

"Let there be light" – A Modern Update



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Management of visible and "near visible light" is an under-appreciated therapeutic opportunity & responsibility of all optometrists.

We explore the characteristics of visible, UV and IR invisible light in optometry, and how we can protect and enhance human potential.

LIGHT WARRIOR PREMISE

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OUTLINE

HOUR 1

- Basic Photometric Science & Terminology of Light
 - CIE coordinates, Illuminance, color temperature, color rendering index etc.
 - Modern lighting revolution
 - Tungsten – Halogen – Fluorescent – LED transformation / revolution
 - Purchasing a Spectroradiometer
 - Describe the Visible Electromagnetic Spectrum
 - Invisible ultraviolet spectrum – health benefits
 - Invisible infrared spectrum – health benefits
 - Natural vs. Artificial Light
 - Blue Light Hazard
 - Dermal UV hazard
 - Myopia benefit
 - Misbalancing the Visible Electromagnetic Spectrum
 - Disruption of our natural Circadian Rhythms
 - Blue LED Digital Visual Device Overload
 - Selecting Light Bulbs for different tasks

HOUR 2

- Visible Colors and Health
 - Babbitt – Dinhshah (12 Color Spectro-Chrome / SC) Color Wheel – Ott – Kruse
 - Current applications
 - White and blue light for SAD / Circadian Rhythm enhancement
 - Blue light for neonatal jaundice and bilirubin reduction,
 - photo- biomodulation 660 nm + near IR for efficient wound healing
 - College of Syntonic Optometry
- Therapeutic Filters
 - Congenital Color Deficiency
 - Blue light protection for AMD
 - Migraine and Epilepsy initiation and progression
 - TBI

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POLL 1

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**BUYING LIGHT BULBS
IS NO LONGER EASY EVEN FOR AN OPTOMETRIST**

<https://www.10thhardware.com/understanding-different-types-light-bulb-choices/>

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The Humble 100 Watt Incandescent Light Bulb

- Banned in Europe in 2009
- Banned globally in 2014
- 97 % Heat / 3 % Light / Non-toxic
- Short Life Span / Full Output
- Charming / Sleep Inducing Light
- Hospitable / "Flattering Light"

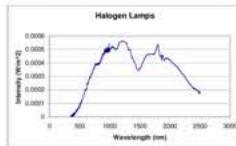


40 % of sunlight is red / IR

Popular Mechanics, Philips Soft White

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Halogen (*more quality light with less waste)
"The Healthiest Electric Source for Everyday Use"



- A halogen filled incandescent
- Longer 4000 hrs. of light / less thermal waste
- More electronics & direct current dimming
- Best solar imitation commercially available
- Could be banned in the future.

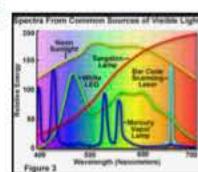


Portable Spectroradiometers

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Figure 2
MC1518 measurement of the
illuminance spectrum, color, and
color rendering in the lighting
industry.



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POLL 2
Are these GE light bulbs better or desirable ?



"Energetic Daylight for Playrooms, Home
Office & Laundry Rooms"



"Soft White Light for Bedrooms, Family Rooms,
Dining Rooms & Entryways"

Basic Photometric Science & Terminology of Light

Fundamentals of light and color

How the human eye responds to light

How to capture and quantify meaningful qualities of light and color using image-based photometric measurement systems

The components of a successful light measurement system

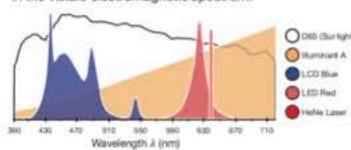
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Where is the spectrophotometric curve ?

Spectral Power Distribution

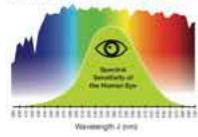
Every light source is defined by its unique **spectral power distribution (SPD)**, which is the radiant power (Watts) emitted by the light source at each wavelength in the visible electromagnetic spectrum.



RADIANT
VISION SYSTEMS

Human Photopic Response

The human eye is not equally sensitive to wavelengths of light. The spectral sensitivity of the human photopic response is given by the CIE 1931 luminosity function for a standard observer. The eye is most sensitive to light in the green region, peaking at around 550 nanometers. Thus, green wavelengths are typically brighter to the eye.



THE LANGUAGE OF LIGHT

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As a light source's color temperature increases, less light is required to achieve comparable brightness i.e. LED vs Tungsten

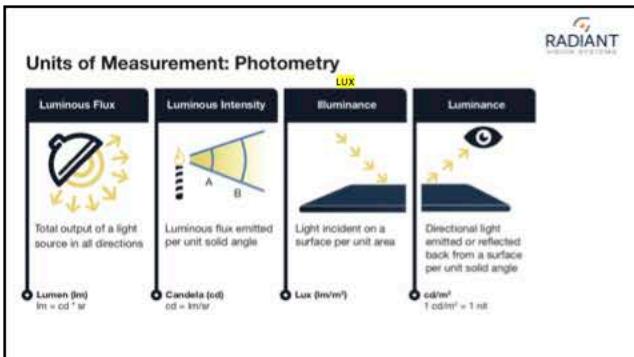


Photometry for Biologists

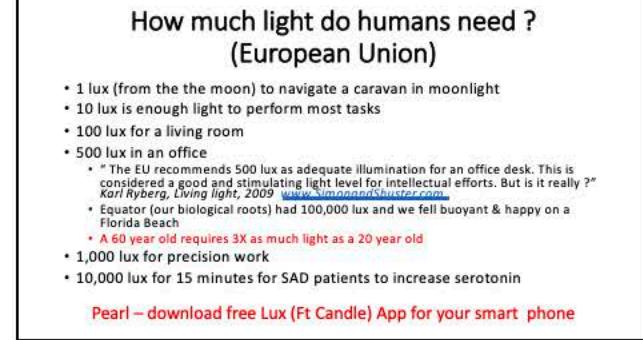
Luminance (candela per meter squared)

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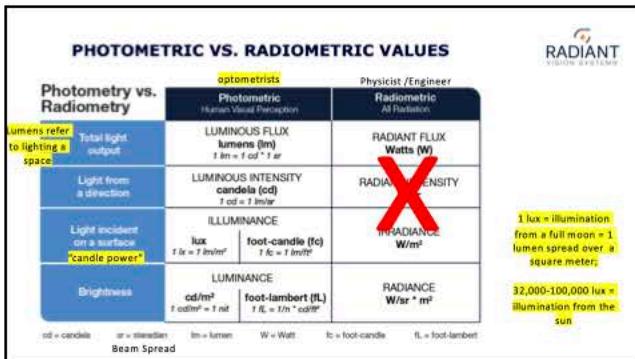
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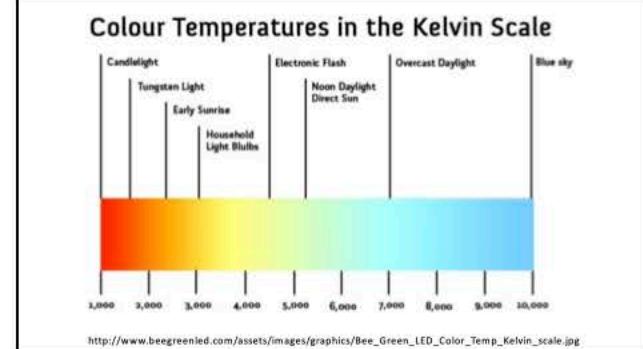
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Color Rendering Index (CRI)

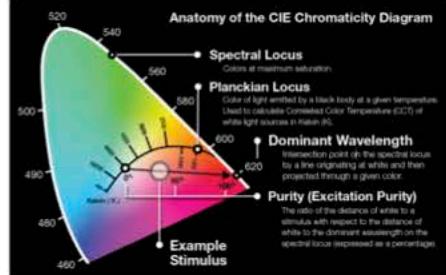
= precision, exactness & beauty of colors

- Crucial to Photographers, Art Restorers and Art Historians
- North facing windows best for painters (daylight) or Skylights
- How well does an artificial light source render color ?
 - 100 (SUN) is perfect,
 - Halogen - excellent
 - 90 fair (LED),
 - 80 poor (fluorescent).



International Color Code

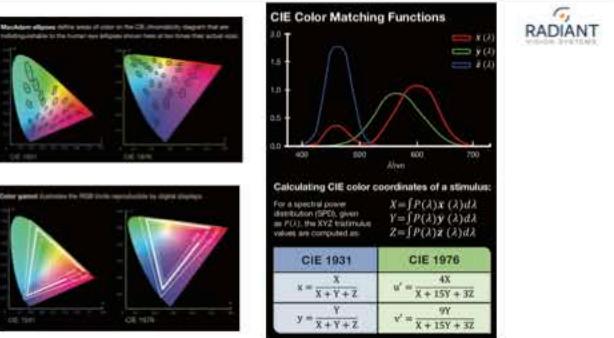
ANATOMY OF THE CIE CHROMATICITY DIAGRAM



DESCRIBING COLOR SCIENTIFICALLY
DEPENDS ON LIGHT SOURCE
3 attributes
1. Wavelength
2. Saturation (hue)
3. Intensity

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PEARL ---Address the entire Visible & Invisible Electromagnetic Spectrum

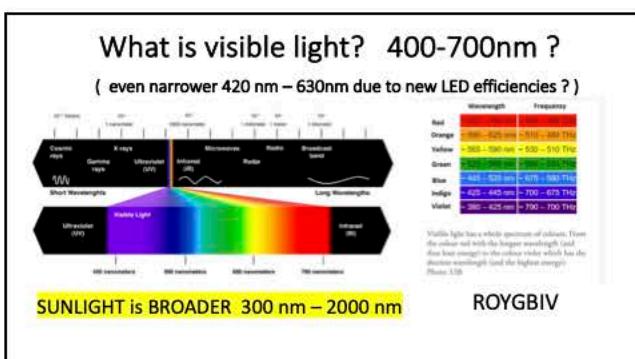
Early morning / Early afternoon light – UV / BLUE

Afternoon 10 AM – 4 PM outdoors desirable exposure window and 15 + minutes at lunch time counts ! – Cortisol

Late afternoon Red / Near IR & Blue Block

10:30 PM – 6:30 AM quiet / Dark Sleep Environment (melatonin)

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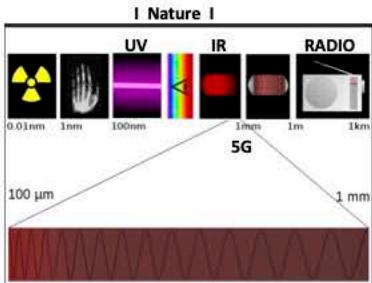
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"All Light" photo-bio-modulates biological tissue !

- UV B (vitamin D) & UV in general is high energy, activating & germicidal as well as energy from mitochondrial activation
- All visible wavelengths
 - Blue / green does have a biologic effect but don't penetrate body deeply
 - Does penetrate the eyes and skin capillaries
 - Retina allows all visible light + IR to penetrate red blood cells (RBCs) every 2 hours
- **Red and IR = 40 % of sunlight---NOT IN MOST LED BULBS**
 - Near IR 700 -1500 nm penetrates deeply
 - Energy for mitochondrial activation and movement of bodily fluids
 - Anti-inflammatory
 - Far IR heat lamps / saunas emit 1500nm – 3000nm & penetrate deep w/ heat
 - 10% is near IR is available
 - Healing, metabolic effect, activate heat shock proteins

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Overview and position of 5G (millimeter waves)



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Ultraviolet Light (320 nm – 420 nm) Photochemically Active & Catalytic

- Creates oxidative damage, DNA skin damage, mitochondria damage and is germicidal to pathogens
 - The high energy part of the electromagnetic spectrum is more biochemically active, posing a danger to biological tissue based upon wavelength, dose and duration of exposure.
 - Associated with suntans and fading of pigments and dyes
- UV A**
 - White Light and especially Blue Light Improves Seasonal Effective Disorder (SAD)
 - Typically 7 % of light is near UV A
 - Increases Cortisol / Decreases Melatonin
 - Females affected more than males
- Philips 'blue touch' helps lower back pain
- Likely helps prevent Myopia ?
 - UV also activates cytochrome C (ATP production)
- UV B exposure increases Vitamin D production**
 - Narrow Band UV B (311nm-312nm) for eczema, psoriasis, vitiligo, T cell lymphoma w/o psoralens (typically used with UV A)
- UV C decontaminates & disinfects air water & blood (Drs Milov & Knott 1930s 1940s)**

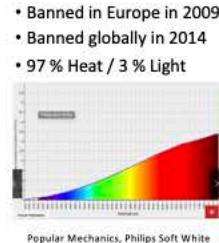
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IR radiation – Is not merely “Thermal Waste” & Heat - but primes cells for repair & regeneration

- * **Near IR A (hidden – can't see or feel it) – 700 nm - 1,500 nm**
 - Optical Tissue Window of 600 nm-1400 nm passes thru clothing
 - Sunlight, Incandescent Bulbs and IR security lights
 - Red / IR photo - biomodulation w 25 mw/cm² "goldilocks dose"
 - No absorption by H2O molecules but effects non-thermal "exclusion zone"**
 - Penetrates deeply (inches+) into large tissue volume
 - Not heating the tissue but activating 'chromophores' in mitochondria (including thrombocytes)
 - Cytochrome C Oxidase- make 85 kg ATP in 24 hrs !
 - Need ATP for metabolism / heat body / protein synthesis / ion channels / motility / wound healing etc
 - Increases NO, lowers blood pressure
 - Priming cells for Repair & Rejuvenation; Anti – Aging part of the light spectrum
- Mid IR B – 1,500 nm – 2,000 nm - Saunas
 - Partial H2O absorption. **Warm**
- Mid IR C – 2,000 nm – 3,000 nm – “Far IR Saunas”
 - Full H2O absorption. **Warm**
 - Feel Heat – like water on the top of a lake

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The Humble 100 Watt Incandescent Light Bulb is healthy !



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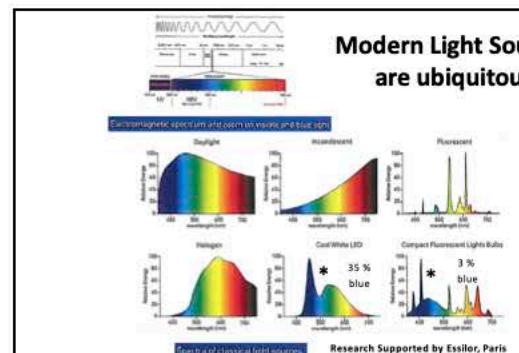
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Ask about Type, Lux & Color Temperature

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Modern Light Sources are ubiquitous



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Portable Spectroradiometers

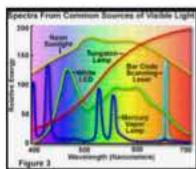
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MSCTE for measurement of the illuminance, spectrum, color, and color rendering in the lighting industry

Stellar-RAD
Handheld Spectroradiometer

Figure 2: Spectra From Common Sources of Visible Light



Wavelength (Nanometers)

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One of the world's top photo-biologists has been trying to warn the public for years about the dangers of the government-mandated phasing out of incandescent lighting.



www.returntonow.net

35 % Blue & minimal red / IR



Alexander Wunsch, MD

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Natural vs "Artificial Light"

Poll 3

- Modern Humans are not getting enough
 - Shift to Urban areas
 - Modern 24/7 indoor "technocracies"
 - In China 72 Hour Work Week (9AM to 9PM x 6 days) with air pollution cutting light in cities

Shift to aggressive blue dominant light sources that are inferior

- Disrupt circadian rhythms when used incorrectly
- Promote biological stress from high energy free radicals
- Lack the rejuvenation / repair spectrum of red / IR



Worse for people of color living in northern latitudes

- Uniform Public Health UV (sunlight) avoidance recommendations rather than ethnicity and skin based pigment density recommendations (Fitzpatrick scale)

What is light ? – Is it only what we perceive in the new 420-630 nm Blue LEDs ?

- Or is it the broader natural range of 300 nm to 2000 nm ?
- Since 1930s – View that only visible portion makes a difference, & energy efficiency crucial ?

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GENERAL ELECTRIC



- 1879 Thomas Edison invents the tungsten light bulb
- 1892 General Electric Co. formed and machine molding replaces glass blowing
- 1911 GE engineer- invents long lasting super bright tungsten filament
- 1935 GE bulbs used by Major League Baseball
- 1938 GE invents fluorescent bulb
- 1959 GE invents halogen bulb
- * 1962 GE invents energy efficient, long lasting, LED bulbs- 60 years ago ???
- 2001 GE invents Reveal * bulbs
- 2010 GE invents first internet equipped light bulb
- 2019 GE sells its lighting division, 2% of sales following boom – bust LED cycle

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In its presentation to investors Monday, GE said its future would focus on businesses with strong growth, predictability and cash generation. None of those apply to light bulbs.

CNNMoney (New York) First published November 13, 2017: 12:35 PM ET



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CNN BUSINESS. Markets Tech Media Success Perspectives Video

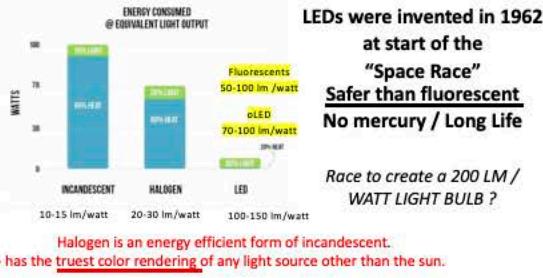
GE is breaking up with the light bulb most iconic accomplishment

by David Goldman (@DavidGoldmanCNN) November 14, 2017 6:34 AM ET

• VIDEO LINK !!!

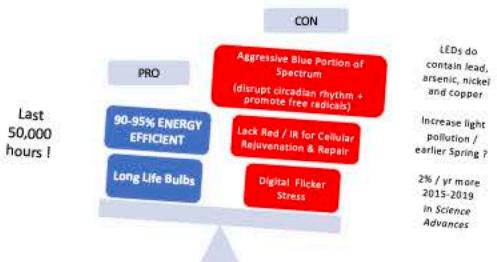
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Buying the best quality lighting you can afford?



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LED Photo-Biology suggests LED is "unbalanced light"

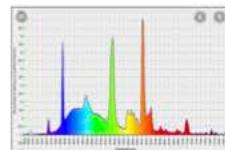


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Fluorescent Lights



- Hg & Argon gas sealed off with internally coated phosphor coating
- Older low frequency drivers are problematic
 - Mechanical flashing light is irritating to nerves and brain
- 10,000 hour life
- Poor color rendering
- Avoid in homes, better choices
- Induces biological stress per Dr Wunsch
- Compact fluorescents
 - Cracks in tubes allow escape of UV light
 - Recycling difficult



Attribution : Typical Fluorescent Spectrum - Popular Mechanics

CONTRADICTION

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTING COMMISSION:

- BLUISH LIGHT FROM FLUORESCENT TUBES IS GOOD FOR HEALTH ("LIGHTING & HEALTH")
- IMPROVES ALERTNESS AND CONCENTRATION
- REDUCES MISTAKES AND HUMAN MALFUNCTION
- HEALS JETLAG AND SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

SOME MEDICAL EXPERTS:

- FLUORESCENT BLUISH LIGHT CAN HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON HUMAN HEALTH
- RETINAL TOXICITY (AGE-REL. MACULAR DEGENERATION)
- HORMONAL TOXICITY (CD, CANCER, DIABETES ETC.)
- MERCURY RESONANCE TOXICITY

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Potential AMD BLUE LIGHT DAMAGE ISSUE

"Our observations of RPE disruption and AF photobleaching at light levels below the ANSI photochemical MPE (560 J/cm²) are alarming."

Poll 4

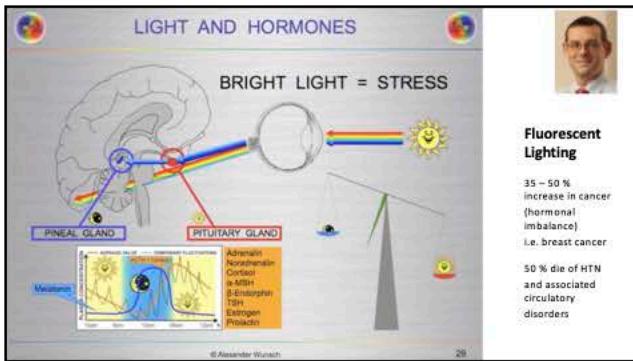
"RPE disruption occurs at light levels at or slightly below the MPE, which is alarming because the MPE is typically about 10 times below the damage threshold for small lesions and 2e3 times below for large lesions (American National Standards Institute, 2007)."

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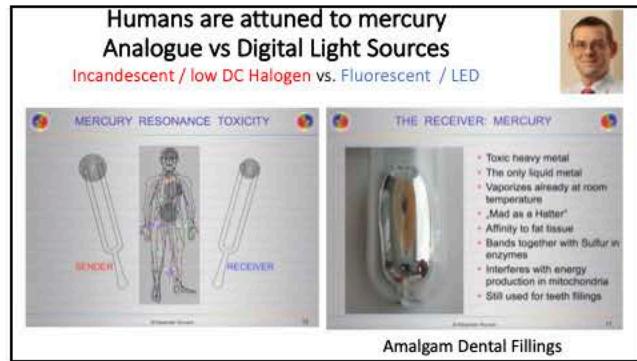
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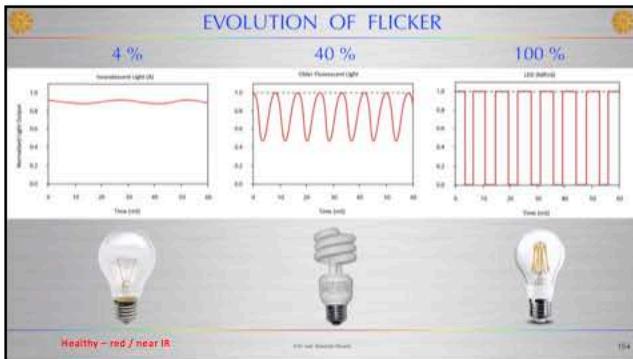
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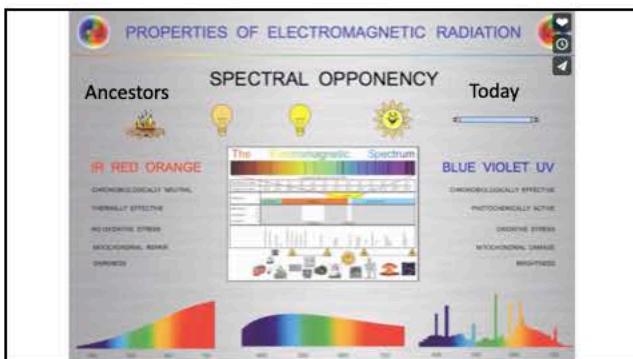
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A Physicist's DOSE is not a Biologist's DOSE

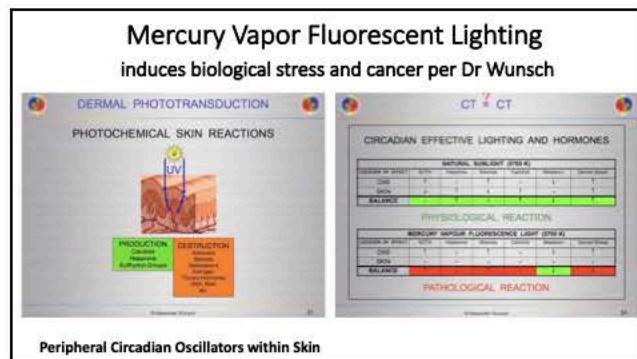
- In physical systems, no regeneration
- In biological systems, always a balance between damage and repair
- Short term effects may be different than long term effects



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Some Ott® Lights are fluorescent

The third one is of an OttLite® fluorescent which also claims to be full spectrum. Besides having areas of weak or missing energy, it also has (as all fluorescents do) lines of intense energy, so great that they cannot be adequately represented here. Typically, emission graphs of fluorescents are more or less "equalized" or leveled so the high-energy lines are not fully or fairly depicted, allowing a claim of "near to sunlight". Widely available "hi-tech" inexpensive, compact fluorescents emit a very similar spectrum. They use far less electricity per candlepower generated but in time the money saved may be an unwelcome tradeoff in health.



www.dinshahhealth.org

GE REVEAL® LED BULBS for Clarity ? Removing "dull" yellow rays, leaves pure light ?

The first spectrum was captured at noon in NJ on a sunny May day. It depicts a complete range of visible frequencies from red through violet, without of course the invisible infrared or ultraviolet.



The second spectrum is that of a non-dyed light bulb. Since human vision is designed to be more sensitive to yellow frequencies, by removing most of them it is recommended as a "more soothing" light. GE REVEAL® LED BULB has removed the "dull" yellow rays. Chromatovit® ads say it is "...closely mimicking Nature's Sunlight...". Compare the spectrum above with the one below, and judge for yourself whether this is true. GE REVEAL® LED BULB has removed the "dull yellow" (yellow-green) rays. Chromatovit® ads say it is "...closely mimicking Nature's Sunlight...".



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GE REVEAL® LED BULB, beautiful, natural light, with white and colors even more vivid. Our REVEAL® light is the only light where clarity, intensity, and color are all built in, and soft, and smooth, and bright & healthy.

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DHS Newsletters #26, 35, 36, 39, 41, 57

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optometrist take home message

*If your patient suffers from
migraines, vertigo or
chronic fatigue-avoid
fluorescent lighting*

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THE LED LIGHTING REVOLUTION

Personalized Lighting Technologies that support the Human Circadian Rhythm



Performance, color, and optics in perfect balance



Classic White™ Warm Glow™ Color Select™ Infinite Colors™ Shallow Fit™ Color Harmony™ Max Output™ Point Perfect™

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LED Color Changing Light Bulbs - consumer novelty



www.marcusredden.com

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"Dynamic Lighting"



What lighting is best?
Color Select™ technology gives
independant control over
color temperature and intensity using a variety of
standard control options.

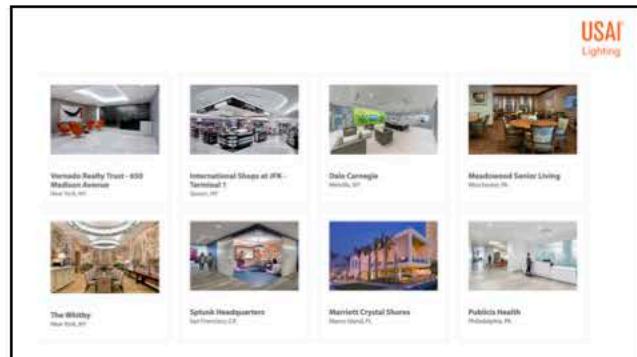
Tune 2200 K to 6000 K color temperature

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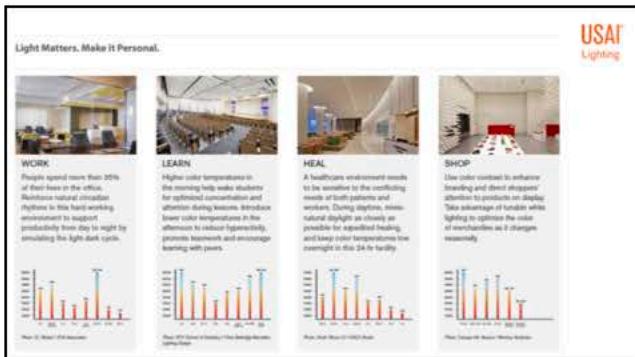
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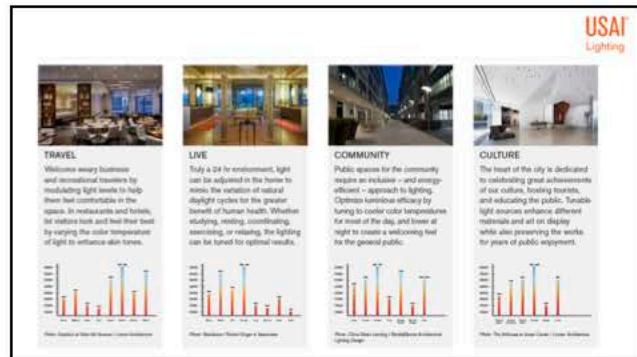
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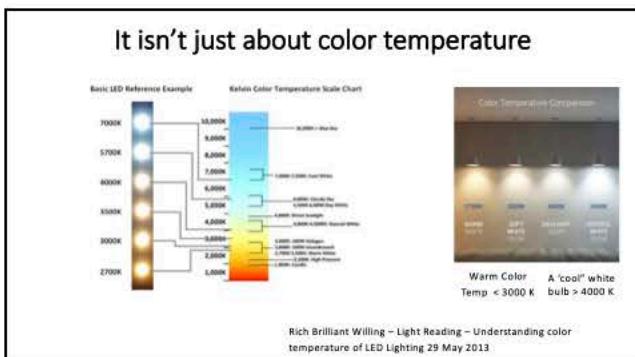
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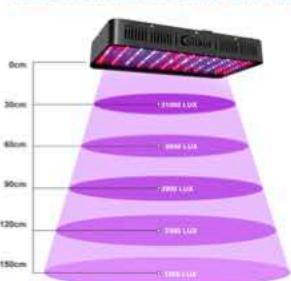
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Indoor Horticulture Revolution (PAR) (stimulating chlorophyll a, b)



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Giixer 1500W LED Grow Light LUX Value



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INDOOR INDUSTRIAL FOOD PRODUCTION
UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS

GROWING FOOD AT HOME



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