

BLESSING FROM GOD: **Reagan Ann Barnum** came into the world on 9/2/08 at 3:30 am. Mommy Ashlie & Daddy Braden Barnum are elated parents. AMEN!

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LIGHT

"Once Again"

(Jesus Christ) **"was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."**

John 1:9.

Looking for direction so your service will be true to Scripture? That would be impossible without the light of Jesus. However, man fails in Scripture understanding and keeps looking to prove his existence by means of calculation. Concerning the universe, man leaves God and goes to science.

Interesting, it may be that science is closer to truth than it appears, even to them. Yet, all the while, scientists - along with the rest of the world, are just as far away from God as they have ever been. This will continue until **Christ's light of life** is believed, trusted and received.

Although, the universal theory that the **"Big Bang"** started everything negates the Almighty's creative accomplishments, it is amazing that science lines up with **Genesis** when considering the subject of light.

Scientists discovered what they call a **Cosmic Microwave Background** of "light." This light is a plasma-like substance that, until it cools enough, won't allow particles to come together and form the universe. So, science has light before the creation.

Two amazing factors enter into play, here. 1), The **Cosmic Microwave Background** discovery started in **1941**; that's the year I was born. Pretty late, don't you think? And, 2), No need to wait so long. God said, long ago, exactly that in Genesis 1:3, **"Let there be light."**

The question is, why do most scientists reject the Bible's declaration; especially, since science is doing a good job explaining so many things about earth and universe? John gives the answer, once again. **"He was in the world and the world knew Him not,"** John 1:10. Why? Jesus speaks, this time: **"...men loved darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil,"** John 3:19.

This shows us just how dark and gloomy the world is. Science cannot accept Theology - not because it is in opposition to science, but because man's mind is

blinded; that is, every mind born of women; science or the world, needs a mind rebirth.

Strangely, the same men that have creatively figured out this universe, attempt to escape it by some spiritual means. A contradiction? Sure, seems so. But, people love to figure out things for themselves. Rather than receive God's grace, they learn to trust in calculations and experiments. Yet, they include an "out" in their conclusions; and it sounds pretty unscientific. "**We don't know**" or, "**We haven't learn that yet**" is often espoused from the scientific community.

The **light of Christ** presents quite a different picture. Take a look, as the sinner, condemned by the glorious light of Jesus, comes to see that only death awaits him. Unable to even raise his eyes, he smites his breast and confesses his need of a Savior. God accepts his confession and the sinner passes from death unto life the moment he claims the life that Christ has for him. For the ignorant sinner, his creation begins, then. He cries out, "**Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift,**" 2 Corinthians 9:15.

What a glorious and eternal recreation occurs when one repents. This is the reason that the Divine Creator came into the world; to bring the physical in contact with His Person. It is a **physical and Spiritual unification**; just how it is to be in the resurrection.

Now, because Jesus entered man, "**every man is enlightened.**" The Holy Spirit's power will begin to convict man's darkened heart of "**sin, righteousness and judgment**" (Jn 16:8). Apart from Jesus, however, man remains shut up in sin.

The world's physical light is not enough to receive God's gift of eternal life; nor, will the inerrant record of the Genesis account of creation be taken into man's heart through physical means, alone. Romans tells us why.

Certainly, physical light reveals God's **invisible attributes, eternal power and divine nature** by the creation itself, "**...but they became futile in their (scientific) speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened,**" 1:21. It takes spiritual light to break down the barriers of sin that holds mankind from God's love and reconciliation.

Yet, even though man is unaware of it, he is getting closer to the true facts of creation. He will forever refuse to give God the glory of creating the universe; but, the discovery of **Cosmic Microwave Background** sheds light which closely resembles that of Genesis 1:4 and God's declaration of, "**Let there be light.**"

Their terminology and starting point are incorrect, but scientists are getting closer to their goal of explaining the universe and, it will really surprise them when they do (I trust they won't wait until judgment day). But for now, their explanation

of how the universe was formed remains locked up in the so-called "**The Big Bang Theory**;" not in the Almighty of Genesis 1:1.

On the web, you can find much about '**CMB**' - the **Cosmic Microwave Background**. I've been following some of its writings for about a year now. And, I've concluded that we need to change the meaning of the letters '**CMB**' and what they stand for; a change that could possibly bring the theologian and scientist together.

Because, both theologians and scientists affirm that light preceded the formation of the universe, let's connect the whole thing together by giving "**Cosmic Microwave Background**" a different meaning. Let's agree that '**CMB**' means "**Christ Means Beginning**." (He is before all things, Col. 1:16.)

Keeping the idea that God was in the beginning is all important because, when we re-check the record, the same words appear: "**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth**," (Ge 1:1).

Scientists say that light was before the formation of the universe. God says the same thing. Before God brought the universe together, **He spoke** (physical) **light into existence** (v 3). And, the Almighty created light, the record states, while the earth was formless (waste, empty) and void.

Then, God's creative powers continue. He separated light from darkness. Next, He separated the waters **above** from the waters **below**.

Remember, light was created before God began any of His work. Light was present when He began His work on this orb, as well - "**Let the earth sprout vegetation**." **God's light was there, in the beginning**. (He is before all things, Col. 1:16)

Light came first, before anything. Clearly, this harmonizes with John's words in 1st John 1:16: "**God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all**." Remember this the next time you look at some non-glorious attempts of explaining light and its meaning. Never forget that God's presence superintended all things; and, still does. As you read Colossians 1:16, rejoice! "**For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible...all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together**."