

Sonlight

The Sun was created on the fourth day as recorded in Genesis 1.16, “Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night.” I do not think I am going out on a limb when I say the Sun is the most powerful object made by God. Indeed, without the Sun, life here on earth or anywhere else would be impossible.

The Sun is the center of our universe. It contains 98% of the mass in our solar system with a surface temperature of 11,000 degrees Fahrenheit. It is said to contain enough energy to last 5 billion years. (All information came from www.solarviews.com).

The earth and 8 other planets rotate around the Sun (if you include Pluto). It is our rotation around the Sun that gives us our days, seasons, and years. It is the light from the Sun that warms our planet and makes life possible. We depend on this light so we can see, to grow our crops, and warm us.

However, the key is not just that the Sun exists and is powerful, but the earth’s relationship to the Sun. Earth is roughly 149,600,000 KM, or 92,957,300 miles, from the Sun. If the earth were 10 million miles closer to the Sun, it would be too hot to sustain life. If the earth were 10 million miles farther from the Sun, it would be too cold for life to exist. If our speed of rotation around the Sun slowed by half, our seasons would be lengthened to the point that it would be almost impossible for vegetation to survive. If the earth’s rotation around the Sun increased, then the length of our seasons would be reduced, and it would be hard for crops to come to maturity. If the earth’s daily rotation were reduced, the side facing the Sun would burn up and the side in darkness would freeze over.

The point is that life not only depends on the Sun and its power, but the earth’s relationship to the Sun. There are seven other planets in our solar system, but they are either too close, Mercury is 57,910 km and too hot, or too far way, Pluto is 5,913,520,000 km away and a ball of ice. Mars is the planet that comes closest to duplicating the earth’s relationship to the Sun, which is 227,940,000 km away from the Sun, but not able to sustain life. It is the precision of our relationship to the Sun that makes earth the only place in our solar system for life to exist.

There is another “Son” we need to understand. The Son of God is more powerful than the physical Sun, for He was the one that created the Sun. Genesis 1 tells us that God spoke the Sun into existence. The power of God is so great that simply by speaking, the universe and all it contains was created. John 1.14 tells us the “Word became flesh.” Earlier John tells us the “Word’s” part in the creation. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1.1-3, emphasis mine D.T.).

Without the Son, man would not be able to see the will of God. “I must work the words of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9.4-5). Jesus came to reveal the will of God to man. He did so through the miracles, His example, and His word. Without the Son, we would not know how to be saved. We would be in darkness.

Without the Son, we would not have spiritual life. “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10.10). Jesus was not speaking of

physical life because these people were alive physically speaking. Therefore, He was speaking about being alive spiritually. The Son died on the cross so we can be saved.

The Son is the center and cornerstone of God's plan for man's redemption. "He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence" (Colossians 1.18). Due to His very nature, Jesus has all authority over the entire creation.

However, we must have the proper relationship to the Son, if we are going to be spiritually alive. We can either be like the earth and the proper relationship to the Sun, or we can be like the other planets in our solar system and be dead. Many passages in the Bible teach that we must do the will of the Father that is in heaven, Matthew 7.21ff, obey the Son, Hebrews 5.9. He must become the center of our Universe. As the Apostle Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2.20). Do you have Sonlight in your life? If not, we hope you will submit to His will and do what the Bible says.