



The Morning Kiss

July 14, 2009. It must have been around 4am when I was abruptly woken by a light shining in my eyes, coming through the window. It was so bright and direct. As I shielded my eyes from its' intensity, I thought that someone had taken a flashlight and poked it in my eyes or that a beam of light from a low flying plane was heading in my direction. It turned out to be the planet Venus. The light's beam was a straight line to my eyes where I lay in bed. I tried ignoring it for about 45 minutes, tossing and turning to get it out of my eyes. I did not know the course of this planet was to go over my home, but I did understand that the Lord had its' brilliance on a course with my heart.

Now and again the Lord makes His presence known to me, in His sweet and subtle ways. This particular morning, He was drawing me outside, and I heard in my spirit as my feet touched the floor, "Arise, My Darling, and come away with Me." The Holy Spirit was reminding me of a favorite verse from Song of Solomon, 2:10. So I dressed quickly, it was now 4:45am. There was an urgency to meet my Maker. I was imagining that the Lover of my soul had arranged a secret rendezvous for us at the side of the house. He was calling me to His splendor – I could barely catch my breath.

I rushed outside to meet Him – there He was. He left His mark in the sky. This incredibly bright planet on my left, just before the sun rose, the brilliant half moon nearly overhead, and another super bright planet to my right, on the western sky. Scriptures of praises and adoration came gushing out of me. It was as if He had placed me in the middle of His morning routine. I had been invited to the middle of His majesty. I was beholding what seemed to be the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all at the same time – as I imagined these 3 entities were lined up in just the perfect pattern to reveal the God-Head to me.

If my God, and "there is not one like Him in all the earth", the One "whom the heavens declare", can set the courses of these entities so that I might marvel at their radiance and know of God, what is it to Him to set the course of my life and that of my "nation", my family?

As I stood there in the early morning light, with these 3 celestial delights hovering over my home, I was overcome with the reality that my God is still my God, no matter what transpires on earth, or in my life. For that matter, He remains constant no matter what may happen to me or my family even today. Long before man had his first breath, the Lord positioned each planet and each star. And He knows them by name! Therefore, if He is able to do such an imaginable a task as lining up these planets for me to see today, then what have I to fear if calamity or strife, or death or hardship, or sorrow and grief should be in His plans for me and my family today? He remains the same, both before creation had a beginning and even to this very hour. He does not change and remains ever watchful and attentive to the course of my life. He positions all things in their place, in their time, to keep drawing me to Him.

I paced around the house, sensing that Jesus just wanted me to recognize that He is all around my home. These planets, these stars, this moon, they are beautiful but they mean nothing to Him compared to what He thinks of me. It makes my head spin at just the thought that He thinks more of me than these diamonds He put in the sky.

They have no power to direct my life. They cannot make anything change nor bring to pass good or evil in my life. They do declare the glory of my Lord. "Who put me here," I imagine them saying, "Who said to this one 'shine over here' and to the other,

‘ shine over there?’ Together the heavenly hosts in joyous chorus sing out, “It is my Lord, it is my Jesus, who placed us here and set us in motion!” And through this they declare to me, My God can care for all of me, of my family and my needs. No matter what happens on earth, the stars stay their course. No matter what happens in this day, my God is still the same, He is still the Lord of all; whether in the breeze of the early morning or in the pain of a hard day.

I came back into the house to look up some scriptures that have long-established what this morning corroborated to me. “But I am the Lord, your God, who divided the sea whose waves, roared. The Lord of hosts is His name. And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion – You are My people.” Is. 51:15, 16

“For I am God, and there is no other, I am God, and there is none like Me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done. Saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Calling the bird of prey from the east, and the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed, I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it, I will also do it” Is.46:9-11

“For this says the Lord, Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them.” Jer. 32:42

“For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us...but if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.” Ro. 8:18,25

A few weeks passed and I was curious, still, about this morning light. Then I remembered Rev. 22:16. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” I did some research and found out something awesome! Author Randy Alcorn had been asked to respond to this verse. Mr. Alcorn said this: “In ancient literature, the planet Venus is often referred to as the morning star, and still is today. As far as I know, this is universally recognized. While Jupiter and Mars and other planets can appear in the morning or evening sky, Venus does so consistently and is far brighter than the others. In fact, it's so bright that on some moonless nights Venus has been known to cast shadows. Only the sun and moon are brighter than Venus...The fact that Venus is technically a planet (inside our solar system, reflecting our sun's light), not a star (which generates its own light), is no problem, as "star" to the ancient peoples simply meant a point of light in the sky...” “I think it (the reference to Jesus as the Morning Star) relates to HOPE and His immanent second coming. When Venus rises, it means the sun will follow very soon (in a morning, usually within an hour or two, sometimes just a matter of minutes). Christ's coming-and in a broad sense this could apply to both his first and his second coming-means/will mean God's light is about to shine forever on the universe, making all wrongs right, wiping away all tears, and fulfilling Rev. 21-22, with the creation of the new heavens and new earth, etc. On a long dark night, the appearance of the morning star means daybreak is immanent. In the long dark night of suffering on earth, Jesus being seen as the morning star means the eternal morning is about to dawn. Hence, Christ as the morning star is a picture of great promise and hope.”

He called me out that morning and desired that I meet with Him. He wrapped Himself around me in the early breath of that day. And I loved the gentle embrace of His Spirit, found under the stars. The morning kiss came from Jesus that day. How awesome that He used Venus, the ancients' “morning star”, to deliver it!!!

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