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- ♦ Earth's largest telescopes—Mount Palomar...the Hubble Space Telescope—have brought to view stunning discoveries of our universe. Scientists today estimate that in our Milky Way galaxy alone, there are 200 billion stars. And they estimate 200 billion such galaxies in the universe!
- ♦ Who created these countless stars and worlds? **"Lift up your eyes on high,"** the prophet Isaiah wrote, **"and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number"** (Isaiah 40:26).
- ♦ The very existence of all these created suns and worlds testifies to the existence of a Creator. The order and design of the universe tell us there must be an intelligent Designer. The psalmist wrote: **"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech. Night after night, they display knowledge.... There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard"** (Psalm 19:1-3, NIV).
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♦ **"Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace,"** the Bible says in Job 22:21. Perhaps you've already become acquainted with the all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving God who created the universe and everything in it. But if you haven't, wouldn't you like to get to know this kind of God—who creates and guides worlds, but has the time and interest and love to be personally involved in your life?

♦ More evidences of God's love and creative power:

- The precise timing of the ocean's tides.
- The precise position of the sun relative to Earth. Any closer, and our world would burn to ashes—any farther away, and Earth would freeze.
- The exact mixture of elements in the air we breathe, to keep us alive.
- The intricate design of a single snowflake.
- The miraculous design and intricacy of our own bodies.

♦ As the Bible says, **"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain it to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?"** (Job 12:7-9).

♦ St. Augustine said: "Lord, our hearts will never find rest until they find rest in You." We are made to be at one with our Maker. We are born with a deep desire to know Him. Are you looking for a God who really cares for you? Someone powerful enough to untangle the problems of your life? Someone wise enough to guide you in the right way? Someone loving enough to banish your loneliness and satisfy for your hunger and thirst for companionship?

♦ Here's good news for you, right at this moment: **"Casting all your care upon Him,"** Peter wrote, **"for He cares for you"** (1 Peter 5:7).

♦ So as you look out through the windows of your life, if you see nothing but mud and darkness and trouble, lift up your eyes! Look up—and see God reaching down to you!

The "take-home" message for you . . .

♦ Would you like to open your heart to the God who made you? Would you like to invite Him into your life? Would you like to commit yourself to getting acquainted with Him? Just let him wrap you in peace and joy right now. In your anxiety, your pain, your weariness, Jesus can turn your life around—why not let Him? Simply give thanks to Him for his compassion, His mercy, and His forgiving, eternal love for you.

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