

GOD QUESTIONS – IS THERE A GOD? (Psalm 19:1-8)

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The percentage of people who either believe there is no God, or do not know whether they believe there is a God, is increasing. The Bible assumes God's existence. But is it plausible for us to believe what the Bible assumes? In this message, we look at some clues that point to God's existence, beginning with what is all around us.

"Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking." – 1 Corinthians 14:20

The Question: "Is there a God?" ...

"The occurrence of any change C presupposes some thing or substance S which changes. ... So, the occurrence of C and thus the existence of S at any given moment presupposes the existence of a purely actual actualizer."

– Edward Feser, *Five Proofs of the Existence of God*

Clues to God's Existence ...

1. The _____ of Creation.

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of His hands. – Psalm 19:1

2. The _____ of Creation.

Psalm 19:2-6

Day after day the heavens pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge – Psalm 19:2

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun... It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to their other end; nothing is hidden from its heat.

– Psalm 19:4, 6

3. The _____ of Creation.

Genesis 1:1-2, Psalm 19:7-8, John 1:1-3, 14, Colossians 1:17

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths... – Genesis 1:2

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together – Colossians 1:17

Questions for individual or group reflection:

Do you think it is a childish thing to question the existence of God?

What are some of the ways you have heard people argue for – or against – the existence of God?

How do you respond when someone tells you that they don't believe that God exists?

What is at stake for someone who denies the existence of God?

Do you see the beauty of creation around you as evidence of God, or is it evidence of a series of unguided events?

How does the balance and rhythm of life suggest that God is real?

If God created all things, what does that mean for us as humans?

How was Jesus involved at creation?

Is the existence of God a comforting thing, or a scary thing for you?

Who do you know that needs to believe in God? Pray for them.

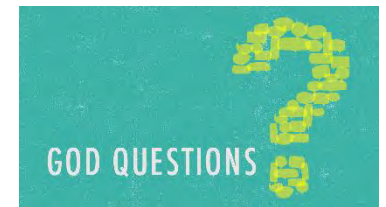
Pray: Gracious father, we are grateful not only that you exist, but we are grateful that you are a God who is passionate about us. You want to be in relationship with us! Not only do you want us to know that you are real, but you desire to bring hope, guidance, blessing and strength into our lives; and you've done that through your Son Jesus. Lord send your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and allow us to experience the beauty of your creation. May we know you are present with us as we walk with you by faith. We pray, in Jesus' Name. Amen!

Do:

- Read a book that delves into this question more deeply:
 - Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Christ*. Zondervan, 1998.
 - Geisler, Norman L. *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*. Crossway Books, 2004.
 - Keller, Timothy J. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. Dutton, 2008.
- Marvel at God's Creation – Thanking Him for the beauty that you see.

Memory Verse: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* – Psalm 19:1

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**HOW CAN I KNOW
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An MIT Professor Meets the Author of All Knowledge

I used to think religious people were ignoramuses. Then I got smart and took a chance on God.

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The Question: “Is there a God?” ...

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**
- ² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**
- ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.**

Psalm 19:1-6

**⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

**⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.**

**⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

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“The occurrence of any change C presupposes some thing or substance S which changes. The existence of S at any given moment itself presupposes the concurrent actualization of S’s potential for existence. So, any substance S has at any moment some actualizer A of its existence. If A’s existence at the moment it actualizes S presupposes the concurrent actualization of its own potential for existence, then there exists a regress of concurrent actualizers that is either infinite or terminates in a purely actual actualizer.”


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A photograph of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) in Alaska. The aurora appears as vibrant green, flowing ribbons of light against a dark, starry night sky. Below the lights, a snow-covered road leads into the distance, flanked by dark evergreen trees and snow-covered hills. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the vastness of the landscape.

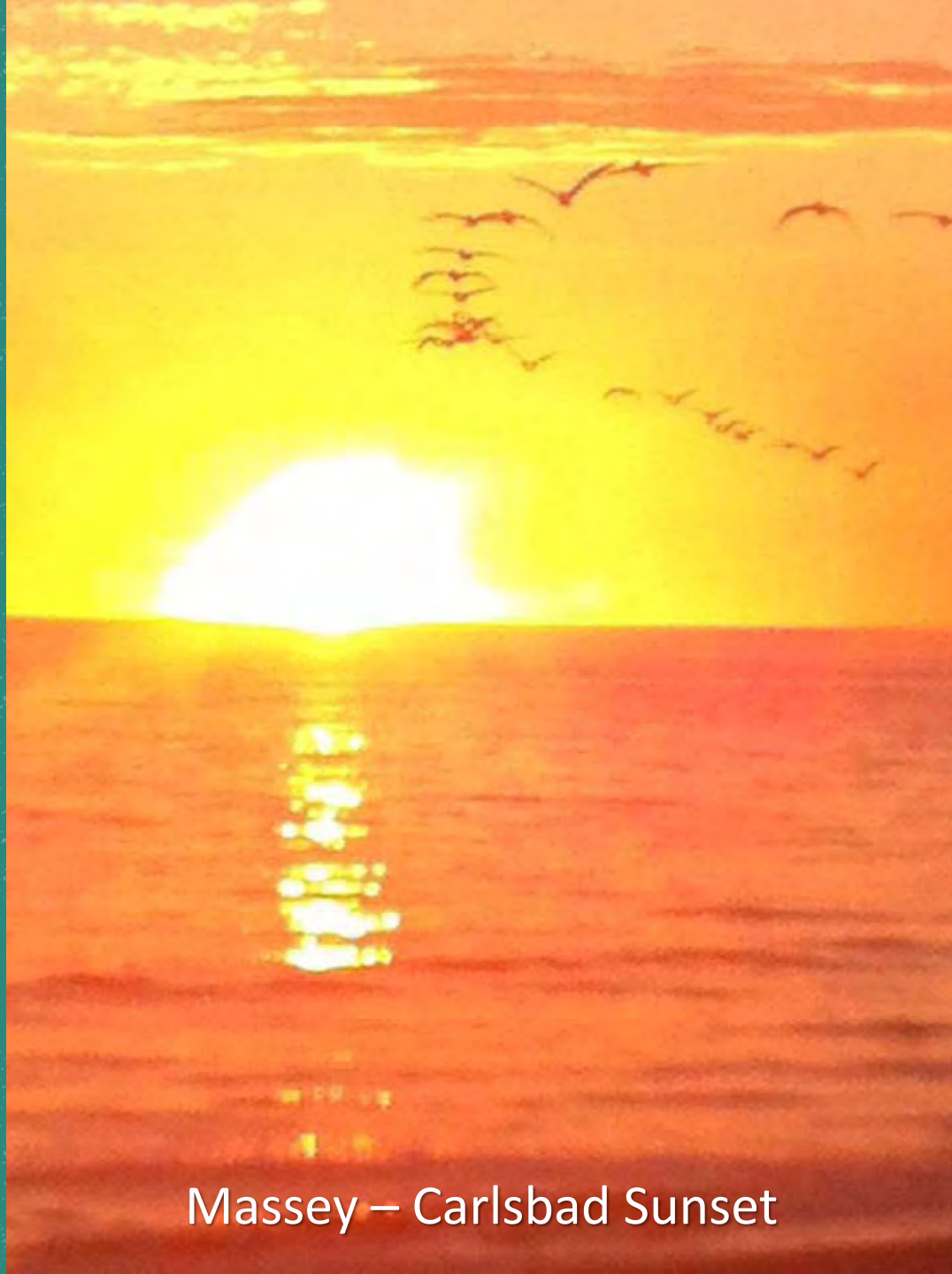
Ritchie – Northern Lights, Alaska



Chase – Ice Crystal Research



Chase – Western New York



Massey – Carlsbad Sunset



Beningo - Flowers



Boland – Carlsbad Double Rainbow



Boland - Squirrel



Boland - Yosemite



Stephens - Flower



Stephens - flower



Shourds – Peaceful Stream



Shourds – Running Partner



Shourds – Pictured Rocks, Michigan

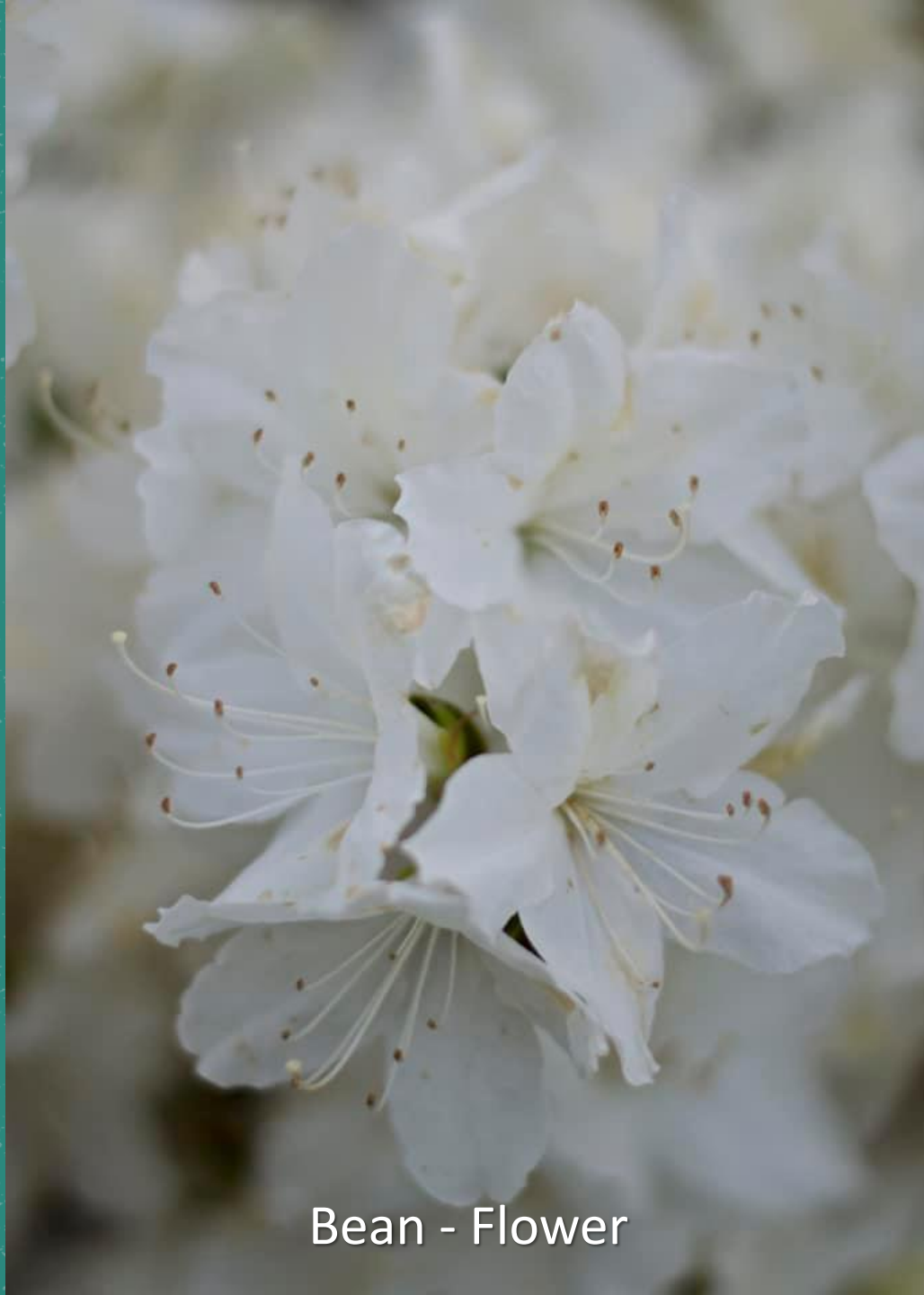




Mt. Rainier *Janmarie Shelton*



Yates - Encinitas



Bean - Flower



Bean - Butterfly



Iadicicco – Papago Park, AZ



Alvord – Dog at Sunset



Michel – Japanese Botanical Garden, Portland, OR



Michel - Sunset



Burke – Hubbard Glacier



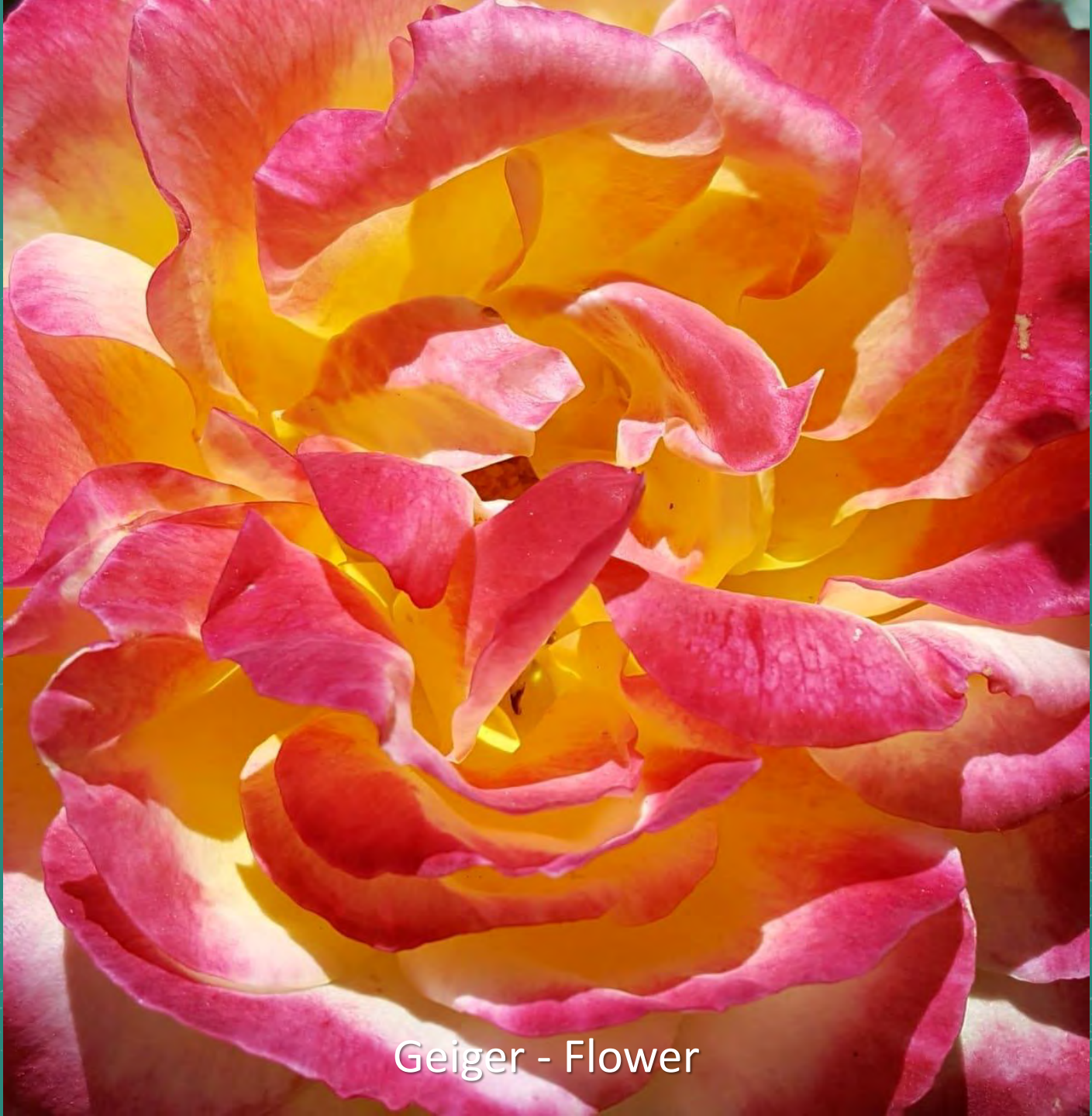
Burke – Oceanside Harbor



Fulton - Havasupai Falls, Grand Canyon, AZ



Geiger – Horseshoe Bend, Colorado River



Geiger - Flower



Geiger - Tucker



Hasbach – San Tan Mountain Sunset



Hasbach – Lava Tubes near Flagstaff, AZ



Bidlack – AZ Sunset



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Martis – “Hole in the Ground” Page, AZ



Martis – “Water Sprout”



Willis – Mountain Lake



Meyer - Grapes



Meyer – Slow Shutter Waterfalls



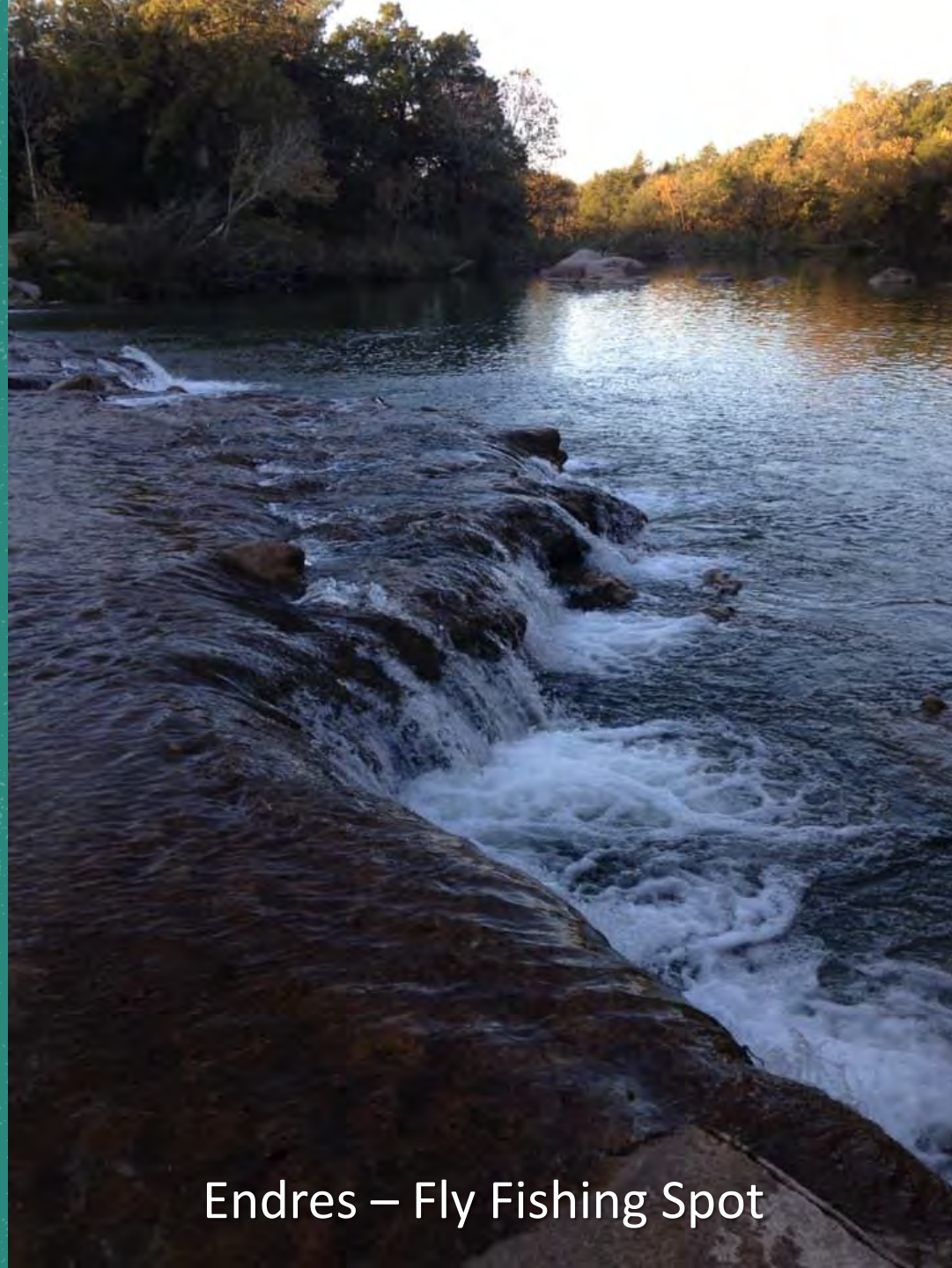
Richardson - Palm



Richardson - Sunflower



Richardson – Waterfall, Watkins Glen



Endres – Fly Fishing Spot



Brandt – Patio Sunset



Boland - Flower



Vara – Old Faithful



Vara – Yellowstone National Park



Brinkman – Phoenix Mountain Preserves



Gaebler - Tonto Basin, AZ



Cizek – Near Whiteman AFB, MO



Senechal – Schilling Stars



Boyer — Back Yard



Walker - Myrtle Beach, SC

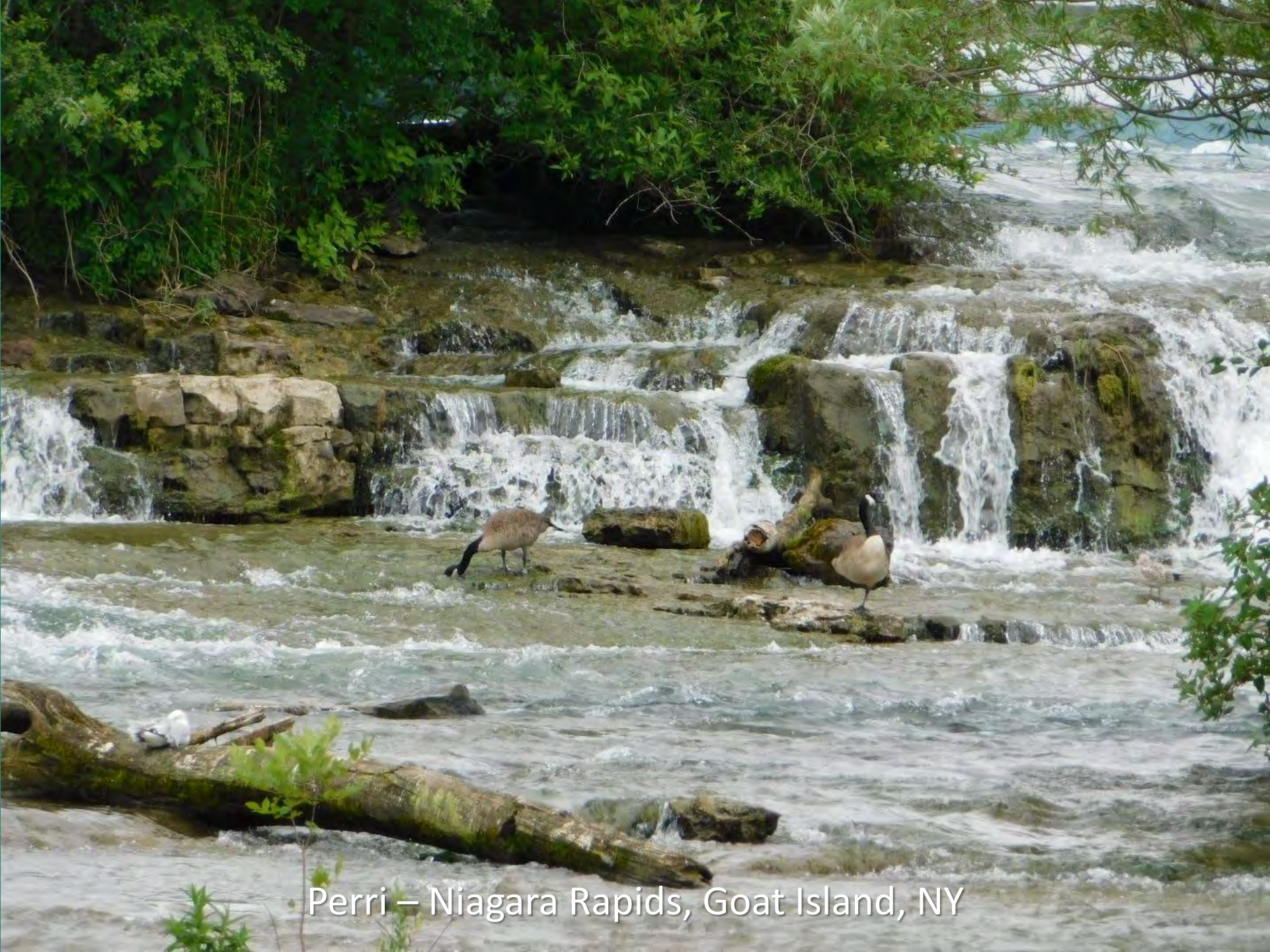


Kruse – Monarch Butterfly Cluster *Collins*



Kruse — Lions & Clouds

Lindsay A. Scott



Perri – Niagara Rapids, Goat Island, NY



Muetzel – Iowa Green



Milligan - Cow





Milligan - Horse



Milligan – Massive Spider



McAvoy - Utah



Schaff - Cactus



Scoffin - Tucson



Senechal – Mountain Vista



Morris – Rölling Hills



Stoterau – Minnesota Vacation



Grineau - Flower



Grineau – Oceanside



Grineau – South Carlsbad Beach



Teat - Pebble Beach California



Guse – Mountain Ranch



Urban – Four Mile Creek, Arlington, VA



Waufle – Judean Desert



Waufle - Baby

A deep space photograph showing a vast field of stars of various colors (white, yellow, orange, blue) against a dark background. A prominent, glowing, orange and yellow nebula is visible in the center-right. The image is framed by teal vertical bars on the left and right sides.

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– Genesis 1:2

“This most elegant system of the sun, planets, and comets could not have arisen without the design and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being.”

– Isaac Newton

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making
wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord
are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

– Psalm 19:7-8

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made...

– John 1:1-3

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

– John 1:14

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– Colossians 1:17



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