

Eternal Light and Blazing Fireⁱ

1. It is God, I AM , who is sovereign over all, Let earth respond, each coast and isle and every point of land be glad.
2. Deep clouds of darkness ever guard the Lord, and justice is the seat of everlasting power.
3. Fire is the pathway into God, and fire leads out and burns along the endless way. Nothing can withstand its flame,
4. When light eternal comes flashing forth. For in that burning blaze earth trembles first and evil flees in fear.
5. The solid mountains that formed the earth melt down like wax before the imprint of the Lord.
6. Your justice fills the heavens with light, your brilliance spreads across the skies.
7. Let all the lesser gods and every evil thought and deed and those who boast in these be shamed by beauty's light,
8. Let everyone in every land from Zion to the ends of earth see what your justice truly is, and fall before you worshipping in joy.
9. For your transcendence reigns and rules in all true-hearted ones, and you exist above all gods of earth and sky.
10. Your love abounds for those resisting wickedness. You guard their souls and set them free to live as holy ones.
 11. Your light exists as standard now, the heart's true north, and gladness fills both heaven and earth,
 12. And gives them songs to sing in praise of one whose name we offer up with gratefulness.

ⁱ NOTE:

Out of this form of seeing, the divine sovereignty and justice emerge as twin concepts based upon divine transcendence. Because God is transcendent the concept of sovereignty is possible. Sovereignty means that

existence “lives” inside of the divine Reality and plan, and not outside or exterior to it. If sovereignty is possible to imagine, then justice as a norm is also possible. These concepts seem to emerge together in human vision.

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