

II Cor. 4:6



SUBJECT: The Glory
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What is the true, full measure of the glory of God? Where shall we find it, see it?

① "I can measure it, see it, by His creative effort. Look up at the heavens at night, the vast expanse of His handiwork, the galaxy of the milky way, but the dust of His chariot wheels." NO

② "I can show His glory by His antiquity. He is the Ancient of Days. Across the ages, past the Temple on the Seven Hills of Rome, past the storied pillars of Karnak, past the crude remains of the cone wars, beyond the dawn of life, beyond that moment when Time lay unborn in the womb of eternity - as then, when imagination has grown weary, you can still hear the echoing from the farther shores of some vast, immeasurable chaos, the words 'In the beginning, God'. Surely in His eternal being is His glory."

③ "No, stars, Milky Way, cannot show His glory. Look up at the stars. No, not in them are we to look for the full measure of the glory of God. Rather, we are to look for His glory in human personality. There is more of God to be seen in the face of a babe than in a universe of stars. Humanity, created in the image of God, like God, thinking God's thoughts after God, is what makes the universe worth while to God. Personality, the human soul, is the gem; the universe is the setting. The universe is but the house in which we live. (a) The rich have no use for a house. Designed by God."

④ Antiquity as such is as nothing. Not dinosaurs or mastodons, not geological formations, not rocks and ice caps, but people... a century day in Bethlehem is more meaningful than all the story of all that took place in the Roman era.

The impersonal revelation of God seen in such things as the stars that streak the skies, the flowers that perfume our gardens, the scientific laws that control our responses, is as nothing in the true knowledge of God Himself. Theological, abstract ideas, such as the omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence of God are as nothing... The idea to have meaning must be incarnate. of Man in history is technique - but in a young lord, a Caesar, a Paderewski, a Czar, a President.

Of course, when James asked to define what he meant by "spirituality", admitted, difficult to express in words. Then, eye lightening, said: "But I can point you to a person who is it. Phillips Brooks."

Define the love of God - Jesus is it.
"grace" (that forgives us, re-creates us, builds character) } Jesus is it.
"power" (by which we are made strong, are made strong) } Jesus is it.
"Is that not what you call the love of God?" } Jesus is it.
What, where is the glory of God? Jesus is it.

This is the true knowledge of the glory, grace, power, wonder
of the Christ that Paul came to in Jesus Christ.
- A year, before conversion knew there is a God. Read of Scripture...
But now, seen this incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ.
- He had known the glory of the God Jehovah as the One and Only God,
displayed in creation, declared by the heavens, shined in the laws that
bathed at Sinai, but now, full-acted, in the face, person, of Jesus X;

The Babe, Bethlehem. Shined in a manger. might have been born with
marble walls, wrapped in imperial purple. In the manger, among oxen,
was not a glory beyond the glory of luxury and parade, such was not of
swords and palaces.

1. In the Temple at 12 years of age. baffles the wisdom of the ages, ^{a glory beyond}
the wisdom of the Rabbis and scribes.

3. Dwelling among men, measuring the gods of the present, sharing their
poverty, dwelling in poverty beyond the ordinary. Oh, the consideration of God:
the who must stoop to raise the sinner, the who must bow to see
what angels do, yet does not deign to humble himself before men.

4. Selects any single incident in which Jesus appears in his earthly
ministry, whether in home, richness or at grave of sorrow, whether in
in weakness or in power, we shall in each case behold the glory of God.

5. What shall we say more, ^{his death - every attribute; and at the cross}
^{resurrection - spirit of resurrection, power,}
^{ascension}
^{session at right hand, and}
^{coming again in power in great glory}

Col 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily"
Joh 9:6 "And his name shall be called wonderful, wonderful, the subject
of the acclamatory psalm, the Voice of Power... 7:14 "I ammanuel,
that with us."
1 Pet. 1:3 Col 1:15 "the express image of the invisible God."

^{Suffering, crucifixion, death}
4. A glory beyond death and the grave
1 Cor. 15:55

^{This is the true knowledge of the glory, grace, power, wonder}
5. A glory beyond history
Rev. 1:7

Shining in our hearts.

The glory of God breaking through today

to 34:5 Epiphany of the shining face. Recent, 188.

① Philosophy of pessimism, defeat

(a) James Joyce "City & Breakfast Night"

② The wandering companion, Jesus

(a) Mr. Swanson, spiritual child

(b) "Oh, my love, I'm glad, I'm glad"

(c) De Ring La Court

When I am alone,
do not reflect on
the past.
Under a quiet sky
city, temple in
our lives.

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James Thomson, "The City of Dreadful Night"

[We have]

The sense that every struggle brings defeat
Because fate holds no prize to crown success,
For all the leaders are dumb or cheat,
Because they have no secret to express.

And ~~none~~ can pierce the great dark veil uncertain,
Because there is ~~no~~ light beyond the curtain,
But all is vanity and nothingness.

But do you remember the cry which again and again in the Gospels was on Jesus' lips when there was a needy soul to be saved? "Bring him hither to Me!" Not, mark you, bring him to My disciples, not bring him to the creed-makers, not even bring him to the Church, but—"Bring him hither to Me!" And I think that Paul, if he could see us taking our religion ready-made and accepting other men's beliefs and phrases as our own, would want to cry again, as once he cried to the Corinthians, "The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is" - where? In your dusty books, your neatly tabulated articles, your controversial documents? No! The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is "on the face of Jesus Christ," which means that the only way to know anything about God is to go and see Jesus for yourself. Walt Whitman was listening one night to an astronomer lecturing on the stars, and the hall was stuffy, and the lecture dull, and the charts and diagrams unilluminating, until, says Whitman, I could bear it no longer, and I rose and wandered out into the night and looked up at the stars themselves! P. 55.