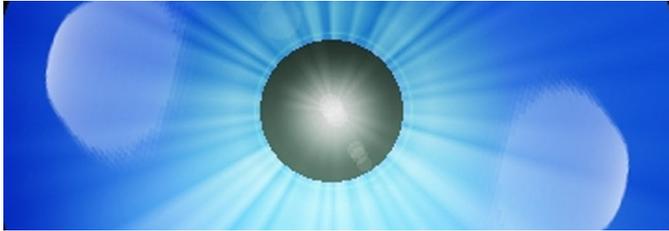


Do You See What I See!



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The air was brisk and fresh that night, and a well of pride rose within his chest as he looked upon the stars. Was this one of the clearest nights that had ever been or was it just because of this marvelous tower he was standing on? As he looked down, Nimrod could see a hundred campfires below, sparkling on the ground like the stars above him. As he looked upon this scene, without even realizing he was speaking out loud, he said, "When this tower is completed we will reach into the heavens and know our future. We will advance as mankind, and this tower will stand as a legacy through all generations of how it all began. Just think what man can do and what he will accomplish!"

We have no idea whether the little story I just told above is in any way accurate to any night, but we do know the Bible tells us man wanted to build a tower that would reach into the heavens. We know this as the Tower of Babel: the place where man gathered, in one language, to build a religion the devil hoped would blot out the truth of God's love forever. We also know God would not allow this to happen; not because the people who were there at the time would be forced to believe and serve God, but because people of all generations deserved to have the opportunity to serve God - to find the truth and follow it. So, God would confound their languages, and men would separate and go into all the earth. Even though God did this, it did not stop many from serving this very same reli-

gious practice started at the tower. The world is filled with people who serve the creation instead of the Creator: ones who hope to know and control their own future. (Rom. 1:25) So many throughout the world would continue to look to the stars for a sign of what was to come. They would make many guesses about their future. Some would be right and some would be wrong, but they would continue anyway. Then something very interesting happened. In amongst the stars of the night, there appeared a new star. One that had not been there before. A star sent by God so all the world would look and see that their Saviour had come.

Even today, there are people all around the world who look for a sign in the heavens. It is hard to believe that at the time of Christ's birth there would not have been many who noticed this star! The statement the wise men make about seeing "His star in the East," would certainly indicate they were able to see the star from very far away! However, the Bible says only these wise men from the East came. (Matt. 20:1-16) The Bible does not say they were kings, and we do not know how many there were! We only know they brought three different gifts to Jesus. We don't know much about these men at all, but we do know that they were truly wise men, because they saw the Star of Bethlehem and followed it! It seems strange that out of all the world, only one group would follow this star. Maybe the people of the world were so caught up in their own false religion, they took it to mean something else; but these wise men from the East knew they were looking for The King of the Jews! (And they didn't mean Herod) (Matt. 2:1-2)

In a world where men have been taught to look to the stars for their future, God put a star that would lead them to eternal life! Many ignored this star; but for those few men who desired the truth, this star led them all the way to the house where Jesus was. There they found The King of Kings and The Lord of Lords. They found a Saviour - can you imagine? Man searching for centuries to reach the heavens, and these men got the opportunity to hold, in their arms, God Himself! ("...and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23) I've heard people say that because a large group of people believe in something, it means they can't all be wrong; but on any day of the week, I would rather be a part of that small group of men who found The Messiah, over being a part of the large group who chose to stay at home.