Bible Lessons on the Number TWO

TWO Great Lights

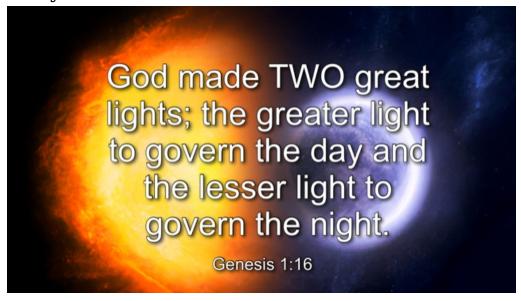
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Dedicated to Josiah, Caleb, Johnathan, Adam, Caitlin, Zachariah, Isaac, and Ryker

The bible says that:



I bet you can guess what they are....



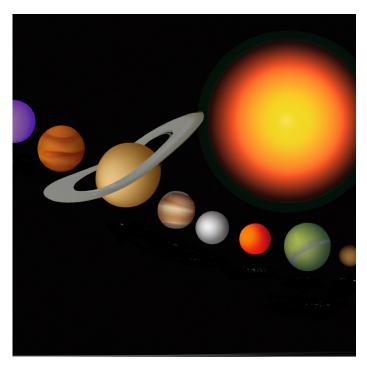
So, when does the sun "govern"? Yes, during the Day.

What is the lesser light? Yes, the moon. And when does it "rule"? Yep--the night.

And though they aren't one of the TWO great lights he made, God made the stars to shine at night as well.



Let's look at all these great lights and see how they apply to Jesus in our lives.



The Sun is the center of our galaxy which is called The Milky Way. Everything in our galaxy revolves around the sun. All the planets, all the meteors, all the stars, all of everything in the Milky Way.

Now, I want you to think on something. Pay attention to the spelling of these two words:

The sUn

The sOn

See how the two words are very similar?

Psalm 84:11 says, "The Lord God is a sun and shield."

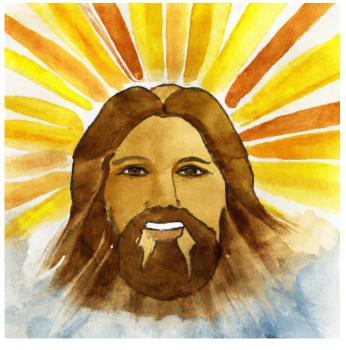
So, Jesus, the **sOn** of God is also a **sUn** and shield for those who trust him.





Jesus himself also tells us: "I am the light of the world." John 8:12. We know the sUn is the light of the world, so he is the sOn that is the light of the world.

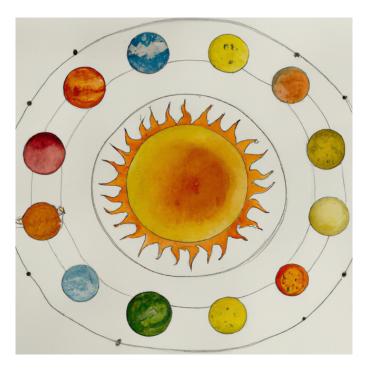
And then, another connection of the Son being the Sun is when Jesus was transfigured from his human form for a few seconds into his heavenly form. It tells us that Jesus' "face shown as the sun."
Matthew 17:2



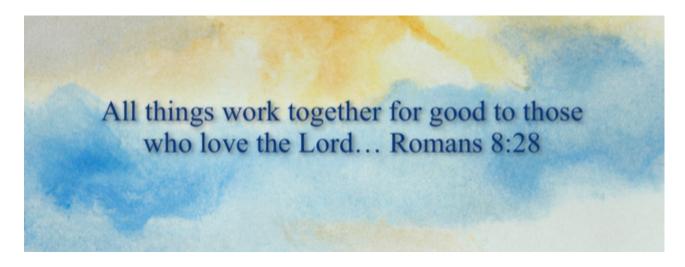
So Jesus, is not only the **sOn** of God, but is our **sUn** as well.



Remember, the **sUn** is the center of everything in the galaxy. In the same way, this is what our lives and hearts are to look like: everything revolving around Jesus and him at the center. Our thoughts, actions, decisions, feelings, etc. circling around HIM.



Do we do everything perfect? No. We are human and only Jesus is perfect. But if we love him with whole hearts, and have a true desire to follow him, then he can make the places where we mess up and fail to work for our good.



We are also to be like the 2nd great light, the Moon.

Unfortunately, the moon has no life; it's a dead rock. It doesn't have any light of it's own. It's not like our sun that's on fire with light. So then, how does the moon shine brightly at night?





That's right. The light you see shining from the moon is actually from the sun!

If you take a flashlight and shine it into a mirror you can reflect that light onto a wall opposite to you. Give it a try! That's the same kind of thing that happens with the Sun and Moon. The Sun shines it's light onto the moon and the moon shines it brightly down to earth during the night!



We're to be like the moon and reflect the sOn's light

the same way. The Son shines his light into us, and we are to reflect the Light of Jesus into the dark world around us.



We are also to be like the stars in the sky. Are they big? From this far away they are tiny. We're not big either, but we can be little points of light in the darkness and hardheartedness of our world.

So, how do we let our light shine?



Like Jesus did: by loving God more than anything else and listening to what he tells us to do when other people around us may not be doing what's right.

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