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Invocation

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Responsive Reading

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A while back I was looking at a picture of a huge crowd of people and the thought came to me, God knows **everything** about each of these people; where they live, who their parents are, how they think, what kind of people they are, whether they love Him or not, everything that they ever did wrong, all that they have done that is right and more. There are about 7 billion people on this planet now and God knows all this about everyone. We are just human beings, we can't comprehend this kind of knowledge or ability. God is everywhere. He can be with 7 billion people at the same time and still run the universe.

1 Cor 6:19 What? Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you*, which you have of God, and you are not your own?

This text says that your body is a tent for God to live in. He is part of us. This is how He made us. The Bible says that you can't run away from God, no matter where you go, God is there. That is because He is in you. His nature is not to force people to follow Him. You have to want God. It is just that simple. You are the one who chooses good or evil. But God is in you watching your choice. To choose God is to choose life.

At the fall of man, man's nature changed, we are no longer in harmony with God's spirit, even though it is His power that keeps us going.

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Jesus said You must be born again. This creates in us a change so we are in harmony with God's Spirit. God can change our nature if we ask Him to. This is what he wants. When we are in harmony with Him, we become His children and can live with Him in eternity.

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God had the ability and power to create all the stars and everything in the universe, it would be no stretch to think that He would know their names. Astronomers today estimate that there are 100 million stars in a galaxy and 100 million galaxies in the universe. That is a 1 followed by 16 zeros. Of course, this is just a guess on our part but even this is a lot of names to know. A black hole is not a hole at all, it is a mass, like a big rock that sits at the center of a galaxy and all the stars orbit around it. The size of a black hole must have more mass than all the stars that are in that galaxy. These are the biggest masses in the universe. Our sun is a thousand times bigger than the earth. This is why we orbit the sun. The center of our galaxy has to have a mass greater than all the stars that orbit it.

The earth is about 8,000 miles across and our sun is about 80,000 across, or 1,000 times bigger than the earth. No wonder, the earth orbits the sun but our sun is small compared to other stars. There is a star in our galaxy called V Y Canus Majorus which means Big dog. Its diameter is 613 million miles. To get a feel for size, the distance from us to the sun is about 93 million miles. The diameter of this star is about 7 times the distance from us to the sun. What a huge star. Imagine the heat and power that comes from it. I'm sure that there are more even bigger in God's universe.

All the gravitational pull in the universe is God's power, holding things together. God is incredible and man is nothing in comparison. The Bible asks the question, What is man that You are mindful of him? We are part of God, that is what makes the difference.

God loves us for what we can become, incredible, loving children.

I have never heard **how** scientists who don't believe in God can explain how the earth keeps rotating every 24 hours. God is the only reasonable explanation. This earth about 8,000 miles across, so the diameter at the equator is more than 24,000 miles. If the world turns once around in 24 hours, that means that it has to move 1,000 miles per hour. Jet passenger planes fly about 600 mph but they never fly close to the earth because the air drag is too much. The power to keep this planet rotating a thousand mph is huge but we don't see a huge motor turning it. God says there are proofs in nature everywhere to God's glory. This is one of them.

When we see a sophisticated boat motor on the beach, we don't wonder if it evolved. We see intelligent design and our question is, Who is the designer, who is the maker? Our bodies are so complicated that doctor specialize in one area and they are still learning new things about how it works. The truth is that if it has intelligent design and it took an intelligent being to make it. To think that it just evolved is very foolish. In this world, things have a tendency to go from the complicated to the elementary. A tree in the forest gets broken off by the wind and in time it rots and becomes food for the beetles and worms and ants and eventually becomes part of the soil to create nutrients for other trees. Tanks and guns from WWII left in the jungle of the South Pacific, rust. It will take many years but they are returning to their elemental state of iron. God's design is that things degenerate rather than evolve into better things.

We can look at all the grand things of God but one of His most obvious things is a changed life. I know many ministers that have had God change their lives. They have been born again. Their lives are different, God has changed them. The old lives of fear, drug addiction, alcohol are gone and peace and joy and a desire to give this same change to others takes its place. This is what it means to be born again, born of the Spirit, changed to love and enjoy holy things. God loves us all and He wants to see us make this change but He won't force His way on us, we have to choose Him.

In closing God is an incredible being. He is in each of the 7 billion people on this planet and still can run the universe. His power keeps us going. Our bodies are the tents that He dwells in. He loves us, wants us to accept His offer to change our nature so we can be in harmony with Him and live in eternity with Him. He has created the entire universe which has incredible power displayed in it, with massive stars and black Holes. Where there is design, there is a designer. We see design in the universe and in our own bodies. There is an incredible amount

of power required to keep this planet spinning 1,000 mph day after day and year after year. It is God alone who makes it happen. Praise God for His gifts to the sons of men. What is man that You are mindful of him? We are part of Him, He is in us but if we want to continue to be part of Him, we need to go to Him and let Him change us so we can enjoy eternity with Him.