

Fireworks of Creation

I would like you to imagine yourself in a black room,
in a very black room, in a totally dark room,
where the light is all darkened out.
A closet is too small but you have the right idea.
We need a bigger room than a closet.
Perhaps a basement of a large office building,
a basement with no windows and when the lights are out,
it is pitch black. No, we need a room bigger than that.
We need the centre court at Wimbledon in the dead of night,
with the roof on. There are no exit signs.
No lights from anyplace. Total darkness.
It is dark and quiet and you can't even see the palm of your hand.
All of a sudden you hear a "boom" and
there is a gorgeous fireworks explosion overhead.
It is magnificently beautiful and the whole crowd
goes ooooooooooh...aaaaaaaaahh.
That was the mood of God a long time ago
at the beginning of time when there was no light.
It was only darkness. The entire universe was totally black.
God was sitting there in that black, dark universe.
God looked at the whole world; it was dark; and God was silent.
Suddenly, an idea exploded in the mind of God
and there was an explosion of light and sparkles
and God went oooooooooohhh...aaaaaah.
All those little sparkles stopped in the sky and
they became the stars and when God saw the stars,
God said oooooooooohhhh....ahhhhhh.
That is beautiful. Good job.
That's what it was like on the fourth of July, every year...
When I was growing up.
You are playing with the sparklers at dusk,
chatting and laughing and smiling.
Then, suddenly, just as the sky goes dark,
the show begins and a rocket flies up into the air,
and it explodes with effervescent light,
and the whole crowd goes oooooooooohhhh...ahhhhhh.
The crowd reacts the same all around the globe.
Whether it is Guy Fawkes or Hogmanay or Chinese New Year,
all around the globe, there are firework displays
and the crowd always reacts the same
to the colorful explosion in the sky. ...ooooooooohhhh....aaaaaahhhh.
Why? What is that?
I would like to suggest to you that all human beings
are made in the image of God. We are like God.

God is light and in God, there is no darkness at all.
Because the spark or light of God is in each and every person,
when we see exploding lights in the sky,
we all go oooooohhhh....ahhhhhh.
All human beings react positively and appreciatively
to light because we are made in the image of God;
we are like God who is light itself and the light itself is in all of us.
Let me prove my case with examples.
Let us take a wee baby and
place that baby in front of a Christmas tree.
The baby doesn't do anything.
But if you plug in that Christmas tree and all the lights go on,
the baby's eyes just sparkle and light up
and the baby's eyes go oooooohhhh and aaaaaahhhh.
Why do all babies around the globe respond the same way to light?
What is it about human beings that we are so fascinated
with and attracted to light? ...
Now that baby grows up a bit and is now six years old
Light a candle
but strike a light and the eyes light up. Why?
Why do all children throughout the world react the same? ...
The six year old grows up and is soon eighteen and
is out riding around one night with his girlfriend.
He parks his car on a country road, turns off the engine,
listens to the night air and looks up at the full moon
or the northern lights.
The young man looks at the moon and then the moonlight
in her hair and he goes oooooohhhh....ahhhhhh.
It happens all over the world where there are cars,
dark roads and full moons. Why do we love the moonlight?
Why do we oooh and aaaaah when we see full moons? ...

Why? Why is it that all human beings are fascinated by lights? ...
It is because we are made in the image of God.
God is light. In God, there is no darkness at all.
The divine spark of God is in all people;
God's light is in all people; and therefore all people love
and are attracted to light. It is very simple.
The negative corollary is also true.
Because we are made in the image of God
and because we naturally are attracted to light,
that means we don't like dark or darkness.
We are not attracted to dark spaces and places.
A prolonged sense of darkness makes us depressed.
Sometimes we are actually afraid of the dark and don't admit it.
For example, in the winter, in places not so far from here,

The sun disappears for most of the day,
and sometimes even for weeks at a time.
When it is dark, dismal and raining outside, you don't say,
"What a lovely day we are having."

Another example.

Why are most little children afraid of the dark?

If you are a child and you walk into the dark house,
you often let your mother and father go in first
so they can turn on the lights.

You often turn on the lights to make sure that there are no robbers and
around. ... Or, if you come into the church late at night and alone, when
there are no lights on, the church can be scary.

The church creaks and groans and makes night noises that you heard
clearly if you were all alone in the dark. ...

What I am suggesting to you is that we need
to understand human beings, and we human beings are like God.

God is light and we have a natural predisposition to enjoy light.

The spark of God is in us and therefore we react
and respond positively to the sparkles of light in the world.

And we don't like darkness at all.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going...