



DID YOU KNOW?

THE STARS ARE PART OF OUR COMMON HERITAGE!

The nighttime environment is a precious natural resource. Uncontrolled outdoor lighting **hides** the stars and **changes** our perception of the night. Until recently, our ancestors experienced a night sky brimming with stars that inspired science, religion, philosophy, art and literature. Let's protect the natural night sky **for future generations**.

Inspired by the Night

Van Gogh painted "Starry Night" in Saint Rémy, France, where the Milky Way can no longer be seen. If alive today, would he be inspired to paint this masterpiece?

"I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream."

— Vincent van Gogh

The night sky provides perspective and inspiration, allowing us to reflect on our humanity and place in the universe.



Discovering the Cosmos

The histories of scientific discovery and human curiosity are indebted to the natural night sky. Because of light pollution, all new major astronomical observatories are being built far from civilization.

Without the natural night sky we could not have

- Navigated the globe
- Walked on the moon
- Learned of our expanding universe
- Discovered humans are made of stardust



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