



The Star

Every year I ask God to give me a fresh view of Christmas. This year He is pointing me to "The Star".

The Bible says this about the star.

**For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.
...and the star went on before them until it came and stood over
the place where the child was. Matt 2:2b, 9b**

God created the light in the sky to announce the birth of His Son to the world. If it was a star, or the joining of Jupiter and Venus I don't really care, but it was significant enough that those scholars saw it and took the time to find out what it meant.

They were the only ones who were paying attention to the stars!

The star was created to lead the way to Jesus!

How did the star come into being at the right place and the right time, move across the sky to guide the magi, then stop "over the place where the child was"? And, maybe more importantly, how did it disappear, never to be seen again?

Whatever the star was. Where it came from or where it went. These things are not important to the story - - - and the story is Jesus.

This Christmas, as we decorate the tree, put up the lights or cover the area under the tree with beautifully wrapped presents (and celebrating Christmas in this way is a lot of fun) just remember the reason we do all these things is to celebrate the birth of the baby - the baby Jesus.

In His grip,

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Answered Prayer

The recent class in Michigan went great!

It now looks like they will continue with a small group formed out of this class.

Also, church leadership is talking about holding a class next year with teachers who attended this class!!!

What an awesome answer to prayer!

Prayer Requests

The one prayer request we have is for finances.

We live by faith and this past year our faith was tested.

We are trusting in God to provide through the matching grant and PayPal during this Holiday Season.

Thank you for your prayers.