

The Day  
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ATONEMENT

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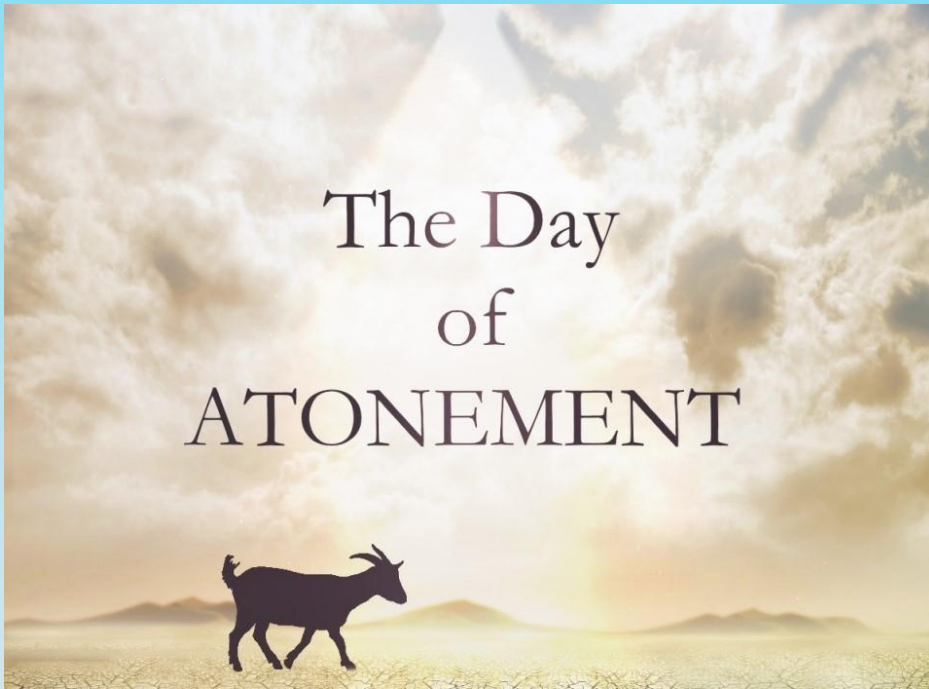
Light is arguably the most powerful force in the universe. The spectrum of light we see is minuscule. For scientist, what ancient people referred to light is called the "electro-magnetic spectrum". Light moves in waves. What we see as light is really the "reflection" of these waves off objects. If all the wave energy is reflected the object appears "white" if it is fully absorbed it appears "black". Colors are formed when all the visible wavelengths, but that color's wavelength are absorbed.

Scientists discovered that the wavelengths travel at different frequencies and thus are called "long" or "short". On the upper end of the "short waves" are various types of radiation. On the "long wave" side are radio waves. Red is a long wave and violet [blue] is a short wave.

"White light" is the term that is used to describe the visible light spectrum. Refraction through a clear substance can separate the wavelengths causing a "rainbow effect".

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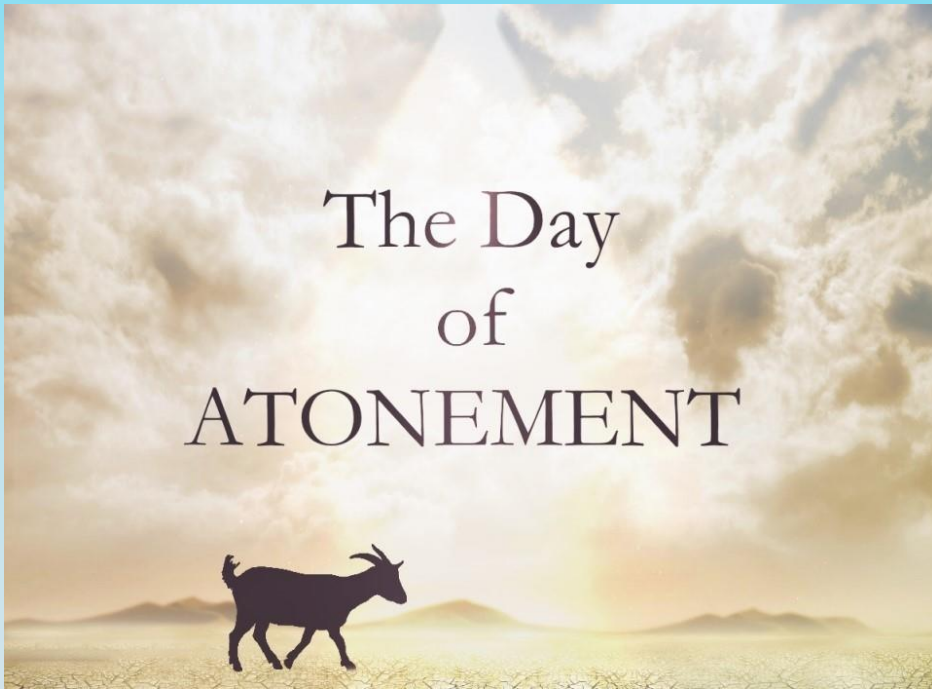
While I am sure John, when he used "light" as a metaphor for God's nature, did not understand the full ramifications of this, the Holy Spirit who inspired him did.

Ultraviolet light which is a shortwave light on the edge of our visible spectrum is now being used to "purify" water and air. Scientists since the late 1800s have known about the ability of ultraviolet light to disrupt the lifecycle of microscopic organisms. The problem is the expense in producing artificial ultraviolet light. Until the advent of LED technology the cost of using UV [ultraviolet] was prohibitively expensive for purifying water, air or surfaces.

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5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.**

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if **we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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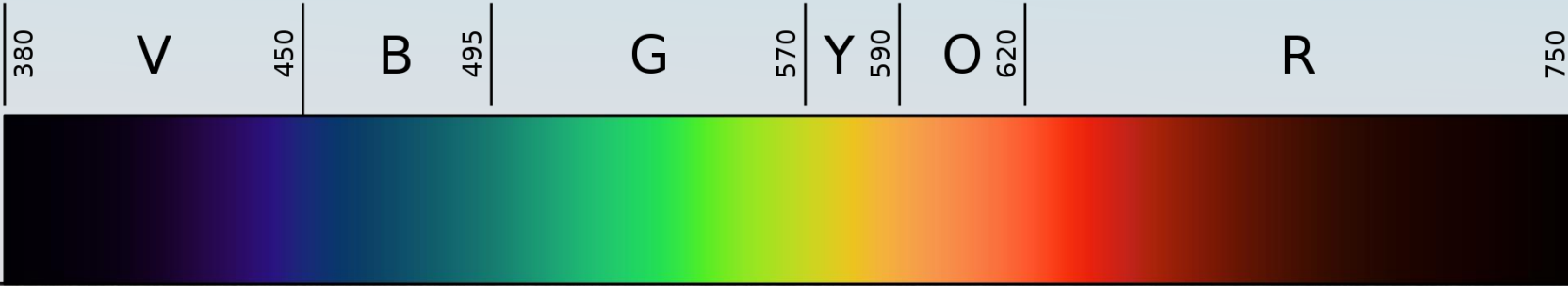
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Light defines things and makes life possible. Light may be reflected or refracted. When it is refracted by a clear substance light is slowed down in the substance when it exits it returns to its normal speed causing the refraction. Light moves at  $\frac{3}{4}$  speed through water as opposed to our atmosphere. If the path of the light is refracted at an angle the different frequencies of light separate. This is the rainbow effect.

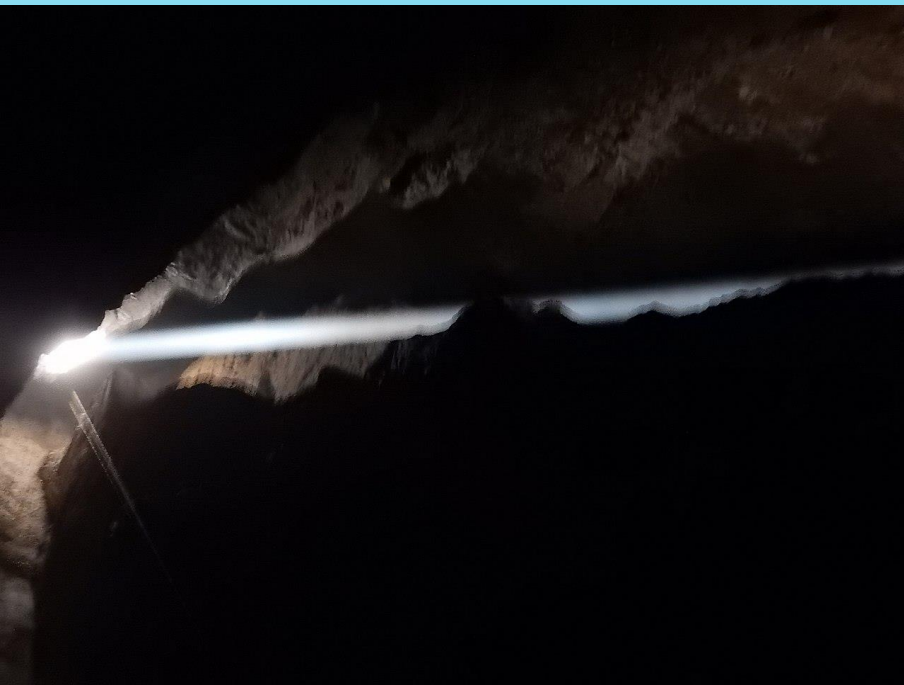
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3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

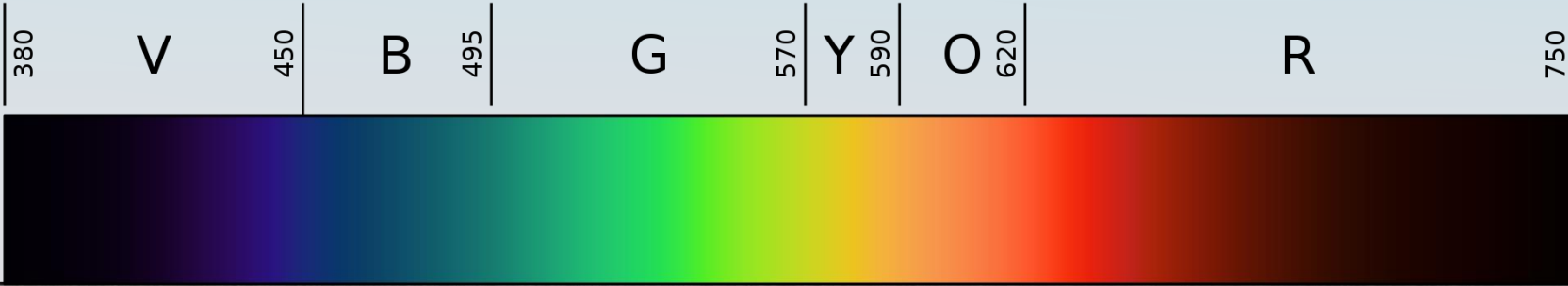
4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

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9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.



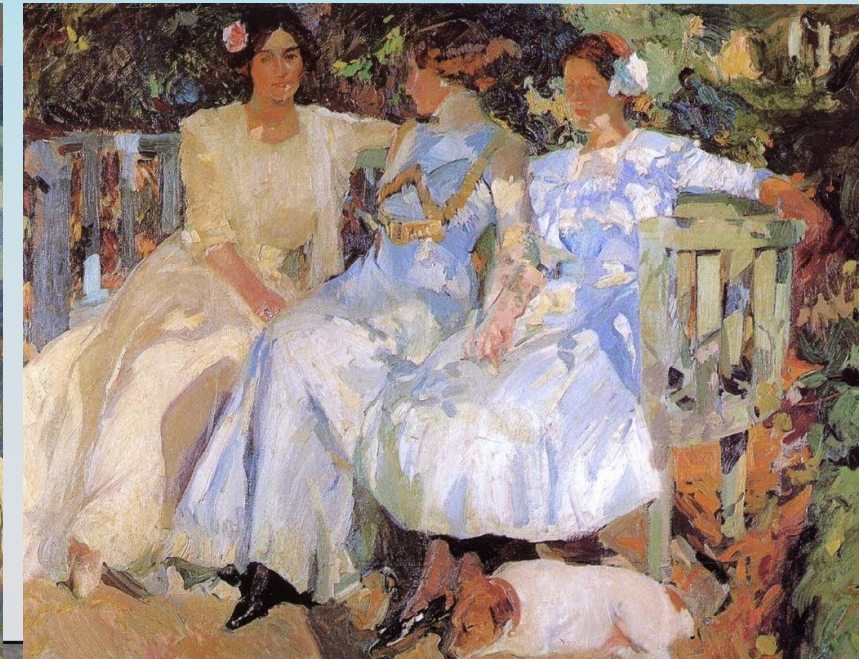


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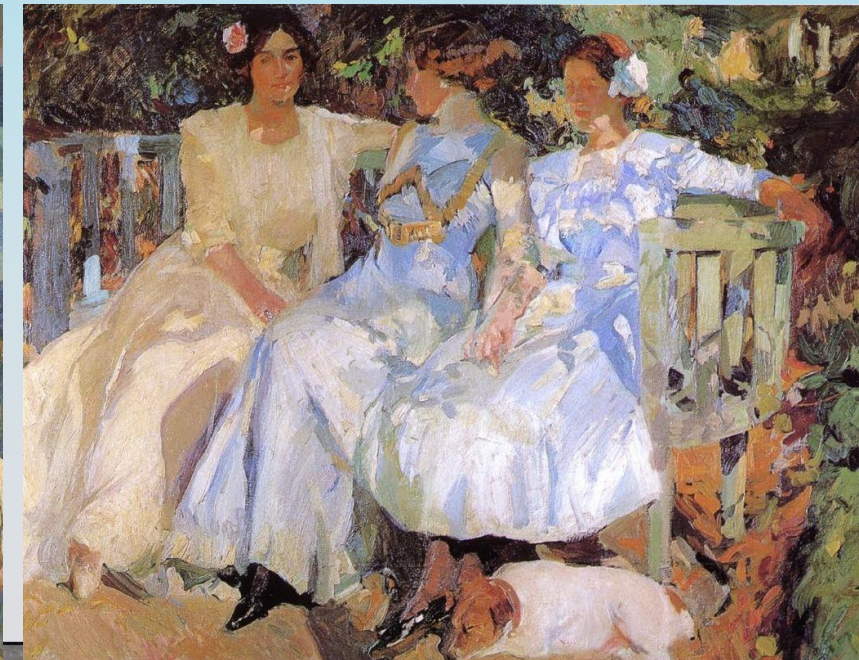
**John 3:19-21**

19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."



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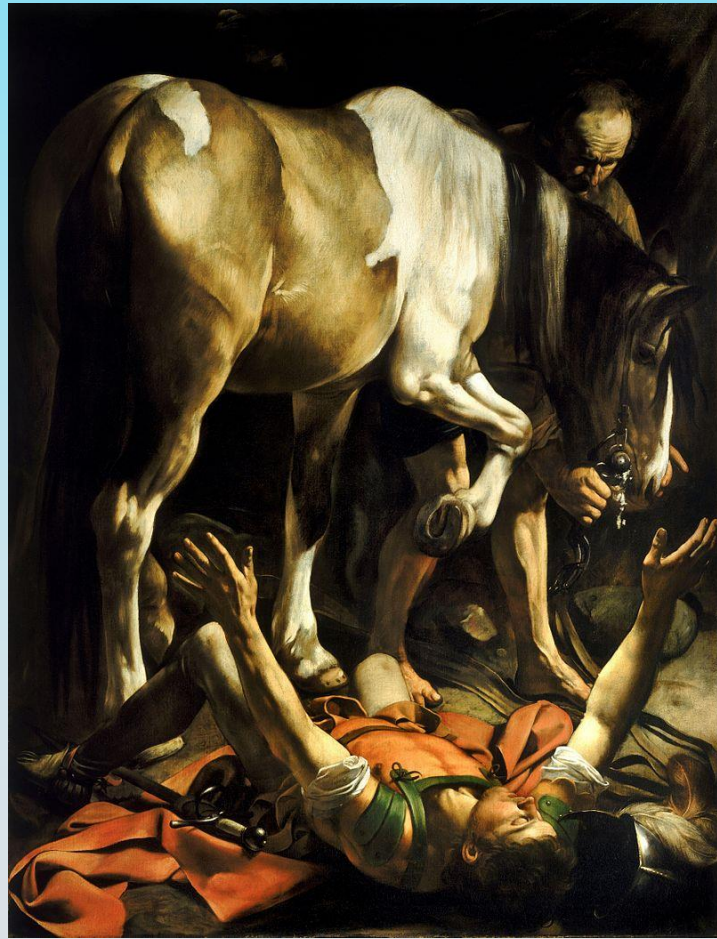
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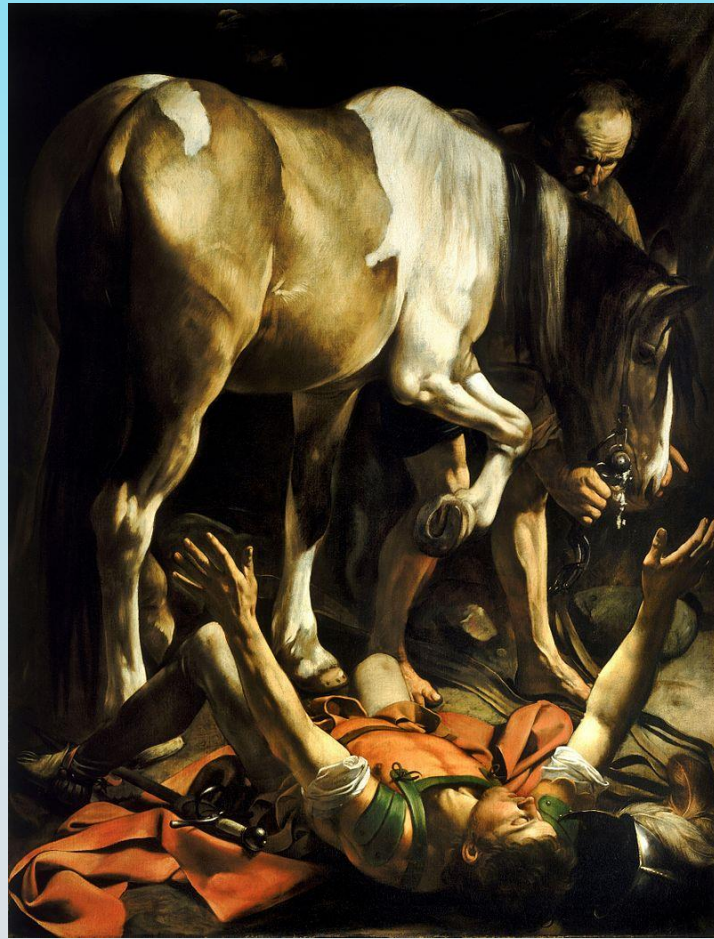
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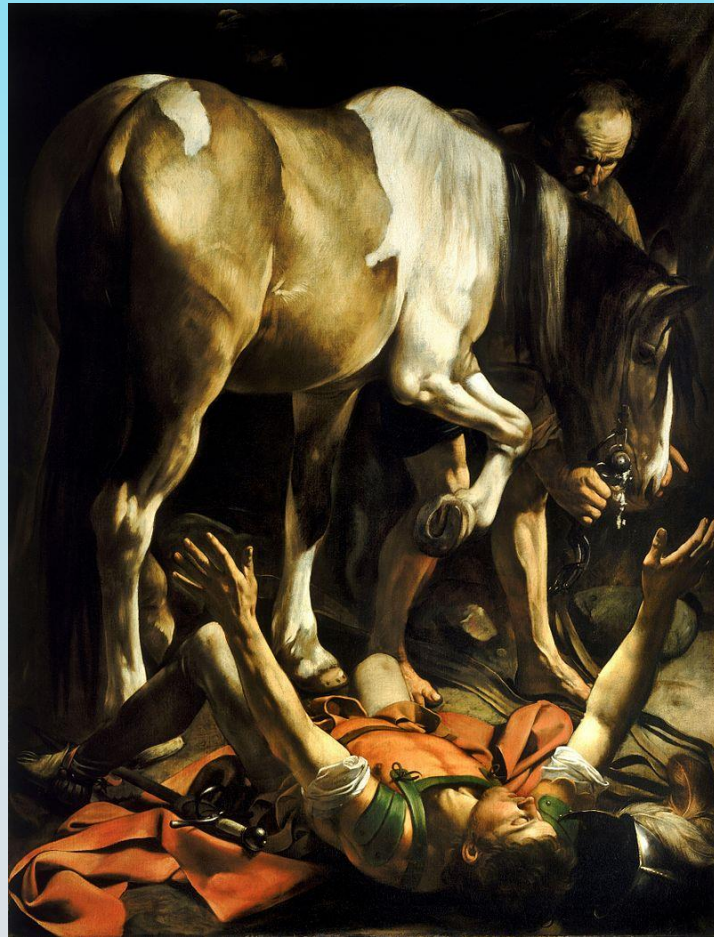
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Caravaggio is by many considered the 1<sup>st</sup> Master of Light. He used light and shadows to tell a story. Considered in the late 1500 and early 1600s the best painter in Italy if not Europe. He was often involved in drunken brawls and killed a man and seriously injured several others. He died unexpectedly in 1610. Revenge was suspected. His body was exhumed and his bones were found to contain high levels of lead oxide which was used in paints to give a bright white. It is now believed he died of lead poisoning. Due to his paints.

**Titus 2:11-14**



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11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.



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Some of us are so afraid of our emotions that we bottle them up like a shaken bottle of pop. We are just one bottle opening event from exploding all over others and ourselves. Others of us are so free with our emotions that we mindlessly charge through relationships like the proverbial bull in a china shop.

What causes these emotional crises within each of us? In Genesis 3 we are told that humanity fell and as Paul indicates in Romans that fall brought not only physical death but spiritual death as well. We call what Adam and Eve did "original sin". Strangely it taints every aspect of our humanity. But most of all it taints our emotions...we move from anger...to jealousy...to ridicule...to contempt...to lust...to guilt...to greed...to self-loathing - all in the space of a few moments. Genesis 3 tells us that this all began with shame in the fall. Adam and Eve try to cover their shame by constructing fig leaf aprons to cover their bodies, a solution that would not even last the day.

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Rembrandt is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Master of Light. He moved through life scheming and wasting his wealth and his son's wealth. He was unfaithful to his wife and because he wished to maintain control of his son's inheritance from his mother. Rembrandt lived in a common law relationship with one of his maids following after death of his wife. As a result this woman was shunned in the community.

**Psalm 18:25-28**

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*[a psalm of David when he was delivered from all his enemies and Saul]*

25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful;  
With a blameless man You will show Yourself  
blameless;

26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And  
with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

27 For You will save the humble people, But will  
bring down haughty looks.

28 For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will  
enlighten my darkness.

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God does something unusual for Adam and Eve. First, He kills two animals and prepares the hides to cover the nakedness of His human creations. It was the first symbolic act of atonement by blood sacrifice. Next he drives them away from the garden and specifically the Tree of Life, before they could eat of it and have no hope of cleansing from sin within and without. Paul in Romans 8:20 tells us that God in this act, sacrificed His entire creation in order to salvage humanity. Death entered all of creation so that when God purified humanity through Jesus Christ's atonement and resurrection All creation would be rescued by as Paul says the revelation of the children of God.



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Jesus tells us this can only be accomplished in our hearts by allowing his light to enter us. Like Adam and Eve we are shielded by the atonement sacrifice from the withering gaze of God’s holiness. We become wanderers in this world but we are not alone Christ has sent his Spirit into our heart allowing us to Call God “Father”.

Vermeer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Master of Light, was a hardworking artist devoted to his family like Sorolla. He was not flashy like Rembrandt. He was almost forgotten as an artist, and his paintings attributed to Rembrandt or his workshop. His best known painting “Girl with a Pearl Earring” [considered by many to be the best European painting] was purchased in the mid 1800s by a collector who thought it was a Rembrandt. He stored it poorly when it was discovered not be a Rembrandt. It was severely damaged. The painting was repaired and restored in the early 1900s. Vermeer was rediscovered in the late 1800s and is now considered one of the best European painters.

**Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.**



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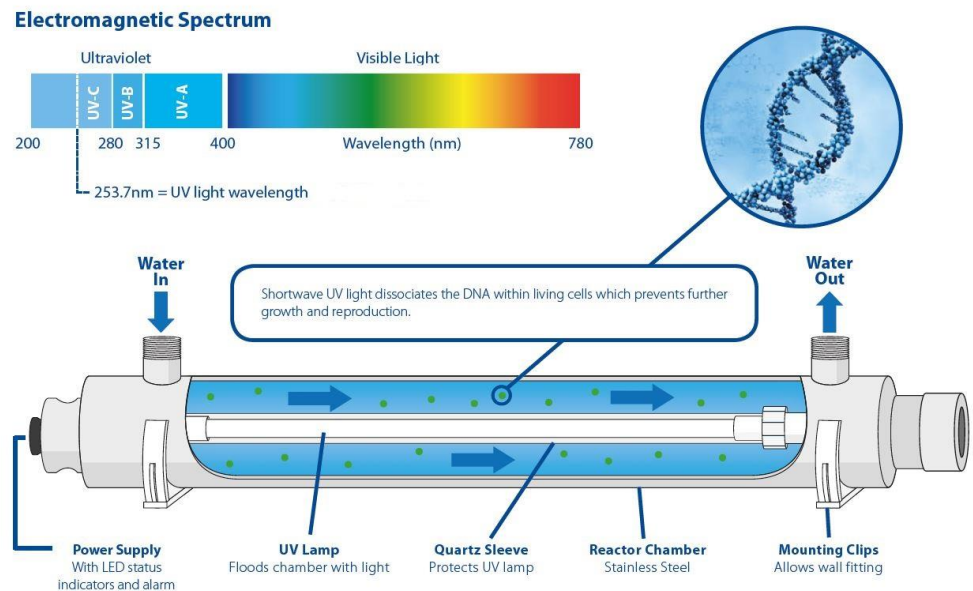
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Many municipalities around the world have switched from treating water with chemicals to UV purification. Many public buildings now purify their air by use of UV boxes that draw the air through them. And hospitals are sterilizing instruments and even operating rooms using UV.

Sunlight of course has UV, though not as concentrated as a UV light, thus it purifies. Microorganisms can only escape this by staying in the shade of other objects. Atonement is the way God allows the light of His glory into our lives to "purify" us from our corruption without destroying us. In Jesus Christ we are shielded from the just wrath of God but purified by His grace.

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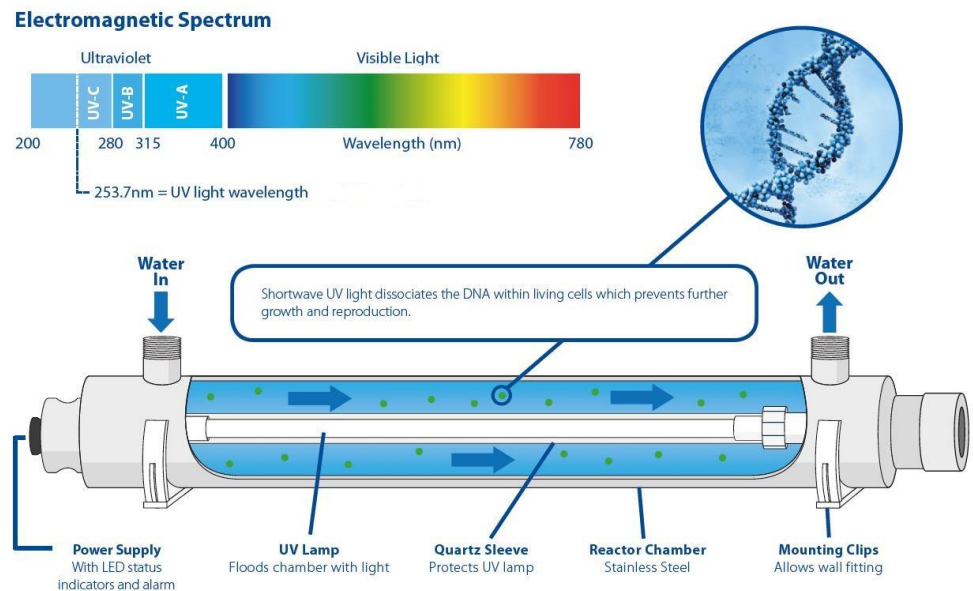


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13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,  
14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



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The Holy Spirit confronts, guides and challenges us...he brings us face to face with the impurities in our lives and allows us to honestly deal with them. Often he brings people into our lives who help us shoulder the load until we are strong enough to continue. All the while Jesus Christ shields us in his sacrifice from the burning light of God's justice and his grace purifies us in preparation for the resurrection.

We live in that grace and cooperate with the Holy Spirit in our own purification.

**James 1:17-18**

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17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

**We do not seek just a  
cathartic experience but a  
katharizo of our very nature.**