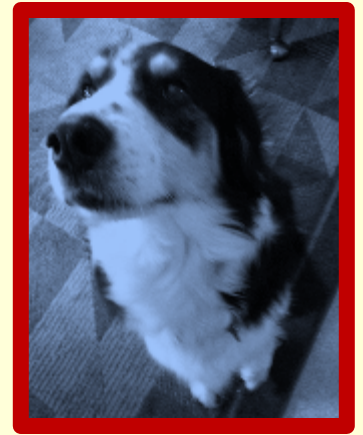


CLANCY'S CLICHES

An amazing event is taking place on the 21st of this month. A total solar eclipse will occur over a huge swath of the United States. Now, if the moon or the sun were just a few inches larger or smaller, this spectacular occurrence would never take place and we would never see the corona of the sun spreading far beyond the little circle of sun we typically see. Amazing! And things will get really weird and eerie - birds will stop singing, crickets start chirping, animals think it's time to turn in.



Like the solar eclipse where the moon simply blocks the light of the sun, a swath of darkness might at times cover parts of our lives, or someone or something might get in the way of "the light at the end of the tunnel." Weird and eerie things happen in life. But there is always light somewhere. Even if a temporary cloud blocks the sun's rays or it is nighttime, light is still there behind the cloud or shining someplace else in the world.

And it works both ways. If someone else is experiencing a dark, inner eclipse, we all are born to illuminate love and care for others. Like the solar corona, the glow of our illumination goes beyond what can be seen yet can always be felt.

It's so important for each of us to keep shining our own unique and brilliant light. How wonderful it would be if everyone's radiant light of love shone at top speed. Go forth and let your light shine.

P.S. A few of the songs that popped into my head while penning this piece: I Can See Clearly Now by Johnny Nash; Shining Star by Earth, Wind & Fire; This Little Light of Mine.



Clancy's Cackles

Q: Why did the sun go to school? **A: To get a little brighter!**

Q: What kind of music do planets sing? **A: Neptunes!**

Q: Why does a moon rock taste better than an earth rock?

A: Because it's a little meteor!

