

(English translation)

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The Immensity of God

To take a short break, I watched a documentary about nature. That film actually had a great effect on my soul, unlike other television programs which bring “the world” into the soul and leave a void in one’s heart (for this reason we need a lot of prudence when availing ourselves of the mass-media).

Contemplating the immensity of the universe, the extraordinary beauty and power of nature, my mind rose spontaneously to the Creator of it all, to a new sort of understanding of the immensity of God. It made a new and strong impression; I felt like falling on my knees to adore, praise, and glorify God. I felt a great need of this, as if it were my vocation at the moment.

It was as if my eyes had been opened, to understand as never before who it is that we have chosen as our ideal; or rather, who has chosen us. I saw that he is so great, so great, so great, that it seemed impossible that he thinks of us. This impression of God’s immensity remained in my heart for several days. To pray, “Hallowed be thy name,” or “Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,” is different for me now: It has become a necessity of the heart.

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