Shine as Lights

I have called you out and set you apart from all the peoples of the world that you might be for Me a people of renown—holy and blessed; that you may be a Kingdom of priest, a royal household, lights in the world.

You are different and your difference is astounding; although most people in the world cannot see this difference because their eyes are full of darkness. They can only see darkness. It is not so with you. Your eyes are full of light and you can see all that is light and life. You are full of light and life. Because you can see the light, you can discern what is not light. You can see darkness.

Yet, even in their darkness the world knows intuitively that you are light and they despise your light, not knowing that the choice is theirs to believe. In believing that I am the light of the world, they, too, can become as you—lights. They love the darkness and choose to remain in it.

But it is not so with you. For you love the light and the light of whom you are in Me shines into the darkness to drive it away. So, know this, that you are lights even as I am the light of the world. You are stars that shine brightly in the midnight sky. Your brightness is the same at all times; yet, the darker the sky becomes around you, the more you appear far brighter.

So it is in the world today. The darker things become the brighter your light will appear. The brighter your light appears, the more you will be despised by the darkness, but do not fear their darkness or their hatred toward you, not even their possible persecution of you. Rather, despise any darkness that may yet be found in you. Allow My light to reveal your darkness that My light might overcome it. Moreover, love the light. Come to the light. Shine as lights that others who so choose may come to the light in you and see Me and,

thereby, become as you—lights just as I am the Light of the world. And it will be as though I set a new star in the sky.

Look at what you call the Milky Way and know that even as numerous as the stars are in the blackened sky, so are the numbers of those who are My holy and precious ones. You are numerous.

Nevertheless, so numerous are those as well who are black holes in My universe—souls who are totally consumed with Self, collapsing in upon themselves.

For this reason I say, Come follow Me. Deny Self. Deny Self-centeredness. Deny Self-absorption. Take up your cross and follow Me [which is how we deny Self]. Follow Me in agape love—the God kind of love that is willing to lay down your own plans, hopes, ambitions, and agendas to do My will and what is in the best interest of others. Look beyond yourselves and let your light so shine that others may see your good works and find their way to Me. You have been chosen for such a time as this. Come enter into the secret places of the Most High God.

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life...." Philippians 2:14-15.

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