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Sea of Galilee at Sunrise



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Rainbows and Sand Gifts

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Driving home from our BBQ, I saw a spectacular double rainbow shining against dark purple clouds. It ended in front of me on Green Road with the brightest, most vivid display of light I've ever seen. Once again, I wished I had my camera in the car! How good it is to be alive and to be able to witness such glorious scenes in nature. I can identify with the poet Edna St. Vincent Millay who wrote, "O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!" I thank God for such lovely

gifts and for the fact that I'm not color blind. Creation reflects its creator. Imagine then, how beautiful God must be. If this world contains such marvels as rainbows, what will the next world be like?

The rainbow reminded me of my first sighting of a pilot's halo. I was some 30 thousand feet above earth, flying to a conference where I was to speak. (At times like this I like to think of God's hand carrying the plane safely through the sky.) Looking out the window down on the clouds, I saw a miniature shadow of our plane on top of them, gliding alongside us. The plane was surrounded by a circular rainbow. Fascinated, I wondered if I was having a comforting vision! Much later I read a novel in which the heroine was flying in a plane and saw a pilot's halo. It turns out that this is a phenomenon that occurs under special atmospheric conditions. Since that first



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pilot's halo, I've seen several, and each time I have to repress the urge to shout to all my fellow passengers, "Look out the window!"

Not having a photo of a rainbow, I'm posting a photo I took of another gift in creation when I did have my camera. Walking along the shore of the Sea of Oman in Arabia, I came across this unusual pattern that wind and waves had created in the sand. With surprises like this appearing in our world, who needs a pot of gold?

When have you delighted in an awesome nature scene? Be ready to feast your eyes on the autumn landscapes that will soon be ours to enjoy.

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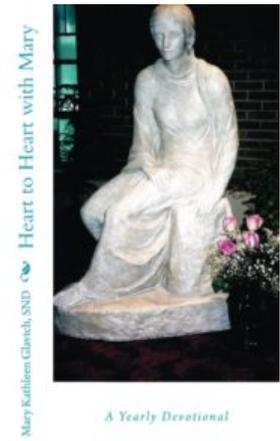
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A Slow Student During indoor recess, the third and fourth graders were playing school. Taking part in the game, the teacher, Sister Janet, sat at a child's desk. Adam, who was playing the teacher, came up to her and asked, "And just how many years have you been kept back?" (from "Why Is Jesus in the Microwave?")

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