

**Psalm 104: 1-4** NRSV

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
O LORD my God, you are very great.  
You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,  
you make the clouds your chariot,  
you ride on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers,  
fire and flame your ministers.



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*The Cone Nebula* [nasa.com](http://nasa.com)

**Psalm 113:1-9** NRSV

Praise the LORD!...  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
The LORD is high above all nations,  
and God's glory above the heavens.  
Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high, who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?...  
Praise the LORD!

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*Zeta Oph, runaway star* [nasa.com](http://nasa.com)

**Genesis 1: 1** In the beginning God  
created the heavens and the earth...

**Perspective:** “1. a way of regarding situations,  
facts, etc., and judging their relative importance. 2.  
The proper or accurate point of view or the ability  
to see it; objectivity.

**Reflection:** “1. the act of reflecting or the state of  
being reflected (thrown back after impinging on a  
surface (of a mirror, etc.))...3. careful or long  
consideration or thought”

**Telescope:** “1. an optical instrument for making  
distant objects appear larger and brighter by use of  
a combination of lenses (refracting telescope) or  
lenses and curved mirrors (reflecting  
telescope)...2. any instrument, such as a radio  
telescope, for collecting, focusing, and  
detecting...”  
(Collins English Dictionary)



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*The Sombrero Galaxy, officially called M104 - 28  
million light years from Earth, has 800 billion suns  
and is 50,000 light years across.*





*“Starry Night” - a star in the Milky Way, our galaxy*

*114 million light years away — the swirling cores of two merging galaxies called NGC 2207 and IC*

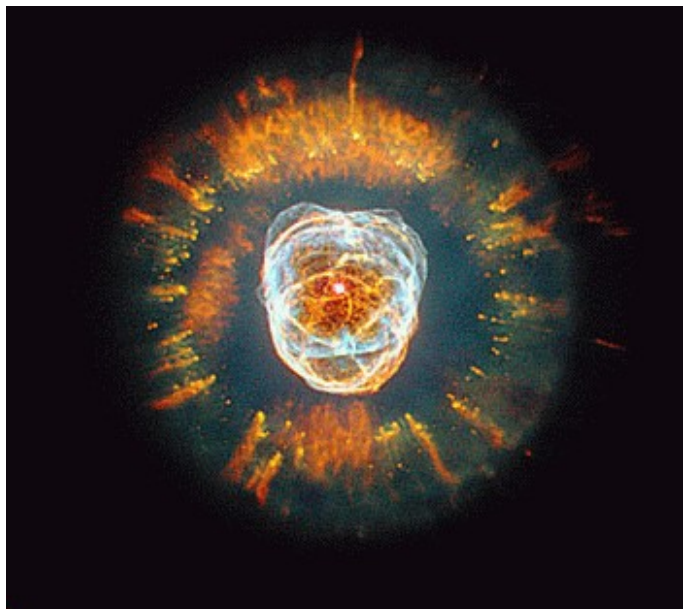


*2163 in the distant Canis Major constellation*

**Psalm 145:3-5 NRSV**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
 God’s greatness is unsearchable.  
 One generation shall laud your  
 works to another,  
 and shall declare your mighty acts.  
 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
 and on your wondrous works,  
 I will meditate.

**Genesis 1: 1-19 (selections)** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light....And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters....God called the dome Sky...And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; ...and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.”... And it was so. God made the two great lights...and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth..And God saw that it was good.



*Photos from the Hubble telescope*