



Mid-week. Some things accomplished. Still much to do. But this being Holy Week it is important to leave a little space for awe. There are many wonderful moments in this day, as in every day. One is when night becomes day. Hans Küng (1928 -), one of the most respected theologians of our age, wrote, “*What tranquility and grandeur the starry heavens radiate ... so I reflect again on the great questions the cosmos puts to human beings*” One Holy Week I asked some friends to react to that. These are a few of the simple experiences they shared,

I am in awe when I go out in the dark morning to retrieve the paper. The air is still, the world is asleep, and there is a peace that transcends all for those few minutes. I think that when I retire, I will go outside just before dawn to sit and reflect as the world awakens around me. ... Every morning I get up before dawn, walk outside to ponder my garden, and with gratitude notice the beauty and potential of the day to come. How I love the night sky!! ... From my childhood I remember sitting on our back porch and just gazing at the moon and stars. ... Last night I opened the door and looked up into the night sky. ... So calming, so grand, so radiant. In an instant my perspective changed and all became right in my world. ... Tonight I am going to stop trying to make sense of the world and just sit under the stars. ...

And now, perhaps before the Milky Way fades, it is time to open the door, take a deep breath, and “reflect again on the great questions the cosmos puts to human beings.”

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