



Light shines out among dark clouds at a very large Jesus statue near Lisbon, Portugal

*The first verse of the Bible states, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” In verse 3, God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. By His command alone, God brought light into complete darkness.*

*In a limited sense, I can do the same today. If I am alone in a completely dark room and say, “Let there be light,” the room can instantly become illuminated. It can be done by a voice-activated system such as Alexa. Today this seems ordinary, but not many years ago it would have appeared almost magical.*

*Yet no one would claim that the light suddenly appears by accident or coincidence. As an engineer, with electrical engineering as one of my specialties, I understand the immense planning and design required to make such a system work.*

*First, there must be a power station that converts natural resources—such as wind, solar energy, or other raw materials—into electricity. That electricity must then be transmitted over long distances through carefully planned power lines and infrastructure until it reaches a home. The home must be wired so electricity can be delivered to light fixtures on demand. The light bulb itself had to be invented to convert electrical energy into visible light.*

*In addition, a voice-activation system such as Alexa must be designed and programmed to recognize human speech. Alexa converts sound waves into electrical signals, processes them as commands, and then sends signals wirelessly to a receiver that controls the light. When all these components work together, a spoken command can instantly illuminate a room.*

*This is only a brief description of the countless designs, inventions, and developments involved in such a remarkable system. No one would attribute it to chance, coincidence, or gradual, unguided processes.*

*In a similar way, the universe—including human life on Earth—did not come into existence by accident or natural gradualism. Human intelligence, though limited, can help us appreciate how the Almighty God could command the creation of light. God not only created light itself but also designed the full electromagnetic spectrum and the extraordinarily complex human eye to perceive a small portion of that spectrum as visible light and color.*

*God's creation extends far beyond physical light. According to the Bible, God created the universe in an orderly and purposeful manner. He designed the Earth to provide a suitable living environment for humanity. When we observe nature—from mountains and oceans to plants and animals—we see systems that function together in*

*remarkable harmony. It consists of countless interconnected systems that work together, reflecting order, design, and purpose. It is not through an unguided natural evolution.*

*God also provided humanity with spiritual light. This, too, was part of His plan. That light is His Son, Jesus Christ.*

*John 8:12 records Jesus saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

*According to the Bible, God originally created humanity without sin. The first man and woman were holy and enjoyed fellowship with God. However, they sinned, and sin separated them from Him. Since then, all people have inherited a sinful nature and remain separated from God.*

*Sin is not limited to serious crimes such as murder or robbery. It includes thoughts, attitudes, and actions that fall short of God's perfect standard. Because all people have sinned, all people need forgiveness.*

*To be reconciled to God, a sinless person had to bear the penalty for humanity's sin. That person is Jesus Christ. He lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again from the dead.*

*The Bible reveals God's careful and deliberate plan for salvation through numerous prophecies and foreshadowing passages in the Old Testament. Among many examples are the following:*

- 1. 2 Samuel 7:12–16 foretells an eternal King from the line of David.*
- 2. Micah 5:2 predicts that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.*
- 3. Isaiah 7:14 prophesies the Messiah's virgin birth.*
- 4. Isaiah 53 describes the Messiah's rejection, suffering, and sacrificial death for our sins.*
- 5. Psalm 41:9 foreshadows the betrayal of Jesus by Judas.*

6. *Psalm 2:6–8 points to the Messiah’s royal authority and reign.*

*These and many other passages point to Jesus and the purpose of His coming—to provide salvation for humanity. Jesus is the Light of Life whom God planned from the beginning for our redemption.*

*You have already accepted and benefited from the physical light that God provides through the sun. Are you also willing to receive God’s gift of salvation and experience the spiritual light and eternal life found in Jesus Christ?*

*If you are willing to accept Jesus as your Savior, you may pray:*

*“Dear God, I admit that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I repent and invite You to come into my heart and life as my Savior and Lord. I surrender my life to You. Thank You for Your love and grace. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”*

*May God richly bless you as you begin your new life in Christ and your journey toward eternity with Him.*

