



**#1:**

**“Man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself unless he has first looked upon God’s face, and then descends from contemplating him to scrutinize himself.”**

**John Calvin**

**#2:**

**“Psalm 8 shows us what humanity is and specifically presupposes that we can say ‘human being’ only after we have learned to say ‘God.’”**

**John Goldingay**

**#3:**

**“There is one main message creation has to communicate to human beings, namely, the glory of God. Not primarily the glory of creation but the glory of God... The message of creation is this: there is a great God of glory and power and generosity behind all this awesome universe; you belong to him; he is patient with you in sustaining your rebellious life; turn and bank your hope on him and delight yourself in him, not his handiwork.”**

**John Piper**

**#4:**

**“God meant there to be an audience when he created the world. I am sure he said, ‘Watch this!’ when he spoke the galaxies into existence. Imagine the awe and wonder that exploded among the angels. They had never seen or even imagined matter... When God brought material stuff into existence with all its incredible variety and utterly unheard of qualities of sight and sound and smell and touch and taste, this was totally unknown to the angels. God had made it all up. It was not like the unveiling of a new painting made of all the colors and paints we are all familiar with. It was absolutely, totally, unimaginably new! And the response of the sons of God was to shout for joy.”** John Piper



**#5:**

“To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.” Charles Darwin

**#6:**

“Every atheist is a grand fool. If he were not a fool, he would not imagine a thing so contrary to the stream of the universal reason of the world (as the thought ‘There is no God’)...” Stephen Charnock

**#7:**

“The Holy Spirit, who directed David’s tongue, doubtless intended, by his instrumentality, to awaken men from the (lack of energy / inactivity) and indifference which is common to them, so that they may not content themselves with celebrating the infinite love of God and the innumerable benefits which they receive at his hand, in their sparing and frigid manner, but may rather apply their whole hearts to this holy exercise, and put forth in it their highest efforts. This exclamation (v. 1) of David implies, that when all the faculties of the human mind are exerted to the utmost in meditation on this subject, they yet come far short of it.” John Calvin