

### **Psalms 8:1-9 (NIV)**

<sup>(1)</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>(2)</sup> From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. <sup>(3)</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>(4)</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? <sup>(5)</sup> You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>(6)</sup> You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: <sup>(7)</sup> all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, <sup>(8)</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. <sup>(9)</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# **CARDBOARD RELATIONSHIPS**

**"Why would God create more than 350,000,000,000 galaxies (and this is a conservative estimate) that generations of people never saw or even knew existed?" Chan**



### **CARDBOARD CHARACTERISTICS**

1. Easily damaged
2. Once damaged it seems like it is never the same.  
When water hits it or it is cut
3. Doesn't talk back
4. It is stiff, but thin skinned, not much depth to it.
5. Cheap

### **\*DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "KNOWING" AND "KNOWING ABOUT"**

\*How much of my 'knowledge' about God is from

**Jeremiah 9:23-24**

<sup>(23)</sup> This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, <sup>(24)</sup> but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

**John 17:3**

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

**Philippians 3:8**

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish

How much of my knowledge about God is from others experiences rather than personal experience?

\*Difference between knowing things about science and knowing things about God.

-scientists build on the foundation of those who preceded him. Knowledge of God is different in that every encounter is unique and individual. A poor person can know just as much about God as someone with a P.H.D.

**RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

A relationship with God has many of the same characteristics that mark a personal relationship between two friends. These factors include some degree of:

- \*Mutual recognition--each knows the other.
- \*Mutual openness--each approaches the other.
- \*Mutual interests--each shares with the other.
- \*Mutual respect--each honors the other.

**A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP**

- \*To meet God doesn't mean we have to see Him visibly.
- \*To hear God doesn't mean we have to hear Him audibly.
- \*To be close to God is not a matter of location.
- \*To know God is not a matter of knowing all about Him.