









"Enlightenment is the man's emergence from his self-incurred immaturity. Immaturity is the inability to use one's own understanding without the guidance of another.... Have courage to use your own understanding!"

Immanuel Kant

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   courageously led us out of the Dark Ages
   into noonday brightness.

"That nothing in this narrative was true did not prevent it from becoming a wildly popular myth."

Tom Holland

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

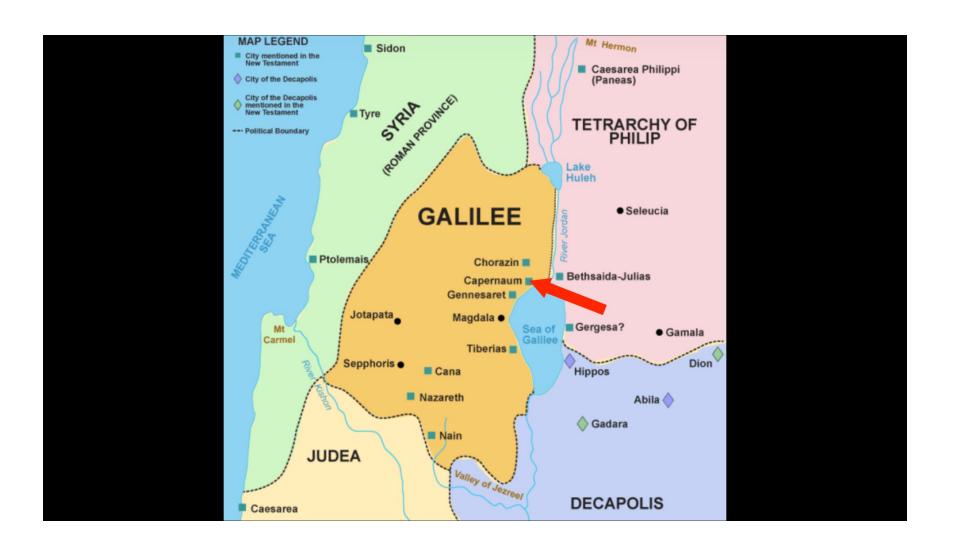
John 3:30

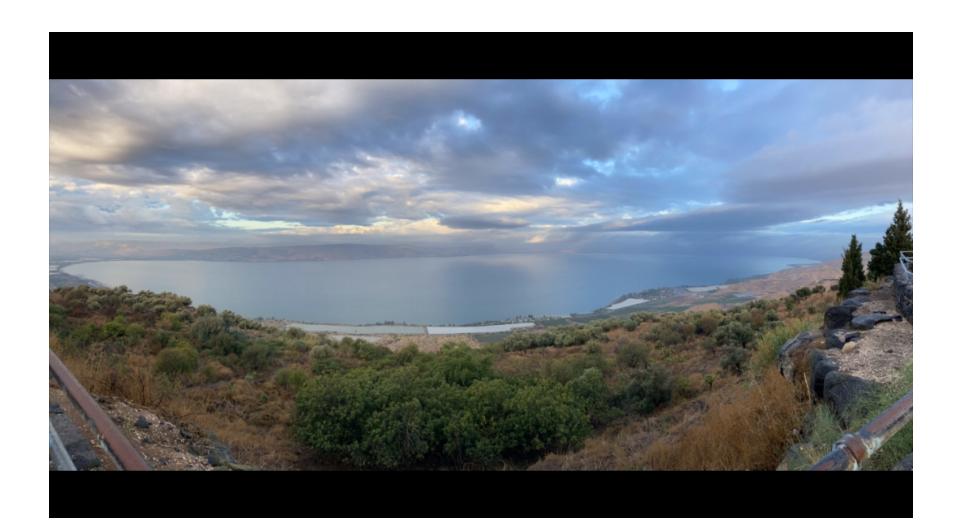
"Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee."

Matthew 4:12

"And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali."

Matthew 4:13







"... so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —' "the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

Matthew 4:14-16

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"But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations." Isaiah 9:1

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- 2. the cause of the darkness

"Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

"And when they say to you, 'Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,' should not a people inquire of their God? "Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn."

Isaiah 8:18-20 Seeking light in the dark -

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1990 - 8000 wiccans

2001 - 134,000 wiccans

2014 - 1,000,000 wiccans/neo-pagans

Empowerment "is your birthright.... [The] mainstream wants you to fit into a predefined role.

"Witchcraft enables you to find personal purpose, truth, and intention. It allows you to discover the crafts, talents, and interests that make you you....

"You already have the potential to be a strong, self-actualized, powerful ass-kicking witch. All you have to do is recognize your abilities ... and channel them into making some magic."

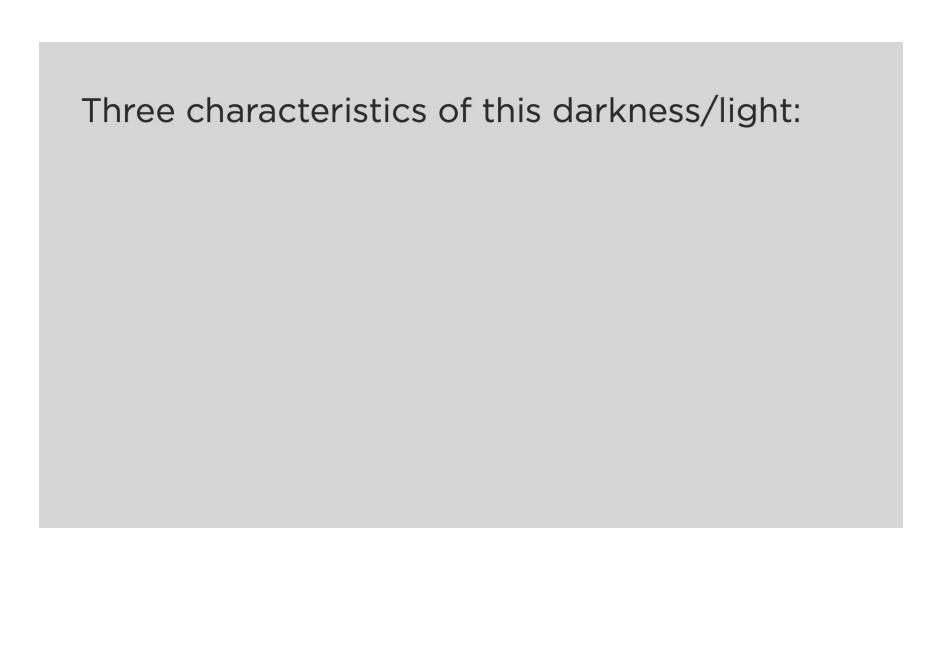
Saxena and Zimmerman

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- 3. the **solution** to the darkness

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- a <u>way of life</u> "dwelling in darkness"
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- light is a gift "a light has dawned"

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

C.S. Lewis

"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17

"Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see," your guilt remains."

John 9:41

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26