

*This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1: 5-7, NASB)*

## **Holes, Black and White**

In 1979, Walt Disney Productions released a film titled, *The Black Hole*, billed as Disney's first attempt at serious (adult) science fiction. Although it was nominated for two Academy Awards (for cinematography and visual effects) and had a fairly decent cast, I was not terribly impressed with it. But it did manage to open up the mysterious astronomical phenomenon to greater public notice and discussion even before observational evidence confirmed the idea that such holes exist.

What on Earth – pardon the irony – has this to do with the Gospel? Keep reading.

In 1997, Charles Capps published a book entitled, *End Time Events*. In this, Capps depicted a triangle or funnel to describe the speed at which things will happen in the End Times, especially as we get closer to the point of Jesus' return. Whether Capps realized it or not, the depiction more accurately fits that of a black hole. This an object in space created from the collapse of supergiant stars that leads to a point known as the "singularity" – thought to be infinitely tiny, yet infinitely dense, and possessed of so strong a gravitational field that not even light can escape its pull.

It is speculated that were you to fall into a black hole, you would notice no changes to yourself, but everything around you would appear to compress and "blueshift" (their appearance would get shorter as it moves toward the blue/violet or short wavelength end of the electromagnetic spectrum) before disappearing entirely from visibility as you approach the *event horizon*, or you might say the point of no return. If you were carrying a clock on the journey, time itself would appear to speed up in this process. To the point of view of an observer at a safe distance outside the hole watching you go in, the reverse happens; you would appear to "redshift" (move toward the red, long wavelength end of the spectrum) and actually elongate as you approached the event horizon before you likewise disappeared from view, time on the clock you carried slowing down all the while. In either case, the end result is the same; physically, you would die as your body is contorted by the intense gravitational pull, long before you even reached the event horizon. Curiously, the late Dr. Stephen Hawking theorized that you would be transformed; your body might be physically annihilated, but what remains would be very long wavelength energy (known now as Hawking Radiation) and you would emerge from the hole in that state. It should be noted, however, that at the center of many galaxies are theorized to be what are described as *supermassive black holes*, formed from the largest of stars found only at the center of those galaxies, where the gravitational forces are thought to be weaker – perhaps even survivable by a person falling in.

God's desire, however, is for life and not death (Ezekiel 33:11). Capps' triangle analogy suggests something different from what we understand about a black hole. Instead of something where gravity

pulls physical objects toward the singularity point past the event horizon, spiritually we are dealing with what I shall call a *white hole*; a kind of opposite of a black hole (An *anti*-black hole, perhaps?) where all things are being pulled toward a different kind of singularity. That point is the conclusion of the End Times, where Jesus returns for a reign on Earth of 1,000 years. Many believers think the high point of their walk with Jesus will be when believers are removed from the Earth to the safety of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb described in Chapter 19 of the Book of Revelation. This removal – sometimes referred to as a “catching away” or, more popularly, the “rapture of the Church” – is not the end of the End Times. This begins the “terminal countdown,” if you will; a seven-year period which for those on the Earth is known as the Great Tribulation, when the antichrist rules and the judgments of God are poured out on he, satan and those who not rejected Jesus’ offer of Salvation through His sacrifice, but accepted the rule of antichrist by taking his mark. As we approach this catching away, Capps describes time acceleration and compression much like (yet on a perceivable level) what one would see in a black hole, a kind of spiritual “blueshift” that is in reality a protective measure for the sake of believers as we approach this millennial singularity. Jesus Himself spoke of this in Matthew 24: 21 and 22 (also found in Mark 13: 19 and 20):

*For at that time there will be great tribulation, unmatched from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again. If those days had not been cut short, nobody would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short.*

(New Living Translation)

In other words, this white hole is set in the midst of growing and expanding spiritual darkness, just as a black hole is in the midst of a collection of light that surrounds it, for its gravity is so powerful it even pulls light towards it. The difference is that light *repels* darkness; the two cannot exist in the same space.

This brings us to the next point regarding the white hole; we are already past its “point of no return.” The hole itself broke into our physical world from the spiritual world at Jesus’ death on the cross. The Apostle Matthew records that at that moment there was an earthquake, tombs of righteous people broke open and – perhaps most important – the curtain that separated the holy place from the most holy place in the Temple (where the Ark of the Covenant resided) tore in two. Most people interpret this to mean the way to God was now open because of Jesus’ sacrifice; this is true, but there’s more to it than that. By doing this, God began the process of drawing all people back to Himself through the sacrifice of His Son. This *established* the white hole, but it is not the event horizon. That point was reached with the birth of the modern state of Israel in 1948, and the return of the Jewish people to their homeland. That action set into motion a chain of events, the outcome for which is certain and unavoidable. While God can and will control the *timing* of their fulfillment to being more souls into the safety of His Kingdom and its millennial singularity, that fulfillment as shown to His prophets will come. It cannot be stopped and, while all things are possible with God, turning back now “just ain’t gonna happen.”

So, if we’re already past the event horizon, what can we do? Apparently, a great deal. In his Triangle of the End analogy, Capps notes that at the beginning of the inverted triangle, its widest part, it

was possible to stay in the light yet not be as close to God as we could be. This might explain some past thoughts and practices of believers (particularly those in what is known as the “Middle Ages”) that have been long since repudiated and discarded. For example, remember from your history the concept of the “divine right of kings;” once the norm throughout the world, even modern day royalty would laugh at it now. As time goes on and the triangle narrows, it becomes possible to go from the light to the outer darkness simply by *doing nothing at all*.

If we think of this as a white hole, remember that light dispels darkness; it pushes it out. As we approach the singularity, the light gets more narrow and focused, yet brighter; kind of like going from a field at a sports stadium lit by floodlights to the area of light generated by a powerful tactical flashlight. A better example, perhaps, might be a spotlight shining on a stage in a theater that can go from lighting the entire stage to narrowing to a small area on that stage. The point is the same – if you don’t move, eventually you end up in the dark. In order to stay in the illuminated area where it is safe, you must get closer to the light. However, this takes deliberate, conscious actions of your free will that at first may seem counter-intuitive. As if, being caught in a Category 5 hurricane, one can only find safety by trying to stay in the eye of the storm (the calm part) until it weakens and dissipates.

So believers must stay as close to the center of the spiritual vortex, or getting as close to God as possible, in order to stay safely in the central channel of the white hole that leads to the millennial singularity. I should note that while not doing this may not necessarily disqualify you for Salvation, it can lead to the loss of rewards for service to the Kingdom of God. (I know that there is debate on this point, but that is for another time.) This means that we must jettison, abandon or otherwise let go of ideas, beliefs or material things that anchor us to our position while the vortex narrows so that we are not left behind. The more things of this world you let go of, the more you stay in the center of the hole and the safer you are, spiritually. Some people learn this concept immediately, while others take longer for it to register – which may be one reason why God can delay the fulfillment of the prophecies of the End Times in order for believers to get closer to Him and unbelievers to become believers. We are, however, past the event horizon, and we will reach the singularity, the end of all pre-millennial reign history.

By the way, regarding a return from the hole, we are changed at the point of the terminal countdown, whether alive or dead, just more complex than as mere long-wavelength energy. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52): *Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.* The “last trumpet” reference is the moment of the Catching Away or Rapture. Earlier in that same chapter of the letter, Paul elaborates on how our bodies will be changed, that they will be made glorified as the body of the Lord Jesus now is glorified after His Resurrection. So while mere energy has no consciousness, awareness or form of any kind, the glorified body awaiting believers at the last trumpet are our own bodies made so by God enabling us to live forever with Jesus and reign with Him on Earth.

Science and faith are presently thought of as two different things that are incompatible with one another. Yet I am frequently reminded of the late Rev. Billy Graham’s statement: *The truth God teaches*

*us through His Word will never contradict the truth He teaches us through His world. Or His universe.* Regardless of whether you think of the End Times as a triangle, a funnel or a white hole, the result is the same; Jesus is returning. We need to get into His Kingdom by accepting His sacrifice as the payment for our sins and, if we have already done this then we need to be about His work, getting as close to Him as we can.

For the Glory of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit  
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