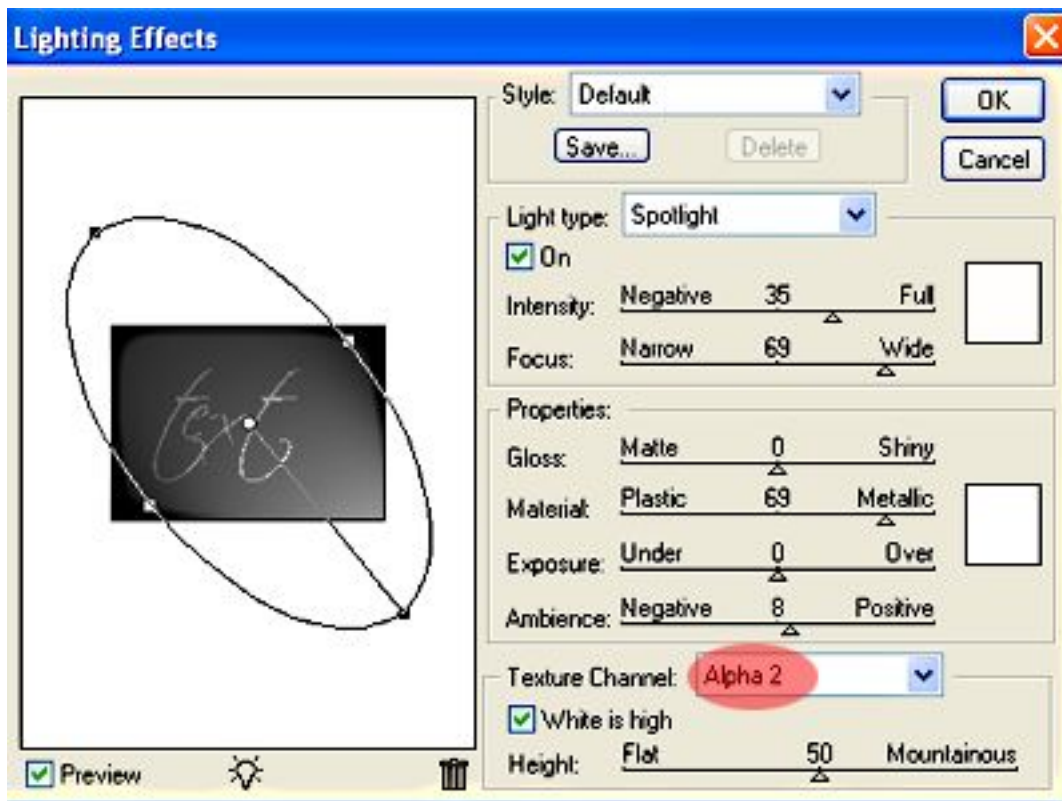


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- 1) Start with a new image, 800x600 in size and with a black background
- 2) Type in the your text you want, but make certain that it is in white
- 3) Ctrl click the layer with your text to have it selected (a.k.a marching ants)
- 4) Go to the channels palette and click the 2nd button (save selection as channel) and then click the button beside it (create new channel)
- 5) Now gaussian blur the selection by 10 pixels and then inverse the selection and hit delete
- 6) Return to the layers palette and de-select, then make the text layer active and apply a lighting effect similar to the image bellow

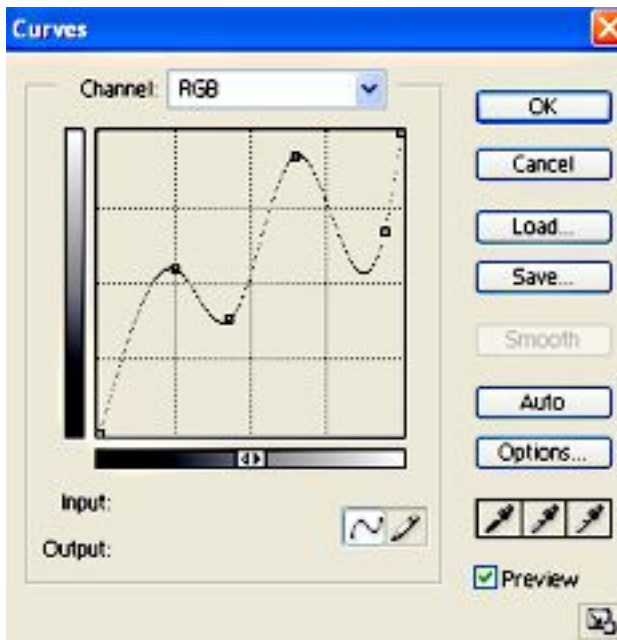


7) Now ctrl click the text layer, contract the selection by either 2 pixels or four (depending on the font)

8) Create a new layer and fill the selection with white, now hit the down arrow on the keyboard 4 times and hit delete

9) Go back to the text layer and apply a lighting effect with the same settings as before except change the texture channel to alpha 1

10) Next use curves (image>adjustments>curves) and use whatever looks good. Once again it depends on the font that was used!



That is it. Continue to read if you want an "enhancement to this effect

Now to add an extra something, duplicate your text layer twice. On the first one add a gaussian blur of about 2.4 pixels if you want you may also colorize it to make it look different

Without the “enhancement”



With the enhancement. You can also try different variations It may not be noticable in the image bellow, but when you try it out you will see that it does look different.

