

God's Heaven & Stars

Brief Intro

This is my very, very short study about some of God's wonders.

I have deliberately tried to cut out too many facts and figures, although I was tempted.

Ever since I was a young boy, (yes I was) I have never forgotten how excited I was to see a sky absolutely full, totally full of stars on a short holiday at a cousin's house, in the rural Cotswolds. No light pollution and biting clear skies, I was in awe!

Over the years I've undertaken some study into different aspects of Astrophysics and have a passion for the stars and the enormity of The Heavens.

To me one of the most incredible verses in the opening few pages of The Bible is ...

*In the beginning God said....
'Let There Be **Light**'
(Genesis 1:3)*



The Milky Way!

The Milky Way galaxy is spinning at around 490,000 miles per hour and at this incredible speed it takes the Sun in the order of 200 million years to complete one rotation and there are over one billion galaxies just like ours in the 'known' Universe.

Wow!

I think that to say that the Universe 'just happened' requires more faith than to believe that God is behind these truly amazing figures and wonders.

Question: Why did God create the Universe?

Answer: (Well and in my very humble opinion)

God is pure love and I think that this love is best expressed towards a person, an animal or something out there in God's nature or splendour. So (I believe) God created the world and people as an expression of His pure love.

Light - Is mentioned throughout The Bible on many, many occasions. Here are just a few examples that I've picked out, I'm sure that you can pick many, many more...

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. *Psalm 119:105.*

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not understood it. *Jn 1:5.*

Jesus said to the people 'I Am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. *John 8:12.*

Question: So what is God's **Light**?

Answer: Surely we can include the following, what do YOU think?

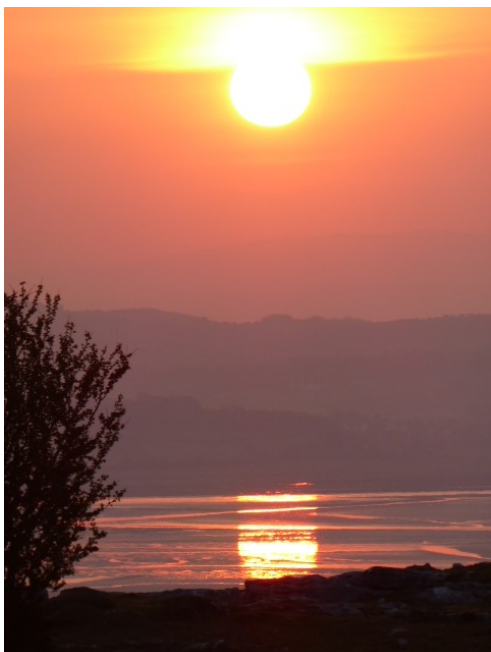
Life - Warmth, growth, our existence- God created everything that is good and to think that in the mind blowing vastness of The Universe He created you and me!
Order / Harmony - God created the earth in an orderly fashion (He did not make plants before light).

Knowledge (en**Light**enment), awareness and wonder.

Truth, but I think possibly above all

Love (and in these present times everyone is in need). God's light is with us always.

I sometimes need to realise that a lot more.



From Sunrise- like Easter Sunday (06:30hrs) last year up on Birkrigg -To Sunset!

But - After watching our Sunday service (3rd May'20) part of the Bible reading rang bells for me. I feel urged to include, just a small part of that reading and so here it is

Psalm 139:verse 12

To You the night shines bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to You.

I just need to tune into that light a lot more!

Speaking of tunes, I haven't included a song but if I had I would have this one right up there on my list, a beautiful gospel song.

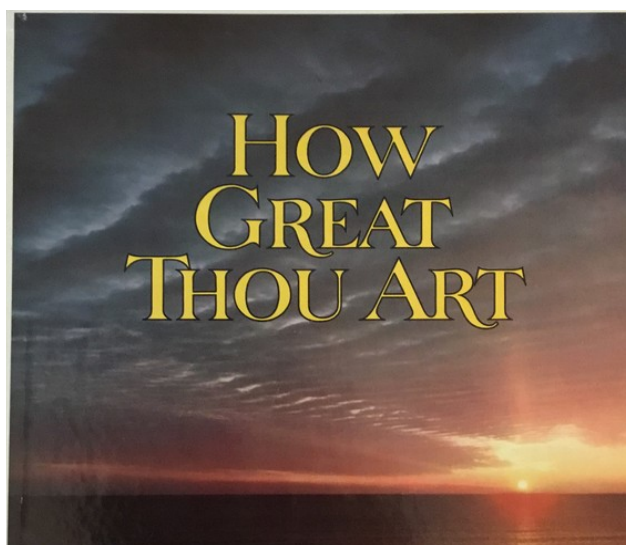
How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art



Amen

