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“There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” —Albert Einstein

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¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah Psalm 24

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As students of the Bible, we diligently ponder and discuss Holy Scriptures, which were derived from oral histories and private revelations put into written word thousands of years ago. These beguiling stories were told in the context of their ancient times as truths revealed by God. Many theologians like Reverend Michael Dowd and Father Richard Rohr assert that God hasn't finished speaking to us and therefore we ought to pay rapt attention lest we miss the Creator's still active voice. On the one hand, it may come to us individually in the form of intensely private revelations as we wonder and ponder, and as we love, suffer, grieve, and pray. On the other hand, God's speaking also comes to humanity in the form of public revelations, like those revealed from the world's science community. Science employs special methods to discover foundational truths that reveal the facts of Creation. These are verifiable and even beautiful truths that God has revealed to us. Such public revelations can transform our Churches and us because they permit deeper understandings of the ancient Scriptures and they reveal our deep interconnectedness, our oneness with all of Creation. Science isn't at odds with Scripture; it's complementary to Scripture. It reaffirms that we are not merely the Biblical stewards of the Garden, the highest life force responsible for its care; we are its cosmic heart and soul. We are its conscience. Science invariably reveals the truly miraculous, awe-inspiring beauty and ineffable mystery of Creation. And, whenever we are moved to be in deep awe and gratitude, we are spiritually one with God. As Albert Einstein once said, either nothing is a miracle or everything is a miracle. We should pray. Happy Monday!

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Many Blessings upon you,

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