

ILLUMINATION & LIGHT

1. **Illumination** cannot occur without **light**.

a. **Definition** (from online free dictionary)

n.

1.

a. **The act of illuminating.**

b. **The state of being illuminated.**

2. A source of light.

3. Decorative lighting.

4. Spiritual or intellectual enlightenment.

5. **Clarification; elucidation.**

6.

a. The art or act of decorating a text, page, or initial letter with ornamental designs, miniatures, or lettering.

b. An example of this art.

7. *Physics* The luminous flux per unit area at any point on a surface exposed to incident light. Also called *illuminance*.

b. **LIGHT**

n.

1. *Physics*

a. Electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength in the range from about 4,000 (violet) to about 7,700 (red) angstroms and may be perceived by the normal unaided human eye.

b. Electromagnetic radiation of any wavelength.

2. The sensation of perceiving light; brightness: *a sudden light that made me blink.*

3.

a. A source of light, especially a lamp, a lantern, or an electric lighting fixture: *Turn out the lights when you leave.*

b. The illumination derived from a source of light: *by the light of the moon.*

c. The particular quantity or quality of such illumination: *moved the lamp closer to get better light.*

d. The pathway or route of such illumination to a person: *You're standing in his light.*

4. A mechanical device that uses illumination as a signal or warning, especially a beacon or traffic signal.

5.

a. Daylight.

b. Dawn; daybreak.

6. Something, such as a window, that admits illumination.

7. *Architecture* One of two or more openings in a window divided by a mullion or mullions.

8. A source of fire, such as a match or cigarette lighter.

9. **Spiritual awareness; illumination.**

10.

a. **Something that provides information or clarification:** *threw some light on the question.* [THE SCRIPTURE IS OUR STANDARD AND LIGHT]

b. **A state of awareness or understanding, especially as derived from a particular source:** *in the light of experience.* [IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE]

11. Public attention; general knowledge: *brought the scandal to light.*

12. **A way of looking at or considering a matter; an aspect:** *saw the situation in a different light.* [THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE]

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13. *Archaic* Eyesight.

14. **lights** One's individual opinions, choices, or standards: *acted according to their own lights*.

15. A person who inspires or is adored by another: *My daughter is the light of my life*. [OUR PASSAGE, JOHN 8:12, IT IS JESUS]

16. A prominent or distinguished person; a luminary: *one of the leading lights of the theater*. [IT IS JESUS, NOT A MOVIE STAR, POLITICIAN, PREACHER, SCHOLAR]

17. An expression of the eyes: *a strange light in her eyes*.

18. **Light** In Quaker doctrine, the guiding spirit or divine presence in each person.

19. The representation of light in art.

v. **light·ed** or **lit** (līt), **light·ing**, **lights**

v.tr.

1. To set on fire; ignite or kindle.

2. To cause to give out light; make luminous: *lit a lamp*.

3. To provide, cover, or fill with light; illuminate: *fireworks lighting the sky*.

4. To signal, direct, or guide with or as if with illumination.

5. To enliven or animate: *A smile lit her face*.

v.intr.

1. To start to burn; be ignited or kindled: *Green wood does not light easily*.

2. To emit light; be lighted: *Wait until the indicator lights up*.

adj. **light·er**, **light·est**

1.

a. Having a greater rather than lesser degree of lightness.

b. Of or being an additive primary color.

2. Characterized by or filled with light; bright: *a room that is light when the shutters are open*.

3. Not dark in color; fair: *light hair and skin*.

4. Served with milk or cream. Used of coffee.

Phrasal Verb:

light up

1. To become or cause to become animated or cheerful.

2. To start smoking a cigarette, cigar, or pipe.

Idioms:

in (the) light of

In consideration of; in relationship to.

light a fire under

To urge or move to action.

light at the end of the tunnel

The prospect of success, relief, or escape after strenuous effort.

2. Revelation, Illumination, and Inspiration in one passage

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath **revealed** them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. [REVELATION] For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.** [ILLUMINATION] **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** [INSPIRATION] 1

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Corinthians 2:9-13 [HDW, KNOW ABOVE MEANS UNDERSTAND, SEE, BE AWARE, PERCEIVE]

3. The Cause of **Poor Illumination**

a. Eph. 4:30, **Grieve** the Spirit

i. to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:--cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow(-ful), be (make) sorry.

ii. Grieving occurs when sin takes place such as:

1. Anger
2. Gross sin
3. Licentious thoughts and desires
4. Ingratitude
5. Neglect of promptings to pray, to read our Bible, to repentance, to be "dead to the world." (this is the small quiet voice)

b. 1 Thess. 5:19 **Quench** the Spirit

i. a prolonged form of an apparently primary verb; to extinguish (literally or figuratively):--go out, quench.

ii. Quenching occurs when

1. We **neglect** the **SPIRITUAL gifts** given by Him to serve the living God.
2. We **neglect** the **promptings** (strong desire) placed in our heart (by the conscience, will, thoughts in the soul which emanate from the spirit of man which is quickened by the Holy Spirit.)

4. Illumination is **not the audible voice of God** speaking to man.

a. "God is able, however, to speak to the heart of man with such reality that the effect is produced **without** the need of actual words. Such is the experience of the Christian who is frequently taught by the Holy Spirit **the truths of God**, and yet the Christian would have difficulty finding words to express all that the Spirit had made known."¹ [HDW, my emphasis] [Quote of Dr. John Walvoord, in *Hearing the Voice of God*, p. 204]

b. **The truths of God in the quote above is the Scripture**

5. **Illumination is** being able **to understand** the Scriptures

a. "the influence or ministry of the Holy Spirit which enables all who are in right relation with God to understand the Scriptures."

6. The **conscience**, our witness, which judges our thoughts and actions, is influenced by illumination.

7. **Intuition, hunches, and feelings** are **not** illumination.

a. As we learned, the conscience, which influences thought, hunches, and intuition, can be defiled, evil, seared, impure, etc.

b. This was the **modernist problem** (the conscience was the throne of God). (the conscience overruled the Bible).

¹ John F. Walvoord, "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament," (Bibliotheca Sacra, Vol. 97, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1940, Logos, 2002) 315.

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- c. This is the **postmodernist problem**, which is simply a progression of modernist thought to **no absolute** external (to self) truth at all. (the conscience was the throne of God).
- 8. **Application** of the Words of God (doctrine) to situations is facilitated by illumination of the Words of God that comes from the Holy Spirit. Understand implies application.
 - a. This is **wisdom**.
- 9. Illumination is **the secret** of sanctified churches.

Lu 11:36 (KJV) If thy whole body therefore [*be*] full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Joh 1:9 (KJV) [*That*] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

1Co 4:5 (KJV) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. [HDW, be slow in judgment because you may have a beam in your own eye and a mote (speck) may be in the eye of another]

Eph 1:18 (KJV) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Eph 3:9 (KJV) And **to make** all [*men*] **see** what [*is*] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

2Ti 1:10 (KJV) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Heb 6:4 (KJV) For [*it is*] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

Heb 10:32 (KJV) But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

Re 18:1 (KJV) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Re 21:23 (KJV) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [*is*] the light thereof.

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Re 22:5 (KJV) And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.