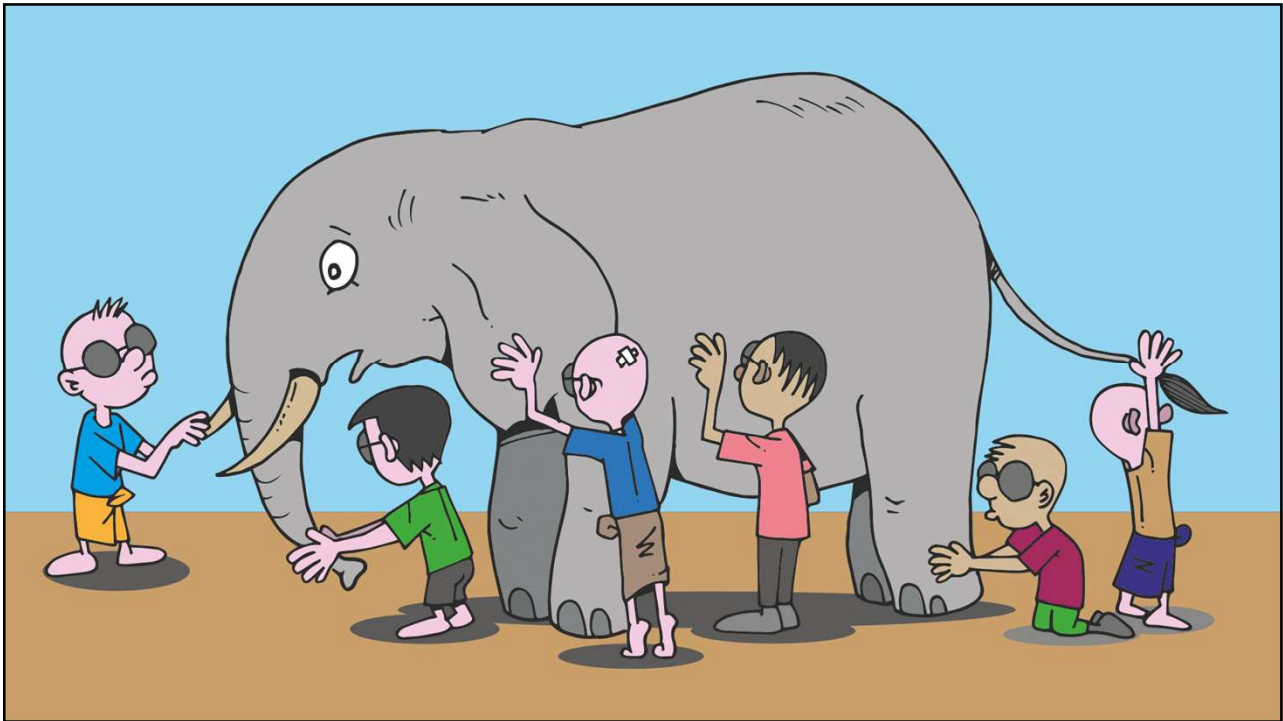


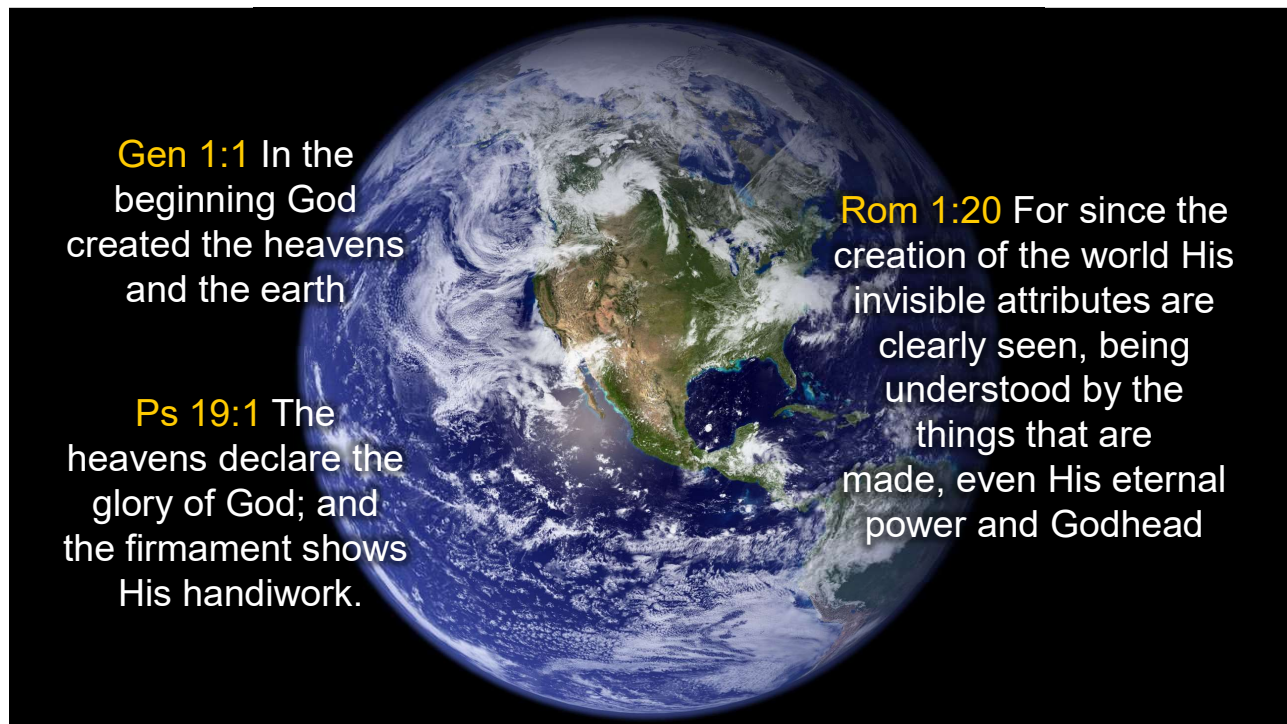
# TRUTH MATTERS

Part 3: The greatest truth – God is

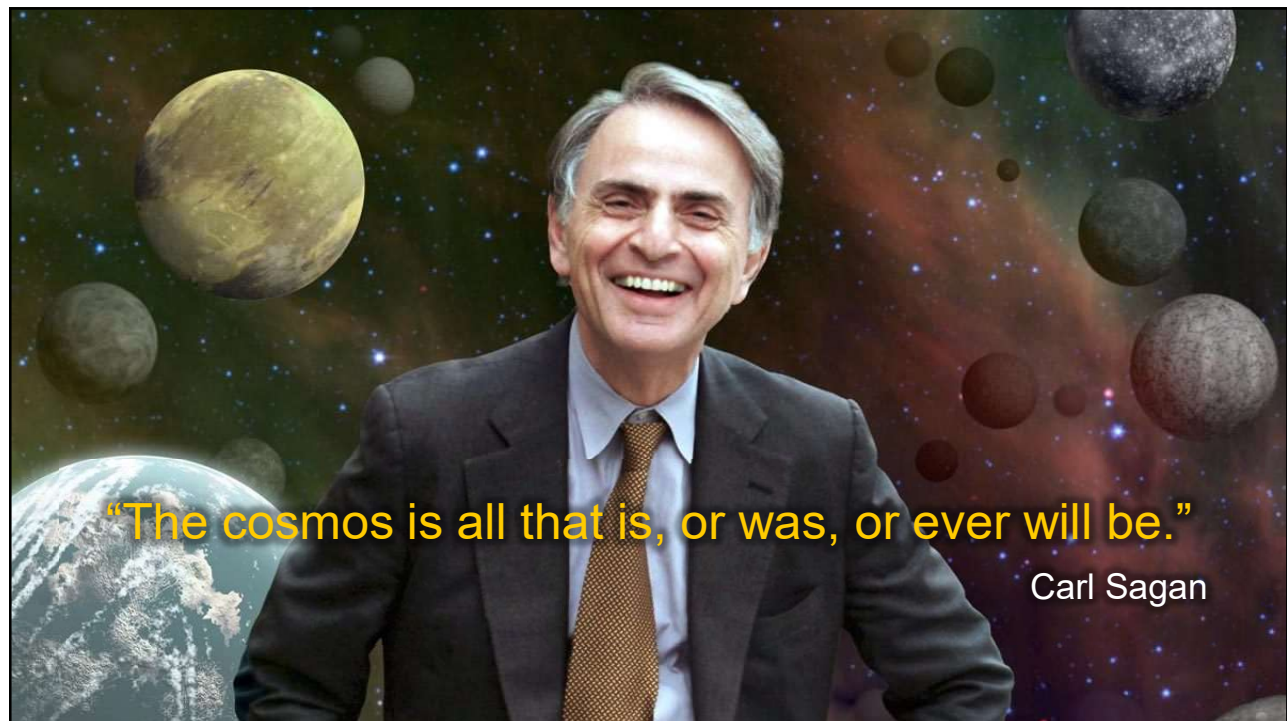
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Many Christians believe only because they want to and cannot justify their belief with evidence.

Christians are commanded to know what they believe, why they believe it, & to give answers to those who ask.

1 Pet 3:15 always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear

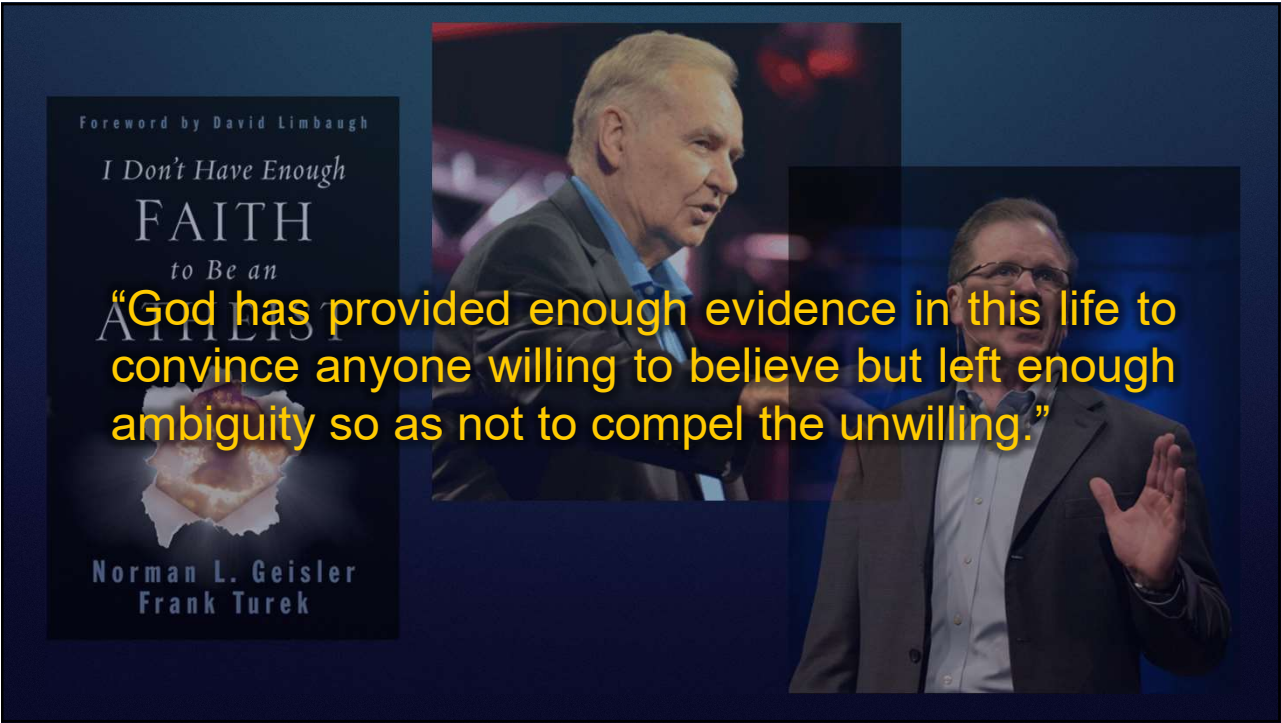
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God gave us the ability to reason and expects us to use it.

Is 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord,

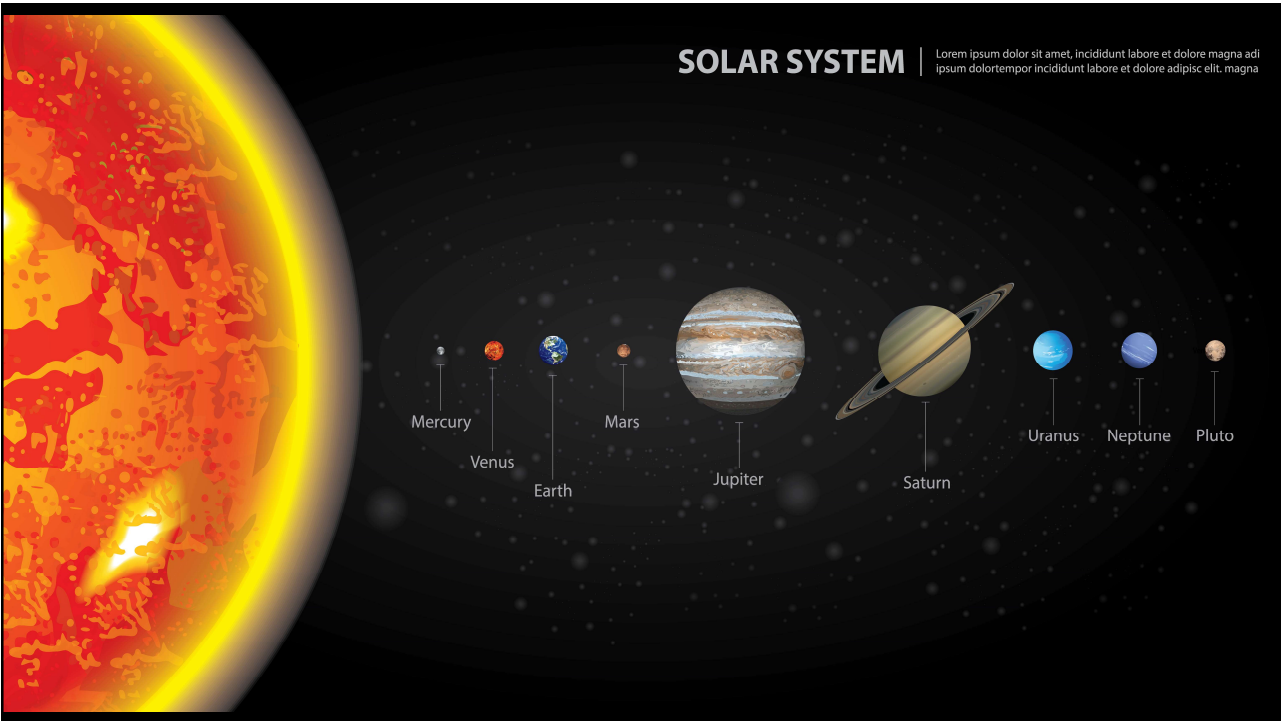
Mt 22:37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

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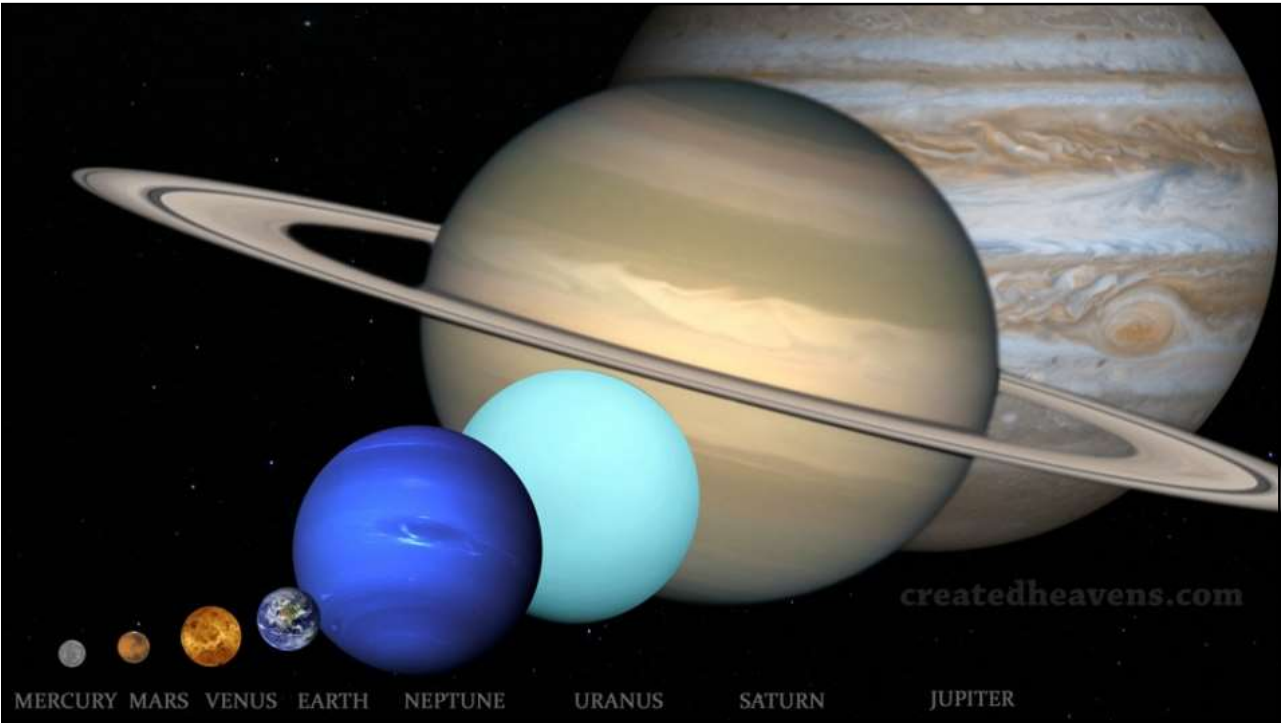


“God has provided enough evidence in this life to convince anyone willing to believe but left enough ambiguity so as not to compel the unwilling.”

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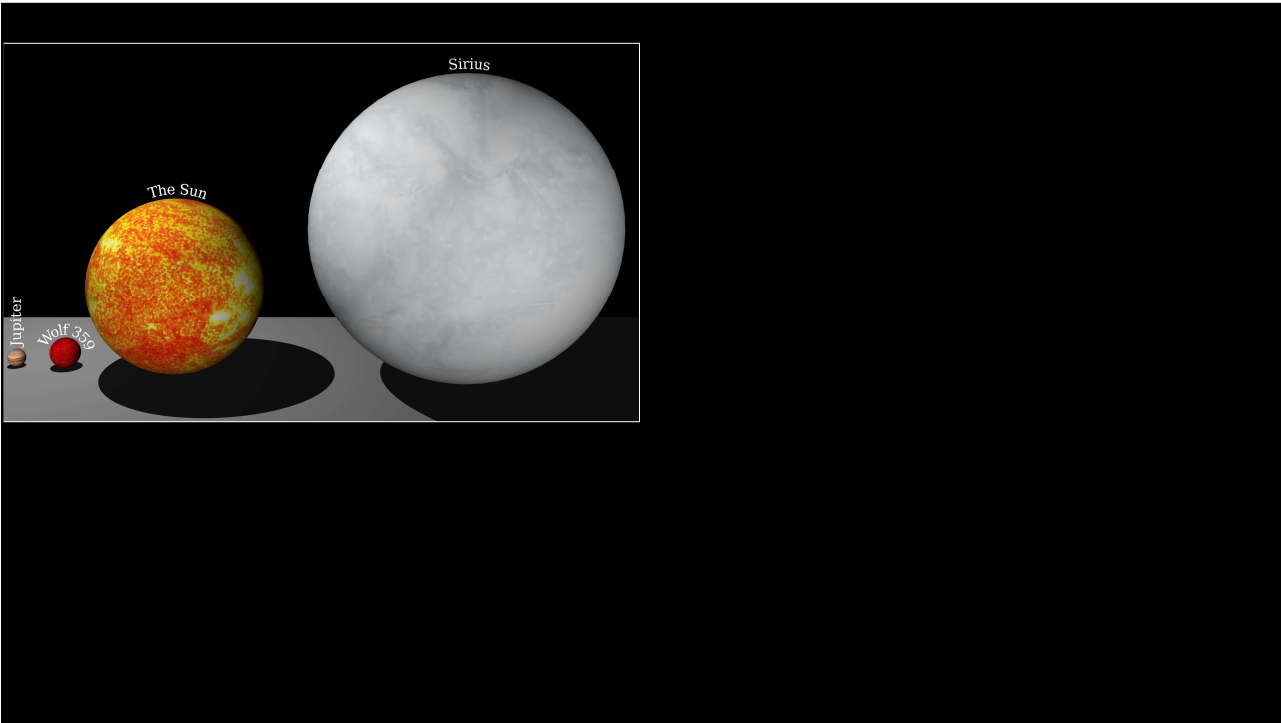


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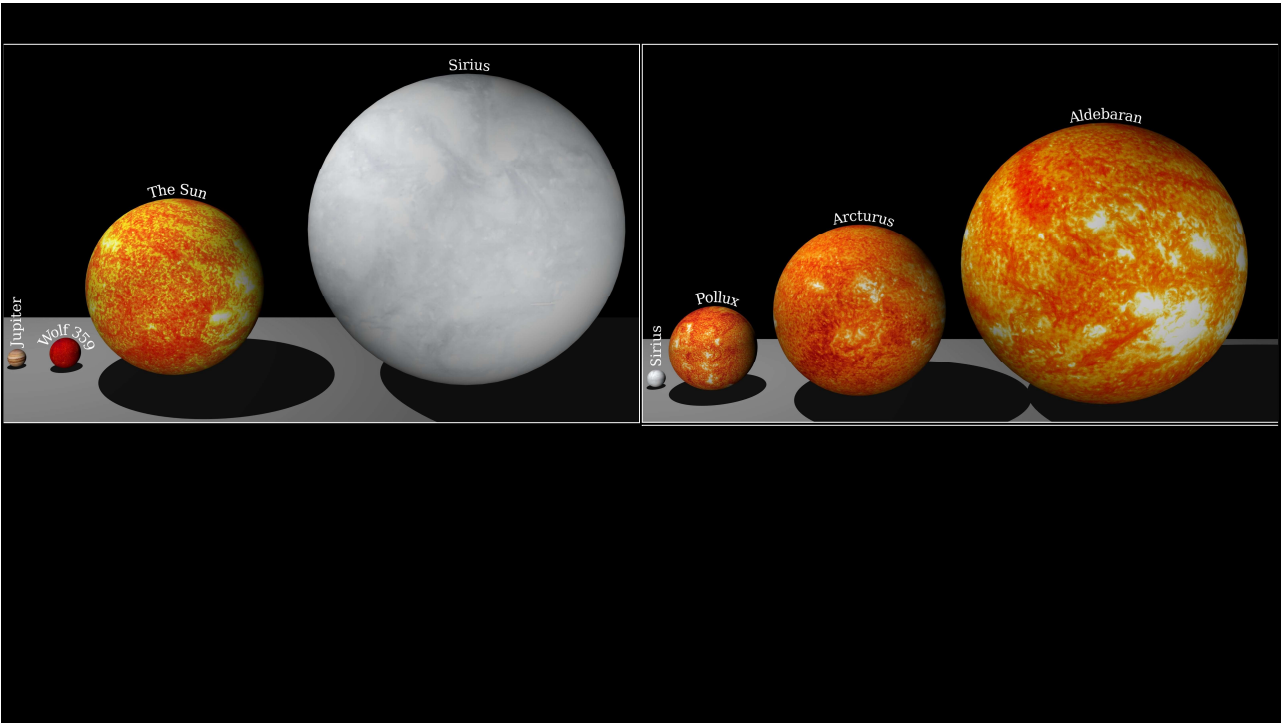


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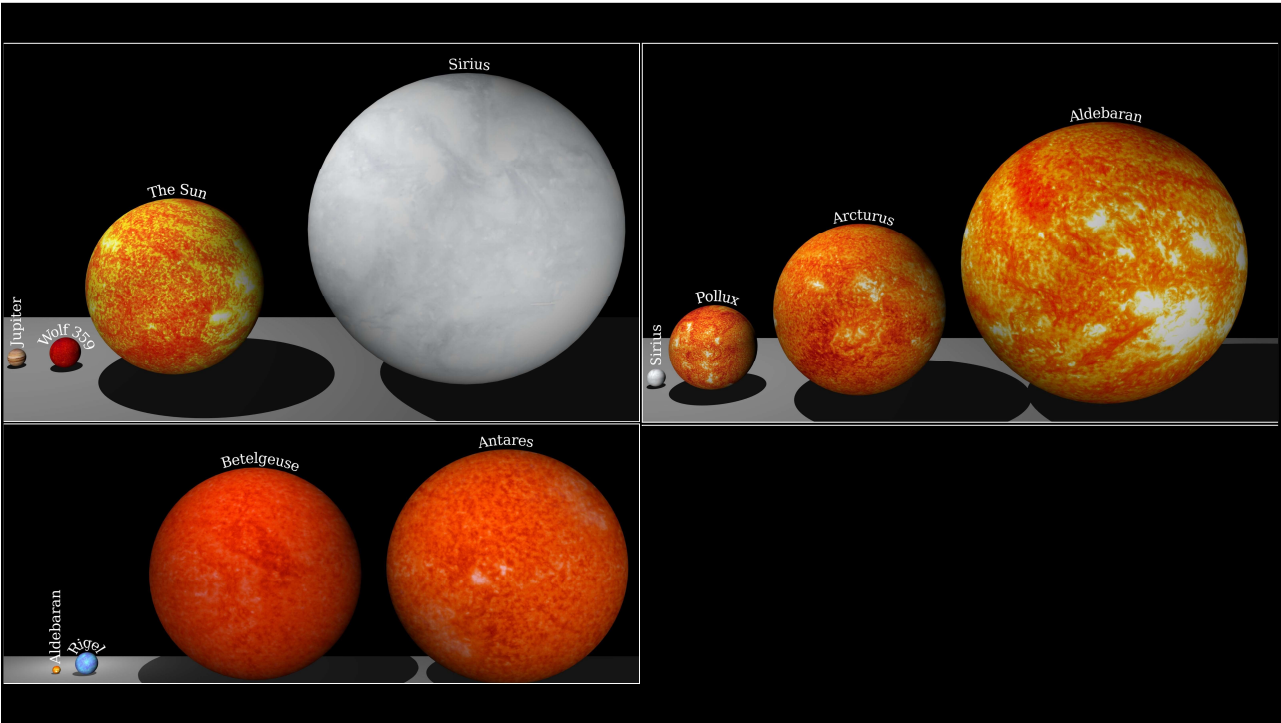




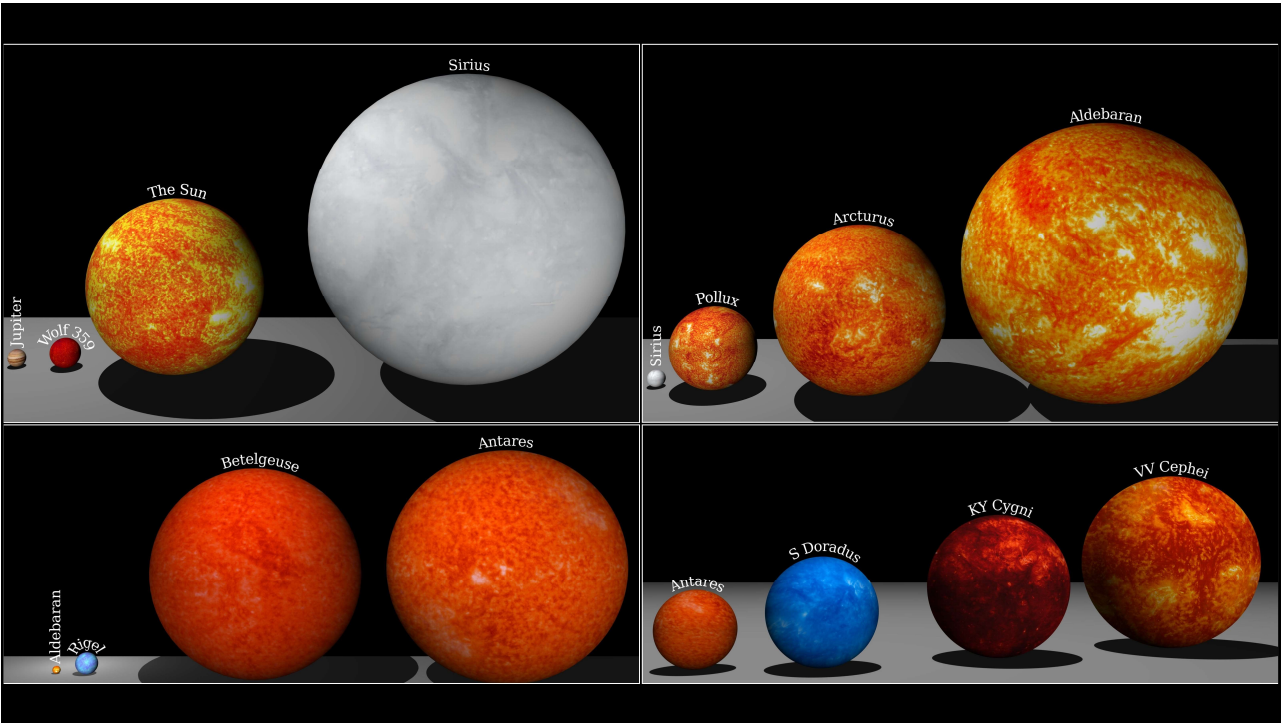
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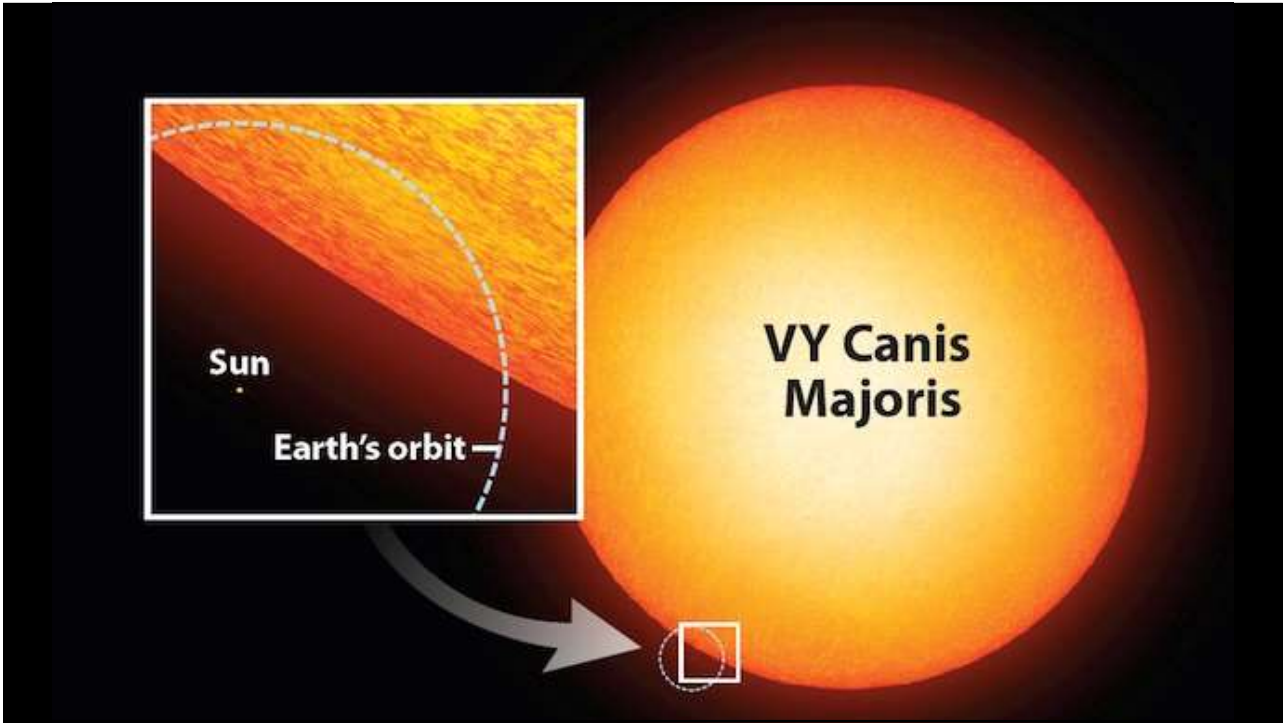
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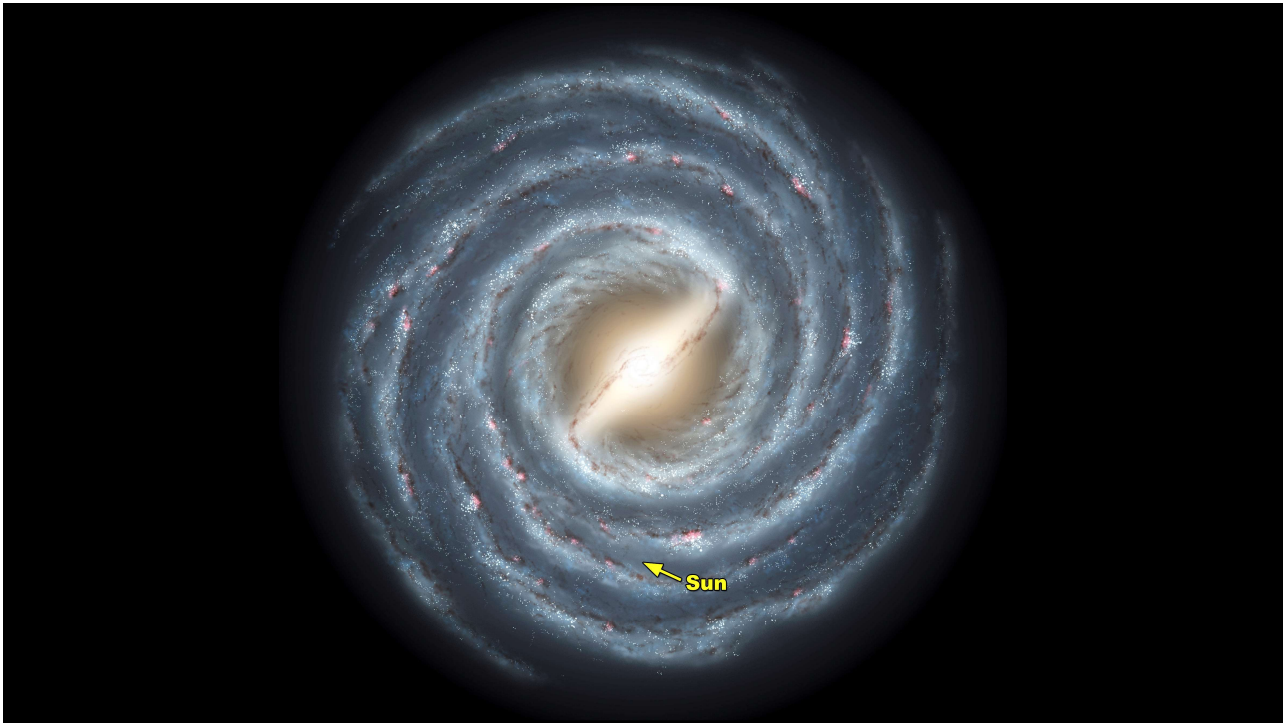
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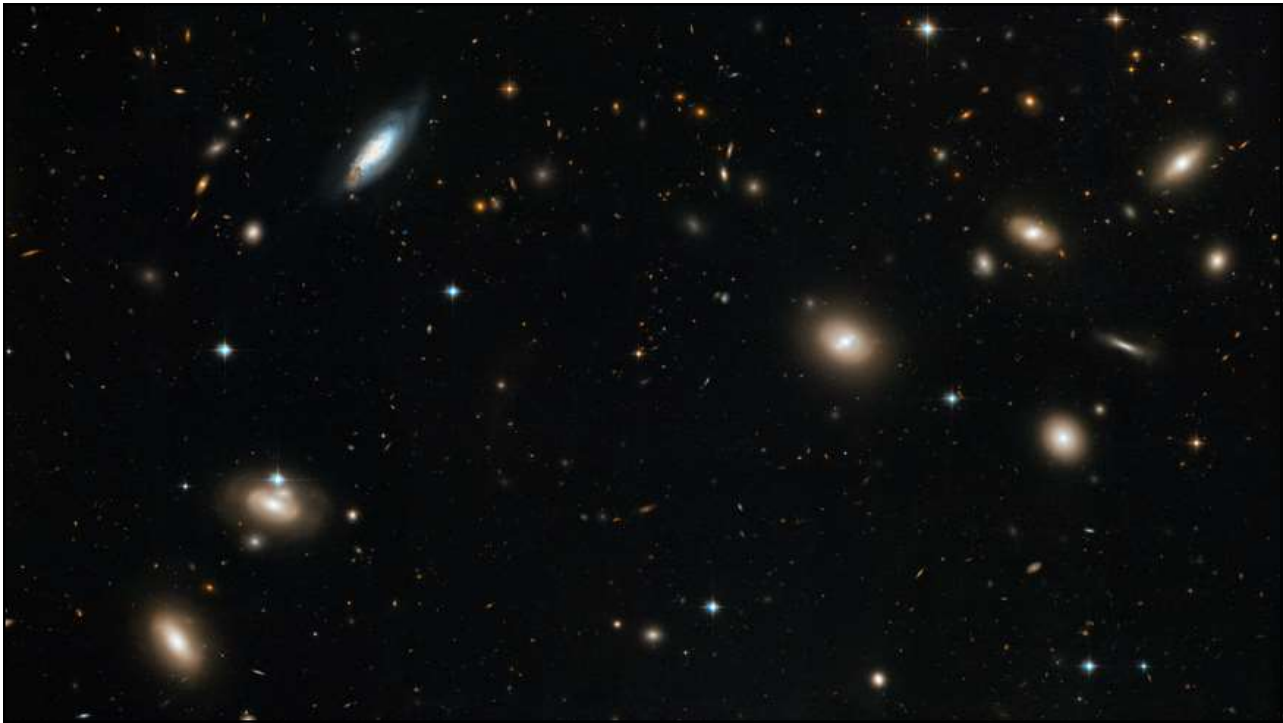


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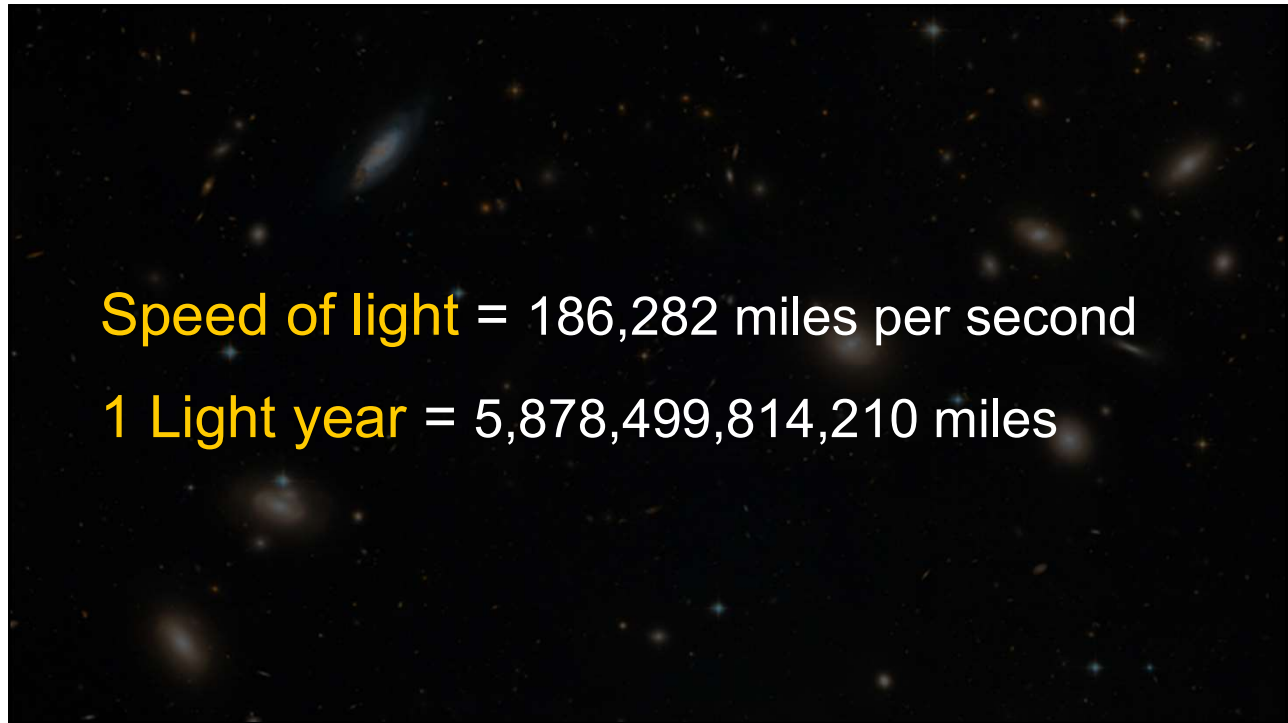




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**Speed of light** = 186,282 miles per second

**1 Light year** = 5,878,499,814,210 miles

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**To count to 1 million** = 11.5 days

**To count to 1 billion** = 32 years

**To count to 1 trillion** = 31,963 years

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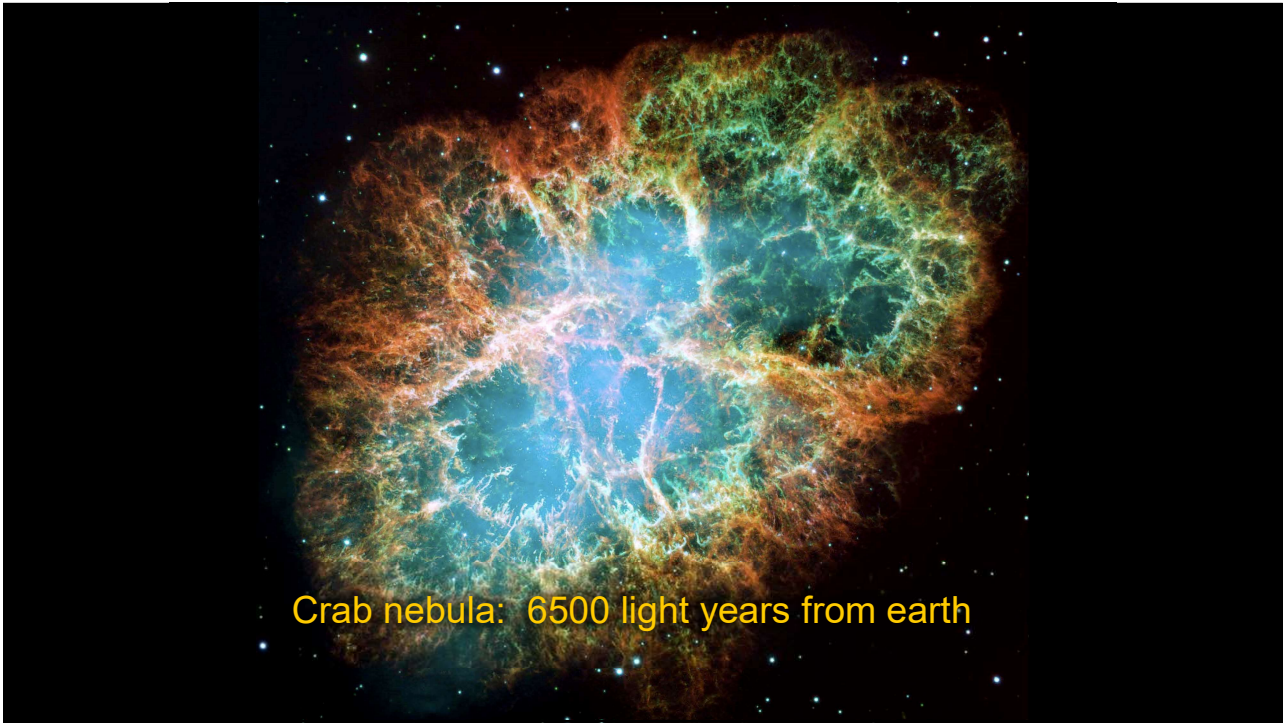


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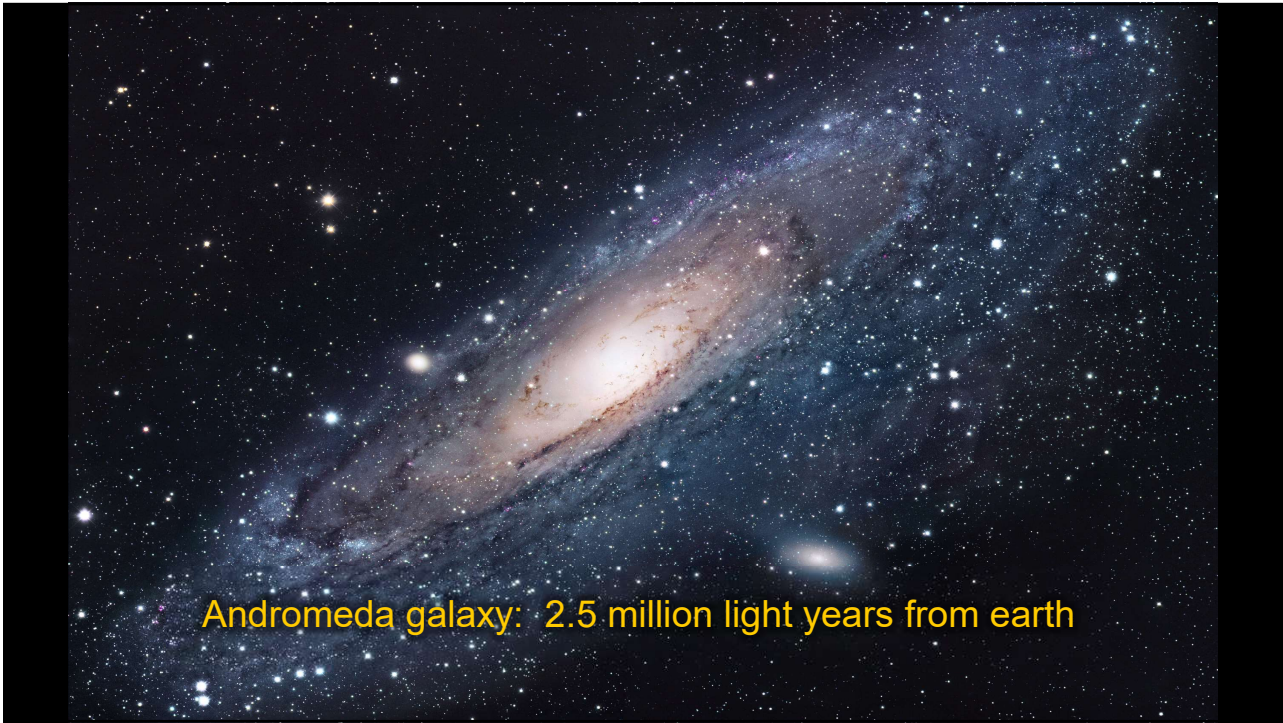




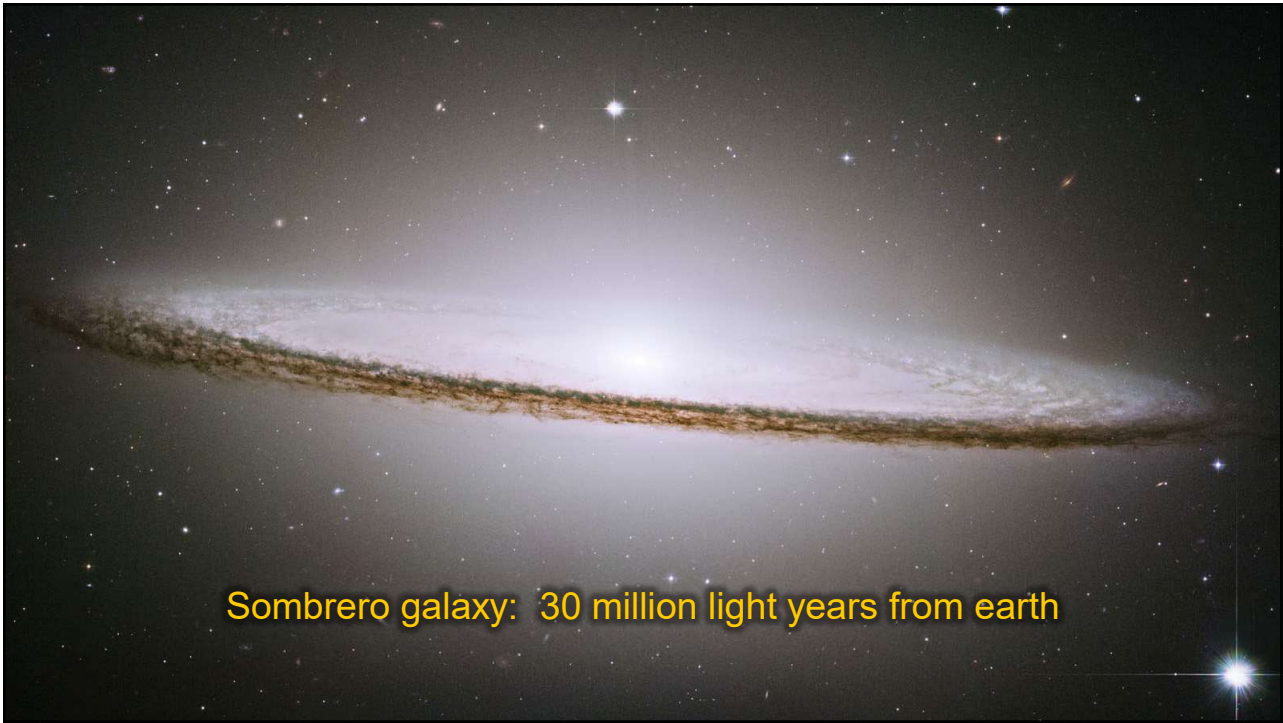
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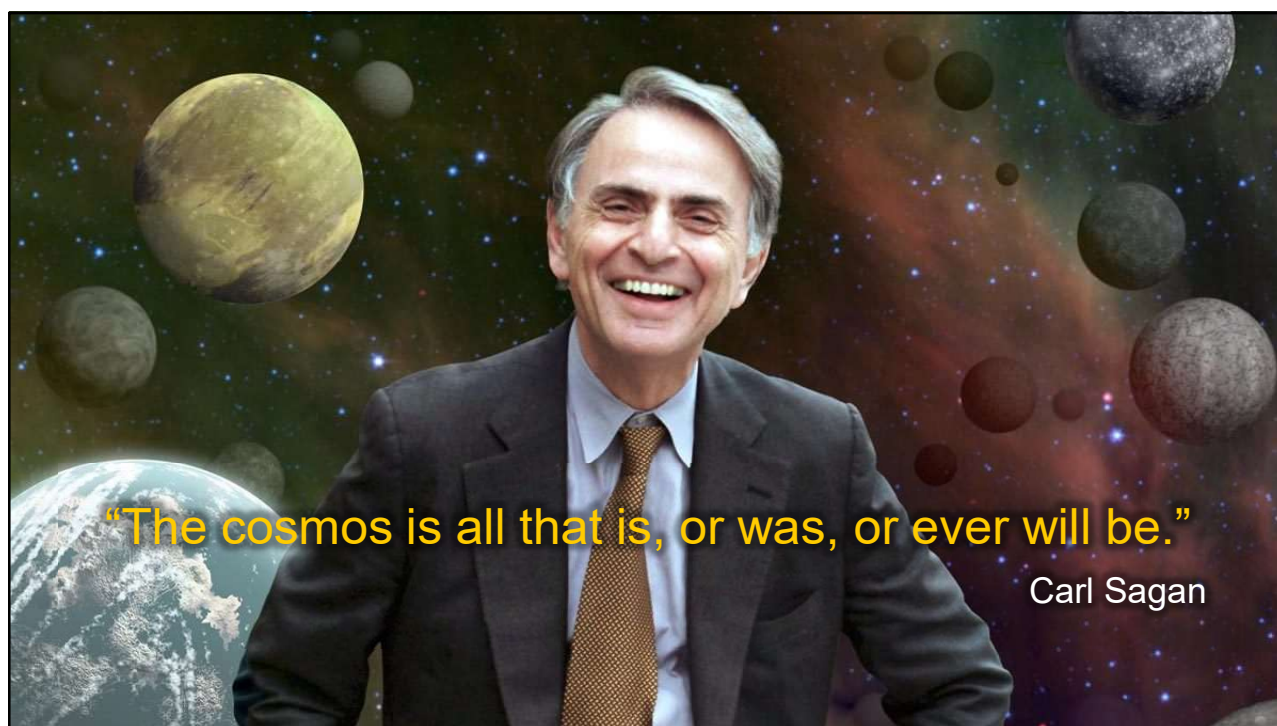


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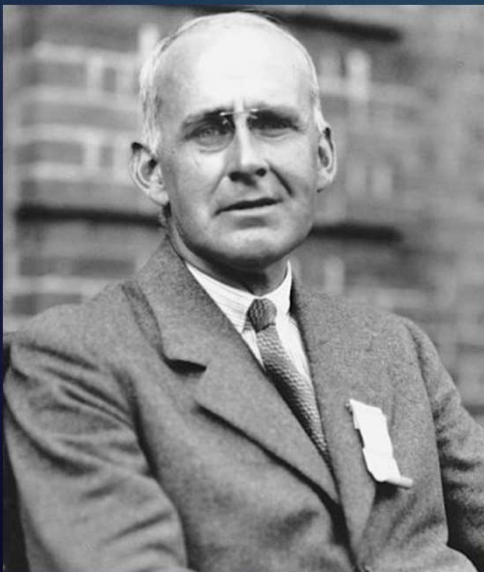
**Theism** – God made all  
**Pantheism** – God is all  
**Atheism** – no God at all

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- Theists believe that the universe had a beginning while Pantheists & Atheists do not.
- All cannot be right.
- Either the universe had a beginning or it did not.

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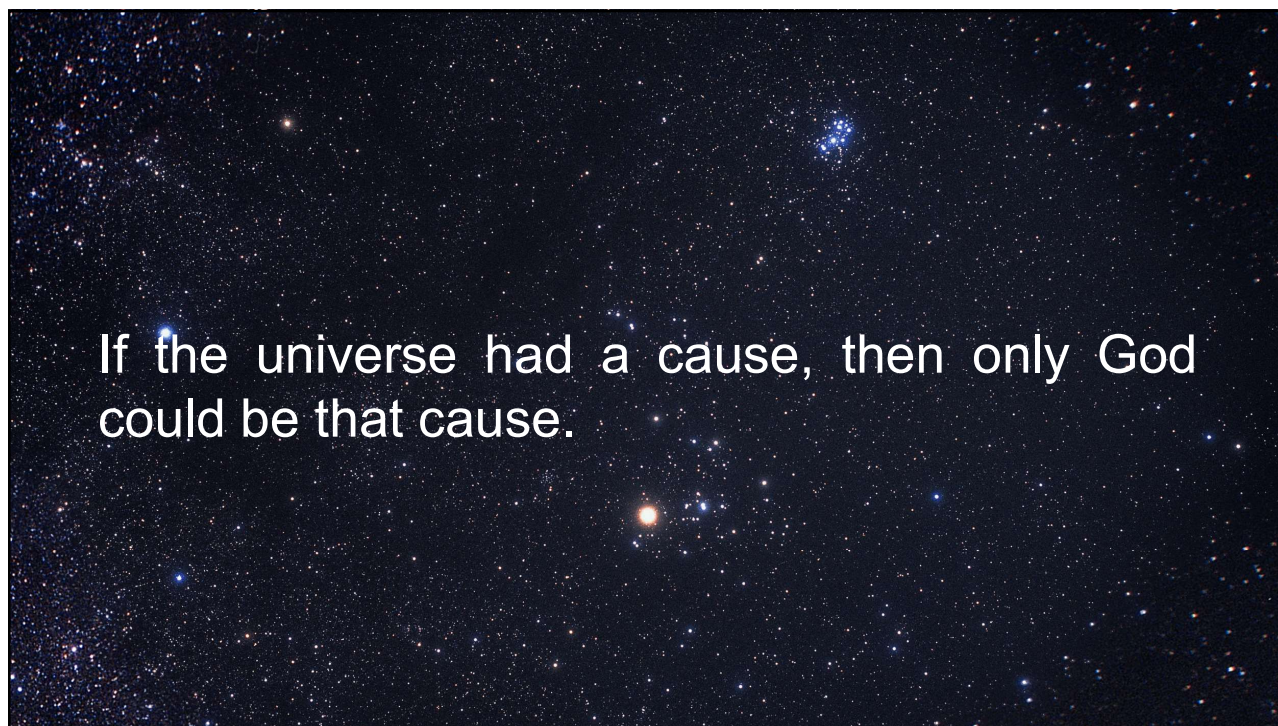


“Philosophically, the notion of a beginning of the present order of nature is repugnant to me. ... I should like to find a genuine loophole.”

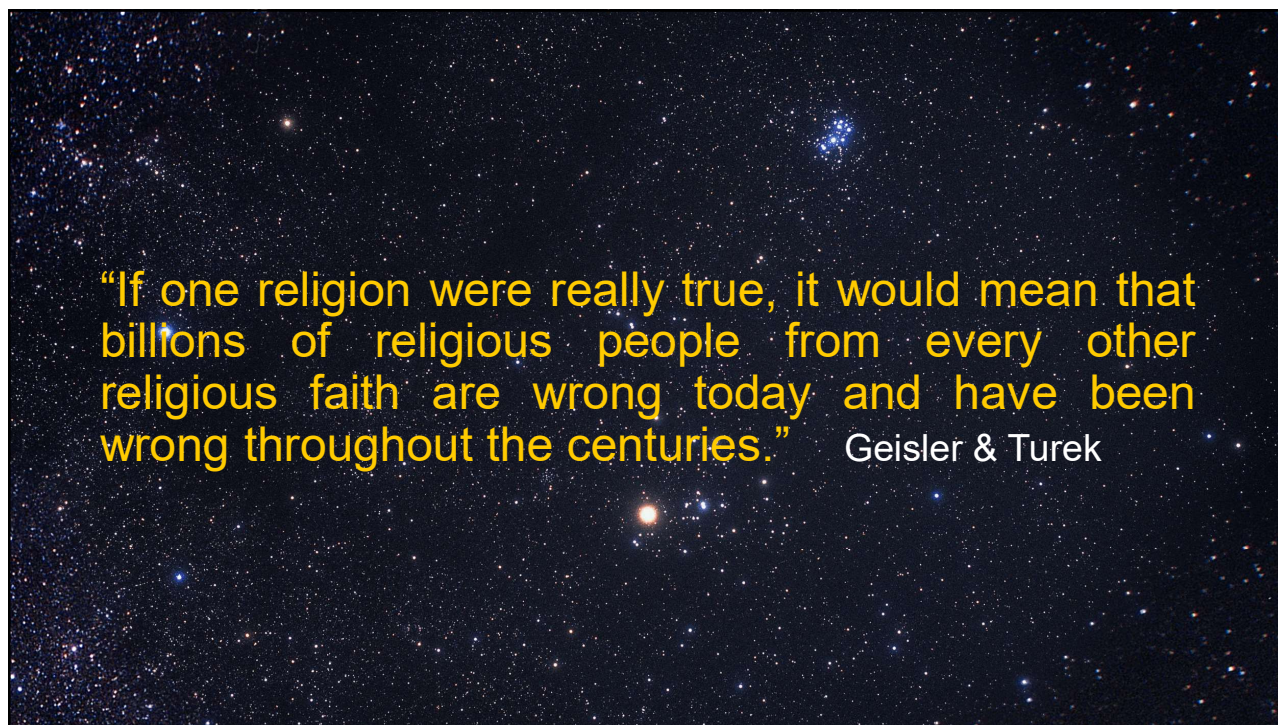
Arthur Eddington, British Astronomer

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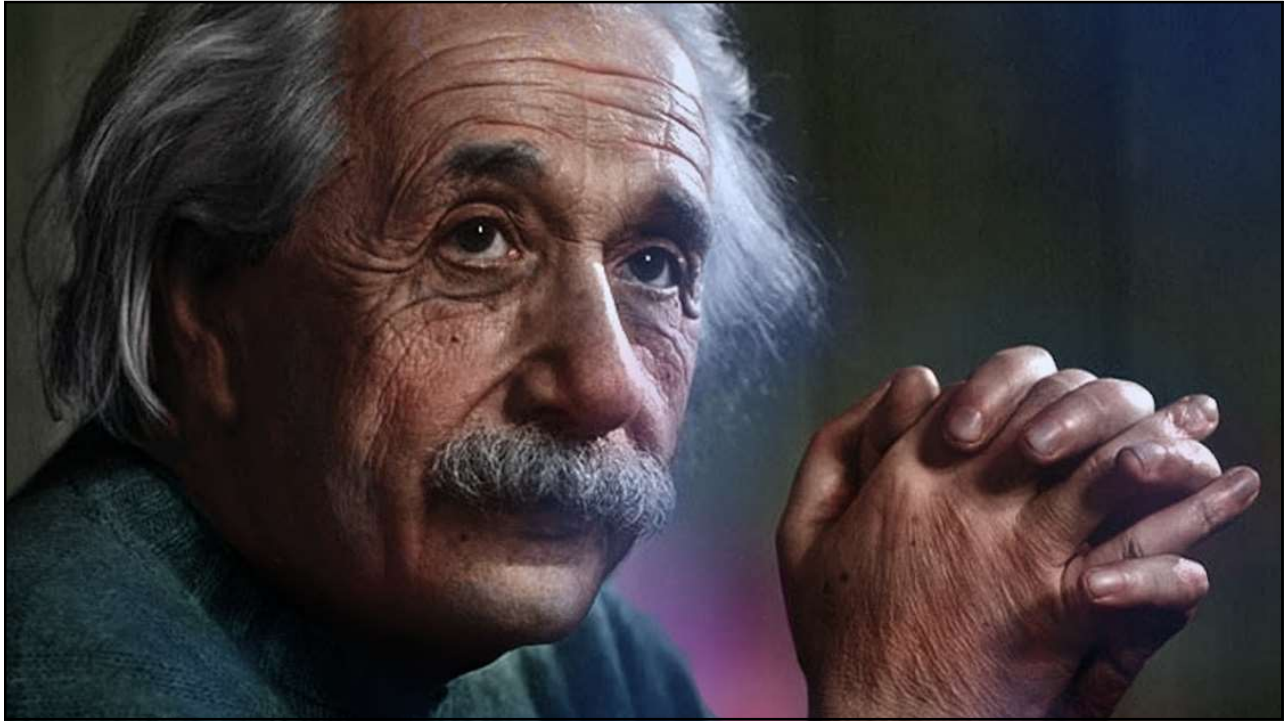


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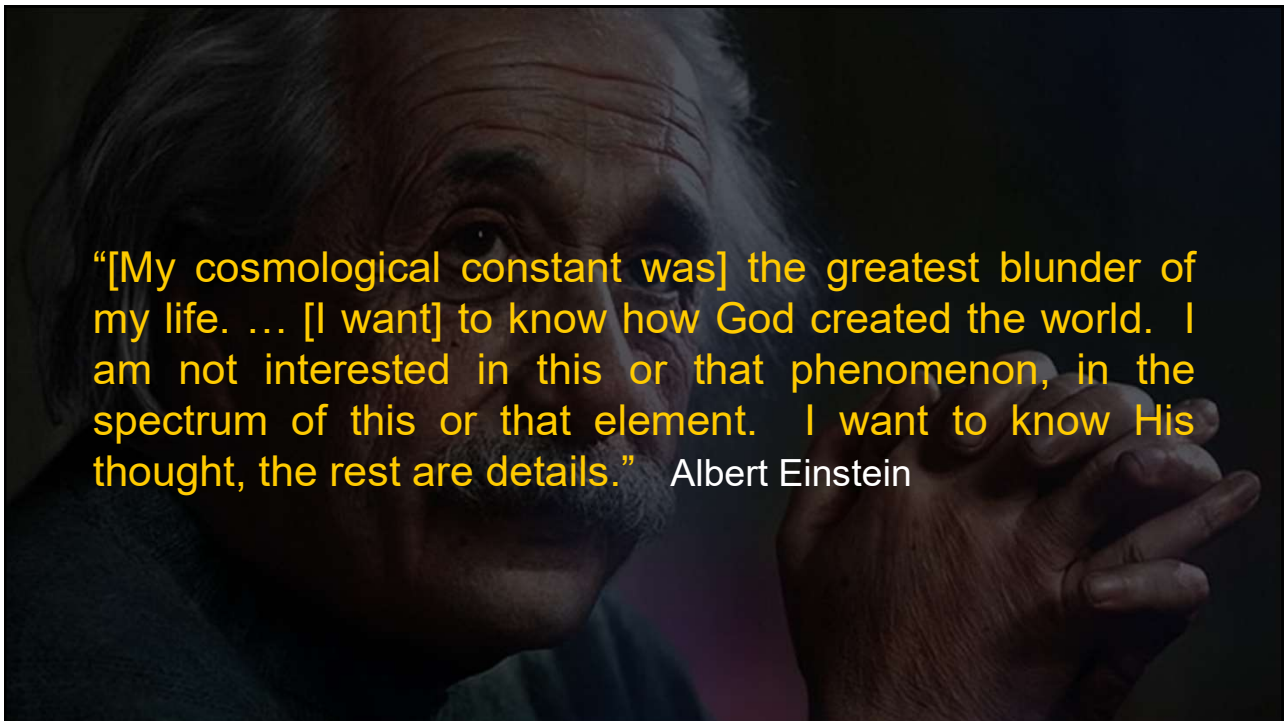


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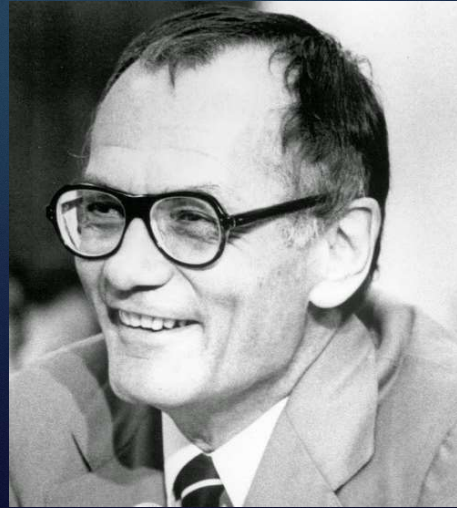
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“There is a kind of religion in science ... every effect must have its cause; there is no First Cause. ... This religious faith of the scientist is violated by the discovery that the world had a beginning under conditions in which the known laws of physics are not valid, and as a product of forces or circumstances we cannot discover.

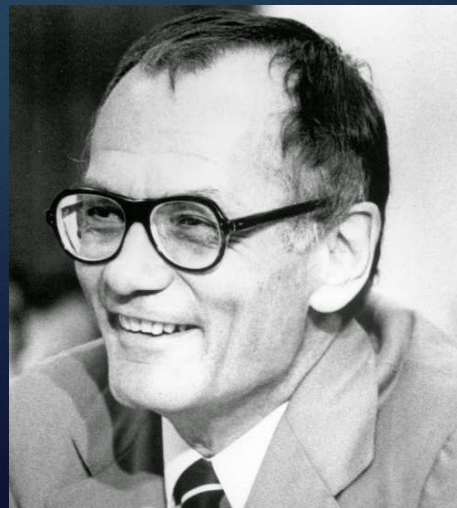


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When that happens, the scientist has lost control. If he really examined the implications, he would be traumatized. As usual when faced with trauma, the mind reacts by ignoring the implications – in science this is known as ‘refusing to speculate’ – or trivializing the origin of the world by calling it the Big Bang, as if the Universe were a firecracker.”



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1. The “Cosmological Argument”: the universe had a beginning

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- Everything that had a beginning had a cause
- The universe had a beginning
- Therefore the universe had a cause

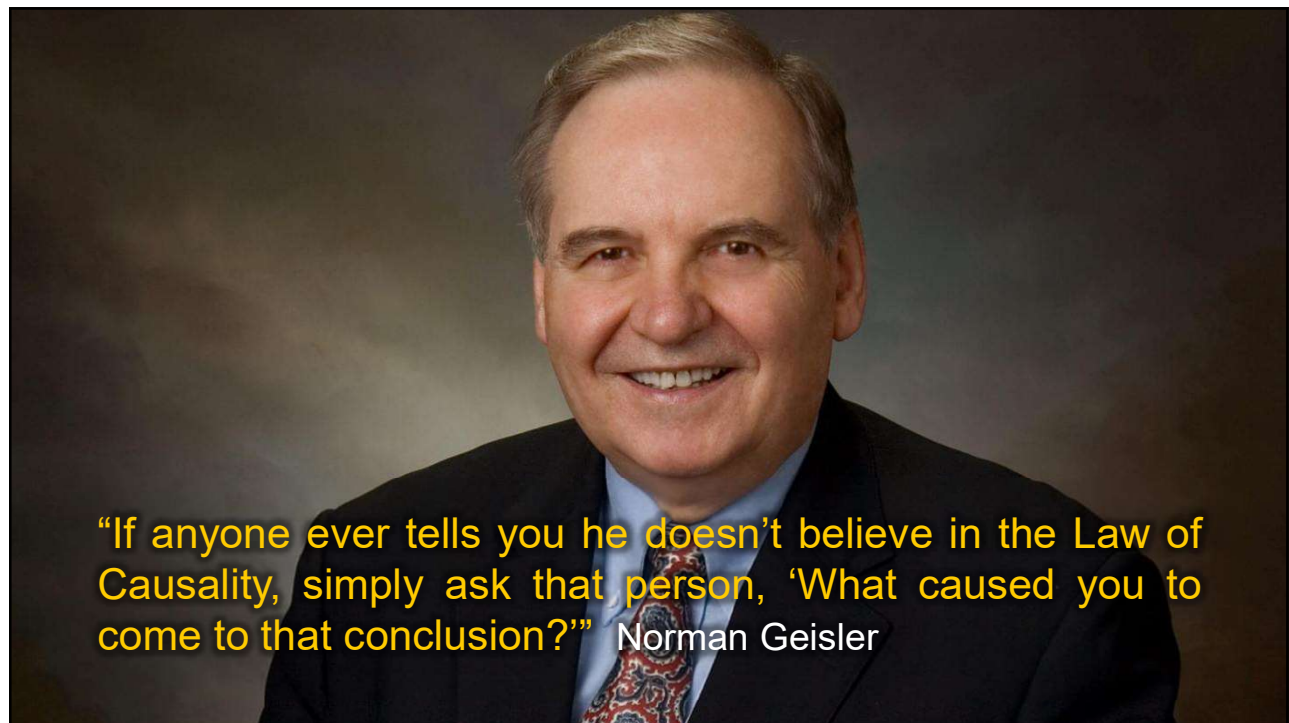
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**Premise 1:** everything that had a beginning had a cause

- The Law of Causality is the fundamental principle of science.
- Francis Bacon (father of modern science): “True knowledge is knowledge by causes.”
- Science is a search for causes.

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“If anyone ever tells you he doesn’t believe in the Law of Causality, simply ask that person, ‘What caused you to come to that conclusion?’” Norman Geisler

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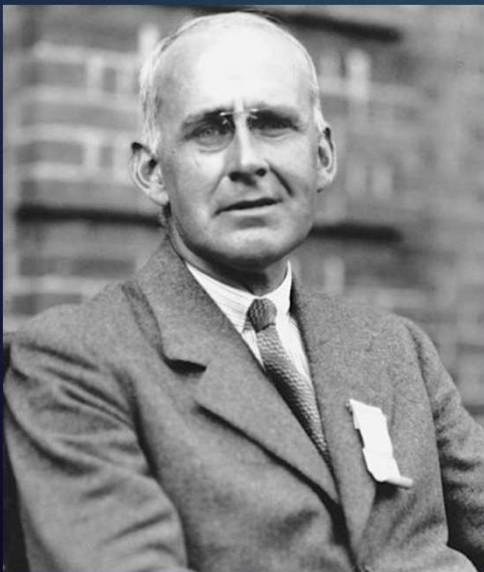


## Premise 2: the universe had a beginning

(The laws of thermodynamics)

- Law 1: the total amount of usable energy in the universe is finite.
- Law 2 (Law of Entropy): things tend to go from order to disorder.
- The universe cannot be eternal, because if it were, we would have reached complete disorder (entropy) by now.

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“... the Second Law of Thermodynamics holds, I think, the supreme position among the laws of Nature. ... if your theory is found to be against the Second Law of Thermodynamics I can give you no hope; there is nothing for it but to collapse in deepest humiliation.”

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