

# Think Believe

*Discover Creation...Worship the Creator*

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## Seeing Through the Mist

by Dave Nutting

**L**iving at an elevation of 4,700 feet, I can usually see lots of stars on a cold, January night. If I tried to count them, I would likely fall asleep and freeze to death in the attempt. Still, viewing the sky from a 10,000 foot mountain near Grand Junction, I just stand in awe of the vast number of stars looming overhead. I wouldn't even think of counting *them*. However, on one unusually humid night last month, I could easily count those that were visible.

That humid night got me thinking. Our understanding of our Creator God depends on our vantage point. Those living in low, humid areas where few stars are visible might read, "[God] numbers the stars, and calls them all by name" (Psalm 147:4), and totally miss the vast power of God. They could also miss the connection between this verse and the preceding verse (147:3) which says, "He heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds."

Wow! These two verses tie together his amazing power with his loving care of us! I can only get a glimpse of that on a clear night. Yet, someone connecting these verses while viewing the universe from the new Webb

telescope (see page 3) would have an even higher appreciation.

I Cor. 13:12 also popped into my mind that hazy night. "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known."



Source: EvgeniT, Pixabay.com

Mirrors made of shiny metal 2,000 years ago were nothing like the mirrors we have today. Even these, however, only reflect surface features. They can't illuminate beneath the skin. They

can't reach into the brain or the heart to reveal our thoughts and inner being. In fact, we don't truly know ourselves, let alone our Savior! I long for the time when I will know Him in the fullest way possible!

Yes, I have gotten many glimpses of his character, his power, his goodness, and his provision, but I wondered that night, "What am I missing?" I thought back on various extraordinary experiences over my years of walking with Christ.

One day, I clearly heard his audible voice instruct me to: "Go see them in the college math office –NOW!" Five minutes later, I was offered a job teaching math.

While praying with a group of believers, I envisioned a large-screen image of a student and heard a voice say, "Pray for Robert!" We found out later that Robert was trying to commit suicide by turning on the gas in his dorm room. By the way, that would also have leveled the entire dorm!

These times have certainly bolstered my faith in God and have given me a better understanding that our Creator God is deeply involved with the lives of His people!

The mountain top experiences and viewing stars from 10,000 feet are great, but I long to see the full glory of the Risen Savior – Jesus Christ – our Creator! **AOI**

# Did you know? Amazing Facts about the Universe:

by Mark Sonmnor

**A Day on Venus is Longer than a year.** Venus takes 243 Earth days to rotate once on its axis but only 225 Earth days to complete an orbit around the Sun.

<https://science.nasa.gov/venus/>

**There's a planet where it rains molten glass.** Exoplanet HD 189733b experiences violent storms where winds reach 5,400 mph (7x the speed of sound) and rain consists of molten glass whirling sideways.

[nasa.gov/image-article/rains-of-terror-exoplanet-hd-189733b/](https://nasa.gov/image-article/rains-of-terror-exoplanet-hd-189733b/)

**Neutron Stars are incredibly dense.** A sugar-cube-sized amount of neutron star material would weigh about a billion tons on Earth.

[science.nasa.gov/universe/neutron-stars-are-weird/](https://science.nasa.gov/universe/neutron-stars-are-weird/)

**You wouldn't be able to walk on Jupiter.** Jupiter is mostly made of gas, so if you tried

to land on it, you'd just fall deeper into its thick atmosphere.

[scienceabc.com/nature/universe/what-would-happen-if-you-stepped-on-the-surface-of-jupiter.html](https://scienceabc.com/nature/universe/what-would-happen-if-you-stepped-on-the-surface-of-jupiter.html)

**There's a giant cold spot in space.**

The universe has a massive void, known as the "Cold Spot," where galaxies are strangely absent.

[www.theguardian.com/science/2015/apr/20/astronomers-discover-largest-known-structure-in-the-universe-is-a-big-hole](https://www.theguardian.com/science/2015/apr/20/astronomers-discover-largest-known-structure-in-the-universe-is-a-big-hole)

**Black Holes can spaghettify you.**

If you fell into a black hole, the immense gravitational pull would stretch you into a long, thin shape. Scientists call this "spaghettification."

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spaghettification>

**The largest known volcano is on Mars.** Olympus Mons, the tallest volcano in the solar system, is about 13.6 miles high – approximately 2.5 times taller than Mount Everest.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympus\\_Mons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympus_Mons)

**There's a gigantic cloud of alcohol in space.** Near the center of the Milky Way, astronomers have discovered a massive cloud, about 1,000 times the diameter of our solar system, containing vast amounts of ethyl alcohol.

[www.mentalfloss.com/article/51271/there-are-giant-clouds-alcohol-floating-space](https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/51271/there-are-giant-clouds-alcohol-floating-space)

**The universe is 99.999% empty space.** Even though the universe is packed with galaxies, stars, and planets, the vast majority of it is empty. Scientists believe that if you compressed all the atoms in the human body by removing the empty space inside them, the entire human race would fit into a space about the size of a sugar cube.

[www.scienceabc.com/pure-sciences/can-the-entire-human-race-fit-inside-a-sugar-cube.html](https://www.scienceabc.com/pure-sciences/can-the-entire-human-race-fit-inside-a-sugar-cube.html)

**There's a Planet Made of Diamonds?!** Scientists

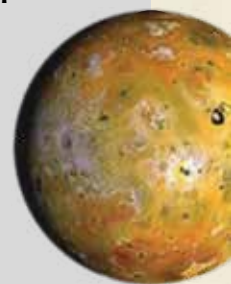
believe that 55 Cancri E, a planet 40 light-years away, might be made of diamonds. Its high carbon content and high-pressure conditions suggest this dazzling possibility.

<https://orbitaltoday.com/2025/02/21/planet-made-of-diamond-is-there-fort-knox-in-space/>

**Pluto is Smaller than the United States**

Pluto's diameter is about 2,376 kilometers, whereas the width of the United States is about 4,313 kilometers.

[www.geeksforgoeks.org/amazing-facts-about-space/](https://www.geeksforgoeks.org/amazing-facts-about-space/)



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**S**ummer is coming! This is a great time for families to get outside and experience Psalm 19:1: "The Heavens declare the glory of God." It is also a good time to teach them the older song by Ralph Carmichael, "He's everything to me."

The lyrics go: "In the Stars his handiwork I see; On the Winds He speaks with majesty; Though He ruleth over land and sea; What is that to me?" The song continues, "...Till that day I met Him face to face...He's



everything to me." This is a great way to take an astronomy experience and explain the grace, power, and love of God to your kiddos. You can also reinforce that with

a great book, **Creation Astronomy for Kids**. True, there are plenty of astronomy books for kids, but most of them contain a huge dose

## Creation Astronomy for Kids

Review by Dave Nutting

of humanism and evolutionary naturalism. This Creation book for kids by Dr. Jonathan Sarfati and Lita Sanders is what families need to help them learn about our amazingly created universe. This book honors the Creator, not blind chance acting over billions of years.

View amazing photographs, learn great facts, and get answers to the skeptic's questions.

Hardback, 64 pages, Full Color.

**\$17 + S/H. AOI**



# In Awe of God – Seeing His Universe Through Fresh Lenses!

by Brian Mariani

**L**aunched on Christmas day 2021, the James Webb Space Telescope was a special gift to scientists and space enthusiasts everywhere. For more than three years now, the Webb telescope has been incredibly impactful.

Because of its advanced capabilities, Webb excels at seeing through dust and clouds to understand the explosions and interactions happening within – phenomena previously unobservable!

As a result, Webb has found what appears to be a black hole only 400 million evolutionary years after the supposed Big Bang. This is long before it should have formed according to secular models. Likewise, “early” galaxies are visible where they shouldn’t be. JADES-GS-z13-0, a galaxy believed by secular scientists to have formed only 320 million years after the Big Bang, should not have formed that early. Yet, there it is.

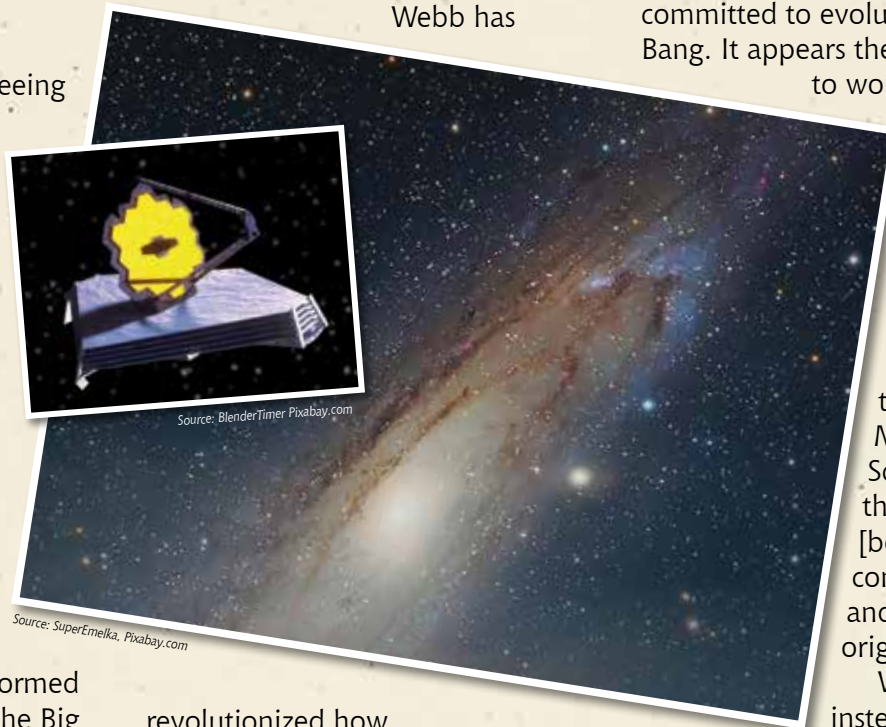
Additionally, some of these galaxies appear to be mature leaving big-bang scientists to ask how they formed that quickly. Because of these observations, Webb is causing some significant reactions. Listen to these quotes:

“...this remarkable instrument we put in space, is finding things that we didn’t expect, that we can’t explain... that means that we have to revise our understanding of the universe...”<sup>1</sup>

“Already, it has unveiled perplexing mysteries that challenge astronomers. The latest revelations from Webb have shattered preconceived notions about the appearance of early galaxies... should these findings stand the test of

*scrutiny, they possess the potential to revolutionize our comprehension of the intricate processes governing the birth and expansion of galaxies.”<sup>2</sup>*

Because of its improved optics, Webb has



revolutionized how we see the lights in the sky. In an interview with 60 Minutes, Matt Mountain, leader of Webb’s operations says, “On almost every image we’re taking now, we see galaxies everywhere. I mean, we took a simple picture of a planet in our own system, Neptune. You know, it was this beautiful orb just sitting there and we saw some rings. In the background are galaxies again. It tells us that our universe is filled with galaxies.” The interviewer goes on to summarize Mountain’s thoughts, stating, “Webb is a reminder of how much we do not know. For example, galaxies are rushing away from each other at greater and greater speed, defying gravity. It makes no sense so scientists infer that there must be unseen elements at work. They call them dark energy and dark matter.”<sup>3</sup>

So, if these new observations conflict with accepted cosmic evolutionary models, does that mean astrophysicists will rethink their theories altogether? Many scientists are considering adding time to the age of the universe or propose, instead, for almost supernatural bursts of star and galaxy formation!

Despite a growing number of challenges, many scientists remain committed to evolution and the Big Bang. It appears they have chosen

to worship the creation itself and join man’s quest to figure things out on his own. Some estimate that Webb may last up to 25 years and echo the words of 60 Minutes reporter, Scott Pelley, that this will “perhaps [be] long enough to comprehend space and time and the origins of life.”

We challenge you, instead, to enjoy God’s creation by doing

an online search for James Webb Space Telescope pictures and videos. Prepare to be amazed at the beauty found within God’s created universe!

In addition, we want everyone to contemplate and comprehend something much bigger than the universe. God. How Big is our God?! How big is His love for us?! Worship the Creator and “have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth” of the love of Christ! (Eph 3:17-18) **AOI**

<sup>1</sup> Erica Nelson, University of CO - Boulder, NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope: Stunning new images captured of the universe, 60 Minutes, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC1-qgR7Y00>, accessed February 4, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Cosmos Prodigy: NASA Sounds the Alarm: James Webb Telescope Found 5 More Strange Distant Galaxies, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53fuzNPOJrA>, accessed February 4, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nasa-james-webb-telescope-new-views-universe-60-minutes-transcript-2023-04-09/>



## Director's Column – Camps & Tours

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting



**W**hy do we keep on doing tours of Yellowstone and other fabulous places? We've had people say they believed the

Bible and all, but it really didn't sink in until they saw the evidence themselves on one of our tours. Isn't that true? One might read about God's amazing creation of the universe, however, viewing it in person from the top of a mountain allows us to absorb a bit of the vastness of God. Standing in the midst of an enormous volcanic crater at Yellowstone, seeing huge water geysers, and viewing amazing beauty helps us grasp the significance of Psalm 108, "**He touches the mountains and they smoke.**" At the Canyonlands in the

Southwest, we are amazed at the vast number of layers deposited during Noah's Flood and then stand in awe at the huge canyons that quickly formed during and shortly afterwards. It allows us to grapple with the reality of God's judgment detailed in Genesis 6-8 and it cements the truth of God's Word as we behold the evidence for the Flood that surrounds us.

In both cases, being there allows us to more deeply experience how God can take such massive destruction and turn it into some of the most beautiful areas in the US. When we apply that to our lives, we can see how God can take lives torn apart by sin, or by pain caused by others, and make beauty out of destruction in our lives. Join us and **experience** how God's Word and God's world agree! **AOI**

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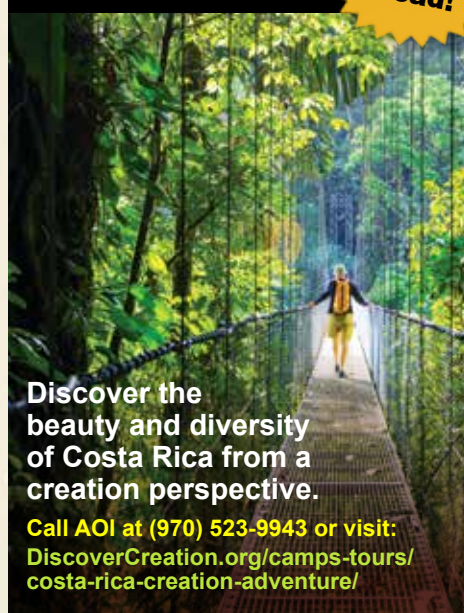
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