

Moon, Stars, and Waves

It is the LORD who provides the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night, and who stirs the sea into roaring waves. His name is the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Jeremiah 31:35

“Cantaloupe moon.” “Foo foo stars.” “A big one wave.” When my daughter, Aurelia, spoke these words, I felt the earth shake. Learning English, not to mention conversational skills, has been a challenge for Aurelia ever since my husband and I adopted her from Romania nearly twelve years ago. So in those first years, when she came up with original phrases, my heart truly did tremble.

Strolling at the time of the harvest moon, Aurelia uttered the first statement. A late-night meander through a deserted Oklahoma state park brought forth the labeling of the stars. And it was during her first visit to Myrtle Beach that Aurelia reveled in the pummeling of the waves. Each time, I marveled that God continues to create heart-stopping panoramas that inspire my daughter's linguistic creativity. He sees the big picture, hanging the stars in the sky, yet he still cares about the details—a little girl, her tripping tongue, and a grateful, hope-filled mom.

I, on the other hand, let myself get bogged down with details. When I obsess over my daughter's struggles with social situations and academic skills, I know I've taken my eyes off the big picture. That's when I step outside. Looking up into the night sky, I remember my Creator and get a fresh breath of God's perspective.

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