

Amazing Space

“You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of Joy; At Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.”

Psalms 16:11 (NKJV)

You will know what it’s like—to come away from an amazing TV programme on a high..

Some time ago Channel 4 concluded a documentary on the ISS, the International Space Station. Perhaps you saw some of it as well? Every hour and a half we were whirled around our Planet from 250 miles up with stunning and awesome views (perhaps the correct context for ‘awesome’?).

Although forty times higher than the last known position of the lost MH 370 Boeing 777 but only a thousandth of the distance to our Moon, most astronauts ran out of vocabulary in trying to describe the magnificent beauty: “It is what it must look like from Heaven.” one said.

On the programme Professor Stephen Hawkins gave his views on colonizing Mars, fearing for our future on Mother Earth. The Earth’s fragile atmosphere looked like the thin outer layer of an onion skin or the slightly wet surface of a golf ball just taken out of water. The Twin Towers disaster smoke trail was clearly visible from the ISS on 9/11. We were told that 6,000 tons of man-made space debris poses a great risk to the ISS as mankind fails to clear up.

Astronauts spoke eloquently about their feelings when looking down at our only Home in the darkness of space. Meteors (shooting stars) could be seen *below* the ISS, along with spectacular aurora and lower lightening. Most said the ‘out of Earth’ experience had changed their world view. The word ‘humbling’ was used more than once.

How *close* mankind can come to worship and be in awe, and yet despite tremendous brave technological strides still not able to see the Grace that God has given us!

“It’s in our DNA to explore.” said one astronaut. So it is – and our present opportunity and destiny as Christians is to explore an even *more* fabulous Creation that eventually the whole human race will have the privilege to inherit and enjoy. Eternity is indeed set in our hearts.

For me this programme helped clarify the Glories that await everyone who wishes with every fibre of their being to be in awe of our Great God.