

Where is the wonder and awe?

170 years ago, on 12 January 1836, a young English naturalist sailed into Sydney Harbour while on a journey around the world.

That journey resulted in a theory that revolutionised the way many look at the world, themselves and their existence.

The young naturalist was Charles Darwin.

23 years after that visit, Darwin published his theory under the title *the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, which we refer to as the theory of Evolution.

This theory argues that all living and non-living things have adopted and adapted their forms and functions because of a process of random selection.

Chance has produced changes that survive and this process carries us all forward in no particular direction and for no ultimate purpose other than survival.

So Darwinism explains a process of creation that has no purpose.

With Darwinism dominating the way we think about life and the universe, there should be no surprise that awe and wonder are not part of our ordinary and every day experiences.

But they should be.

As the British novelist, G K Chesterton, pointed out:

The world will never starve for wonders but only for the lack of wonder

Darwinism is robbing us of awe and wonder because it is a narrow and small-minded approach to knowing and experiencing our world.

The Bible presents an awe-inspiring account of God creating with effortless power a universe full of wonders.

The Bible makes it clear that humans are not merely survival machines existing for to pass on genes to the next generation.

We are wonderfully and specially designed creations made to enjoy and participate in the most wonderful of all relationships, an intelligent, emotional and willing relationship with our Creator.

We need to rediscover the Biblical view of God, life and the universe.

We need to have more breath-taking experiences of the world God has made and the God who made the world.

We need to engage with God until we can look around us and begin to sing the songs of the Bible, like Psalm 19, which says:

The heavens tell the glory of God, and the skies announce what his hands have made. Day after day they tell the story; night after night they tell it again. . . . their message goes out through all the world; their words go everywhere on earth.

When Charles Darwin visited the Blue Mountains he saw the beautiful Jamison Valley.

He described its features and wrote that it was a sight well worth visiting.

In contrast, when the composer, Toscanini, visited the Grand Canyon and beheld its enormous ravines, he stood in silent awe and then began clapping his hands in enthusiastic applause.

That's the response that God our Creator expects from those who appreciate the grandeur and the glory of the home he has given us, the home he built with his own hands.

Take up the Bible and begin to discover reasons for heartily applauding your Creator.