

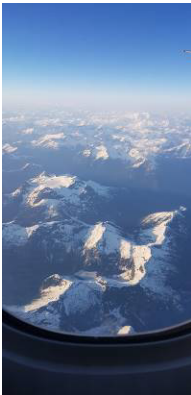


NATURE CALLS! *God is an awesome god*

Do you realise that most of the beautiful things in life are not just things? They are the people and memories of the time we spend with them; the joys and sorrows that we do not forget for a long time. Thank God for it!
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Nature helps to bring back the sanity of life just by looking at it. Teck Chai and I had the opportunity to visit Alaska through Vancouver and we returned from Alaska to Singapore from Seattle recently. This is a trip on my “bucket list” and you can never imagine what we saw. I wish we could share our videos as well. The beauty of nature from the other side of the globe is just amazing.

First, let me show you the view through our flight before we arrived in Vancouver airport.



The mountainous view was magnificent! Look at the snow-cap peaks standing aloof from the skyline, blending into the wonderful colours of the daylight!

Our journey began with awe in the face of the wonders from God! What a sight!

As we boarded the cruise from Vancouver, the scenery started changing as the days were longer in Summer and the nights fell just before waking up to an early start. Sometimes, the stars did not even appear before the days started again.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

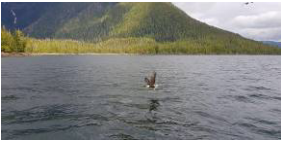
And God said, Let there be light, and there was light. God saw that the light was good and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day and the darkness he called night. And there was morning – first day.

And God said, Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water. So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from water above it. And it was so. God called the vault sky. And there was evening, and there was morning – second day.

And God said, Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear. And it was so. God called the dry ground land, and the gathered waters he called seas. And God saw that it was good.

~ Genesis 1:1-10~

We marveled at the creatures in the sea when we went for crab catching and whale watching in cold and rainy weather. Yes, it was summer at 2 to 9 degree Celsius at Ketchikan, Icy Straits and Juneau.



Have you heard of the “mid-night” sun? I learnt about it when we were heading through the various spots in Alaska such as Skagway, Talkeetna and Denali. The sun was still shining at 11 p.m. We had an average of 18 hours of daylight.

It was a learning experience for us as we ventured deeper into Alaska from the sea to the land by coach, train and All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) into the mountains; cross rivers on a jet-boat and visited the habitats of Alaskans; trying to understand the history that we

would not have known if we had not been there. God provided all means of survival from food sources, vegetation to the early tribes through the nature that he created.

The beauty of nature just got better when we visited the Wilderness and explored the sights that sent our being into another dimension of the Universe.

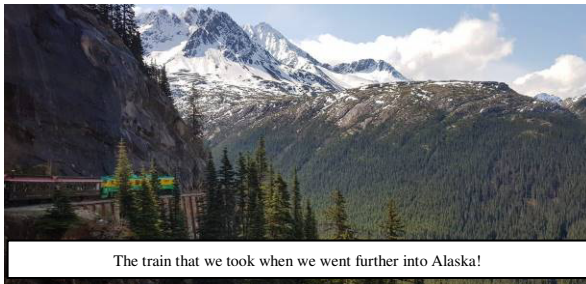




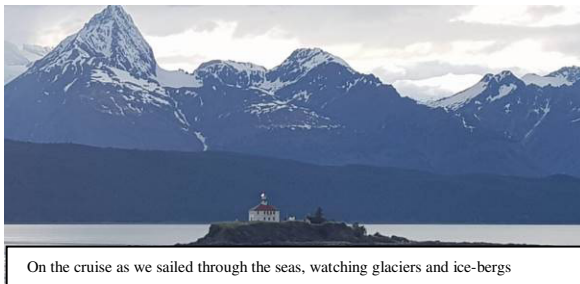
At this point, allow us to show you more pictures which will complete



this article as Teck Chai and I hold these memories close to our hearts; remembering God's love and how He first loved us.



The train that we took when we went further into Alaska!



On the cruise as we sailed through the seas, watching glaciers and ice-bergs

Because He first loved us, Jesus gave himself to us by dying on the cross for us. Give thanks to God!

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