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“Who is my equal?” God asks.

“Lift your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all these?”

**He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them
each by name.**

**Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of
them is missing.**

**Don't you know?
Have you not heard?**

**The LORD is the everlasting GOD, the creator of the ends of
the earth (Isaiah 40).**



<https://allacin.blogspot.ca/2016/07/isaiahan-illustrated-summary-of-life.html>

**He sits enthroned
above the circle of
the earth.**

**Its people are like
grasshoppers.**

**He stretches out the
heavens like a
canopy and spreads
them out like a tent
to live in.**

**He will not grow
tired or weary, and
his understanding no
one can fathom.**

**Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?”
(ISAIAH 40).**

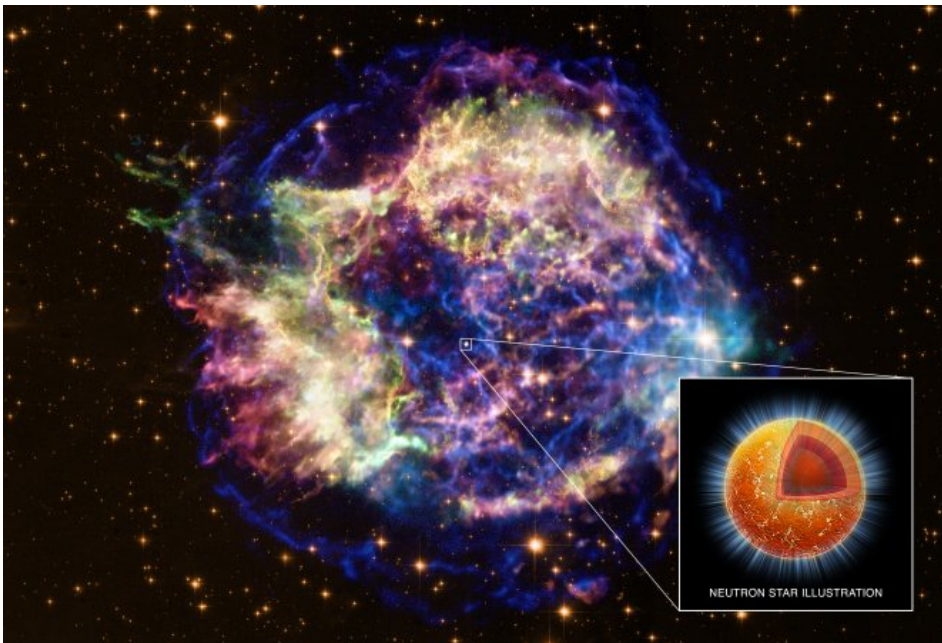
THE NATIONS ARE NO MATCH TO HIS STRENGTH: “Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the island as though they were fine dust... Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing” (Isaiah 40:15-17).

“He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, then he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff” (Isaiah 40:24).

THE WONDER OF GOD’S CREATION SPEAKS LOUD AND CLEAR IN EVERY LANGUAGE TO ALL NATIONS—ALL HEAR AND MARVEL. “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. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world” (Psalm 19:1-4).

Lifehack.com list a few amazing facts about the enormous house God made for man:

- When you look into the night sky you are looking back in time
- There is at least 10 billion trillion (10,000,000,000,000,000,000) stars in the universe
- One million Earths could fit inside the Sun
- The biggest mountain in our solar system is on Mars
- Neutron stars are the fastest spinning objects known in the universe
- A spoonful of a neutron star weights about a billion ton
- There are probably more than 170 billion galaxies in the observable universe
- **The human brain is the most complex object in the known universe.**



<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/20-extraordinary-and-inspiring-facts-about-the-universe.html>

EVIDENCE OF GOD IS IN HIS CREATION. “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

GOD GAVE THE ANIMAL KINGDOM INCREDIBLE INSTINCTS AND SUPERIOR SENSES. “Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and spread its wings toward the south? Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make its nest on high? On the rock it dwells and resides, on the crag of the rock and the stronghold. From there it spies out the prey; its eyes observe from afar” (Job 39:26-29).

Listverse.com provides some amazing animal abilities:

- **Self-immunizing Opossum (North America)** were created with a protein called LTNF (Lethal Toxin-Neutralizing Factor) that all but makes them immune to the venom of snakes, bees, and scorpions. The marsupial is not only granted immunity to local snakes, but also to snakes on other continents with which it has never had contact.
- **Hippopotamus blood-sweat sunscreen:** In order to deal with the sweltering African heat, hippos spend much of their time partially submerged in lakes and rivers. The water, however, does nothing to protect the exposed skin of the creatures, and that's where hippopotamus sunscreen comes into effect: this blood-red, gelatinous secretion is produced much like sweat, though it differs in that the glands that produce it are located under the skin, rather than in it. Composed of two highly acidic compounds, the oily 'blood-sweat' dries in the presence of mucus and absorbs sunlight in the ultraviolet and visible range.

As a bonus, it turns out that the substance is also a strong antibiotic, helping to prevent infections from open wounds inflicted on one another during fights.

- **The bubble of the Pistol Shrimp is no ordinary bubble:** By snapping shut this single, massive claw, it produces a bubble capable of stunning or killing its prey. It doesn't sound too impressive at face-value, but there are a few things you should know about what this creature does for a living.

For starters, these shrimp are generally about 1-2 inches (3-5 cm) long, which doesn't make them the most intimidating predator in the world. But even at that small size, they can produce a cavitation bubble capable of travelling at 60 mph (97 km/h), and of generating a sound that reaches about 218 decibels. To put the latter in perspective, it takes about 160 decibels to rupture a human eardrum.

So that all seems pretty impressive at this point—but there's more to it. The bubble they create is an interesting sort of phenomenon: as the cavitation bubble collapses, the pressure and temperature of the vapor within it increases, which then causes the gas inside to violently dissipate into the surrounding liquid, producing an acoustic shockwave and even visible light called 'sonoluminescence'. While the reaction doesn't last long enough to melt everything around the shrimp, the heat of the vapors can reach up to 4,700 degrees Celsius. In comparison, the sun's surface is estimated to be approximately 5,500 degrees Celsius.

Interesting note: If the Pistol Shrimp loses its main claw, the smaller claw will grow to replace it, while the amputated limb regrows into a new 'normal' claw.

- **The Mimic Octopus mimics more than just its surroundings:** As an octopus, it's tough to find recognition for your ability to camouflage yourself. All octopuses have the ability to change their color and texture, in order to blend with their surroundings. But the Mimic Octopus takes underwater chameleonism a few leaps further: it can actually impersonate other creatures.

Depending on what might be attacking it, the mimic octopus intelligently decides which

predator to impersonate. For example, a mimic octopus has been observed under attack by a damselfish. It proceeded to bury itself and six tentacles in the sand, leaving the other two pointed in opposite directions – and thereby mimicking the movement of a sea snake.

Mimic octopuses have also been seen to copy the appearances and behaviors of lionfish, flatfish, jellyfish, stingrays, mantis shrimp, and sea anemones; it's claimed that they've been seen impersonating at least 15 different species.

- **The Axolotl heals itself:** It is a strange creature, for a few reasons. It's a neotenuous salamander, which means it retains its larval form even after reaching sexual maturity. Though confined to the water, it has a rudimentary set of lungs which it occasionally uses to gulp air at the surface. And it has the healing powers of a superhero.



<http://listverse.com/2012/12/03/10-amazing-animal-abilities/>

When one of these creatures is damaged (cut, or having a limb torn off), coagulation begins immediately – and new cells start to develop. In the case of a missing limb, a layer of skin cells begin to form from the cells at the location of the trauma. Following this, new tissues begin to grow: the axolotl is remarkable for its ability to generate new blood vessels, sinews, muscle, bone and even nerves. The length of time it takes to grow a brand new limb? Just a few months. The same regeneration occurs with non-vital organs, and even parts of the brain.

MOSES ASKED TO SEE GOD. “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live” (Exodus 33:20). Moses was only allowed to see his back. “I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen” (Exodus 33:23).

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR MANKIND BUT SHARING HIS PLAN HAS MANY CHALLENGES. “‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts’” (Isaiah 55:8-9).



God created the heavens and stretched them out, and spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, he gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it...

“I am the LORD, that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols” (Isaiah 42:5, 8).

WHO IS THIS GREAT CREATOR WHO CONTINUES TO WATCH AND EVEN CARE FOR A PLANET OF REBELS? “O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens...When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, **what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?**” (Psalm 8:1, 3-4)

DESPITE ISRAEL’S HEART OF STONE, GOD’S PLAN WILL BE FULFILLED. “Remember this fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. Remember the former things, those of long ago; **I AM GOD,**

AND THERE IS NO OTHER; I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NONE LIKE ME. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: **MY PURPOSE WILL STAND, AND I WILL DO ALL THAT I PLEASE**" (Isaiah 46:8-10).

"The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations" (Psalm 33:11).

"This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. For **the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it?** And as for His stretched-out hand, **who can turn it back?**" (Isaiah 14:26-27)

O HOUSES OF ISRAEL, YOU ARE CALLED TO BE A HOLY KINGDOM, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD. "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand, I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness" (Isaiah 42:6-7).

"God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (I Timothy 2:4).

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance**" (II Peter 3:9).

ISAIAH WAS GIVEN THE HONOUR BY GOD TO BE A PROPHET FOR ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS. HIS BOOK WILL CALL OUT FOR ALL OF TIME. "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a **light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth**" (Isaiah 49:6).

BOTH HOUSES REBELLED. "He said, 'Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me'; and so, he became their Savior. In their distress he too was distressed, and **the angel of his presence [Christ] saved them. In his love and mercy, he redeemed them;** he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. **Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them"** (Isaiah 63:8-10).

"I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King... I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. **Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel... Review the past for me, let us argue the matter**



together; state the case for your innocence. Your first father sinned; your spokesmen rebelled against me. So, I will disgrace the dignitaries of your temple, and **I will consign Jacob to destruction and Israel to scorn**" (Isaiah 15, 20-22, 26-28).

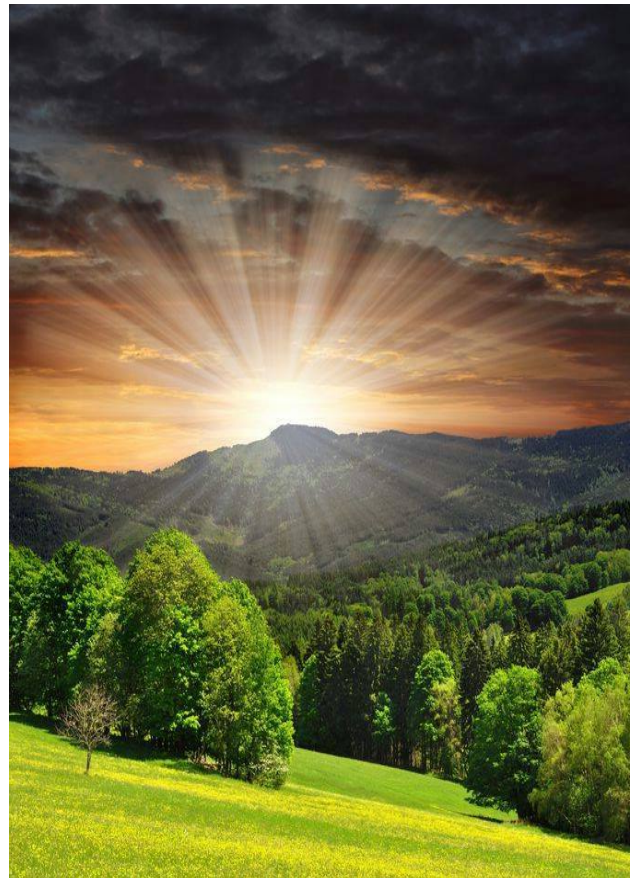
"For I knew how **stubborn** you were; the **sinews of your neck were iron**, your **forehead was bronze**" (Isaiah 48:4).

"Because of **your sins** you were sold; because of **your transgressions** your mother was sent away" (Isaiah 50:1).

IS THERE ANY GOOD LEFT IN THE TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL? "As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and men say. 'Don't destroy it, there is yet some good in it,' so will I do in behalf of my servants; **I will not destroy them all.** I will bring forth **descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains;** my chosen people will inherit them and there will my servants live... But as **for you who forsake the LORD** and forget my holy mountain, who spread a table for Fortune and fill bowls of mixed wine for Destiny, I will destine you for the sword, and you will all bend down for the slaughter; for **I CALLED BUT YOU DID NOT ANSWER, I SPOKE BUT YOU DID NOT LISTEN.** You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me" (Isaiah 65:8-12).

BETTER THINGS WILL COME. "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, and its people a joy.

- God will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in His people
- The sound of weeping will not be heard anymore
- Never again will an infant die within a few days
- He who dies at 100 years old will be thought as dying in their youth
- No more invasions
- They will not work in vain
- Before they call, God will answer while they are still speaking He will hear
- The wolf and lamb will feed together; the lion will eat straw like an ox
- No harm or destruction will take place in God's holy government.





<http://www.thekingdomjesusblog.com/single-post/2015/07/17/In-The-Beginning-God-Created-the-Heavens-and-the-Earth>

Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool. “Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the LORD (Isaiah 66:1).

OUR CREATOR GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL POWER. THERE IS NO OTHER GOD BESIDES HIM. HIS PLAN WILL COME TO PASS—IN FULL. “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me, so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, **all mankind will come and bow down before me,**’ says the LORD. **‘And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind’**” (Isaiah 66:22-23).

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