

THEOLOGY PROPER

GLORY OF GOD

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“In the midst of the knowledge explosion of the past half century, it is astounding how many have forgotten that the greatest knowledge they could possess is the knowledge of God.”

Ryrie

THEOLOGY

- Every doctrine affected
- Every deviant system
- Every false doctrine
- Differences of theology

LIVING

- Beliefs affect Living
- Beliefs a source of Problems
- Beliefs form Perspectives
- Beliefs the basis of Godliness

THEOLOGY PROPER

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Essential Nature of God**
- 3. Trinity**
- 4. Distinctions in Trinity**
- 5. Christology**
- 6. Pneumatology**
- 7. Plan of God**
- 8. Works & Names of God**
- 9. Perfections of God**

PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

1. Descriptions



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DESCRIPTION

- 1. Cannot define God**
- 2. Westminster Catechism**
- 3. Belgian Confession**
- 4. Perfections**
- 5. All Attributes are perfect**
- 6. More than sum of Perfections**
- 7. Known only by Revelation**
- 8. Describes Father, Son, & HS**
- 9. Summed up by His Glory**

PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

1. Descriptions

2. Classification

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CLASSIFICATIONS

- 1. Natural & Moral**
- 2. Absolute & Relative**
- 3. Negative & Positive**
- 4. Active & Passive**
- 5. Incommunicable &
Communicable**

PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

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3. Glory of God

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GLORY OF GOD

1. Aspects of Glory

a. Inherent Glory

b. Revealed Glory

Deut 5:24 “And you said, ‘Behold, the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

GLORY OF GOD

1. Aspects of Glory

a. Inherent Glory

b. Revealed Glory

c. Ascribed Glory

GLORY OF GOD

1. Aspects of Glory

2. Glory & Attributes

Ex 33:18 Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me **Your glory!**” **19** And He said, “I Myself will make all My **goodness** pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be **gracious** to whom I will be **gracious**, and will show **compassion** on whom I will show **compassion.**” ... **22** and it will come about, while **My glory is passing by**, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

GLORY OF GOD

- 1. Aspects of Glory**
- 2. Glory & Attributes**
- 3. His Possession**
- 4. His Names**
- 5. His Titles**

PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

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INCOMMUNICABLE

- 1. Self-Existence**
- 2. Omnipresence**
- 3. Immutability**
- 4. Eternity**
- 5. Infinitude**

Neptune

PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

1. Self-Existent

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**What are your
most important
NEEDS?**



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FOOD





SHELTER

DISTORTIONS

- **God helpless without us**
- **God frustrated & unable to get man to cooperate**
- **World is out of God's control**

SELF-EXISTENCE

1. No Needs



GOD HAS ...

**No Needs ...
NONE!!!!**

Isa 40:13-17 Who has **directed** the Spirit of the Lord, Or as His counselor has **informed** Him? 14 With whom did He **consult** and *who* gave Him **understanding**? And *who* **taught** Him in the path of justice and **taught** Him knowledge And **informed** Him of the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are like a **drop** from a bucket, And are regarded as a **speck** of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. ...

**Isa 40:13-17 ... 16 Even Lebanon is
not enough to burn, Nor its beasts
enough for a burnt offering. 17
All the nations are as **nothing**
before Him, They are regarded by
Him as less than **nothing** and
meaningless.**

Act 17:25 nor is He served by
human hands, **as though He**
needed anything, since He
Himself **gives** to all *people* life
and breath and all things;

NO NEED of ...

- **Universe**
- **Angels**
- **Believers**
- **Fellowship**
- **Ministry**



SELF-EXISTENCE

- 1. No Needs**
- 2. Uncaused**

Ex 3:14 And God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM**”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

Jn 13:19 “From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that **I am** He.

SELF-EXISTENCE

- 1. No Needs**
- 2. Uncaused**
- 3. Self-sufficient**

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him **all things hold together.**

Heb 1:3 ... **upholds all things by the word of His power...**

SELF-EXISTENCE

- 1. No Needs**
- 2. Uncaused**
- 3. Self-sufficient**
- 4. Absolute Life**

**Jn 5:26 “For just as the Father
has life in Himself, even so He
gave to the Son also to have
life in Himself;**

**1Th 1:9 ... you turned to God
from idols to serve a living
and true God,**

SELF-EXISTENCE

- 1. No Needs**
- 2. Uncaused**
- 3. Self-sufficient**
- 4. Absolute Life**
- 5. Independence**

Dan 4:35 “And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does **according to His will** in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And **no one can ward off His hand** Or say to Him, ‘**What hast Thou done?**’

Ps 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever **He pleases.**

HIS MINISTRY

- Paul - Act 14:27, 21:19
- Esther - Esth 4:13-14
- Believers - Eph 2:10

CUTE But ...???

Can she Paint?

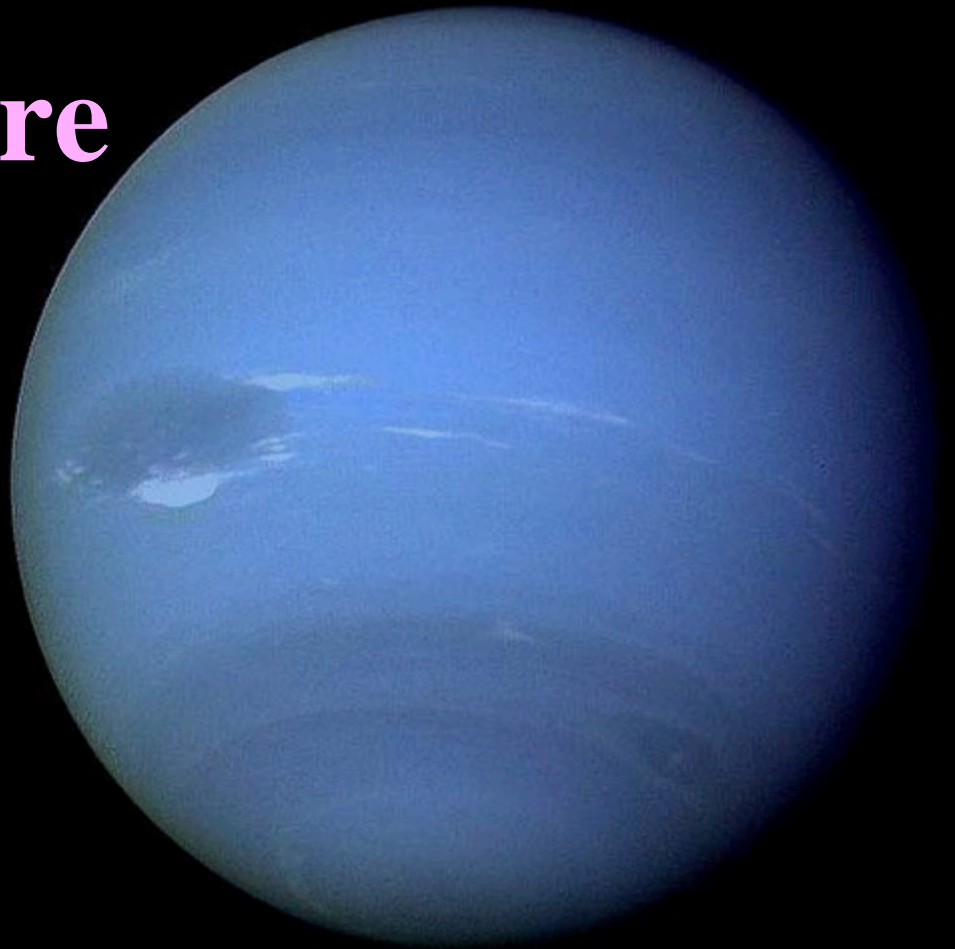


OUR PRIVILEGE

- God does not need us -
evangelism, ministry, money,
fellowship, ...
- Minister as instruments -
humility, awe, trust

INSTRUMENTS

- **Not by Compulsion**
- **Not by Pressure**
- **Not by Guilt**
- **Privilege**
- **Opportunity**



**Are you an
available**



INSTRUMENT?

PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

1. Self-Existent

2. Omnipresence

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GOD'S

OMNIPRESENCE

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. Pantheism

PANTHEISM

- ✓ “God is everything and everything is God.”
- ✓ Universe identified with God
- ✓ Heart of new age movement
- ✓ But Scripture -> Omnipresence
Distinct from creation

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. Pantheism
2. Is nowhere - atheism
3. In heaven - man upstairs
4. Far away - silent
5. In church building

**Does God seem
distant?**

**Is He only in
church?**

A deep space photograph of the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) against a starry background. The galaxy is a large, elongated, and tilted spiral galaxy with a bright central core and visible dust lanes. It is surrounded by numerous stars of varying brightness.

GOD IS ...

Andromeda

**Infinitely
everywhere
at once**

OMNIPRESENCE

- 1. Infinitely present everywhere**
- 2. Present with whole being**
- 3. Not absent anywhere**
- 4. Not more in one place**
- 5. Universe does not exhaust Him**

“God, also, as the infinite Spirit, is present at every point of space as a totality.”

WGT Shedd

Jer 23:23-24 “Am I a God who is **near**,” declares the Lord, “And not a God **far off**? 24 “Can a man **hide** himself in **hiding places** So I do not see him?” declares the Lord. “Do I not **fill** the heavens and the earth?” declares the Lord.

Am 9:2 “Though they dig into Sheol, **From there** will My hand take them; And though they ascend to heaven, **From there** will I bring them down.

Act 17:27-28 that they would seek
God, if perhaps they might grope
for Him and find Him, though **He**
is not far from each one of us;
28 for in Him we live and move
and exist, as even some of your
own poets have said, ‘For we
also are His children.’

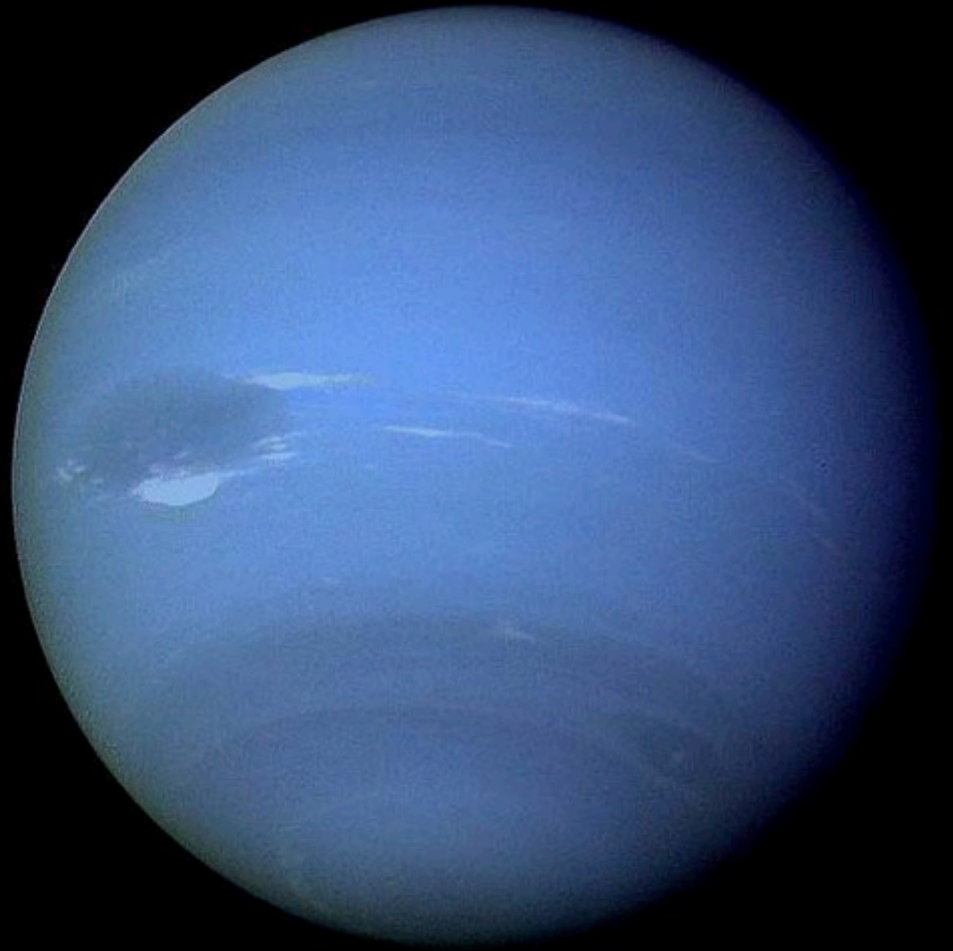
RELATED

- **Transcendence**
- **Immanence**
- **Immensity**



MANIFESTATION

1. Distinctions

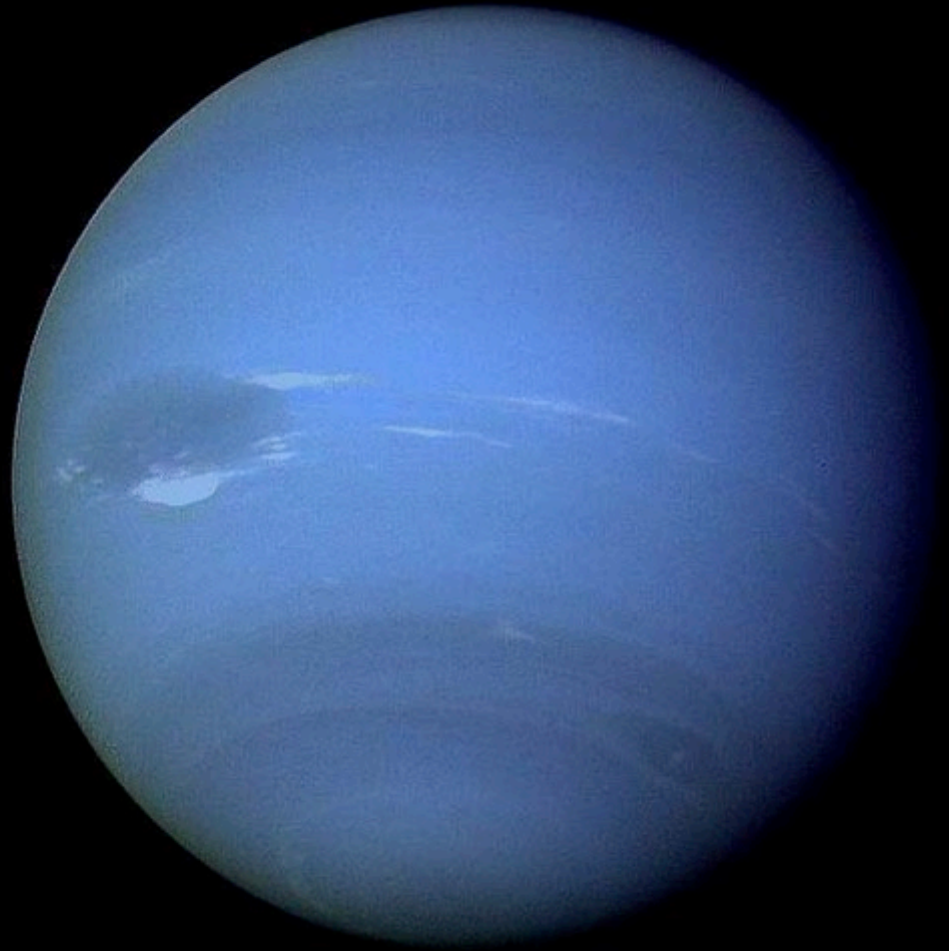


“God is in heaven, in regard of the manifestation of His glory; in hell by the expression of His justice; in earth, by the discoveries of His wisdom, power, patience, and compassion; in His people, by the monuments of His grace; and in all, in regard of His substance.”

Charnock

MANIFESTATION

- 1. Distinctions**
- 2. Descriptions**
 - a. Appearances**
 - b. Far & Near**
 - c. Presence**



**Isa 55:6 Seek the Lord while He
may be found; Call upon Him
while He is near.**

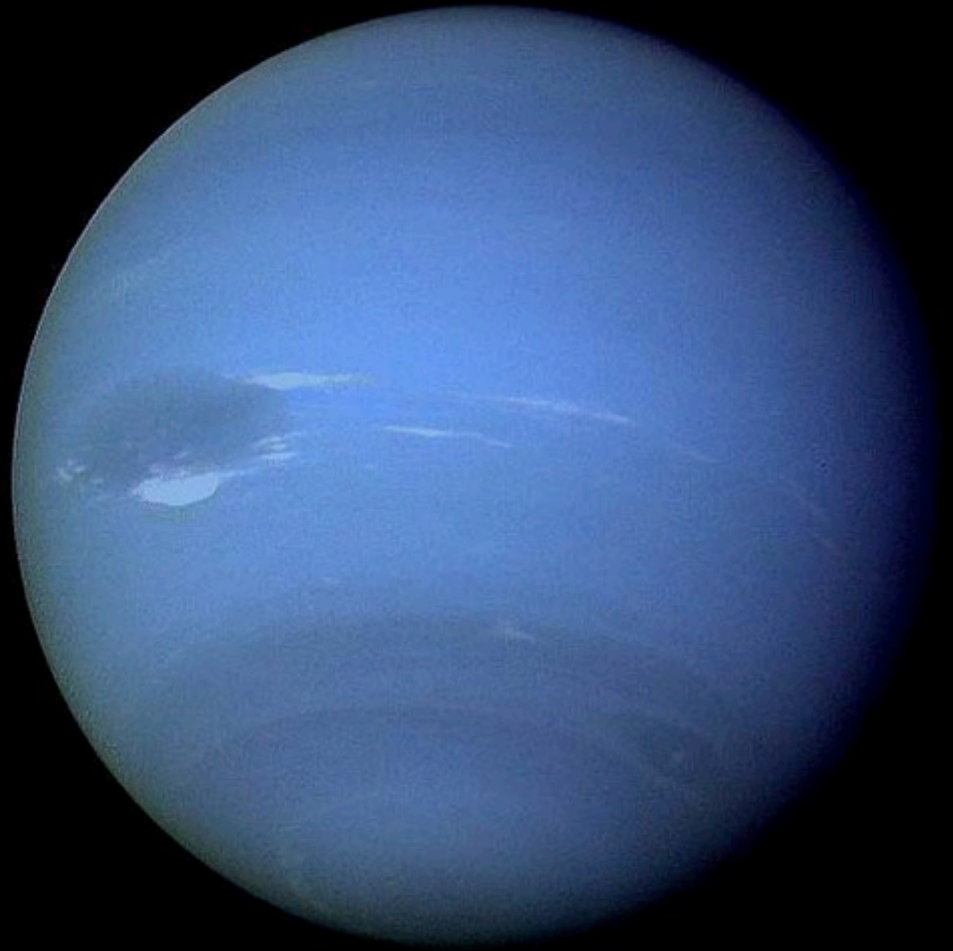
**Deut 31:6 “Be strong & courageous,
do not be afraid or tremble at
them, for the Lord your God is
the one who goes with you. He
will not fail you or forsake you.”**

What separates God from man?

- Not space - omnipresent
- Relationship

MANIFESTATION

- 1. Distinctions**
- 2. Descriptions**
- 3. Sacred Space**
 - a. Heaven**

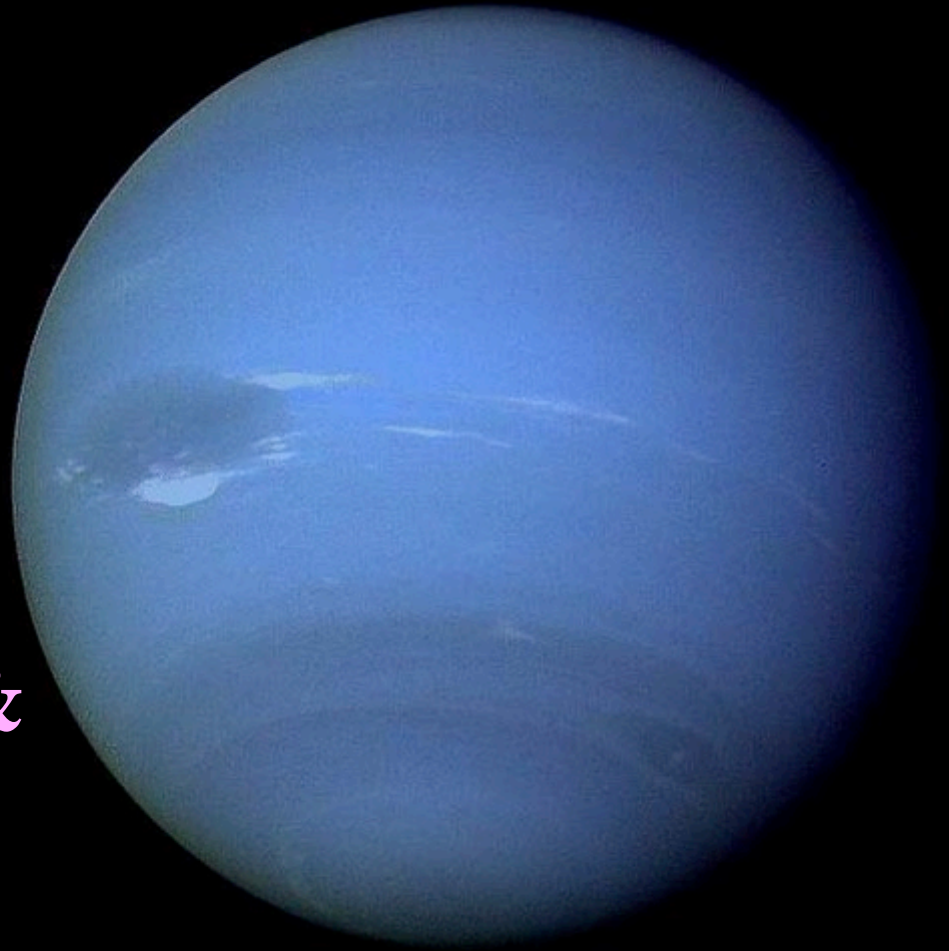


**Ps 123:1 ... To Thee I lift up my
eyes, O Thou who art
enthroned in the heavens!**

**Mt 6:9 “Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.**

MANIFESTATION

- 1. Distinctions**
- 2. Descriptions**
- 3. Sacred Space**
 - a. Heaven**
 - b. Garden**
 - c. Tabernacle & Temple**



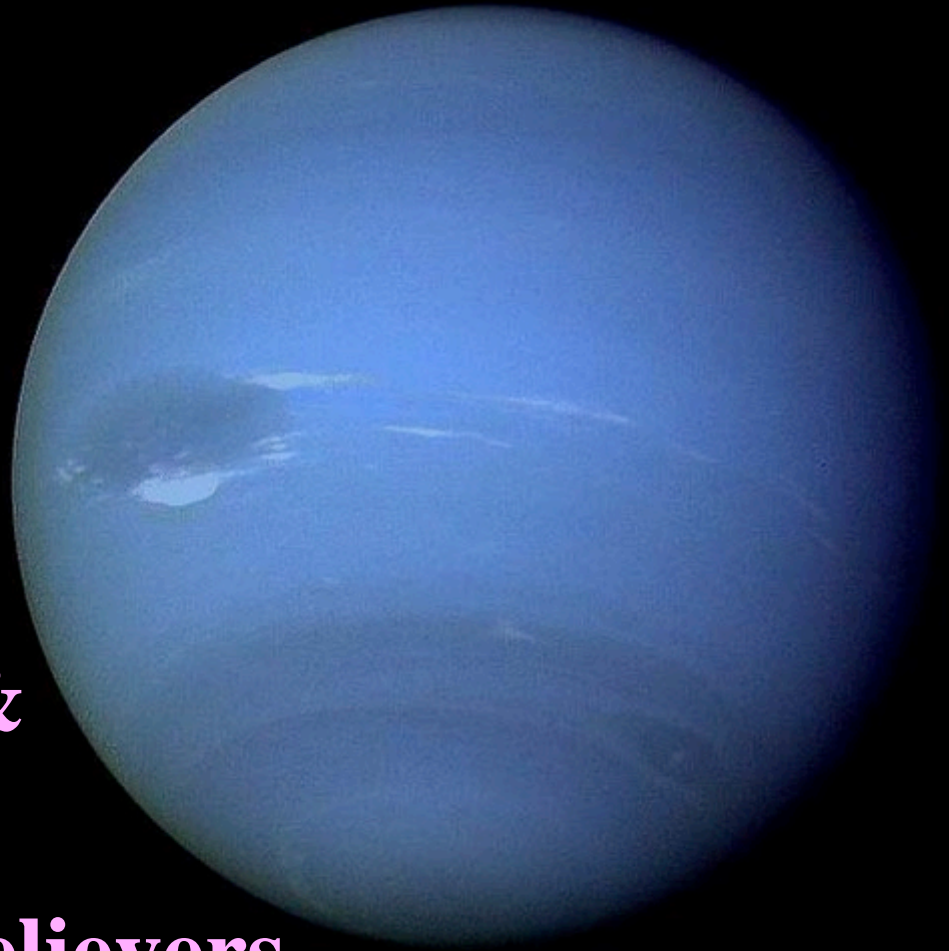
Ex 40:34-35 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the **glory** of the Lord **filled the tabernacle**. 35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the **glory** of the Lord **filled the tabernacle**.

2Ch 7:2 The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the **glory** of the Lord **filled the Lord's house**.

Ps 26:8 O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house & the place where Your glory dwells.

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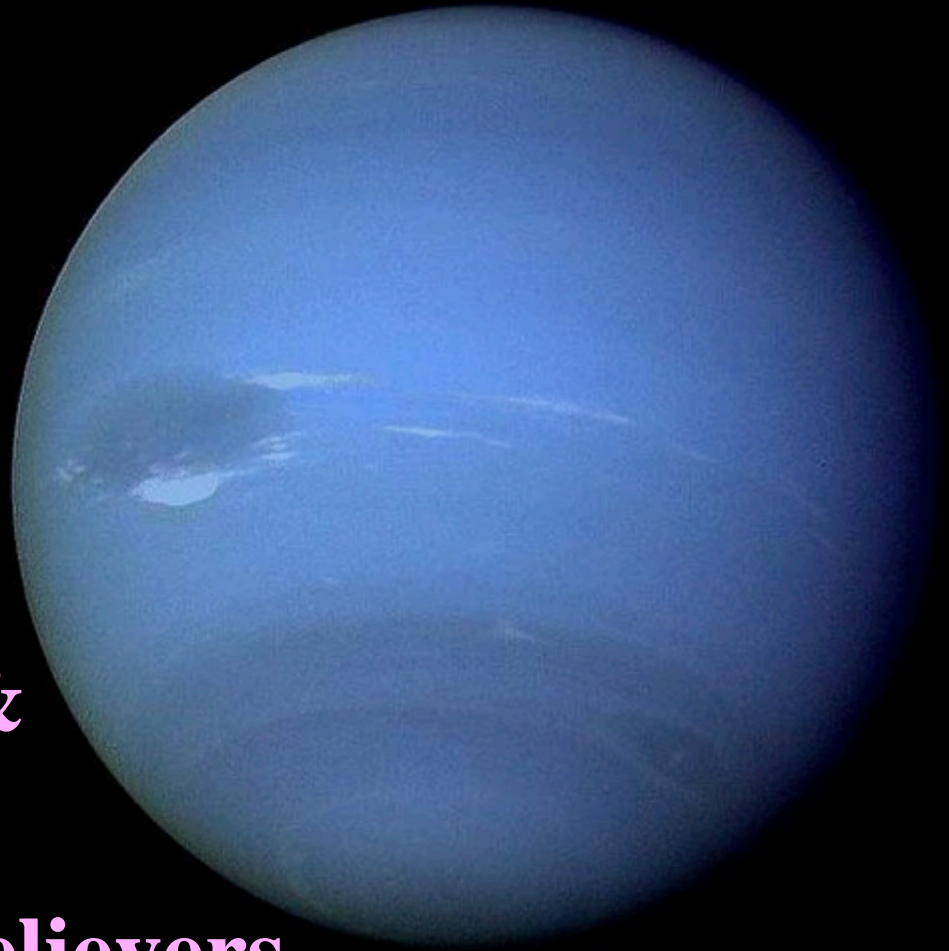


**1Cor 6:19 Or do you not know
that your body is a temple of
the Holy Spirit who is in you,
whom you have from God, and
that you are not your own?**

**Eph 2:22 in whom you also are
being built together into a
dwelling of God in the Spirit.**

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 - e. Millennium & Eternity**



Rev 21:22-23 I saw **no temple** in it,
for the Lord God the Almighty
and the Lamb are its **temple**.
23 And the city has no need of
the sun or of the moon to shine
on it, for the **glory of God** has
illuminated it, and its lamp is the
Lamb.

IMPLICATIONS

- 1. No escape for unbelievers**
- 2. No secret sins**
- 3. All protection**
- 4. Access to all resources**
- 5. Worship in all - reverence**

**We have the
Creator of
all things
with us at
all times!!**

