

## Stars and the Light and Truth of the Gospel

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My family recently purchased a small farm piece of land in a valley, not far from the city where we'd lived for a long time. Even though being in a new area has it took taken some getting used to being in a new area, we began to love certain things about our new home that we'd not hadn't been able to enjoy about with our previous home one. For example, our new property had has several acres and i was far out in the country, while the home we left our previous home had been was on a small fifth of an acre parcel in the very heart middle of the city. The new property has a remote feel, and we can't hear traffic noises during the day. Then there are the stars. As Because I'm an avid stargazer and future scientist, I enjoyed the remote feel and complete absence of traffic noises during the day, and I especially liked the new property's vast, open sky and almost unobstructed view of the stars at night.

My brothers and I love d to sleep out under the stars night sky. As the sun went goes down, stars begian to pop out in the hundreds, then in the thousands. I never get tired of looking at the stars from that to our new home. When I first started sleeping under the stars on our property. I had never seen so many before in my life! Jupiter was so clear, you I could almost see its stripe without my telescope. The Milky Way seemed to explode from one side of the valley to the other, pouring painting a wide river of light across a sky that was already more brilliant than any we had seen while in the city.

Although I have many fond memories of living in the city, while we were there I hardly ever looked up at the night sky, because I knew I wouldn't see many stars. Nothing could have prepared me for what I discovered in the sky over our new property. Maybe I just hadn't realized how beautiful a starry night sky could be without the city lights drowning it out.

**Commented [SU1]:** I made this title just a little more specific to the paper's topic. Mainly a suggestion.

**Commented [SU2]:** "Farm" makes sense, but it isn't used again in the paper, so it's probably better to leave it out.

**Commented [SU3]:** I added this because the next paragraph mentions "valley," so we should make sure we state early on that this new property is in a valley.

**Commented [SU4]:** When we're speaking about the new property, I'm going to change it to present tense (for clarity's sake and because the property still belongs to you right now).

**Commented [SU5]:** I changed this because "very heart" makes it sound like a nice place.

**Commented [SU6]:** I added this as a transitional sentence to connect the topics of the previous and following sentences.

**Commented [SU7]:** I removed this because although I know that you're referring to mountains, other readers won't, and they'll wonder how there could be an "almost unobstructed" view.

**Commented [SU8]:** Awesome description!

**Commented [SU9]:** This paragraph seemed like it would fit better here. The previous paragraph's topic flows well into the beginning of this paragraph, and the topic at the end of this paragraph flows well into the next paragraph.

It got me thinking, Are we sometimes like this? Do we sometimes not see all the truths that we are entitled to?

**Commented [SU10]:** Very good question.

To answer that, first we need to decide what light and truth are.

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Jesus Christ said, “And if your eye be

single to my glory, your whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness

in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things” (Doctrine and

Covenants 88:67). The scriptures also explain that “the word of the Lord

is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus

Christ” (Doctrine and Covenants 84:45). We have the potential to “be filled with light,” or the

Spirit. However, artificial light may often conceal the stars; the world’s artificial promises of

pleasure and happiness can drown out the Spirit.

**Commented [SU12]:** I love these scriptures! Could we include another sentence or two right here connecting the scriptures to your thesis? (Your thesis seems to be that we sometimes don’t see all the truths that we’re entitled to.) I’ve added an example sentence here of what that might look like.

Like stars, the Spirit shows us where we need to go.

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centuries ago. They would search for constellations and the North Star,

and

these would guide them to their destinations. Just like the

travelers of old who used stars to find their way, we can listen to the Spirit and follow the

light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His light will guide us through mortality

and into everlasting life. But we must first be

willing to put aside the artificial lights of the world so that we can see the stars or feel the Spirit.

Then we must be willing to look up, to listen.

**Commented [SU15]:** I love this part about the Wise Men, but like with the “darkness” sentence, this topic doesn’t match the topic of the rest of the paper. Again, it would do really well in another paper/story about stars!

If we do these things, Christ's truths will become clear, and they will lead us to Him.

**Commented [SU16]:** This is seriously fantastic! There were very few actual errors, so almost all the editing I did was for clarity and organization. This was so well written. I can tell you put a lot of work into this, and it turned out amazing! Молодец!