



REFLECTIONS

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I AM WHO I AM.

Exodus 3:14

Wonders

If a definition of wonder is something of nature that can't be easily explained, then Giant's Causeway must rank high on the wonders list. It would be a wonder even if it was manmade; but it isn't. Almost perfectly hexagon-shaped columns rise out of an area of the Northern Ireland sea coast to form one of nature's phenomena. Some columns rise only to heights just above the water's level providing the appearance of stepping stones into the sea. Thousands of other columns rise to varying heights presenting the image of stacks of poker chips waiting to be put in play.

Places like Giant's Causeway put me in a state of wonder, and I seem to find myself in that state a lot. A state of wonder is to gaze into the unexplained and the unexplainable. I wonder how nature can create the symmetry of Giant's Causeway. And I wonder about such things as why/how/what makes children grow? I wonder what makes them stop. Both are natural; both are expected. Neither is easily explained or understood. The growth of children is a wonder. And it is a wonder that their growth comes to an end. Both are true. We see it every day.

All of God's creation is a wonder. The life we see around us seems ordinary because we see it every day. Sometimes science offers explanations; but there is wonder in science too. How did science come to be? It is all a wonder. But it is true. We see it every day.

Wonders are unexplainable. But they are true. Wonders often exceed the ordinary. But wonders may also be common simply because there is no clear explanation why, or how, or what made them be. God is one of those. His being is beyond understanding. But God is true. We feel his presence every day. He is the answer to all wonders of the world. And as for the wonder of him?—well, it begins with his ever-present name.

His name is I AM.

You are the light of the world,

Richard +

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