



# BUS O'CLOCK

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The Great Ocean Road is a well-known tourist 'hot spot'. Built in part to provide work to returning World War 1 soldiers, it is sometimes known as the world's longest war memorial and is famously scenic. Increasing numbers of tourist buses ply the route; many plastered with Chinese advertising on their sides and filled with international visitors out on a day trip to the Twelve Apostles. Most tours stop for lunch in the same town, and so a phenomena has arisen that my wife and I have dubbed "Bus o'clock": a time when multiple coaches heading in the same direction sail past our

house, about half an hour prior to this scheduled lunch stop. To our bemusement, often many of their passengers seem to be fast asleep. They will pile out excitedly, taking multiple photos at any given stop, but apparently quietly snooze for the rest of the trip, and thus miss the point of most of the journey. Are our lives sometimes like this? So busy focussing on reaching perceived goals that we tiredly miss the rest of our life passing by? We need to continually remind ourselves to enjoy the journey, savouring each delight of creation along the way and rejoicing in the miracle of God's love and life.

## Reflection:

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Psalm 19: 1 (ESV)

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