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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

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ARIZONA DREAMING – PART 1

By Julie Mussché

“There is a mystic in every one of us yearning to play again in the universe.”

MATTHEW FOX

Reflection

On a drive to Arizona recently, we passed by Corn Springs Road. Fond memories floated through my psyche, images mingling with thoughts and emotions. Corn Springs, located in the Chuckwalla Mountains south of Palm Springs, is a natural oasis and has been a transit route for centuries. There is a BLM campsite there which has been active for over fifty years which is surrounded by fan palms and has a natural spring where one can pump water.

As an avid desert camper during the 1980's, Corn Springs was one of my

favorite places to sojourn. The surrounding palms provided shade and a natural wind break; the location was accessible but remote enough to get a sense of wilderness. There were things to explore, like petroglyphs, and a natural spring, and the environment was generally quiet and peaceful.

At night, sitting around a campfire following dinner after preparing my bedding for sleep, there was nothing more relaxing and edifying than gazing at a sky full of universe. Even with the fire light, the stars and planets danced brilliantly. How could I not ponder eternity when gazing heavenward through the endless galaxy? What would lead someone to deny the existence of a Creator when witnessing something so awe striking? There are some things that just take one's breath away with wonder and reverence.

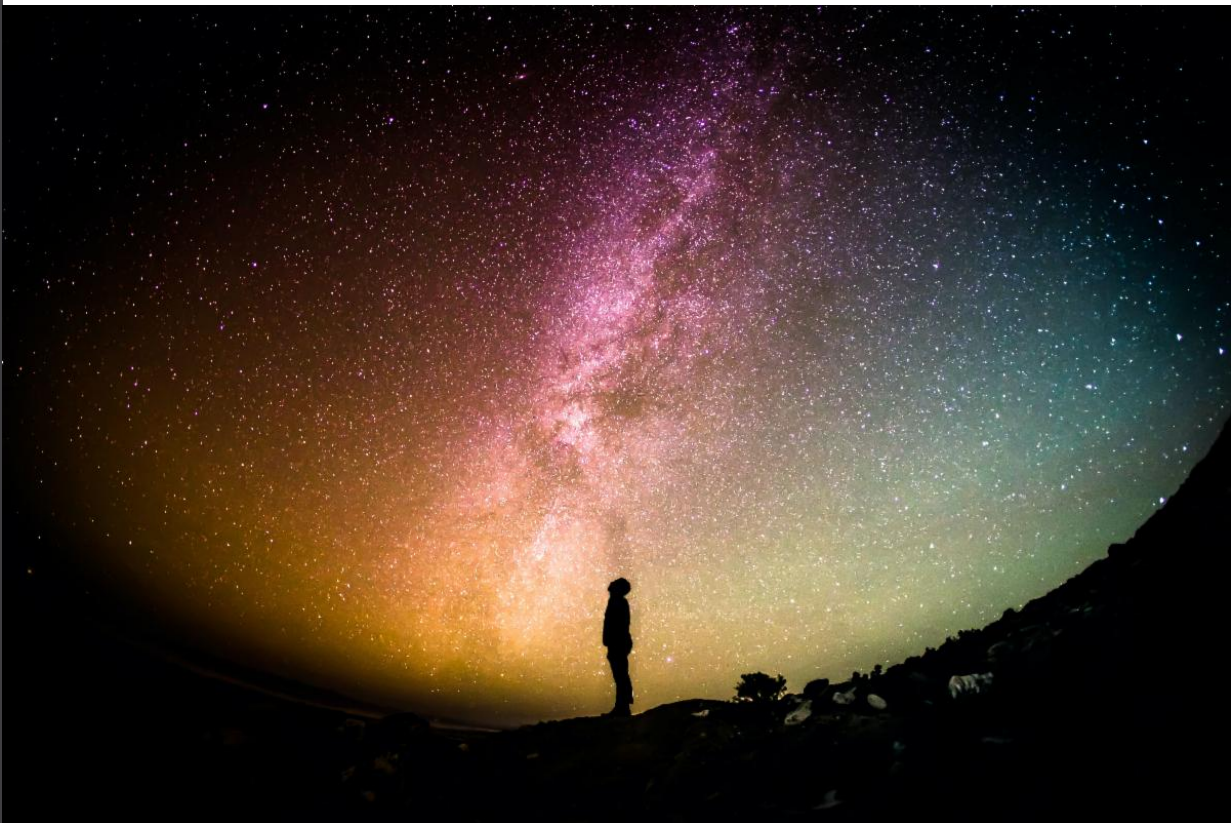


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For Pondering

- What strikes you with awe and wonder?
 - How has the Divine been expressed for you through nature?
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For Prayer

*Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in 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 mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?*

PSALM 8:1, 3-4

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