

# PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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## POINTS OF TRUTH ABOUT THE STARS ABOVE

### POINT OF TRUTH #1

God created the stars. Note: “*And **God** made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he **made the stars** also*” (Gen. 1:16; cf. Ps. 8:3).

### POINT OF TRUTH #2

Man cannot number the stars. Scripture records: “*And he [God] brought him [Abram] forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and **tell the stars, if thou be able to number them**: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be*” (Gen. 15:5).

### POINT OF TRUTH #3

The stars were given by God for markers. Note: “*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs**, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also*” (Gen. 1:14-16). Most know that for thousands of years some men have used the stars as navigational indicators (signs) to help them in their geographic travels.

### POINT OF TRUTH #4

Some of the stars form constellations. God noted through Isaiah: “*For the stars of heaven **and the constellations thereof** shall not give their light...*” (Isa. 13:10). A constellation is a group of stars that appear to form a pattern in the sky.

### POINT OF TRUTH #5

Astrology is a sin! Astrology is, “*a pseudoscience dealing with the **supposed** influence of the heavenly bodies on human character and destiny. Astrological conclusions are based on the apparent movement of the sun and planets through the zodiac (an arbitrary division of the celestial sphere into 12 segments identified with 12 major constellations). As the sun travels in its path, called the ecliptic, it cuts across the zodiac at various points. The movement of the sun and the planets in relation to the zodiac provides astrologers with patterns... from which their interpretative schemes are drawn. The 12 segments of the zodiac are called houses. Constellations associated with the houses are called signs. One’s date of birth determines the sign under which one is born. Using a rather elaborate procedure, an astrologer attempts to draw up a celestial map or horoscope. Horoscopes are based on the supposed fact that persons born under a given sign have certain characteristics in common. Positions of the various planets with reference to the signs, or positions of the sun and moon with reference to one another, are regarded as pointing to favorable or unfavorable conditions*” (Tyndale’s Bible Dictionary).

Again, the Bible condemns astrology. Note the following scriptures: “*And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and **the stars**, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to **worship them, and serve them**, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven*” (Dt. 4:19). When one looks at the context of the passage, one learns that engaging in astrology makes one **corrupt** in God’s eyes (Dt. 4:16).

“*If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought **wickedness** in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, **or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded**; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such **abomination** is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die*” (Dt. 17:2-5). Exalting the stars is wicked and abominable!

“*Daniel answered..., the secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, **the astrologers**, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king...*” (Dan. 2:27). Daniel mocked the folly of astrology and astrologers (Eph. 5:17).

“*Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the **astrologers**, the **stargazers**, the **monthly prognosticators**, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, **they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them**; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it*” (Isa. 47:12-14). Astrologers don’t exactly please God, do they?