

There's a Little Light in Everyone Live the Light – Part 1

John 1:4, 9; Acts 17:16-31

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In him was life, and that life was the light of all people... The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. John 1:4, 9

Talking About Christmas in a PLURALISTIC World...

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols... (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Acts 17:16, 21

- **Jesus is the Essence of LIFE...**

In him was life... John 1:4b

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ...'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Acts 17:24-25, 28

*He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:17*

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. Hebrews 1:3

There's Life, and Then There's Real LIFE!

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
John 10:10*

- **Jesus is the Source of BEAUTY...**

...and that life was the light of all people. John 1:4

...the Lord of heaven and earth... does not live in temples built by hands... Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. Acts 17:24, 29

It is I who made the earth and created human beings on it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts. Isaiah 45:12

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14

The DANGER of Beauty: SUBSTITUTION...

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Romans 1:25

- **Jesus is the Ultimate TRUTH...**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. John 1:9

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. Acts 17:22-23

There is TRUTH in World Religions, But Not ULTIMATE Truth

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3