## THE FINAL JUXTAPOSITION

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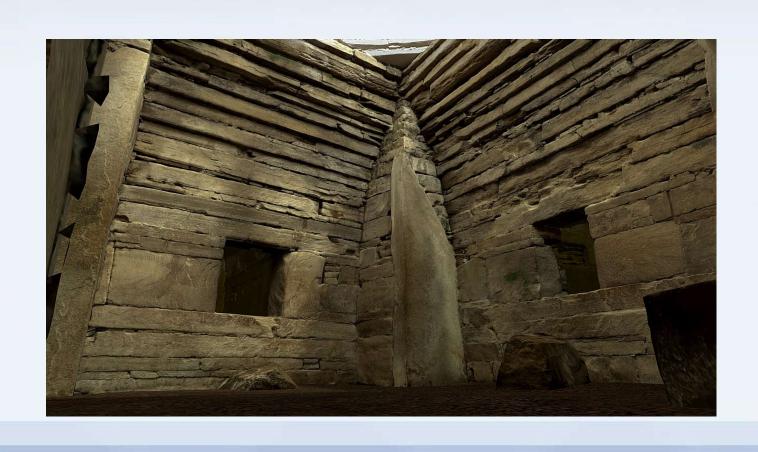




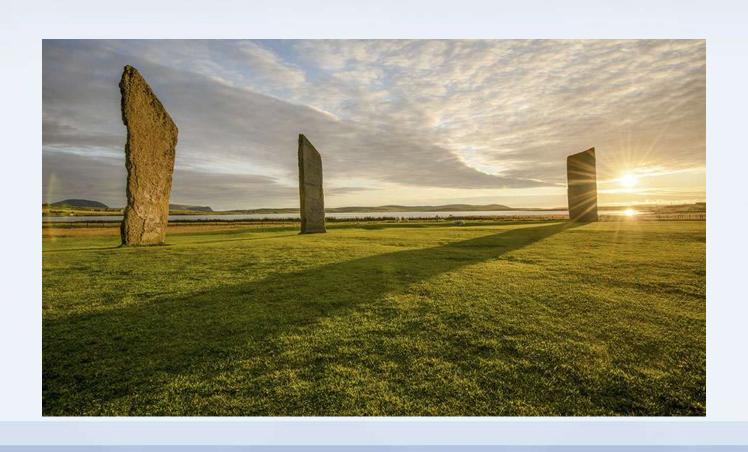












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This is Solomon's final juxtaposition: 1. **Enjoy** the light!

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Light is obvious in nature itself: sun, moon, stars...

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Exodus 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

Exodus 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

Exodus 10:23 They saw <u>not</u> one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: <u>but</u> all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Exodus 13:21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

Psalm 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: The LORD my God Will enlighten my darkness.

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light.

Psalm 43:3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth **light**; It giveth understanding unto the simple.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a **lamp**; and the law is light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

John 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. John 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

John 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

John 12:36 While ye have light, **believe** in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

John 12:46 I am come **a light into the World**, that whosoever believeth on me should <u>not</u> abide in darkness.

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## 2. (But) Expect some darkness!

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## Scotland & Juxtaposition:

- > Summer has 24 hours of light~
- $\triangleright$  Winter has 24 hours of dark $^{\sim} \rightarrow$  S.A.D.

## As a believer we too can experience **SOMe** forms of darkness:

- **≻**No eternal forms
- >No moral forms (necessarily)
- **≻Physical? Yes!**
- Existential? Yes! Life, problems, loss, pain....

Exodus 20:21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

<u>Deuteronomy 4:11</u> And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, **With darkness**, **clouds**, **and thick darkness**.

Deuteronomy 5:22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of **the thick darkness**, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

<u>Deuteronomy 5:23</u> And it came to pass, when **ye heard the Voice out of the midst of the darkness**, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

- 2 Samuel 22:10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; And darkness was under his feet.
- 2 Samuel 22:11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: And he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
- 2 Samuel 22:12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, Dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

Psalm 139:12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; But the night shineth as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Isaiah 45:3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, And hidden riches of secret places, That thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Isaiah 50:10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, That obeyeth the voice of his servant, **That walketh in darkness, and hath no light?** Let him trust in the name of the LORD, And stay upon his God.

**Daniel 2:19** Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

**Daniel 2:20** Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: For wisdom and might are his:

<u>Daniel 2:21</u> And he changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, And knowledge to them that know understanding:

Daniel 2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: **He knoweth what is in the darkness**, And the light dwelleth with him.

<u>Daniel 2:23</u> I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, Who hast given me wisdom and might, And hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: For thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

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## 3. Enjoy your life!

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4. Remember the judgment!

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Nothing negative!
Only factual!
>Judgment is coming!

- >LIFE WILL RUN OUT OF DAYS!
- >Live for God, good, what matters, & what will last!









