

Looking Up

I recall the night skies of my youth and of my children's youth. The night skies were so beautiful without the distraction of the streetlights; we had none. When our children were 10 and 12, we moved out into the country and we could once again view the night skies without the distraction of the city lights. To see the meteor showers and the constellations was a gift. There is such beauty in a star and moonlit night. In years past, long ago, the ships and travelers steered their course by the stars. God has made the world so beautiful and with such purpose. We can find our North, or we can see the phases of the moon and know when Harvest time is, we can look up and see the position of the Sun and tell the time of day. We can watch the Sun rise and set and marvel at the beauty in both. When we were on vacation traveling in New England, we were in Maine and there was a spot in Acadia Park where if you stood you could be the first person in the United States to see the Sun rise. How can we look at our world and not be amazed at an awesome God? I do not know how people exist without faith. How can you look at the birth of a baby and not believe in God? When I was in Nurse's Training, we had to attend 20 births, somehow, I had snuck in almost 30. I was at 28 when they caught it. I had tears flowing at every newborn cry and cried for the one who did not make it. One of my biggest thrills was the night I was on call for the Operating Room and one of the surgeries was a Caesarian Section for the delivery of twins. A double miracle! I cried at the delivery of my 2 children, such miracles! I thank God for them and the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren they have given me. May I never cease to be amazed at God's creation, from a newborn baby to the wonder of the sky. * "Oh 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 Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!"

Genesis 1:23 God saw all that was made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

Lord, we thank you for the wonder and majesty of our world. We thank you for each day, for the sunrise and the sunset. We thank you for the people you put in our lives, for family, for friends and for those special angels we encounter. Thank you for our Pastor and his family. Bless his ministry and keep him safe. Thank you for our staff and leaders, bless them. Thank you, Lord, for your son Jesus, thank you for the atonement of our sins. May we be worthy of your blessings. Be with those who are suffering Lord, from illness and hunger and for those who grieve. May our church be the hands and feet of Christ in this building, in this city, in this country and in this world. We are grateful for this day and for the hope of tomorrow. Amen

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*How Great Thou Art by Carl Boberg