Out of the Darkness

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Introduction

According to God's prophetic timeline for the world, recorded in the Bible, we are living in the "Last Days" when spiritual darkness, evil, chaos and violence are intensifying. And when false teachers and deceivers abound.

This booklet seeks to expose the deceptions and dangers of the Kingdom of Darkness and to show the way into the Kingdom of Light.

Patsy Oda's booklet "What Time Is It?" contains more information on God's prophetic timeline of the world from its creation to its last day.

The Kingdom of Darkness

The Kingdom of Darkness is ruled by Satan the Devil who is:

- The god of this temporary, evil world
- The spirit of anti-Christ, anti-God, anti-Creator, anti-Truth, anti-Life
- The father of lies
- A thief, murderer, and destroyer

John 8:44b (NLT)

The devil was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. He is a liar and the father of lies.

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

We are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.

John 10:10a (NIV)

The thief (devil) comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I Peter 5:8, 9a (NLT)

Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. Take a firm stand against him, and be strong in your faith.

The Kingdom of Light

The Kingdom of Light is ruled by JESUS the Son of God who is:

- The God of Creation, Love, Truth, Life
- The God of spiritual Light from heaven
- The Savior who rescues mankind from the devil's Kingdom of Darkness
- The only way to Father God in heaven
- The giver of eternal life as a gift

John 8:12 (NLT)

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

I John 1:5b, 6a (NLT)

God is light and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness.

John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Luke 2:30, 31a (NLT)

I have seen the Savior you have given to all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations.

The Mind of Darkness

The Mind of Darkness:

- Is the sinful mindset of this world
- Is negative, evil and leads to death
- Has no peace of mind or heart
- Blind and confused about God's truth
- Deceived by human philosophies
- Arrogant, lustful, hostile to God

Il Corinthians 4:4a (NLT)

Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them.

Romans 8:6a, 7a (NLT)

If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God.

I John 2:16 (NIV)

Everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.

Colossians 2:8a (NLT)

Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world.

The Mind of Light

The Mind of Light:

- Is the mindset of one who loves God
- Always thinks about pleasing God
- Renews its false thinking with Truth
- Committed to do God's will
- Has peace of mind and heart
- Lets God establish thoughts

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Philippians 4:8b (NLT)

Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Romans 12:2a (NIV)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Proverbs 16:3 (NKJ)

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

Walking in the Darkness

People who walk in the darkness:

- Love the godless ways of the evil world
- Associate with lustful, wicked people
- Enjoy doing wrong and creating chaos
- Are not aware of their foolish ways
- Scoff at the things of God

I John 2:15 (TM)

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.

Proverbs 4:19 (NLT)

The way of the wicked is like complete darkness. Those who follow it have no idea what they are stumbling over.

Ecclesiastes 2:14a (NIV)

The wise man has eyes in his head, while a fool walks in the darkness

Proverbs 2:13-15 (NLT)

Evil people turn from right ways to walk down dark and evil paths. They rejoice in doing wrong, and they enjoy evil as it turns things upside down. What they do is crooked, and their ways are wrong.

II Peter 3:3b (NKJ)

Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts.

Walking in the Light

People who walk in the light:

- Love the God of the Bible
- Live by the Light and Truth of God
- Do what God's Word says
- Obey God's Word to light their path
- Don't join in on activities of sinners
- Avoid taking advice from sinners

Psalm 119:105, 160 (NLT)

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. All your words are true; all your just laws will stand forever.

James 1:22 (NKJ)

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

I John 1:7a (NKJ)

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

Ephesians 5:8 (NKJ)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Psalm 1:1 (NIV)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

Eternal Darkness

At the final Judgment, people will be judged on what they did with God's light. Those who rejected God's light revealed in nature, in His Son, and in His Word, will spend eternity in the darkness of hell.

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJ)

It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

John 3:19 (NLT)

Their judgment is based on this fact: The light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.

Romans 1:20, 21a (TLB)

Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse [when they stand before God at Judgment Day]. Yes, they knew about him all right, but they wouldn't admit it or worship him or even thank him for all his daily care.

Matthew 8:12b, II Peter 2:17b (NKJ)

They will be cast out into outer darkness...for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Eternal Light

Heaven is a place that is lit by the Light of God. At the moment of physical death, believers will be escorted by angels to heaven where they will live forever with God. In heaven there is no darkness, no evil. no sickness. no death and no sorrow.

Psalm 23:4, 6 (NLT)

Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Revelation 22:5a (NIV)

There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)

God will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.

I Corinthians 2:9b (NLT)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

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Every person born into this world was born into the Kingdom of Darkness, ruled by the Devil, eternally doomed by sin.

BUT GOD sent his Son Jesus from heaven to die for the sins of all mankind, so that by simply trusting in Jesus as Savior from their sins, they will be brought by God into the Kingdom of Light.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Colossians 1:13 (NLT)

God has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son

Isaiah 50:10b (NLT)

If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, trust in the LORD and rely on your God.

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I ask you to forgive my sins. I trust in you to rescue me from the Kingdom of Darkness into your eternal Kingdom of Light.

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About the Author

Patsy Oda invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior when she was eight years old. Miraculously, she became aware of God as her Heavenly Father and heaven as her eternal home.

But the religion of her Japanese ancestry, culture and family was Buddhism, which does not believe in God or in Heaven. Her family could not understand the invisible reality in her heart. But she could not deny the God who had become so real and precious to her.

Opposition to her faith challenged her to examine both Buddhism and Christianity for over 50 years. Part of God's plan and purpose for her life was to write what she learned about the eternal differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Her autobiography *Heart's Desire* tells about her life with God.