively seeking to devour and consume any and all who come too close to his downward pull into darkness.

So please dear ones, I earnestly beg you, do not allow the Devil to deceive you into believing that any of your opinions, ideas, interpretations or beliefs are greater in authoritative light that what the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy declares is truth. God Himself has given to the Bible and to the Spirit of Prophecy the authoritative right to declare what is truth and what is error. He has not given you or me or any other human being that right. Our light is dim and faint compared with the light of the Bible and of the Spirit of Prophecy. So instead of rebelling against God as Lucifer did, humbly recognize your lesser position and submit all your opinions, ideas, interpretations and beliefs to the light of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Show yourself to be a true humble follower of God dependant upon Him for everything - including your wisdom.

You know, stars are the only heavenly bodies of light that have gone astray from God's original purpose to provide light in dispelling darkness on this earth. And just how many stars have gone astray? Are there just one or two wayward stars here and there?

There are estimated to be around 100,000,000 (100 million) to 1,000,000,000 (1 billion) Neutron stars (Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia, under Neutron Star, at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neutron_star, accessed 5-9-24). And there are around 100,000,000 (100 million) Black Holes (NASA website, article titled: Black Hole Basics, at https://science.nasa.gov/universe/black-holes/types/, accessed 5-9-24). Now these immense figures are not for the entire universe, but are only indicating what is in our Milky Way galaxy alone!!! Throughout the whole universe it is estimated that there are around 40,000,000,000,000,000 (40 quintillion) Black Holes (Big Think website, Starts With A Bang Newsletter, article titled There are 40 quintillion black holes in our Universe, by Ethan Siegel, October 30, 2023, at https://bigthink.com/starts-with-a-bang/40-quintillion-black-holes-in-universe/, accessed 5-9-24)!

Oh, dear ones, please do not allow your light to also go astray from God's original purpose. Do not become like a proud, selfish wayward star that swells up in self-importance and pride and which may end up turning into a self-centered Neutron Star or a Black Hole to spread strife, death and darkness to all around! But instead remain daily humbly dependent upon God for His grace to be unselfish and self-sacrificing in letting your light shine by aiding the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy in dispelling all darkness.

Now we have learned that God gave the moon to combat and dispel the darkness of night, and in like manner He has given the Spirit of Prophecy to Ellen White to specifically help His remnant elect understand truth and avoid being deceived by the Devil's specious and erroneous falsehoods in these last days. But what does the Spirit of Prophecy itself state about this fact of truth? This is what we will be discovering next time.

MINISTRY NEWS

HEALTH - MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

The Health and Medical Missionary work in the Central African nation of Zambia is continuing, but needs more support to meet the demand for herbal and natural materials for treatments. To the glory of God, precious souls are receiving valuable instruction on health, as well as natural treatments for various ailments as funds permit. Praise God for His healing grace, and the testimonies for the glory of God.

We again solicit and greatly appreciate your prayers and continued support in furthering this great Medical Missionary work, especially for precious souls to be won to Jesus Christ through this mighty entering wedge of Health Reform.

ONLINE VIDEOS

Many of our present truth videos are currently on the world-wide web for anyone to freely watch and study through. All these videos can be found listed on our website under Online Videos (http://www.lightministries.com/SDA/id1245.htm). You can also find these present truth videos on our YouTube channel - Let There Be Light Ministries (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqfJdqkw4QDXEuSyEQe7SgQ).

Currently we have over 9,540 people who have viewed these videos, and over 114,000 minutes have been logged, and with God's blessing and your prayers many more to come. Please keep this great evangelistic outreach endeavor in your thoughts and prayers, and may God lead 1000's more precious souls to watch these and become convicted on the Present Truth before it is too late!

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We praise God for allowing us to gather together as one Home Church family in Christ Jesus, and look forward to having you also join with us!

TO OUR READERS AND SUPPORTERS:

"Let There Be Light" Ministries is not using your prayers and donations to build itself into a kingdom, but is concerned with getting the Present Truth into the hands of the common people quickly, effectively, and wisely. Instead of working towards acquiring expensive video and T.V. production equipment, satellite or shortwave facilities, we would rather use the Lord's money in publishing and distributing materials which give the full present truth gospel, as well as supporting many full-time foreign ministers and workers around the world who have proven themselves to be reliable and stable. With their monthly support and present truth materials supplied them, these ministers and workers then have the ability to more effectively spread the spoken and printed truth, establish the people in it, and carry this precious truth into the very homes of those who sit in darkness. This is how the Loud Cry of the Third Angel will be spread, and is now being spread! If the Lord impresses you to help in these endeavors, your donations will be greatly appreciated--not just by this Ministry, but by many others as well! MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU!

MINISTRY NEEDS

"Let There Be Light" Ministries is committed to the spreading of the full present truth gospel message worldwide, and has been doing so since 1986. This Ministry has operating expenses covering the areas of: printing, publishing, and writing of present truth books, booklets, tracts, and other literature; DVD, video and audio taping, production, and distribution; supporting several ministers and workers in foreign Countries; mail order – both domestic and foreign; traveling to hold meetings – both locally, nationally, and internationally; answering correspondence and questions regarding the message of truth; offering National and International Bible studies; sending free present truth literature to contacts in many poor Countries; etc.

Your gracious prayers and support is greatly appreciated and needed. Without the Lord's guidance, blessings, and your support, this Ministry could not continue to reach out worldwide with the precious message of Revelation 14:6-12 & 18:1-5.

May our God and Saviour continue to lead and guide all those who have helped us reach souls who sit in darkness with the precious light of gospel truth. <u>May our supporters</u> remember that they share in each and every soul who has been reached by this Ministry and converted to the Lord and His present truth!

GENERAL FOREIGN MISSION WORK NEEDS

We are currently supporting several workers in many different Countries on a monthly basis. We check into the economy of each area and supply a base support which is adequate depending on their situation, but not extravagant. This base support is to ensure that the monthly needs of each worker and family is met for that month so that the worker may devote full time to the ministry work. In addition to this, we are sending extra materials for evangelism, and money for printing, publishing, holding meetings, traveling, and other necessary areas in spreading the Present Truth in their Country. And as the work extends, especially will the expenses for evangelism expand. Whatever you can send to help in this necessary and vital area is greatly appreciated.

The work of spreading God's present truth is not to be limited, but must extend world-wide to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people before our Saviour can come (Matthew 24:14). What better way of spreading the Present Truth Gospel than by having workers who speak the native language, who reside in that particular Country, who can live and preach the truth, visit the interests in their homes, and spread the printed truth translated into their native language!

"Our publications should be printed in other languages, that foreign nations may be reached. Much can be done through the medium of the press, but still more can be accomplished if the influence of the living preacher goes with our publications....The Lord has moved upon men of other tongues and has brought them under the influence of the truth, that they might be qualified to labor in His cause." Testimonies, vol 3, p 204-205.

Please financially help us to continue supporting our current ministers and workers on a consistent basis, so that the spreading of the truth will not be interrupted but can quickly lighten this dark world with the glory of God.

"Every opportunity should be improved to extend the truth to other nations. This will be attended with considerable expense, but expense should in no case hinder the performance of this work. Means are of value only as they are used to advance the interest of the kingdom of God. The Lord has lent men means for this very purpose, to use in sending the truth to their fellow men." Testimonies, vol 3, p 208.

SPECIFIC MONTHLY FOREIGN MISSION WORK NEEDS

KENYA, East Africa:

Printing of booklets and tracts in Kenya. Purchase of refurbished lap top computer - \$230. Purchase Bible and SOP books.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there. Printing of booklets and tracts in PNG. Purchase Bible and SOP books.

PHILIPPINE Islands:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there. Printing of booklets and tracts in Philippines. Repair of current vehicle - \$2,500. Purchase Bible and SOP books.

UGANDA, East Africa:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there. Printing of booklets and tracts in Uganda. Purchase Bible and SOP books.

ZAMBIA, Central Africa:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there. Purchase of new printer - \$4,500. Monthly operating expenses for Herbal and Health Clinic. Printing of booklets and tracts in Zambia. Purchase Bible and SOP books.

ZIMBABWE, Africa:

Donations of any amount to help purchase a vehicle-\$8,000 total cost. Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there. Printing of booklets and tracts in Zimbabwe. Purchase Bible and SOP books.

Please be sure to mark all donated monies for any of the above Ministry or Foreign Mission needs. 100% of all donated monies will go where specified. Unspecified donations will go where needed. Thank you very much for making this evangelistic work possible, and may God's richest blessings attend you and yours.

LETTERS to "LET THERE BE LIGHT" Ministries

Dear elder Robert,

Thank you for your teachings, they are all helpful to us here....we still need you because we love your teachings....

With love from E.S., Nigeria, Africa.

Thank you. We are as prepared as possible. Been building an ark with the Lord's help for the last 20 years.

Both hubby and myself are walking with Jesus - the most important part of being prepared. So yes, we are, and are joyously awaiting the soon return of Jesus after the worse time in the history of the world. I hope you are too prepared :). Sadly, most are not, and at this point it is most likely too late. Blessings, S.D., Internet.

Dear beloved in Christ Jesus.

God bless you afresh in Jesus' name.

How are you, and how is the ministry? I believe the ministry work is going well.

Thanks again for your prayers toward us and the powerful messages you are releasing to the world through the internet. The Lord will continue to bless you and strengthen you daily.

Beloved, we shall pray for you. The Lord is your strength, He will bless you, He will raise able men to support your ministry.

Thank you very much for your replies. I must confess, your reply is like a cold water to a thirsty soul...

S. Africa.

Dear Robert.

The final warning message....now is the time to propagate the Three Angel's Message against the Mark of the Beast. Masses are still in darkness without knowing (the coming) final crisis. There many places our Adventist messages did not reach. Sabbath keeping is new to them, health reform are new to them. They sit in darkness. It is (up to) me and you (and others) to reach these souls and give them salvation of hope (in Jesus). Time is coming short....

God continue (to) guide and protect your movement (ministry) from the devil attack. Shalom.

Love and blessings to all, B.A., Africa.

God bless you so much for the teachings. Please do lift us in prayer.... Blessings.

E.B., Kenya.

My Dear Most Beloved Brother Elder Robert in Christ,

Heartfelt greetings to you and yourfamily in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 1 John 3:1.

Thank you, Jesus, for strengthening me through the love of Christ that comes in you is so great. And I rejoice in your gracious promise to me that you will remember me in your gracious prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ, (and) my family. Looking (always) to Jesus...

From P.J., India.

Dear Elder Robert,

Thank you so much for your PDFs. I was looking everywhere for this information - Comparing the Catholic Church and the SDA Church hierarchy - of yours and couldn't remember where it was until you sent me your Newsletter last week.

God bless you. S.S., Internet.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM FOREIGN WORKERS

FROM KENYA, EAST AFRICA

(Combination of 2 letters) Dear Brother Bob,

1Joh. 3:1.

Donation was well received and has assisted in printing of the Last Message of Mercy and three other tracts to help out in reaching out to the people. Thank you, and praise God for His bounties. The Lord is indeed coming; let's keep the faith....

I hope this missive finds you well in the Lord's service. We are fine here too. As we go plan our April meeting, we have information that Utah has passed a Sunday law. (Editor's Note: this is not true. Utah upheld the rights of Sunday keepers not to have to work on Sundays even though their franchise corporate directors tried to force them to work.)...the day of the Lord is surely not far distant. Let's all be ready for this has been all our hope that we see our Lord come in the clouds of heaven in due time.

Another thing: My laptop broke the screen flap some time back, and have attempted to repair it three times, but now I think it may not long serve me well. God willing, may I make this humble request that if possible for funds to be available to help me purchase a refurbished one I'll be so grateful. This may cost about 230 US dollars. I will greatly appreciate.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Yours, B.I., Kenya.

FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA

(Combination of 2 letters) Dearest elder Bob,

1 John 3:1....

On behalf of my fellow workers and admin, kindly I would like to pass this new year greetings to all our beloved friends in sound faith.

Thank you very much to the Let There Be Light Ministry through Bob & Michele Sessler for...my/our support to push God's work on this side of the world. All your efforts you've been put in us financially in the soul saving work in this indigenous land of Papua New Guinea for the years gone and years to come is and will be numbered. Yours surprising rewards are waiting (in heaven), therefore keep looking up and keep marching on. If time not allow us to meet on earth, let's meet up soon in HEAVEN SWEET HOME....

Here is the brief report:...Recently hosted a memorable camp meeting right in the heart of town, from 15th to 21st December 2024. This significant event served as unifying occasion, bringing together believers of all ages, from infants to the elderly, represent each of the (22) provinces. The attendees undertook diverse modes of transportations, including air, sea and road to converse at this spiritual gathering.

Beyond being a mere gathering, this camp meeting was a divine opportunity for believers to fortify their bonds with one another and most significantly, to depend and strengthened connection with their Saviour. It was a time when believers were strengthened to confront the challenges that lay ahead on their spiritual journeys. Each night educational presentation unfold through PowerPoint and in the moming devotion presented by evangelists and missionaries on unity and family that enriched their spiritual experiences. The air was filled with the harmonious melodies of different singing groups. Multitudes of the settlers within the vicinities of _____ town were flocked into the camping-site each night to listen to the message presented by pastors, &

The pinnacle of the gathering accrued on the Sabbath, a sacred day were (19) souls embraced their faith to Jesus and were baptized. Additionally, the dedication of local church leaders were also conducted and committed to lead the flocks of God heaven bound from their respective churches. The entire camp proved to be a blessed and transformative experience for all who attended.

As the camp meeting ended successfully, the participant now spiritually refreshed and departed to their respective provinces.

Thank you so much for prayers and support to the work of God in Papua New Guinea. Your prayers come a long way to keep the work of God moving and the souls are converted daily and added into the fold of God Almighty....

As usual, field workers and local church leaders training is scheduled to 12th to 30th January 2025. We are preparing ahead to accommodate 115 workers and leaders from _____ and _____ regions.

Fields are wide and laborers are few. Many fortunate souls are converted daily into the present truth when the laborers reaching them right at their door steps. While many poor souls are perishing daily without knowing the love of Jesus when laborers are NOT reaching them for the lack of funding.

Please we need your continue support in prayers and donations to send our workers into the far mountainous and remote places to rescue the dying souls. Papers and booklets can reach the souls when human cannot.

B.K., Papua New Guinea.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

(Combination of 2 letters) Dear brother Bob,

3 John 2.

Hi, brother Bob! Greeting you a blessed new year! How are you doing? Hoping and praying that all is well with you. We too are fine through the grace of God.

Thank you so much for the money that you sent for tracts printing. Please extend also my gratitude to sister _____.

Anyway, another year has passed again and we are now entering into another year. I am so grateful to the Lord for all His goodness and mercy to us for the past year. He has been and always been so faithful to us. I thank and praising Him for the grace and strength that through it, we were able to survived and passed through difficult times and great trials.

Thank you also brother Bob for being there for us for many years, for almost 26 years of encouraging, helping and supporting us in all our work for the Lord. Thank you for all the studies that has been and is a big help for us here to be able to understand more clearly the truths for ourselves, for the churches here and for our work outside the church especially in encountering false doctrine and beliefs. It all help us be established and grounded in the truth. Thank you for all your prayers as well. Thank God for sending you to us, our elder brother. There are a lot to be thankful to God and we will never forget it.

Our work here continues brother Bob and we never stopped in doing our work for the Lord. We are praying that God will help us this new year to be more zealous and active in spreading the truth in more new fields. May God help those new in the faith be established and firm in the truth so that we can go to another and enter new fields. We are also praying for those people that we labor and those who received the printed tracts, books and Bibles to come to the truth.

Brother Bob, please continue to help and pray for our work here and for all the brothers and sisters here in the Philippines. May we all be faithful in making a preparations for the soon coming of our dear Lord that no one would be lost. May God continue to guide us this 2025 and help us to be faithful to Him. May the blessings be upon you and your ministry. Thank you and we love you our dearest brother Bob. Take care always and God bless....

The rainy seasons was just finished and we are heading to summer. It is getting hotter here now. From September- February, the rain never stops almost every day here in our place. And it is really hard to go and work outside. For almost half a year, we'd experienced a very wet season. And during that time, we can't go outside to spread and distribute tracts and literature. I just focus on translating and printing more tracts so that when the rainy seasons ended we will have more tracts to be used in distributing it to people. And we will start doing it now.

But during this rainy seasons, we never stopped in our work for the Lord. We have our everyday Bible study online with several people. We also continue visiting and helping newly established church and helping our brothers and sisters new in the faith to be established in the faith, teaching them patiently the way and principles of our Lord. And thank God that through His guidance and the help of the Holy Spirit, these brethren are growing continuously and walking in the faith and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are becoming stronger in the faith now. Satan is attacking them already with his assaults and temptation, but through the grace and power of God, they continue fight for the faith.

Also brother Bob, for this past weeks, I was able to help several people who are sick and suffering because of their wrong lifestyle practices. I talked and gave advices to some and share to them the light we have on health laws. To some, we did cleansing program and liver/gallbladder

flushing. And it help them a lot. It reduced their suffering if not yet totally gone. Also, one of our sister here who are new in the faith has a lot of diseases. She is suffering and diagnosed to have hypertension, heart problem, diabetes and malignant cancer. She is widowed already and has no work. She has four children. At first, she wants to undergo on operation for her cancer, but before she do that, the doctor said that she need first to undergo bypass operation for her heart. Here in the Philippines, bypass operation costs millions of money and since she is a widowed already, she can't afford it. So since we can't do anything about it, we told and advice her to try and just follow God's true remedies in nature. We are trying to help her right now in whatever way we can help her. We already shared to her God's health principles, and she is willing and trying to do it already through the grace of God. Please include her in your special prayers.

Please continue to include in your prayers the church that we are building in _____, ____. It only needs roofing so we can gather there every Sabbath. We hope and pray that God will help and provide us the needs to finished His sanctuary/ church here in _____ area so we can also invites other interests and the neighborhood there.

This coming April 13, there will be a camp meeting in _____ region for a week. We want our whole family to attend and help in the camp meeting there, we are praying also that God will help us provide our needs. And most especially, we are praying that God will pour out His promised blessing of His Spirit in the latter rain in this special occasion so that many more souls will be gather to His feet.

Till here for now brother Bob. May God continue to guide us and use us in His work in this remaining days on earth and may He help us to be faithful to Him till He comes. God bless.

Your sister in Christ, s.b., Philippines.

FROM UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

Dear Elder Sessler.

Greetings from this way. The Lord has provided us this opportunity to be alive for to serve Him, many have died that are close friends. People in my esteem would still be of use, but death hath cut short their labour's....

The church does not draw people in; it sends them out. It does not settle into a comfortable niche, taking its place alongside the Rotary, the Elks, and the country club. Rather, the church is to make society uncomfortable. Like yeast, it unsettles the mass around it, changing it from within. Like salt, it flavors and preserves that into which it vanishes.

But as yeast is made up of many particles and salt composed of multiplied grains, so the church is many individual believers. For God has given us each other; we do not live the Christian life alone. We do not love God alone....

Consider how Aristides described the Christians to the Roman Emperor Hadrian: "They love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If they have something they give freely to the man who has nothing; if they see a stranger, they take him home, and are happy, as though he were a real brother. They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit, in God." Aristides was describing the kingdom of God made visible by believers.

Gave out Spirit of Prophecy books and tracts. Visited the sick neighbor, and have sharing with a family every evening, and also Zoom meetings. Prayers are wanted for me personally and Ministry.

Thanks a lot for your prayers and the special donation for tracts and book ministry....may the God of heaven bless you and keep your ways.

America had not fully spoken like the dragon (more) than recent decrees (being made)....

For instance: President Trump's comment, "Go find another sucker," was directed at the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). Essentially he was warning them that if they try to replace the US dollar with an alternative currency in global trade, they'll face 100% tariffs on their exports to the US. In other words, Trump was saying that the US won't be taken advantage of or exploited by other nations, and if they want to play that game, they'll have to find another country willing to be a "sucker" or a victim of their trade practices.

This comment was made in response to the BRICS nations' exploration of de-dollarization, which involves reducing their dependence on the US dollar in international trade. Trump's statement was

seen as a threat to impose harsh trade penalties on these nations if they pursue alternative currencies. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) warned that this could lead to a global trade war, disrupting supply chains and slowing economic growth.

(Let's not forget how the Sunday law can come about): "The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17." GC 592.

"When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin." Last Day Events, p 134.

"In the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sunday-keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image." Great Controversy, p 448.

"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result." Great Controversy, p 445.

The Land of the free is fast becoming a Land of Decrees!...

Your fellow Soldier, B.K., Uganda.

FROM ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Elder Bob.

Greetings to you and the family in faith in Jesus name.

I write to inform you that I have the materials ready for an evangelism tour which we are preparing. We have been waiting for the rain season to end as we have great blessings of rains this year. Only a month remaining. We shall be going around in planned district of _____, about 250km from _____ Town.

The issue of brother _____ Risograph machine damaged is also pending waiting for a new replacement. We are still asking you that through the Lord's mercy you help us source funds to procure another one so that we continue with this great work of producing the needed materials. The machine has been supplying for the Zambia and other neighboring countries (for years now and is worn out. Replacement costs are \$4,500 USD). May the Lord help us.

More in the next email. Nevertheless, I will appreciate to hear from you.

Regards, B.W., Zambia.

FROM ZIMBABWE, SOUTHERN AFRICA

Dear Elder Bob,

I am very grateful for receiving my January support. I'm sorry for the delay to give you the feedback.

On the other hand, I finally got the toner for the Riso printer and some accessories to use, and the printing has gently commenced. Praise the Lord!

B.N., Zimbabwe.