

*"But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall".*

There is a famous misquotation in the Book of Mormon where it says that the Son of Righteousness (not sun) shall arise. This is understandable only where the citation is taken verbally from the English rather than written on golden plates in a different language as that religious maintains Joseph Smith did. By such revelations truth and error are established.

The Sun of righteousness is a reference to the domination which the Christ would have in the political and spiritual heavenlies of the future age where, as both King of Kings and High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, the Lord Jesus Christ will reign supreme. The sun is the most significant object in the sky and rules the daytime with its intense brightness. 1 Corinthians 15v41 *"There is one glory of the Sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars"*. The stars are eclipsed by the overwhelming presence of the sun itself, so it is with Jesus as a personality.

The sun is used elsewhere in such a way. In Joseph's dreams the sun and moon and eleven stars bow down to Joseph, and this is interpreted as being his father mother and his brethren. As his mother was already dead, as she did not survive the birth of his brother Benjamin, this can only refer to the resurrection and as such Joseph in the dream, represented the Christ not himself, as Joseph was not the unique Messiah, the saviour of the whole world for all time, not just in those days of Egyptian dominance.

Also in the Revelation, the symbol of the sun is used in several passages. The sun represents the dominant power at any time, not always Christ himself and in this way is afflicted and smitten in the prophecy where the historical context requires it. However, in chapter 1v16 the One like the Son of Man (the multitudinous Christ, not Jesus as an individual) is said to have *"his countenance was as the sun shines in his strength"*. Righteousness emanates from this power which the Father has begotten from earth and clay and transformed it into brilliance for all to see. Righteousness indeed, God's righteousness which cannot be compared to another! This is the express image of the God's person, the brightness of His glory! Hebrews 1v3.

Does Jesus have actual wings? The immortal Christ is in the image of the Elohim having a new spirit body, the glory of the celestial. The angels are the heavenly host, but mankind are made in their physical image, so they certainly do not have literal wings. Wings must then refer to those elements where Jesus negotiates through the territory which he has inherited but as heaved up and above the mundane. Wherever he goes he brings healing and restoration to the population under him.

Calves of the stall refers to the protected and succoured animals which are not exposed to the dangers of a normal existence where time and chance can wreak havoc upon the vulnerable. Instead, these individuals are insulated from the vagaries of experience to live in a more controlled environment where they can grow and be nourished by the care and concern of the husbandman whose primary concern is their welfare. They are then to some degree spoiled and indulged but for a specific purpose. Normally this is to

be slaughtered for meat but in this context, there is no negative motivation but instead they enrich the Lord they serve.

For whom does this heavenly body arise to shine upon? Who will be blessed to see that day and enjoy the powerful rays of beneficial light, not scorching not searing but warming and energising in an entirely beneficial way? Those who as God says, – “*fear My Name*”. Fear is the beginning of wisdom. Fear not in the sense of being terrified and therefore motivated otherwise than by love, but those who respect, appreciate and value what has been done on their behalf by a compassionate God through the agency of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

This is the ninth and last time that the book of Malachi refers to the name of God. The LORD of hosts, or from the Hebrew, YHWH tsvaoth, is mentioned twenty-four times. So, there is a great emphasis on this doctrine. These are the sons and daughters of the Almighty who are the hosts who will be the future manifestation of His power and character. As such the next verse informs the reader that they will “*tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts*”.