**Darkness & Light**

**God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.**

**And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

***(Genesis 1:5)***

**And God said,**

**"Let there be lights in the dome of the sky**

**to separate the day from the night;**

**and let them be for signs and for seasons**

 **and for days and years."**

***(Genesis 1:14)***

**For thou wilt light my candle:**

**The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.**

***(Psalm 18:28)***

**The darkness and the light are both alike to thee*.
(Psalm 139:12)***

**Who is more foolish, the child afraid of the dark or the man afraid of the light? *(Maurice Freehill)***

**I will not allow my life’s light to be determined by the darkness around me. *(Sojourner Truth)***

**There is no love of life without despair of life. *(Albert Camus)***

**They say that rather than cursing the darkness, one should light a candle. They don’t mention anything about cursing a lack of candles. *(George Carlin, in When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?, p. 107)***

**The color black absorbs heat. White reflects it. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts)***

**Put light against light -- you have nothing. Put dark against dark -- you have nothing. It's the contrast of light and dark that each gives the other one meaning. *(Bob Ross, painter and TV host)***

**Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute. (G. B. Stern, author)**

**The cradle rocks above an abyss, and common sense tells us that our existence is but a brief crack of light between two eternities of darkness. *(Vladimir Nabokov)*

God walks out of his workshop one evening looking tired and is greeted by Gabriel. Gabriel: “What's up, God?” God: “Oh, I've just perfected a cycle of 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness on earth.” Gabriel: “That sounds good. What are you going to call it?” God: “I'm so tired that right now, I'm just gonna call it a day.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**To save energy, daylight-saving time will begin four weeks early this year, on March 11. Many computer systems are programmed to change the time on the old April date, so technicians are warning of possible problems. *(Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, February 16, 2007)***

**The devil is never referred to by his common name Lucifer in the entire New Testament. Only once is the name used in the Old Testament (Isaiah 14:12), and then it refers to the king of Babylon and not to the Satan we generally associate it with. The name Lucifer, interestingly enough, means “light-bearer.” *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 345)***

**Diamond is the only gemstone composed of just one chemical element, carbon. Although crystal-clear, it is black when reduced to dust. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 19)***

**Therefore, man saw the difference between the light and the darkness. God sees light. Darkness has no existence in the realm of the spirit. Darkness is relative to the position of the earth with respect to the sun. *(George M. Lamsa, in Old Testament Light, p. 4)***

**There are two types of dirt: the dark kind, attracted to light objects; and the light kind, attracted to dark objects. *(Ely Slick)***

**Life is composed of lights and shadows, and we would be untruthful if we tried to pretend there were no shadows. (Walt Disney)**

**Duct tape is like the Force: It has a dark side and a light side – and it holds the universe together. *(Carl Zwanzig, pop philosopher)***

**The Jews and the early Christians started the day at sunset. “Christmas Eve" means, accordingly, the first part of Christmas Day, and it was only later that it came to be considered as the evening before Christmas. The same goes for New Year's Eve*. (Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 376)***

**A plant does not seek light; instead, light reduces the concentration of a growth hormone, auxin, on the bright side of the stem' the dark side grows more rapidly, bending the stem toward the light. *(Craig Varoga & the Associated Press editors, in It's a Fact, p. 198)***

**Every individual existence is brought into rhythm by a pendulum to which the heart gives type and name. There is a time for expanding and a time for contraction. One provokes the other and the other calls for the return of the first. Never are we nearer the Light than when the darkness is deepest. (Swami Vivekananda)**

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)**

**People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within. (Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, psychiatrist and author)**

**Shiny metals such as tin or copper turn into black powder when ground fine. Aluminum is the exception. (Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 248)**

**When you look at the moon in whatever phase, the bright side seems to be divided from the dark side by a line – known to the experts as the “terminator.” (L. M. Boyd)**

**My favorite saying: You are never in the dark when you see the light of day*. (Clara Leagle, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**For 186 days a year the sun is not seen at the North Pole. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 70)***

**Nothing the night said about the day turned out to be true. *(Sy Safransky)***

**The Space Shuttle makes one complete orbit around the Earth approximately every 90 minutes. Astronauts see one sunrise and one sunset each orbit. There are 16 sunrises and sunsets every 24 hours. *(***[***WWW.NASA.ORG***](http://WWW.NASA.ORG/)***)***

**Peel all the fur off a polar bear, and what you get is a purplish black bear. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Darkness cannot resist light. The light does not have to struggle with the darkness. When the light is turned on the darkness just isn’t. *(Jack E. Addington)***

**In the Mandarin Chinese language, the word for crisis and opportunity is the same. If we grew up thinking that crisis and opportunity were the same, how would that affect our ability to respond creatively in critical situations? Humor acts as a bridge between crisis and opportunity. *(Terry Braverman, in New Thought magazine)***

**If a set of fine scales is arranged so that one scale is kept dark, and light is allowed to fall on the other, the lighted scale will sink slowly. Light has “weight." The pressure of light on the Earth's surface is calculated as two pounds per square mile. *(Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 331)*If you live in the northern hemisphere, you’ve probably noticed that the days are starting to get shorter. The sun goes down a little earlier each day. The summer months are on the wane. For some people, this is depressing. Summer, with its light and warmth and growth, begins to fade away. But some people look forward to the cooler weather and the fall colors. One season must fade away for the glories of another season to become greater*. (Eunice Graham, in Portals of Prayer)***

**The author of Genesis tells us that the sun was created on the fourth day, and yet, there were evening and morning on the previous days. *(George M. Lamsa, in Gospel Light, p. 3)***

**Patient asks the doctor: “Dr. Kapuchnik, would it be possible to switch my night terrors to the daytime? The electric light bills are killing me." *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Even in the darkest of times we have the right to expect some illumination. *(Hannah Arendt)***

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