

# The Light

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I was standing in the queue waiting for a taxi. It was heart-warming to see how politely people before and after me were calmly waiting for their turn. It was a further delight to see that, when my turn came, the taxi driver happened to be someone I already knew. After the customary greetings we were on our way to my destination. Very soon I realised that he was listening to the recitation of the Qur'an. At my request, he turned the volume up so that I could hear as well. An expert *Qari* was reciting passages of the Qur'an in a sweet but firm voice. After the recitation of each verse, an English translation was presented. I started pondering the words that were being recited.

Though it took only ten minutes to reach my destination, for most of the day my mind kept returning to the words, "God is the light of the heaven and earth" (Qur'an, Surah 24:35), a reminder that has been conveyed by many prophets through the ages. It is He who has created the universe. He is the source of everything. There is nothing without him. It is God who said, "Let there be light" and there was light (Genesis 1:3). Indeed God said through his prophet, Isaiah:

"I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things".

(Isaiah 45:7)

To millions of people, whether Jews or Christians, the following words of David are a source of comfort:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"

(Psalm 27:1)

If God is your light and salvation, what more can you ask for?

God, the Light of the universe, sent Jesus, his Word, to be the source of salvation for those who believe in him. Jesus claimed that he was the one foretold by many prophets who came before him. He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The Bible says that believers in God and his Word walk in God's light. Being partakers of this light, we must love each other and abide by His truth. If not, then we are still in darkness (1 John 1: 5-7; 2:9-11).

There are many other passages in the scriptures that talk about God as the Light and how we can live in His light. If

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