

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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future may very well involve much worse than less money in your pocket or bread on your table. Noah warned for 120 years, but there came a day when God shut the door of the Ark (Gen.7:16). People's "door of opportunity" closed, regardless of whether they stood three inches or three miles from the door of the Ark. Jesus said that the days before His coming would be like Noah's day (Matt. 24:37). Much more could be said about this.

Just before God used Moses to bring the people out from slavery in Egypt, God sent some terrible "plagues" upon the Egyptians. One of those was a **Plague of Darkness**, which was described as a darkness that could be felt! (Exodus 10:21). Yet, the record says that God's people had light in their dwellings at that same time! This plague of darkness was the 9th; just preceding the final plague which brought death to every house in Egypt...*except* where the people obeyed God's specific order.

The Bible says that "**Noah**, being warned of God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, and built an ark to the saving of his house" (Heb. 11:7). The same chapter says that "**Moses** endured, seeing Him who was invisible!" (v.27). What's up with these two guys? I mean, were they crazy? Some people will try to say they didn't exist, or were subjects of fable, or had their stories changed to benefit certain people. Make no mistake, these true stories are recorded events that are intended by God to benefit **EVERYBODY!** Yes, God condemns sin in everyone, but has

Himself provided the Cure for everyone. God will save any who come to Him, yet will not excuse any who either reject or neglect His provision (see Hebrews 2:3; 10:28,29; 12:25).

**People are often engaged in "fun" when unknown tragedy is just around the corner.** While Moses received the 10 Commandments from God, "God's people" were at the bottom of the mountain making a false god and having a riot with sex-oriented fun and games (Exodus 32). What a contrast, yet so applicable to this very day... and don't be fooled into trying to categorise sin into "bad" and "not so bad." God demands that we radically get out of the sin-life, and let Him clean us up on the inside, too. Living near the edge of danger is foolish, and wouldn't even be considered by someone who really wants to love and obey God.

One such person was the very man who had the unique privilege of announcing the start of Jesus' ministry. That person was **John the Baptist**. Jesus later referred to John as "**a burning and shining light!**" (John 5:35). John was harmless, yet would rather be beheaded in prison than disobey God or fail to declare the message God gave him for the people. **John determined to shine!**

John's faithfulness as a shining light to the people in God's behalf (2 Cor.5:20) was in the time of great spiritual darkness at the time of Jesus *first* coming. As severe darkness *now* rapidly-increases, we too can determine to be lights (Phil. 2:15) like John as we await Christ's *second* coming. All God's "**shining lights**" (Dan. 12:3) will join Him in that place the Bible describes, saying, "**There Is No Night There!**" (Rev. 22:5). **SHINE ON!!**

**Last Christmas, NICOLE KIDMAN & Co. wanted to kill God, thanks to The Golden Compass author. Such "killers" will never get the job done! Prof. Dawkins is now writing atheistic children's books, not heeding Jesus' warning! Some people believe THEY are God—an ancient insanity! Almost 600BC Ezekiel 28 tells of such, but God asks them what they will say to the person who kills them—that they are a god?! Self-exaltation deceives a person & makes them the eternal victim of their own foolish pride. Pride caused Satan to get thrown out of heaven, and pride will likewise keep innumerable people out of heaven, as well. Humble yourself.**

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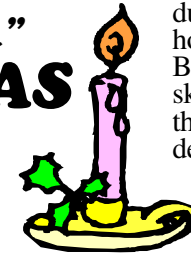
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## "Credit Crunch" CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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"Credit crunch" is becoming as annoyingly-repeated as was the term "**weapons of mass destruction!**" From historical evidence, it appears that this present financial crisis is as carefully and purposely orchestrated as the big crash of 1929, and other crashes before and after 1929. We could call them all "**weapons of mass deception**" with the media's help of course!

You've certainly read articles in the newspapers about how **this credit crunch may affect Christmas. One couple's incredibly-lit house will likely be dark this time round**, due to increased utility cost. November's National Geographic has the front cover of a well-lit Chicago, with the title: "**The End of Night—Why We Need Darkness.**" In a sense, we understand, for many times we have looked up in awe

during the night, as we were camping on holiday at a farm we often go to in Bedfordshire. The splendour of the night sky full of stars is amazing; especially to those like us, who come from more densely-populated, well-lit areas.

It is true that if people ever think of the birth of Jesus Christ, it is generally leading up to Christmas. Therefore, like Scrooge's nephew, I will make the most of it to praise and worship its holy and Main Character!

Leading up to that first "Christmas," —*that is, the birth of Christ, the long-promised Messiah of God*— things were very dark in this world...and of course I do not refer to the lack of electric lights! Yet, in the midst of that horrible spiritual darkness, the Bible says, "*They that sat in darkness have seen a great light!*" (Matt. 4:16) A song many years ago said, "**the darker the night, the brighter the light shines.**" This is what we found in camping, but is very true *spiritually*, as well.

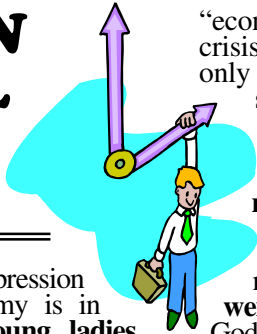
Things are presently becoming darker far-more-rapidly than most people realise. Though avoiding "extremes" of *scare-mongering* on one hand, or *denial* on the other, I must faithfully remind you that the near

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**"THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS?"** The article above speaks of LIGHTS, even amidst terrible darkness. Current events may soon bring Christ's second coming. Those events will include many horrific things, including the coming of a specific person who thinks himself to be GOD! (1 Thessalonians 2). That chapter tells how those who reject God's truth & salvation will believe the lies of this Prince of Darkness. God will simply let them have their way. This is the shocking and dangerous consequence of self-will. Actually, if we reject God's "Provided Safety," but choose to embrace lies, then we are lost *even before* that Prince of Darkness arrives.

# THINGS IN FREEFALL

... it's just a matter of time  
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“economy” is entirely in freefall. Such crisis as we have been experiencing are only parts of the planned ruin and slavery of the entire world’s people.

**Some people believe that God doesn’t exist, for if He did, He would do something about man’s miseries.** I believe I have some very proper and sensitive replies to that claim. With limited space here, let me say that thankfully, **God Himself went into freefall for the whole world.**

Another common expression today is that “the economy is in freefall.” **A group of young ladies** stopped last month to ask me whether I was personally feeling the effects of “the credit crunch.” **They were doing a school project survey.** I simply replied that the worst way it is personally effecting me is *spiritually, morally and emotionally.* Such personal impact on me from this financial crisis stems primarily from what this orchestrated crisis is doing to people all over the world.

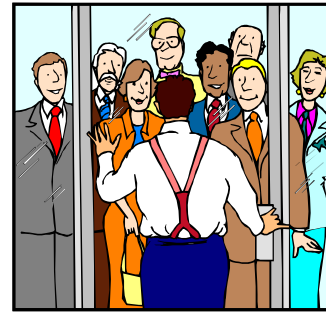
I realise that this financial crisis is only a means to a greater, more sinister end. In 1933, fearless U. S. Congressman, Louis T. McFadden, told Congress publicly that **the Great Depression, resulting from the Stock Market crash “was not accidental. It was a carefully contrived occurrence... The international bankers sought to bring about a condition of despair here so they might emerge as rulers of us all.”** He was Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, and was in a position to know the facts. The third attempt on his life succeeded in 1936. Since that time, this evil group of one-world controllers seemed to have brought their plan to the point today of **fruit-picking.** Things now appear to be **ripe!**

The “economic crash” that started *everything* going into freefall is called *The Fall.* It began when **fruit** seemed **perfectly ripe** to pick, and utterly delicious. Satan started it, but humans sadly co-operated and bit the bait. **The word “economy” also means “system,”** so our human “system” or

God climbed down, in a sense, into the filthy pit of man’s mess and provided the Cure to halt freefall downward. **God was in freefall** in that Jesus *freely* came down into our disastrous situation as God’s long-promised Curative to solve Man’s decay. God does not simply treat external symptoms, but goes to the *source-cause* of the problem. At the same time of providing the *halting* of decay from *within* man, God “injects” each willing patient by *that same “provided medicine called grace”* to enable the human family to climb out of the pit. As we climb, we are to hold the hands of others near us, to try helping *them* out of freefall, too. Though we keep hearing about the economy in freefall, we can put the brakes on, and turn this thing around!

I will tell you all, right now, that besides various created smoke-screens and confusion (which is further promoted through the media), they will also create division among people groups, so that while we are fighting among ourselves, they can plunder, just like the Devil! Sadly, because of man’s fallen nature, greed and selfishness is not only in these hidden creators of the world chaos, it is also in the everyday people. Corruption of all sorts is everywhere. If we do not wish to be the slaves of these evil orchestrators of world misery, then we must stop the freefall on a personal, community and national level. **We must ALL return to our Creator God who went into freefall to save us from our worst end.**

**SKY-DIVING & BUNGEY JUMPING’S temporary freefall have safe-guards...if they work! But not all people do these “sports.” In the freefall mentioned in the above article, every human being participates... like it or not. Physical death, though accompanied by sadness or suffering can have an aspect of relief. But the spiritual and eternal “death” of those who refuse or reject God’s Provision to escape the world’s worst freefall of sin, will end in that place called Hell, where there is NO relief. THIS NEED NOT HAPPEN!**



## HOPE— Even in Crisis!

**“Whosoever WILL,  
may come!”**

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The picture above is not representing the opening of **London’s biggest mall recently in Shepherd’s Bush,** nor is it a depicting of a “run on the banks” which *could* yet happen. Rather, the clipart above is to send the clear message that God’s “door” is open, even in times of chaos, confusion and catastrophe.

A couple of months ago I spoke with **an elderly man** who took my paper, then in a few seconds kindly returned it saying that it was not for *him.* I assured him that I make this paper for *every human being,* and that he is a human being. He took the paper. After some time had elapsed, he returned again and handed back the paper having read at least *some* of it. He passionately informed me with strong conviction that if there was a God, he would tell Him that he hated him. He said even worse. The background was that **during World War 2** when so many of the majority Catholic population were praying for God’s help, no help came. **His own brother was tortured and shot, and his uncle died in a concentration camp.** His painful memories and suffering were clear. God helped me to reply in such a way that this man knew that I was genuinely sensitive to the awful experiences and losses of his years as a lad. He gladly kept the paper!

**Why didn’t Christ, God’s long-promised Messiah come to earth sooner,** for God’s first promise of such a Deliverer was about 4,000 years before Jesus was born. All that time of the Old Testament period, people suffered though

they prayed for deliverance. If you read the Old Testament yourself, you will see a number of things that give a reasonable explanation for such protracted misery.

**First of all,** it is clear that “God’s people” were almost *always* disobedient, rebellious and idolatrous. For this, God allowed them to be conquered and enslaved numerous times, and their possessions

confiscated. I am afraid the very same is descriptive of the majority today, though many may think themselves “not too bad,” and others even “religious.” Unfortunately, people in general, worldwide *still* wish to do things *their way,* rather than God’s Way. God has made His Way very clear in unchanged records. That record does not show favouritism to any persons or groups, except in that it says that *“whosoever will, may come!”* (Rev. 22:17). In other words, God will not “turn a blind eye” to anyone’s sins, unless those sins are genuinely and thoroughly confessed and forsaken. If that condition is met, then God will forgive and will change *anyone and everyone,* without excluding one single person.

**Secondly,** though from our time-conscious lifestyle we cannot get our heads around it, “God’s clock keeps perfect time.” Jesus was born in perfect timing with God’s perfect plan. Jesus’ *second coming* will occur likewise, in God’s perfect time. True, in the meanwhile, much horrific suffering is happening. Much of this is happening due to the greed of man, as the article to the left says. That greed is in the hearts of **BIG shots, LITTLE shots and IN-BETWEEN shots** found all over the world, causing misery to their own people. The Good News is that notwithstanding the appalling condition of this world, we may have personal hope through personal relationship to God, and share that very real hope with those around us. It alone is our Firm Foundation—now and forever!

**“BANK AID” should be called the BUNK AID that it is. Bunk means nonsense. They CAUSE the crisis, then offer their solution, to make it look like they are the greatest “Saviours” of the world...and they prove it with statistics! It happened back in 1929, too. Same thing. But, Oh, London had Streets of Gold!! (Olympic medals) When people turn from God, then emptiness, glitter & brief “gains” seem so attractive. Yet as people “play,” & refuse to come to God, Satan is closing his net on all God-mockers, rejecters & unsuspecting sleepers. Get ready!**

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