

— FAITH — CONNECTIONS —



WONDER

Over centuries, people of all faiths have seen a clear connection between God and the natural world. In Judeo-Christian belief, one of the fundamental characteristics of God is as a **Creator**.

The beginning of the Bible tells of God as a powerful (Genesis 1) yet intimate (Genesis 2) Creator. The natural world is seen as 'the work of God's hands' and thus inspires awe and worship. This is expressed in a number of 'songs of praise' (the Psalms).

For example, Psalm 8:3-4...

***When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—
what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?***

Or Psalm 19:1-4...

***How clearly the sky reveals God's glory!
How plainly it shows what he has done!
Each day announces it to the following day;
each night repeats it to the next.
No speech or words are used,
no sound is heard;
yet their message goes out to all the world***

Psalm 104 is a vivid meditation on the beauty and diversity of the natural world – and what it means for God to be both Creator and Sustainer of it.

The slideshow on the main screen places images alongside words from that psalm.

Take a moment to sit and consider these ancient words; reflect on the stunning beauty of our world.

