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Psalm 19:1-7

Have you ever really seen the night sky? Too few have. The problem is what astronomers call "light pollution." Since most people live in or near brightly lit cities, they only see a handful of the brightest stars and planets. Our need for outdoor lighting is driven by our desire for safety and security. We have exchanged the glory of the heavens to secure ourselves and what we own. "A fair exchange," some might say.

In early February 1986, I traveled far out onto the eastern plains of Colorado. It would likely be the only opportunity in my lifetime to see the fabled Halley's Comet. On the edge of a vast frozen wheat field I pulled on my parka and hood. With gloved hands I grabbed my binoculars. The sky was covered with stars, like diamonds on black velvet. Among the myriad of stars, I spotted the comet. I couldn't help but declare with David, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1). How can anyone gaze on such majesty and not respond in worship?

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