

# "I AM the LIGHT"

Jn 8:12; I Jn 1:5-7

## I. WHAT'S LIGHT

- A. Ancient examinations—Euclid
- B. Medieval treatises—Roger Bacon
- C. Enlightenment enquiries—Isaac Newton
- D. Modern insights
  - 1. Einstein's singular constant, speed of light
  - 2. Quantum physics—bits of matter (photons) or waves?
- E. Manifestly Real, but mysterious

## II. HOW IT ACTS

- A. Enlivens
  - 1. Warms earth—activates seeds, causes weather systems to move
  - 2. Photosynthesis
    - a. Marvelous, mysterious process
    - b. Responsible for virtually all we need
- B. Empowers
  - 1. Solar panels
  - 2. Wind turbines
  - 3. Fossil fuels
  - 4. Cutting tools
  - 5. Welding devices
- C. Enlightens—"Aha, I see" moments
  - 1. Overcoming darkness—Gn 1:3; Ps 36:9
  - 2. Plato's cave
  - 3. Archimedes' "eureka"
  - 4. Student's face changes when understands
  - 5. Recent philosophers' about face (e.g. Anthony Flew; Edward Feser)
  - 6. Illustrations in Lee Strobel's *Seeing the Supernatural*
    - a. Evel Knievel
    - b. Muslim conversions
  - 7. Personal illustrations
  - 8. Historical witnesses
    - a. St Paul on Damascus road
    - b. Constantine & Cross
    - c. Rob Dreher
    - d. "Big" George Foreman