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When you say the word "stars" today, I think it's people that mostly first come to mind: you know, the Hollywood, TV world, Michael Jackson-type (the night he's really a "super" star). An interesting shift. It's the brightness or brilliance of some of the heavenly bodies (I suppose) that makes them more noticeable... but they're all stars, in the ordinary sense of the word. Except for the planets, of course: but we don't call people "planets" — in fact, our ancestors called the planets after gods, and those are the names we're still stuck with. You mightn't notice it much in HK or any modern city, but the night sky is a fascinating part of our natural environment, and a bit of creation that every culture has sought to understand, to have somehow in taking it in to human life.

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