

**Father, we are gathered here before you to further our effort in understanding your message and to share this message with those who are essentially of the same ilk. I pray that you shine your light upon us and find us all worthy of your grace. We give our love to you Lord. in Christ Jesus's name, amen.**

## **Understanding the tool at hand**

**I will start off with my conclusion and then build up to that conclusion. I endeavor to present a measure of explanation regarding not only what you may study but from where that study is derived. I would like to give you an understanding of how to use the most important tool necessary in understanding The Words that God has given for our current livelihood as well as that which shall come to pass. I hope that this will enable you to more easily reconvey this message to friends, acquaintances, and family members that are not fully cognizant of this message in an easier manner. If you have a toolbox then the tools contained within is our knowledge. I wish to impart to you the wisdom by which to wield the tools in your toolbox. I know, sometimes we use a crescent wrench as a hammering device, even though we know better.**



The items I just handed out to you are a valuable tool for you in guidance. I would not want you to get lost along the way in this presentation. For those that are not in physical attendance, to let you know, I handed out to each person a little compass.

I presented a study a couple of years back regarding omissions in certain versions of the Bible. How it started for me was just hearing about one verse that was omitted from various Bible versions. That verse is John 5:4.

**John 5:4 (KJV)** For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

So now I will read John 5: 1 through 4 in order to define context.

**John 5:1 (KJV)** After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

**John 5:2 (KJV)** Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

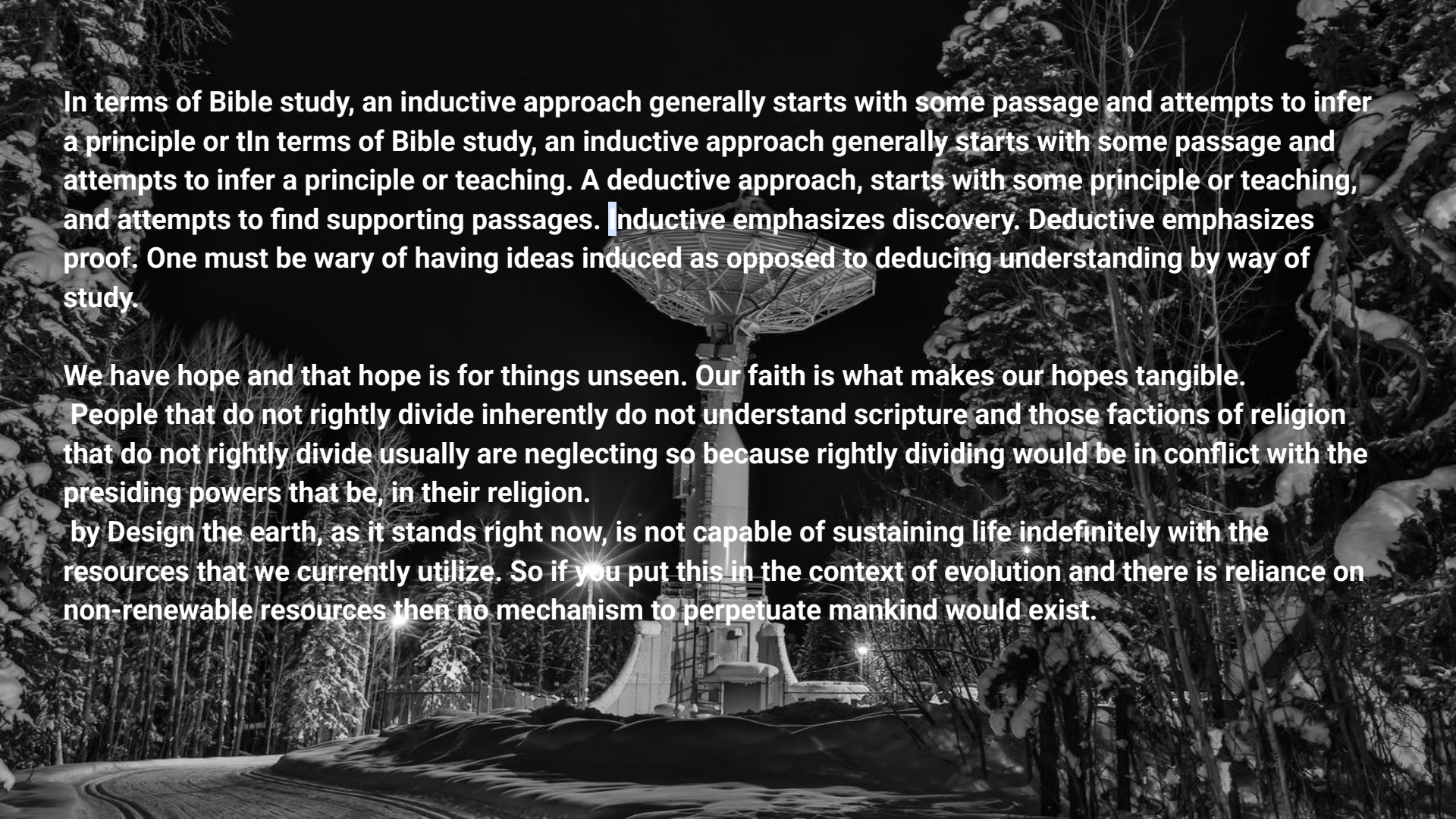
**John 5:3 (KJV)** In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

**John 5:4 (KJV)** For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

This appears to be a stumbling spot and a great amount of time is spent pondering this verse and its omission from some translations of the Bible. Not only is this whole verse omitted but in John 5:3 the line, waiting for the moving of the water, is also omitted.

The relevance of inclusion regarding John 5:4 is supported by John 5:2 and the entirety of John 5:3 by way of referencing the pool and the water.

I give you John 5:4 as a starting point and implore you to read the entirety of John chapter 5. Therein maybe you will see the relevance of John 5:4 and John 5:3, in their entirety, to the clear understanding of the dialogue that comes within the remaining scriptures up to verse 47. I will not beleaguer our moment with that study at length.

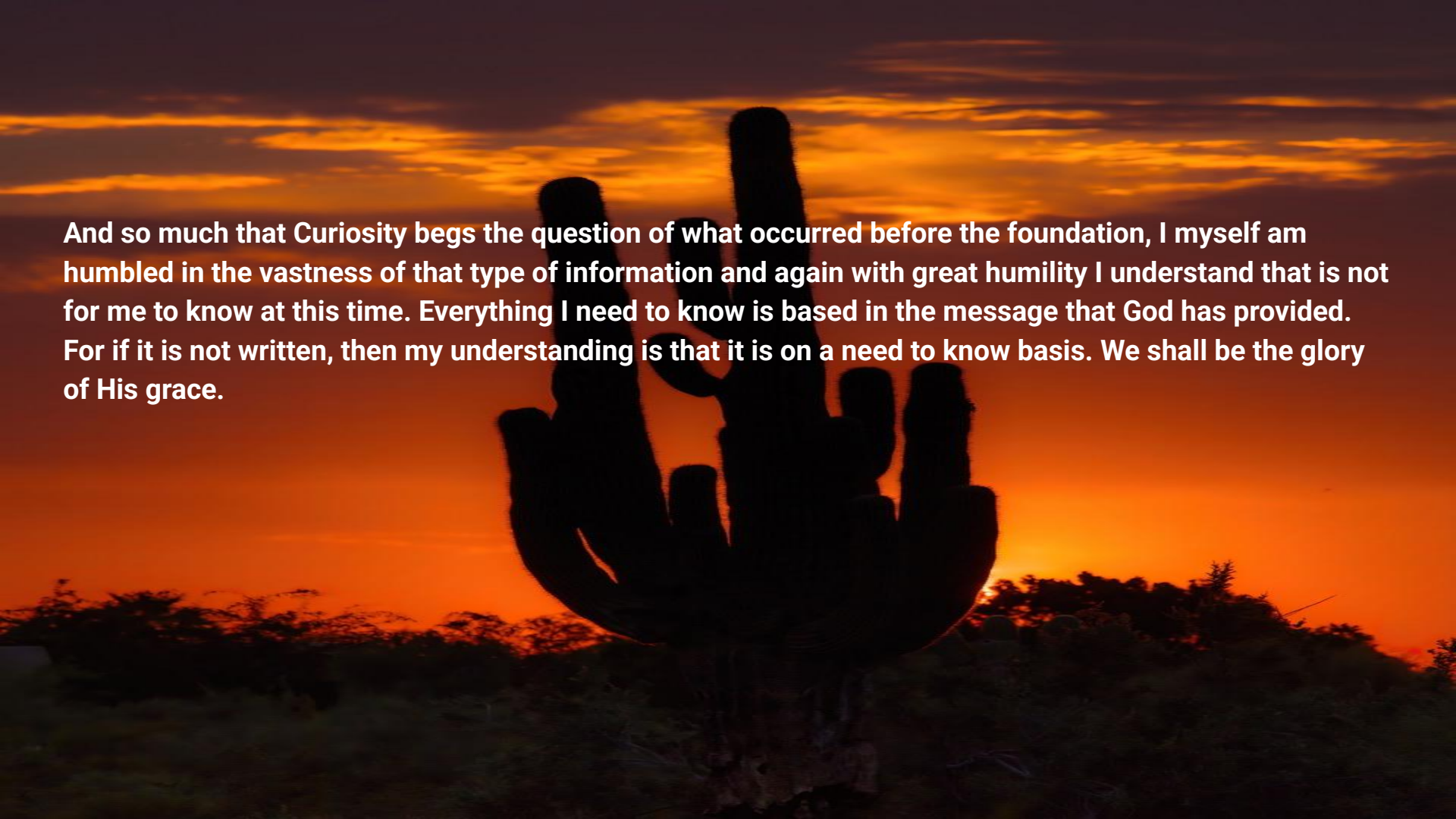


In terms of Bible study, an inductive approach generally starts with some passage and attempts to infer a principle or teaching. A deductive approach, starts with some principle or teaching, and attempts to find supporting passages. Inductive emphasizes discovery. Deductive emphasizes proof. One must be wary of having ideas induced as opposed to deducing understanding by way of study.

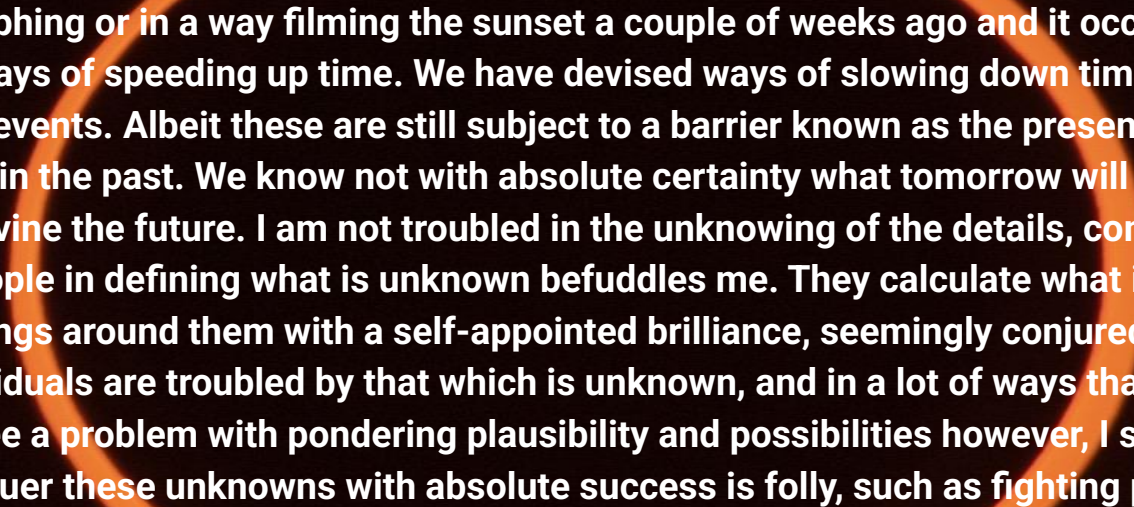
We have hope and that hope is for things unseen. Our faith is what makes our hopes tangible.

People that do not rightly divide inherently do not understand scripture and those factions of religion that do not rightly divide usually are neglecting so because rightly dividing would be in conflict with the presiding powers that be, in their religion.

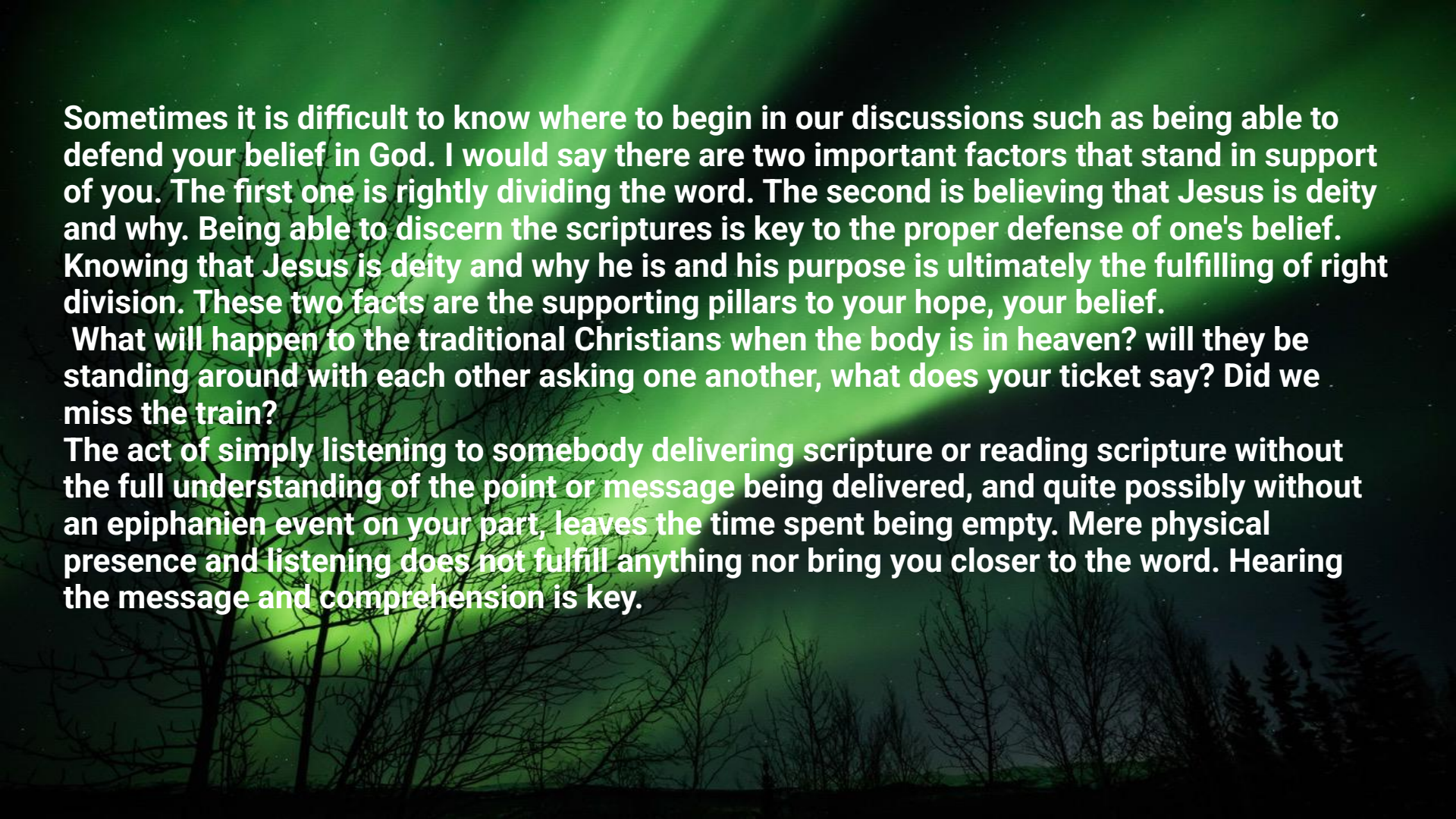
by Design the earth, as it stands right now, is not capable of sustaining life indefinitely with the resources that we currently utilize. So if you put this in the context of evolution and there is reliance on non-renewable resources then no mechanism to perpetuate mankind would exist.

A large Saguaro cactus is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker, purplish-orange at the top. The cactus has several arms, with the central one being the tallest. The foreground shows the dark, silhouetted outlines of other vegetation and the ground.

**And so much that Curiosity begs the question of what occurred before the foundation, I myself am humbled in the vastness of that type of information and again with great humility I understand that is not for me to know at this time. Everything I need to know is based in the message that God has provided. For if it is not written, then my understanding is that it is on a need to know basis. We shall be the glory of His grace.**



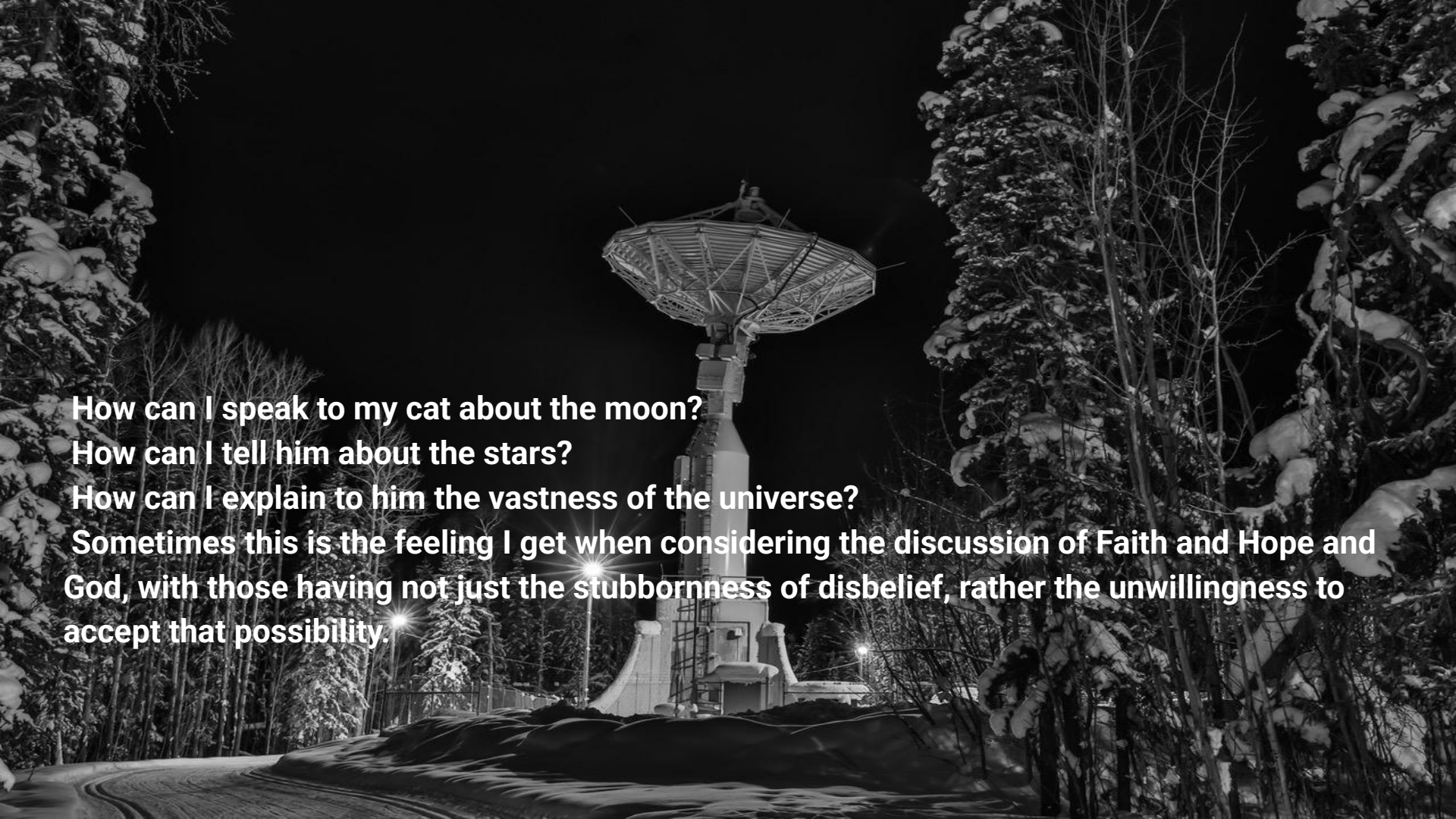
I was out photographing or in a way filming the sunset a couple of weeks ago and it occurred to me that we have devised ways of speeding up time. We have devised ways of slowing down time. We can review the past historical events. Albeit these are still subject to a barrier known as the present and these events still remain in the past. We know not with absolute certainty what tomorrow will bring and we have yet to truly Divine the future. I am not troubled in the unknowing of the details, come tomorrow. the hubris of some people in defining what is unknown befuddles me. They calculate what is to be and the measures of all things around them with a self-appointed brilliance, seemingly conjured out of thin air. I believe these individuals are troubled by that which is unknown, and in a lot of ways that which we will not know. I don't see a problem with pondering plausibility and possibilities however, I see that attempting to conquer these unknowns with absolute success is folly, such as fighting paper dragons.



Sometimes it is difficult to know where to begin in our discussions such as being able to defend your belief in God. I would say there are two important factors that stand in support of you. The first one is rightly dividing the word. The second is believing that Jesus is deity and why. Being able to discern the scriptures is key to the proper defense of one's belief. Knowing that Jesus is deity and why he is and his purpose is ultimately the fulfilling of right division. These two facts are the supporting pillars to your hope, your belief.

What will happen to the traditional Christians when the body is in heaven? will they be standing around with each other asking one another, what does your ticket say? Did we miss the train?

The act of simply listening to somebody delivering scripture or reading scripture without the full understanding of the point or message being delivered, and quite possibly without an epiphanien event on your part, leaves the time spent being empty. Mere physical presence and listening does not fulfill anything nor bring you closer to the word. Hearing the message and comprehension is key.



How can I speak to my cat about the moon?  
How can I tell him about the stars?  
How can I explain to him the vastness of the universe?  
Sometimes this is the feeling I get when considering the discussion of Faith and Hope and God, with those having not just the stubbornness of disbelief, rather the unwillingness to accept that possibility.

**There is a plethora of information out there for us that comes from an overwhelming abundance of directions and sources. In our day and age now we have the internet and these little devices on our hips, in our purses, in our back pocket, or wherever we set them down last and can't find them. The information or data that is presented to us on a daily basis is like drinking from a fire hose. I would say that most people do not have the ability to disseminate, properly, all of the information that they are fed from social media, or any point on the internet. It was difficult enough to go to the library and try to determine which books were going to give you the most relevant explanation of a subject that you may have been studying.**

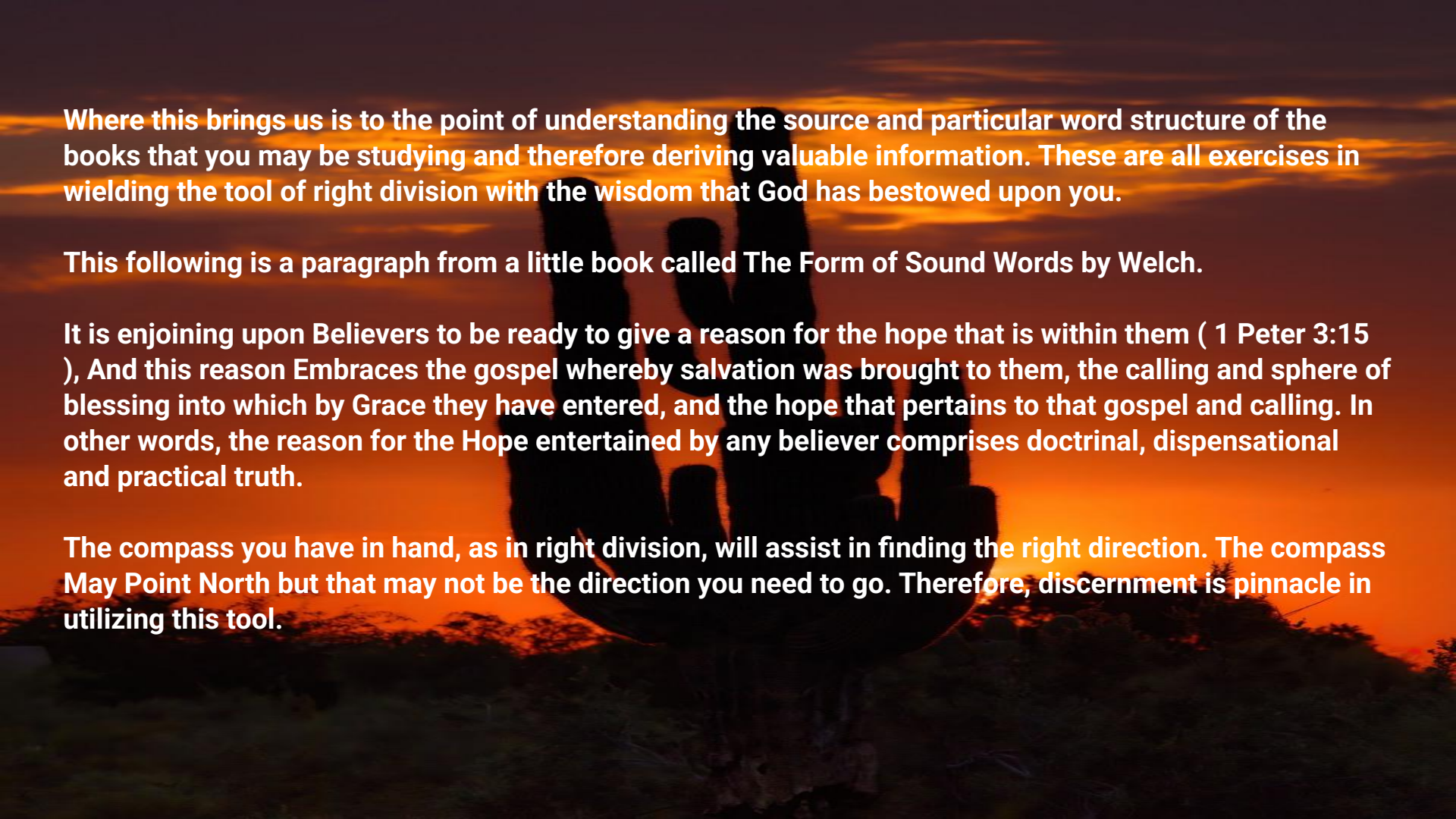


One of the events that took place recently is that my wife wanted me to read the forward from Jack Eberle's book, *The Workman's Interlinear Prison Epistles*. Now to tell you the truth I had not read the forward before, rather I just started in the meat of the matter and went to the subjects contained in the book, Jack's notes. What I did read in the forward is that Jack used a specific Bible version for this particular study contained within the book. The version he used was the Christian Standard Version.

I figured since Jack used it then this was probably a very good Bible to have. So I purchased two. Upon receiving these new versions I performed my litmus test and went directly to John 5:4. Much to my dismay I discovered that this version of the Bible had the same omissions as so many other versions. I pondered my findings regarding this new version of the Bible and thought to myself that surely Jack would have understood the shortcomings of this particular version. After a lengthy amount of thought I reached the conclusion that even in the event that Jack was or was not cognizant of these omissions, it did not matter regarding his study for the WI.

The omissions that I have discovered do not extend beyond acts 28 and therefore do not affect any message or meaning in the scriptures that follow.

The particular English dialogue that is used in this version of the Bible may be a little more understandable to some than that of what you may find within the King James version.



Where this brings us is to the point of understanding the source and particular word structure of the books that you may be studying and therefore deriving valuable information. These are all exercises in wielding the tool of right division with the wisdom that God has bestowed upon you.

This following is a paragraph from a little book called The Form of Sound Words by Welch.

It is enjoining upon Believers to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within them ( 1 Peter 3:15 ), And this reason Embraces the gospel whereby salvation was brought to them, the calling and sphere of blessing into which by Grace they have entered, and the hope that pertains to that gospel and calling. In other words, the reason for the Hope entertained by any believer comprises doctrinal, dispensational and practical truth.

The compass you have in hand, as in right division, will assist in finding the right direction. The compass May Point North but that may not be the direction you need to go. Therefore, discernment is pinnacle in utilizing this tool.



I will read 2nd Timothy 2: 14 - 17

2 Timothy 2:14 (KJV) Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:16 (KJV) But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2 Timothy 2:17 (KJV) And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;  
Paul spoke of Hymenaeus and Philetus as false teachers denying the possibility of resurrection.

And now 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 17

2 Timothy 3:14 (KJV) But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

2 Timothy 3:15 (KJV) And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Timothy 3:17 (KJV) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

I hope all of your compasses are pointing you in the right direction.

Returning back to the omission of John 5: 4 from some of the versions of the Bible I will elaborate a little further. It was my finding that these omissions have a common denominator. When one looks at the many verses that are omitted or some that are altered you find that the common denominator is diminishing Jesus's importance, subverting his deity, and in no small measure reducing the importance of the message altogether.

Rightly dividing -In its simplest form it is a very easy concept to understand. We rightly divide almost every day in our lives. Whether it is information we are receiving in the newsprint, or on the TV, or from someone in person, we rightly divide that information to determine accuracy, truth, and to what it truly pertains.

Once we understand rightly dividing in the events around us, then the word in Scripture, we can go back to all other scripture and when understood it will fortify our foundation of faith, belief, and Hope. We will be able to understand what is addressed to us and know that what is not addressed to us is for instruction.

The mystery is not so mysterious as long as you have an open heart and open mind for the information that God puts before you. As we may walk up to a stream and have thirst, if we do not bow down and scoop from the water to quench our thirst we will never know how this will benefit us having not tried.

We can put all our faith and all our hope in God's hands but until we are ready to believe, to what end will it benefit us?

I hope and pray that we all have an answer that is truly edifying.



I will leave you with a short poem of mine.

## The Stars

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star never have I wondered what you are  
Through my thoughts of needs and wants never have I wished upon a star  
Certain am I of your existence and where you are  
Being part of a message the Lord has brought forth from afar

He chose the night for the light of the stars from which to shine  
The array of Lights in the curtain of night arranged to convey a sign  
And while the sun shall rise and the same recede by order of design  
The Lord's name shall be praised and exalted as Divine

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.  
In Christ Jesus' name, amen.  
Vaya con dios mi amigos.