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Can You Count The Stars? The Bible and Science

*Can you count the stars of evening, / That are shining in the sky?
Can you count the clouds that daily, / Over all the world go by?
God the Lord, who does not slumber, / Keeps all the boundless number:
But He cares more for you, / But He cares more for you.*

The words of that song serve as a reminder to us of a number of things that prove the accuracy, knowledge and power of the Lord our God. And that should encourage us to have even greater faith in Him. Some of man's recent discoveries about God's accuracy, knowledge and power include the following:

In the years before Jesus was born, Greek astronomers, employing the sharp vision of their younger colleagues, counted all the stars visible to the unaided eye and concluded that they totaled 3,000 stars. The prophet Jeremiah through God's inspiration said centuries earlier that, "the stars of heaven cannot be numbered" (Jeremiah 33:22). So, can we trust what God says? Today astronomers tell us that the number of stars is estimated to be 10 to the 25th power (that's 1 followed by 25 zeros - try writing it out to be really impressed) and they are certain that no person knows the actual number out there. So, we cannot count the stars. But God knows both their number and their names, "He tells the number of the stars; he calls them all by their names" (Psalm 147:4).

The November 1996 issue of New Scientist magazine revealed that evolutionists were surprised to learn that "primitive" insects like butterflies have a magnetic sense and/or built-in navigational "maps" like the "more highly evolved birds."

