

Trying to understand God

Light is reported to travel at the phenomenal speed of 186, 262 miles per second. This is indeed difficult to comprehend. Over the years, many studies have been done to get a more accurate measure of the speed of light. The results are usually conclusive that light travels at the rate of 186, 262 miles per second. This rate of speed goes on and on, for as long as light travels from one location to another. This is, for example, from the sun to the Earth or from another star to Earth. The vastness of all creation rapidly becomes obvious with the simple mathematical process of multiplication of the speed of light times the time light has been traveling.

The mind numbing size of the universe soon gives way to an inexplicable and indefinable sense of awe, when we think that according to the Bible, God is responsible for all this coming into being[1], and that He should bring Himself down to the point where He should be willing to die for us while we were yet sinners[2]. He did this in order that we might not fall victim to the sin which has ensnared us[3] and reap our just reward of death[4]. The concept of God's complete and total spiritual perfection escapes us because we are unable to comprehend the idea of an absolute. God is without bounds and is limitless. He knows us so well, having made us in the womb[5] that He knows all aspects of us even before we can personally acknowledge them to ourselves. Yet He still loves each and every one of us with an incomprehensible Divine Love which knows no bounds[6].

Hopefully, we can see how God, having created the world, spared nothing in order to give man the chance to spend time not only in giving Him the glory due His Name through the appreciation of what He has given us, but in praising His Name for the chance he has given us to be with Him. We must simultaneously be cognizant of that which is both physical and that which is spiritual. The physical gets our attention. But the spiritual is how we worship Him[7]. We must turn in as garbage the former way of life[8], and turn towards that which is new. The new spiritual way of life is only attainable by His Grace, and our acceptance of Him as our Lord and Savior. Because of Who He is, He willingly steps down to lift us up to save us from our sins. Once we come to the realization that without Him we are lost, and that He loves us more than mere words can express we are in a position to become His child and our rebirth in this new capacity will begin to bear fruit. Our live will then be changed from what was to what God intended for us all along[9]. Love such as this makes the vastness of the universe seem as small by comparison as the footprint of a flea.

[1] Job Chapters 38-41; John 1:1; 1 John 1:1 (NIV)

[2] Romans 5:8 (NIV)

[3] Romans 3:23 (NIV)

[4] Romans 6:23 (NIV)

[5] Psalms 139:7-16 (NIV)

[6] John 3:16 (NIV)

[7] John 4:24 (NIV)

[8] Galatians 5: 19-21 (NIV)

[9] Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV)