

Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27:1).

Divine good itself and Divine truth, from which light comes, is the Lord (*Arcana Coelestia* 3195:3)

God is the Lord, and He has given us light (Psalm 118:27).

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

The Lord is light, that is, good itself and truth itself, and thus from Him stems all intelligence and wisdom, consequently all salvation (*Arcana Coelestia* 3195:4).

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2).

[By putting on the human] the Lord could light up not only the rational [ideas] but also natural [ideas] of a person in the world. For He made both the rational and the natural [levels of the mind] in Himself Divine, in order that He might also be a light to those who were in such gross darkness (*Arcana Coelestia* 3195:3).

Arise, shine; for you light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.... Lift up you eyes all around and see.... The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord will be to you an everlasting light... (Isaiah 60:1,2,6,19).

The Divine Human, which was from eternity (John 17:5) was this light itself. And whereas this light could no longer affect the human race, which had removed itself so far from good and truth, thus from light, and had cast itself into darkness, therefore the Lord willed to put on by birth the human itself (*Arcana Coelestia* 3195:3).

“Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David.... Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (see Luke 1:68,69,78,79).

“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness” (John 12:46).

[Said by Simeon when He saw the baby Lord] “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel” (Luke 2:25-32).

The Lord’s presence is unceasing with every human being, both the evil and the good, for without His presence no person lives.... The Lord’s unceasing presence causes a person to become rational, and gives him the ability to become spiritual. This is brought about by the light that goes forth from the Lord as the sun in the spiritual world. The person receives this light in his understanding. That light is truth, and by means of it the person has rationality (*True Christian Religion* 774).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.... That was the true Light which gives light to every man who comes into the world (John 1:1-5,9).

“Light” means Divine Truth that comes from the Lord, thus the Lord Himself in respect of Divine Truth, and “glory” means everything that is a product of the light (*Arcana Coelestia* 10574:10,11).

Then Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

Come and let us walk in the light of the Lord (Isaiah 2:5).