

Something Extra

Something Extra in Creation

- The Mountains







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¹³For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought is, and makes the morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth—The Lord God of hosts is His name.

- Amos 4:13

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¹⁶Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. **He made the stars also.**

- Genesis 1:16

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⁵Then He brought him outside and said,
“Look now toward heaven, and **count the stars if you are able to number them.**”
And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

- Genesis 15:5



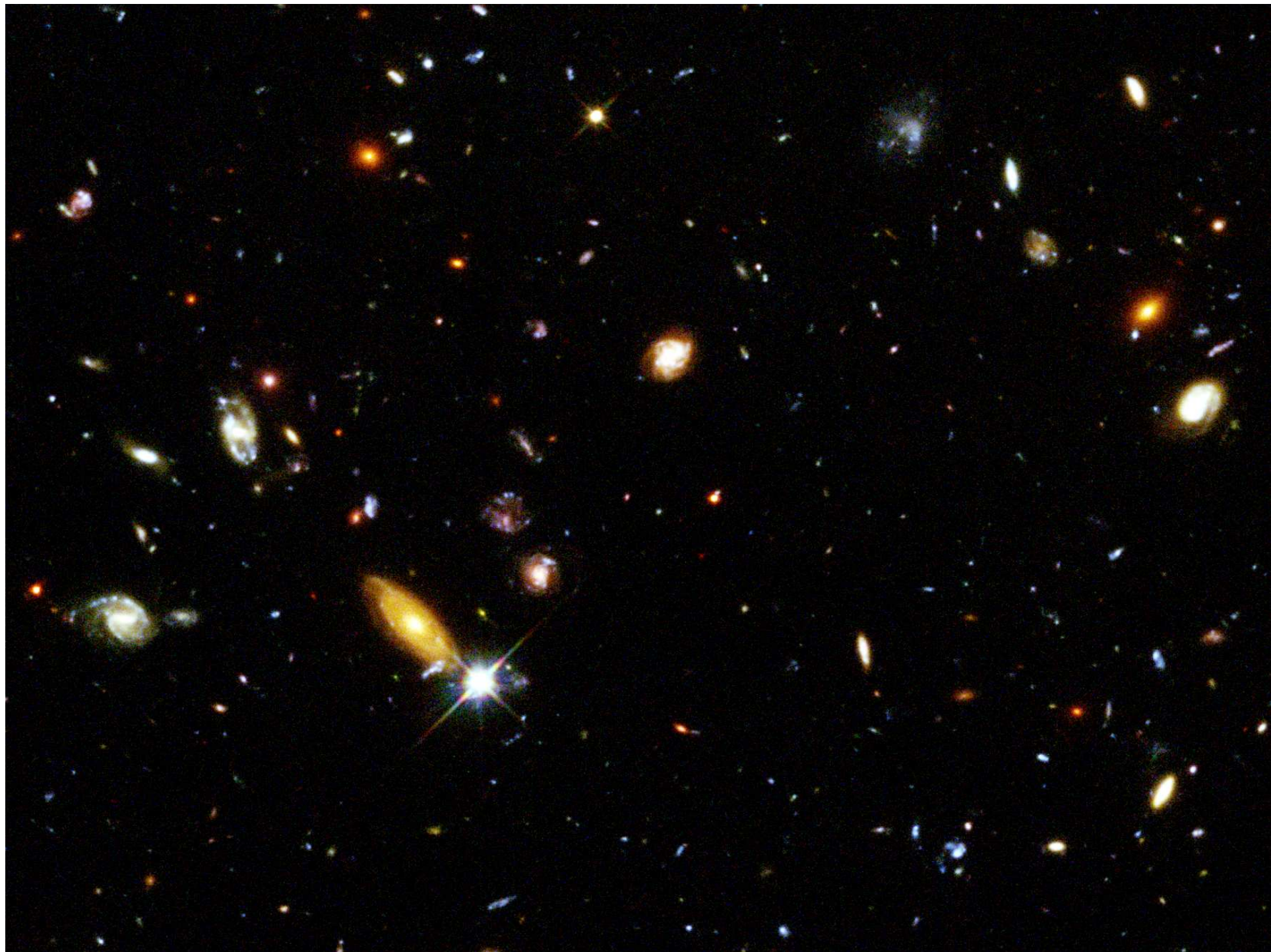
How Many Stars are in the Sky?

“If you mean how many can we see, the answer is it depends. On a dark night, the average person can see a few thousand stars (about 2,500). If you mean how many stars are visible from the earth at large, that would be about 8,400. If you mean how many are in the Milky Way Galaxy, the estimate is anywhere from 100 – 400 billion.

How Many Stars are in the Sky?

If you mean how many stars are in the universe at large, the math gets even more muddied. One estimate, as of July 2003, puts the number at 70 sextillion stars (7 followed by 22 zeros). That is more stars than there are grains of sand on all of the beaches on Earth.”





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⁴He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. ⁵Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

- Psalm 187:4-5

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- The Diversity of Life







Psalms 148:9-13

10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl ... 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Something Extra for Humanity

- Not just miracles, but abundant miracles
- Matthew 14:10-36

Matthew 14:35-36

And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, 36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

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Romans 5:6-9; Romans 6:5-6, 10-13

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For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Romans 6:5-6

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Romans 6:10-13

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:21-26

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Are We Doing Something Extra?

- Not for God - Luke 17:7-10

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And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? 8 But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

Luke 17:7-10

10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

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- Something extra in resolving conflict
Matthew 5:38-42

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"You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

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Matthew 5:38-42
- Something extra in courtesy and respect
Matthew 5:43-48

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"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'
44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:43-48

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

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Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:22-24

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Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with
your might...

Colossians 3:22-24

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

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2 Peter 3:10-11

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,