

Principles from 1 John 1:5; Light Used as Illustrations for the Godhead; Review: Divine Dynasphere, Gates 1-8

1 John 1:5 - And this is the message which we have heard from Him and have communicated to you that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness, no, no darkness at all.

1. John uses the word “light” to illustrate the essence of God, the Persons of the Godhead, and Their personalities.
2. In the process he will draw comparisons between the system that functions under status quo spirituality and the systems that function under status quo carnality.
3. In so doing John is refuting the principles of Gnosticism by using the vocabulary of Gnosticism.
4. Gnostic philosophy makes a big deal out of the duality of light and darkness and John applies its vocabulary to his illustration but develops his own definitions for each.
5. Light is used as an analogy for the essence of God illustrated by the color spectrum of visible light.
6. Light is used as an analogy for the personalities of the Godhead illustrated by the electromagnetic spectrum.
7. These illustrations can then be applied to the spiritual conflict that exists in the souls of individuals as well as the cosmic conflict that rages in the Invisible War.
8. The Holy Spirit is going to inspire John to take the phenomenon of light and use it to reveal God and Christ.
9. These illustrations may be analyzed in three ways: (1) Light as an analogy to the essence of God, (2) Light as an analogy to the personalities of the Godhead, and (3) Light as an analogy of the hypostatic union.
10. This led to a discussion of the power system that is imputed to all believers at salvation that enables them to execute the Christian way of life. This system is characterized by the Light.
11. The eight gates of the divine power system—or the divine dynasphere—are:
 1. The Power gate: the filling of the Holy Spirit, which becomes operational with confession alone to God alone, or rebound.
 2. Objectivity: Basic Christian modus operandi which includes consistency in the use of rebound, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and the faith-rest technique. This can also be described as functioning under the three spiritual skills: the filling of the Holy Spirit, utilization of GAP, and development of the ten problem-solving devices.
 3. Teachability: enforced and genuine humility: submission to biblical instruction because of fear of the divine discipline that would result from not doing so, followed by an insatiable desire to study the Word of God in order to learn how to best serve the Lord.
 4. Spiritual Momentum: developed under the grace apparatus for perception which requires:
 - a. positive volition to the teaching of the Word of God under a qualified pastor-teacher.
 - b. the mentorship of the Holy Spirit.

- c. The objectivity to grant a positive response to the doctrines taught.
 - d. The transfer of the information by the Holy Spirit into the *kardia* of the soul as *epignōsis* comprehension of divine thought.
5. Motivational virtue: the application of personal love *for* God developed from the believer's *epignōsis* understanding of the love of God for him.
 6. Functional virtue: the application of unconditional love for all mankind developed from the believer's motivational virtue of personal love *for* God.
 7. Momentum testing: The exigencies that typically occur in life that offer the positive believer a challenge to increase his momentum, while on the other hand offer the negative believer an opportunity to reverse the decline of his momentum. Both challenges are expressions of God's love. The former example is designed to accelerate the positive believer's advance by presenting him with an opportunity to observe through personal experience that doctrine works. The latter case is designed to warn the negative believer that he has deviated from wheel-tracks of righteousness, the test serving as discipline to goad him out of the darkness back into the Light. Momentum testing may be manifest in six categories: (1) the sinful nature, (2) people, (3) thought, (4) system, (5) disaster, and (6) prosperity.
 8. Spiritual maturity or the winner's gate: the advance to stage 3 of the sophisticated spiritual life where the believer enjoys cognitive invincibility and whose life glorifies God to the maximum.
12. While studying system testing we took up a study of those systems that are characteristic of darkness: the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred and in the latter we identified seven categories of mental assent to demonism.