

the MORNING STAR

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"I Jesus have sent My angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the **Bright Morning Star**. And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come. And whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely. " (Revelation 22:16-17)

Morning: from the greek word *proinos* which means: early morning; belonging to the morning. (from *pro* meaning: at dawn; by implication - at daybreak)

Star: from the greek word *aster* which means: a star

Bright: from the greek word *lampros* which means: shining, magnificent, bright, splendid, clear.

Bright Morning Star 1: in a literal sense: the the very bright morning star (actually the planet venus) that rises above the southeast horizon just before dawn, and thus only shortly preceding the rising of the Sun. The morning star would be at its brightest just before the light of dawn began (the sun's light); and, although still rising itself, its brightness would gradually diminish until no longer visible, as the sunlight of the new day increased following its own rising. Most folks in times past would have been very familiar with this scenario.

Bright Morning Star 2: Jesus!

Consider these scriptures concerning Jesus:

"For we have not followed cleverly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His Majesty. For He received from God the Father Honor and Glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the Excellent Glory, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And this voice, which came from heaven, we heard, when we were with Him on the holy mountain. We also have a more sure word of prophecy; which you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the Daystar arises in your hearts." (2 Peter 1:16-19)

Daystar: from the Greek word *phosphoros* which means: "light-bringer" or "light-bearer"; and is use only this one time in the New Testament. This word was also used in a literal sense as a name for the bright star (planet Venus) that appears in the east before sunrise; or for the sun itself upon its rising. In the context of the quoted verses, Daystar, of course, is figuratively referring to Jesus as the light-bearing star that "arises in our hearts".

"For you (John the Baptist) shall go before the face of the Lord (Jesus) to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people for the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the **Dayspring from on High** shall visit us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:67-79)

Dayspring: from the Greek word *anatole* which means: "a rising, a dawning"; the beginning of daylight; and is itself derived from the Greek word *anatello* which means "to cause to rise". In the literal since refers to the rising "light" of the rising Sun. But as a title of Jesus it refers to the arising "Light" of Christ Jesus Himself!

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Consider also these verses:

"In Him is Life; and the Life is the Light of men. And the Light shines in darkness; and the darkness does not comprehend it." ... He "was the True Light, who enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His name:" (John 1:4-5, 9-12)

"But all things that are reproved are exposed by the Light; for whatever does make manifest is light. For this reason it says. "Awake you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." (Ephesians 5:13-14)

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel is hid, it is hid to those who are lost; in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest the Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should Shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness, has Shined in our hearts, to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

Jesus said that He was "the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." And **His Life is** the Light of men. Jesus is the 'Light-bringer' – the 'Light-bearer' – the Daystar, the Bright Morning Star, whose light shines in the dark places of our hearts until the day dawns, and Jesus arises in our hearts. When we invite Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives, and began to walk in the Way of Christ Jesus, then shall be fulfilled the promise of this proverb:

"But the **Way of the righteous** is as the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the fullness of the day." (Proverbs 4:18)

And then, in this world, we ourselves shall be 'Light-bringers' and 'Light-bearers' as Christ in us shines forth brighter and brighter as we grow in Christ Jesus! And the Light that we bear and bring into this dark and lost world **is Jesus** - the **Bright Morning Star!**

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Lord Jesus you are the bright Morning Star who has arisen in my heart!
Please continue to shine brighter and brighter in and through my life in You.

Thank you Lord Jesus!