

# Explore the Theme — Has My Light Come?

a look at the grain of wheat through the lens of Epiphany, our festival of lights  
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In the 4th century, St. Gregory Nazianzen called this feast the “Festival of Lights.” At Epiphany, we hear in Isaiah 60:1 —

*“Rise up, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.”*

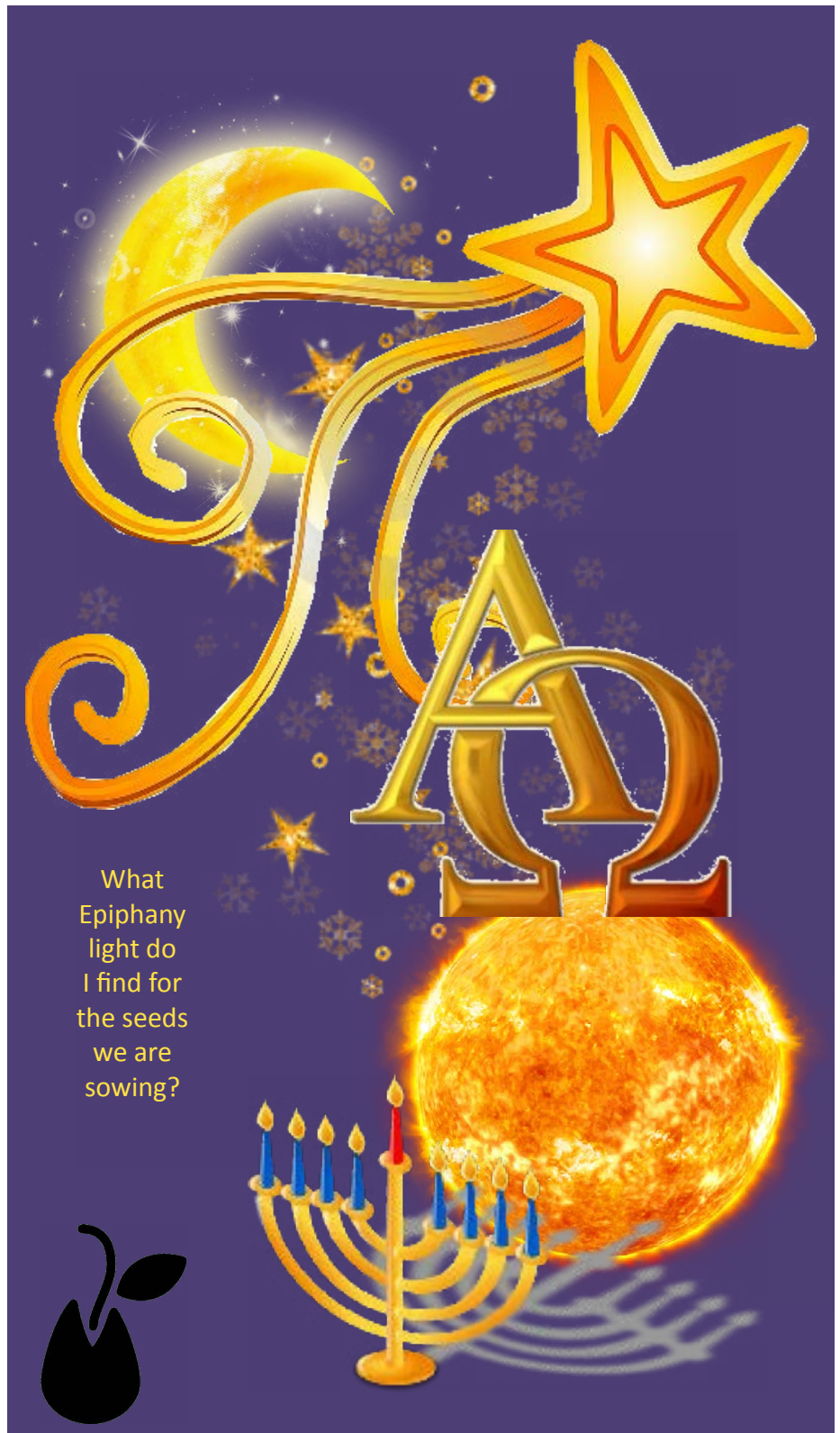
The light is powerful and visible because of the darkness. In “Expedition to the Pole” Annie Dillard reminds us —

*“you do not have to sit outside in the dark. If, however, you want to look at the stars, you will find that darkness is necessary.”*

Poet T.S. Eliot observes that *“In our rhythm of earthly life we tire of light ... we must extinguish the candle, put out the light and relight it ... forever must quench, forever relight the flame ...* Choruses from “The Rock”

The magi were not afraid to search the Universe expecting enlightenment about the meaning of life on Earth. John Surette, SJ calls 21st Century believers to —

*“... be attentive to the powers and mysteries of the Universe. In so doing we will be blessed.”*



What  
Epiphany  
light do  
I find for  
the seeds  
we are  
sowing?