



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“God’s stars will always outshine those who try to be stars.”

## Amazing Space How Sweet the Sound

*I confess, I am a Trekkie. I watched Star Trek on a black and white TV as I was growing up. I have watched the reruns over and over again. I have a number of Star Trek items including a communicator that talks to Captain Kirk and Spock. I even have a red engineer shirt copied from the show. When Star Wars started, I began to follow those various movies. “I am your Father.” However, I was not as excited with some of their newer movies. Even Gorge Lucas [is disappointed](#) with the lack of originality in them.*

*Fifty years ago, I watched Neil Armstrong go to the moon. “One small step for man. One giant leap for mankind.” That was really an amazing event. But then, the following moon landings became less and less exciting. Soon, man even stopped going there. I heard they may start again.*

*It just amazes me that we are just one small planet in our solar system, orbiting one star in our galaxy, which is just a tiny part of a vast universe. The closest planet to earth is Mars, which is 140 million or  $140 \times 10^6$  miles away. The closest star in Alpha Centauri, which is 5.9 trillion s or  $5.9 \times 10^{12}$  miles away. Our galaxy, the Milky Way is estimated at 588 quadrillion or  $588 \times 10^{15}$  miles wide with 200-400 billion stars. The next closest galaxy is Andromeda which is about 1.5 quintillion or  $1.5 \times 10^{18}$  miles away. This is just a part of over 100 billion galaxies in the universe. See some interesting pictures and facts at [buzzfeed.com/daves4/the-universe-is-scary](http://buzzfeed.com/daves4/the-universe-is-scary)*

*“According to the standard Big Bang model, the universe was born during a period of inflation that began about 13.8 billion years ago. Like a rapidly expanding balloon, it swelled from a size smaller than an electron to nearly its current size within a tiny fraction of a second. Some of this energy congealed into particles, which assembled into light atoms like hydrogen and helium. These atoms clumped first into galaxies, then stars, inside whose fiery furnaces all the other elements were forged.”<sup>1</sup>*

*I remember that Apollo 8 read from Genesis as they circled the earth. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Their reading was used in the HBO TV miniseries “From the Earth to the Moon,” in a Fox TV show “Space: Above and Beyond” and the Starz series “Outlander”. The United States Postal Service even issued a postage stamp to commemorate the reading.<sup>2</sup> It is much easier to believe that God created everything than to believe it was caused just by a Big Bang.*

*Think how tiny earth is compared to the universe. We are not even a speck of sand in the whole ocean. But our Creator, Sustainer, Protector, Provider, and God cared so much for us that He sent His only Son to earth to die so that by believing in Him we may have eternal life. John 3:16*

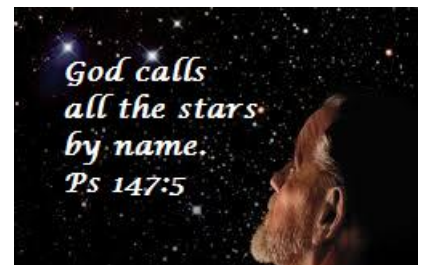
*“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12:3*



Space the final frontier.

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*“The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament sheweth His  
handywork.” Psalm 19:1*



<sup>1</sup>[livescience.com/65819-how-did-the-universe-begin.html](http://livescience.com/65819-how-did-the-universe-begin.html)

<sup>2</sup>[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo\\_8\\_Genesis\\_reading](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_8_Genesis_reading)

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