



# NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends, 

The mind-numbing drone of Musak can't seem to squelch the growing feeling that everything is changing - and not for the better. The world we have all grown up in is no longer stable. The very fabric of our view of reality is being altered and regardless of our political or cultural corporate ire, privately there is a helpless sense that there is nothing we can do about it. The oldies radio station or Nick at Night which once conjured brief welcomed memories of the nostalgic past, now awakens a grieving that seems to say, "Yea! Those days are gone - and they will never return." You might rightly say, "Of course those days are gone. That is true of the way all of life and time goes by. " But this is different. This speaks not of the mere passing away of some real or imagined 'good old days' but the passing away of a kind of corporately shared innate goodness, itself which those memories were part of, and which we know can never be manifested again by the kind of world we see emerging. And it is not a mere complaint that comes from older people who could be considered suffering some personal sense of displacement or sentimentality. Many younger people tell of a foreboding sense of loss too - that they can no longer assume things will all just work out. Something is broken and feels unfixable. Nothing is totally wrong. Yet why the feeling that everything is?



When the shaking earth sends a visceral shout from the guts of the planet that bypasses the defense mechanisms of our daily routine, it refuses to let us 'settle down to normal.' Likewise our own inner trembling sends a message throughout our 'gut' that the progressivist 21st century mind set cannot easily soothe. This world system is entering its last days. *The whole creation groans...and we groan...(Romans 8)* The drive to work is filled with the background noise of the news broadcast. It mentions realities of the rising undeniable movement in the Middle East of converging forces that will soon have to result in some ultimate collision - not your 'run of the mill' skirmish stuff we have become numb to, but one which would have world-shaking ramifications. *For as a snare shall it come over all those who dwell upon the earth...(Rev. 3)* But the subject is spoken in the same tone of voice as the latest Hollywood divorce, or the release of some blasphemous movie. And besides, what can they tell us about real dangers in 30 seconds anyway? If things were really dangerous they would take...what? Five, ten minutes on it at least! By the time the 'news' item quickly moves to a loudmouthed car salesman, or a reminder that the fourth Rolling Stones 'farewell' concert tickets go on sale Monday, we are out of any danger of being informed and awakened to thoughtful contemplation about the real facts behind the 'news'.

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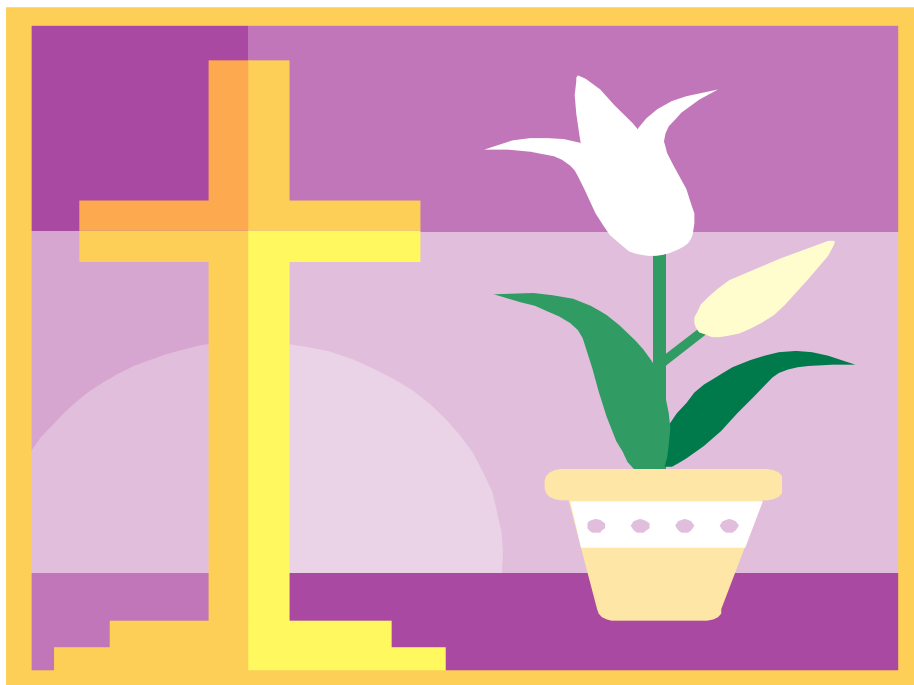
In the space of about three minutes, impending omens of unavoidable drama have been reduced to an inane sound bite fitted between even more insipid commercials. We breathe an unconscious sigh of relief as we turn away from thoughts of danger that nearly broke in upon us, and as we focus on 'real life' around us. We mean by 'real life' not the rising and converging dangers from a thousand directions or the Eternal purposes they will ultimately serve, but the *feelings* of present peace and safety that the normalcy of the radio add jingle injects like a sedative into our semi conscious consciousness. *"That's the news! And now you're up to date."* Really? We are? It is increasingly eerie to me how the omnipresence of electronics keeps us stupidly docile, easily managed, and ignorant while claiming to keep us awake and in-

formed. We seem to be people who think if something terrible truly happens then we will just change the channel!

In the midst of this cacophony of false communication and self deception God is speaking. He does not raise His voice. He expects us to learn to listen. You might say, "Well, He is speaking pretty loudly in the shaking earth! And in the events of the trembling nations!" And maybe that is right. But I don't think He is speaking through those things. For those things are the manifestations of the fallen world He came to redeem. But He is speaking OF them, in a 'still, small voice' to His people if we will humble ourselves, and listen. And only those who want to will hear. He will speak to those who come apart to Him and seek His Face.



# ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!



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*"If they refuse to hear Moses and the prophets they will not be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."* **Luke 16:31**



He is so loving, so willing to accommodate the unbelieving temper of this generation, that to them He is offering new levels of evidence that His word is true and trustworthy. We who honor and obey Him do not need these new proofs. His Word and Holy Spirit was and is enough. But still, He seems to have offered for the sake of the technoidolater, revelations of His Presence and offer of mercy that should shake any skeptic.

The **Anthropic Principle** is the evidence of cosmic design that causes even the most virulent atheistic scientist to say that the universe almost seems to have been made with us in mind. "If I didn't know better I would have to believe the universe knew we were coming and prepared itself just for our arrival," they say.

The **Shroud of Turin**, a decade ago declared to be a fourteenth century forgery by an ingenious European artist, is now irrefutably declared by the physicists, photo researchers, bio chemists, medical experts, and historians who have studied it, to be a cloth woven not in Europe, but in Israel, and not in the fourteenth century, but in the first century, bearing not some painted work of anatomy, but the totally accurate and perfectly intricate to the last detail image of a Jewish man who had been tortured, flogged, and crucified. The only force that could have produced such an image on the material in the way it is produced is that of explosive Light - the same Light that was present at and cause of the creation of the universe.

The **Bible Codes** are coded messages found in the text of the Hebrew Torah. All books can be manipulated to seem to have some level of codes. But no book in history yields the level of coded information the Torah codes contain. The evidence is not a matter of debate. It IS there. It is empirical, repeatable, measurable, and accurate. It is no surprise to us that God would hide within His Word evidences of His Presence that could only be discovered at the end of the age by a techno generation.

Still, even with such increased evidence, beyond that of Scripture itself, many say, "It doesn't matter what the evidence says. We must reject such so called evidence because it is not scientific." How is it that empirical evidence that is measurably clear is not 'scientific?' Their reply is that only a conclusion that *never* points to a supernatural answer can be scientific. This is a change in the definition of what 'scientific' means. It used to mean the method of examining facts in order to come to a provable conclusion as much as the evidence will provide, and a willingness to bow to that evidence no matter where it leads. Now it means evidence that is only admissible as long as it does not point to a conclusion we choose to reject. As one noted astronomer stated, "It takes just as much faith to believe in no God as to believe in a God. But we must embrace the totally natural no god position, because the other option is unthinkable...." *Men.. suppress the truth because they love unrighteousness (Romans 1:19)* The bottom line is still what Scripture has always contended - that unbelief is not a head problem, a lack of information, but a heart problem, a lack of humility. *The fool has said in his heart, "NO, God."* (*Psalms 14:1*)

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit, who is the very Spirit of Truth, would guide us into all truth. (**John 14-16**) He also warned that the chief characteristic at the end of the age would be deception. (**Matthew 24**) Paul echoes the warning. (**II Thessalonians 2**) See to it that you are not deceived. How? It is hard for those who think only on the cognitive level to understand what discernment is. There is a knowing on the heart level that far exceeds mere logical calculations based on available data. What if the data is wrong? Garbage in, garbage out. This inner knowing is not anti intellectual spookiness, as you see in some claiming special knowledge. It is rather, the fruit of a trusting, obedient relationship with He who is Truth.



# Some Closing Thoughts...



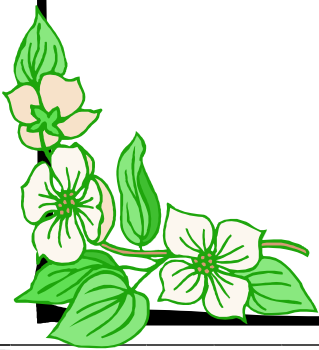
*"My sheep know my voice, and another they will not follow." (John 10)*

Do you know His voice? It is high time that you seek to know it. Ask the Lord to help you learn to listen. Ask Him to guide you into truth. Understand that truth is not mere accurate information. Truth is relational. When Jesus calls Himself 'The Truth,' He obviously didn't mean He was an accurate statistic. He meant He is the fountainhead of all that God the Father intended to be real. At the end of this age (and the beginning of the true New Age!) God the Father will sum up, that is, will make all things align with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Psalm 2, I Corinthians 15, Phillipians 3, to name only a few.) We are entering days in which it will become more and more VITAL that we have a listening relationship with Him who is Truth. Start NOW. Respond to His Love for you.



*With Joy,*

*Clay & Mary*



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