



# Dekle Dispatch

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## What is God doing now?

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The longer we live the more we have to be thankful for when we are walking with the Lord. Recently, while preparing a message for the Christmas season I began with the title, The Message of the Star. I don't think I ever started with a title before but this was inspired by a CEF lesson we taught. In that lesson the question was asked, if a star was missing or added would you know it? I would not but the wisemen of Matt. 2 did. That led me to ask, how many stars are there? One estimate that I found stated, conservatively speaking, there are 1 septillion stars. I have a hard time understanding the number "million". I know there are a lot of billionaires around but not in my circle of friends. The national debt now is in the trillions. A trillion is 1 with 12 zeros. Then the numbers go to quadrillion, Quin million, sextillion, & septillion. A septillion is 1 with 24 zeros. Why do I say all of that? Last week the SS lesson I taught was on how God spoke all of creation into being. He made all these stars. Ps. 147:4 says, "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name".

What a magnificent, marvelous God we have with limitless power. Is there anything we face that our almighty God is not able to handle for us. A wonderful concept to contemplate.

We plan to enjoy the Christmas season here at home with Tim and Mari. My sister Alice will join us from the Detroit area. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around here. The house is decorated inside and out. We've been watching Christmas movies and listening to Christmas music. A few more gifts need to be made but most are done. We plan for a restful pleasant holiday season. I trust you and your family will likewise have a wonderful Christmas season as you reflect on the reason for the season. Let's not get so caught up in the rush of tinsel and gifts we miss the original gift of salvation through the coming of Jesus for our salvation.

*The Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.  
1 John 4:14  
Salvation is by grace alone,  
through faith alone,  
in Christ alone,  
for the glory of God alone!*

John 3:16  
For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only  
begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish, but have  
everlasting life.

