Astronomical Centre at the National Zoological Gardens

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You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. In the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Desiderata by Max Ehrman
Never before have humans known so much about the universe as we do today. Never before have we acquired new information about the universe as quickly as we do now. Yet, at the same time, never has the man been so ignorant about even the basic facts of celestial science (Lazich & Wilson, 1994: 6). The proposed project is an Astronomical Centre in the National Zoological Gardens forecourt in the Inner City of Tswane. The facility is intended to become a vehicle of discovery of the sky, a place where humans will discover the magic and mysteries of the universe.
This project is dedicated to my brother David, my wonderful parents Fanie and Louise and to Jasper.

The topic of the dissertation was chosen as a result of my life-long fascination with the sky.
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