

The Sky

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The world is pretty rough, right now. There's a *whole* bunch of stuff going on.
And most people spend the day looking down at their phones. A screen full
Of bad news and scams and social media and views and followers and likes and all of that.
And people are looking down, all the time, at the screens in their hands. But you know,
How about you try something? How about you look up? Why don't you look up at the sky?
'Cause, you know, the sky is blue.
Or maybe it's pink, maybe it's red, orange, yellow, maybe it's gray. But it's *colorful*.
It's bright, maybe it's not. Maybe it's nighttime, maybe there's stars, maybe there's a moon.
Maybe there's clouds, maybe they're fluffy, maybe they're shaped like something recognizable.
And maybe the sun's out; maybe the sun is shining, maybe the sun is setting.
Maybe the sky is exploding in warm colors. And maybe it's cloudy, maybe you can't see the sun.
Maybe it's raining. Maybe the sky is full of storm clouds, and the clouds are darker,
And maybe they look a little scary, but maybe if you turn around the sky is blue.
Maybe you're only on the edge of a storm.
Maybe it's snowing, maybe the sky is white and so is the ground. Maybe it's cold but, you know,
It's *snowing*! How can you be sad when it's *snowing*?
And the thing is, you can't see any of this if you're looking at your phone, can you?
If you're focused on all the bad stuff, you can't see the beauty, can you?
So maybe once in a while, take a step back. Look up. At the sky.
Because, you know, the sky is pretty.