



THINK ON THESE THINGS..... (our contributor this morning is Lucy Gough)

**Acts 17** <sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.”

I am sitting with a six year old looking at a book about Space and we've been talking about a picture of Earth orbiting the sun. Our next closest planet, Mars, is so far away that it would take a manned spaceship many months to reach it. Our solar system is but a tiny dot on the next page – a picture of our galaxy, The Milky Way. Then there are all the other galaxies that we are told about, where I suspect no man is ever likely to go (no matter how much I enjoy the adventures of Kirk and Spock in *Star Trek!*)

By contrast, in the next room is an eleven year old pretending to study “Henry VIII's break from Rome”, but sneakily using his finger print to access his mobile phone and watch YouTube videos. A fingerprint so unique that, in our whole universe, he is the only one able to perform the task, unless someone knows his back-up PIN! <wink>

Through all this I am reminded that we have an amazing God who expertly and lovingly designed. From something as critical as the force of gravity which keeps our planet in a perfect orbit for life to exist, to the miniscule DNA that gives my husband his red hair.

Graham Kendrick wrote: “Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails, surrendered.” We know that we are not God's version of a model railway or doll's house, whose figures are play things and limited to his will. God's love for what he had made would easily have waned if that were the case.

God loves us so much that he made us capable of making our own decisions and choosing our own path each day. He loves us so much that he also provided the example and manual for us to refer to every time we get stuck. Jesus' life in the bible shows us many ways of how we might live, how we might love and how we can know God better.

**Breath-Prayer for Today:** Loving God, help us to remember that all things, even the smallest things, are in your care.