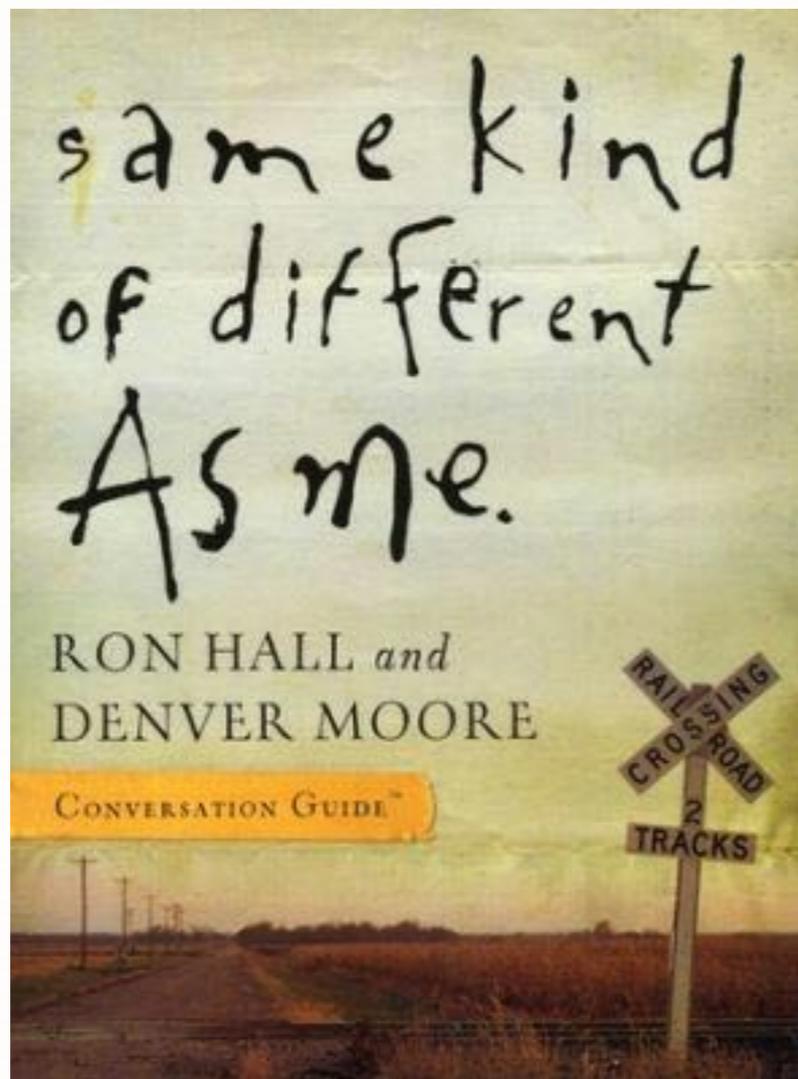


**SAME KIND OF  
DIFFERENT AS ME**

# INTRODUCTION



- The book tells the story of Ron and Deborah Hall and their friendship with Denver Moore who they met at the Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth.
- The book has now been made into a movie starring Greg Kinnear and Rene Zellweger.

# OVERVIEW

- Deborah Hall was essentially the first white woman Denver Moore ever spoke to because of an incident.
- Denver doesn't know how he got his name, nor does he know much about his mother.
- He sees his grandmother in a house fire burn to death and worked as a sharecropper.
- He eventually hops a train that comes to Dallas, and then finds his way to Fort Worth.

# OVERVIEW

- Ron Hall did not grow up in wealth but was blessed with a thriving art business in Fort Worth.
- He meets Deborah at TCU - he is on academic probation; she is on academic scholarship.
- After marriage, they attend a Methodist church mostly out of habit rather than piety.
- After his affairs, they go through counseling.

# OVERVIEW

- Deborah feels called to work at Union Gospel Mission. He does not feel the same call, but goes.
- Denver Moore starts watching the couple he calls “Mr. and Mrs. Tuesday” and becomes convinced they truly have compassion.
- Ron wants Denver to be his friend and promises not “to catch and release.”

# OVERVIEW

- So much changes in 1999, when Deborah is told by the doctor that she has cancer.
- There are treatments and surgery. The Halls feel as if they are wearing ruts in the road between their house and the chemotherapy clinic.
- When she dies, they bury her in a simple pine casket on a quiet hill at Rocky Top.

# OVERVIEW

- The mission board decided to name the new chapel, the Deborah Hall Memorial Chapel.
- Ron Hall and Denver Moore drive back to his former home on the plantation in Red River Parish.
- He takes pictures of Moore in a cotton field, and they see the shack where he once lived.
- Back in Dallas, he asks Denver to move in with him at the Murchison Estate.



# KEY QUESTIONS

# PREJUDICE

- What are some modern examples of prejudice? Other than racial prejudice, what other kinds of prejudice are common today?
- What are three things you can do to combat your personal prejudice?
- Micah 6:8 - “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

# HOMELESSNESS

- What is your initial reaction to encountering a homeless person or someone who is in serious financial or personal need?
- If you were in that situation, how would you want others to respond to you?
- Jesus's ministry was often focused on society's outcasts. Why did Jesus seek them out rather than socialize with the religious elite?

# SICKNESS AND SUFFERING

- Bad things happen to good people. What might God be trying to reveal about Himself through these types of situations?
- Recognizing our mortality puts life in perspective.
- What are three things for which you want to be remembered? What are you doing to accomplish these goals?

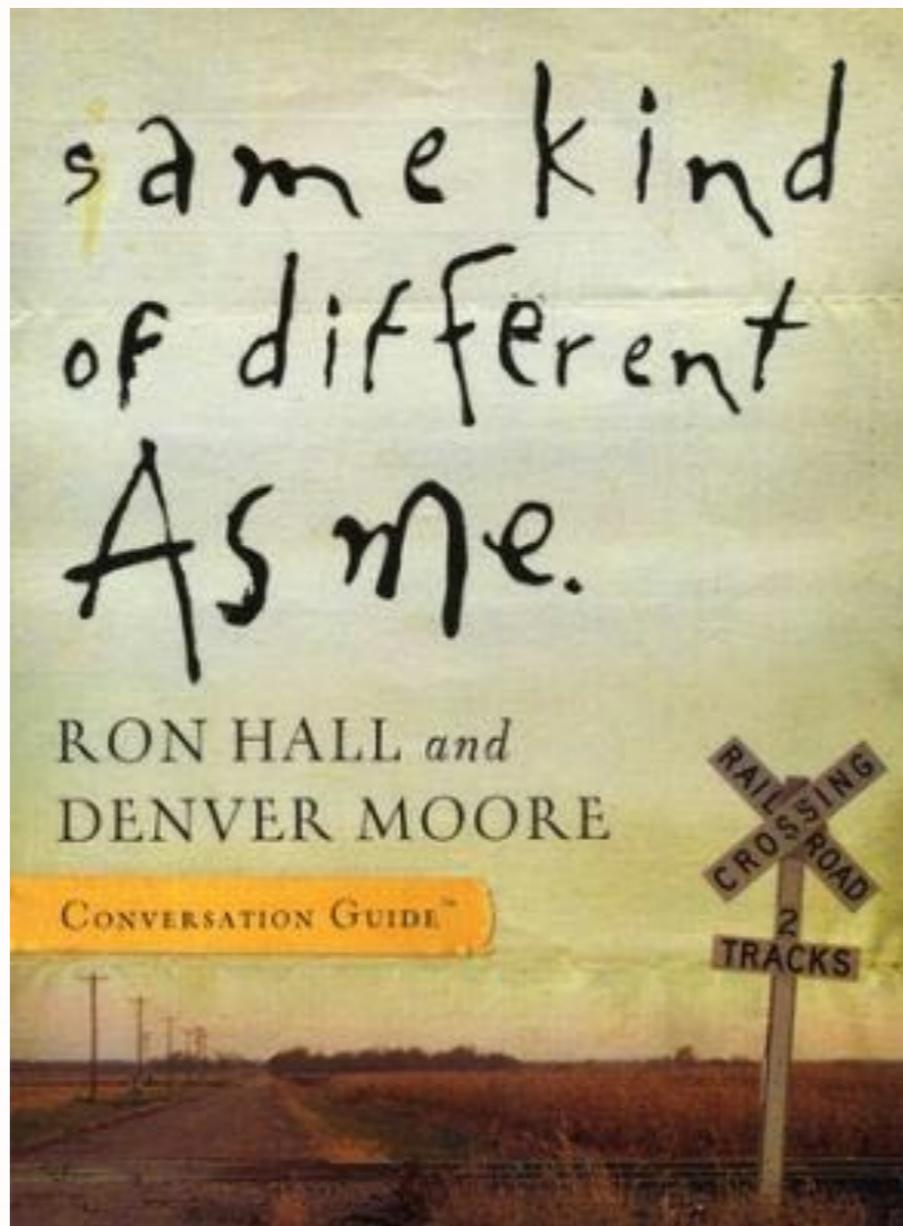
# FORGIVENESS

- Is it harder to give or to receive forgiveness? Why?
- This is it so hard for us to grant unconditional forgiveness? How can your faith help you become a more forgiving person?
- What is the role of forgiveness in your personal life? In your spiritual life?

# FAITH

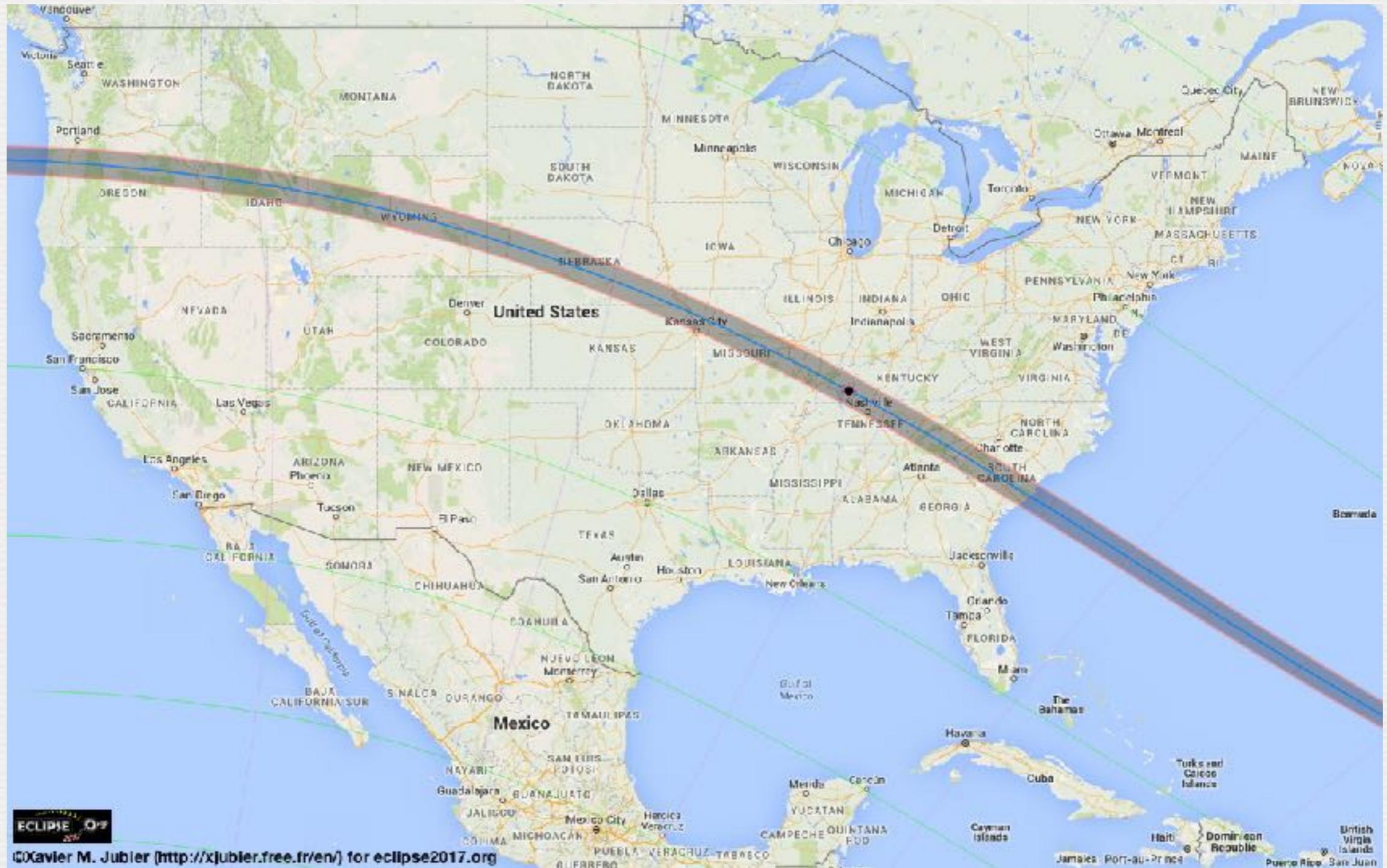
- Denver said, “Our limitation is God’s opportunity.” How has this statement been authenticated in your life?
- Throughout the book, Denver’s initial response to life’s challenges often was rooted in his simple faith in God. Why is it so hard for society’s successful people to have this kind of faith?

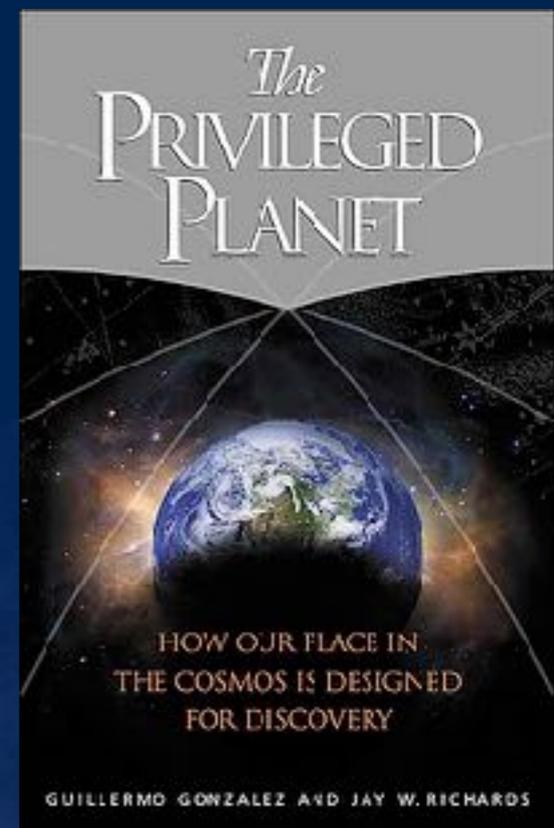
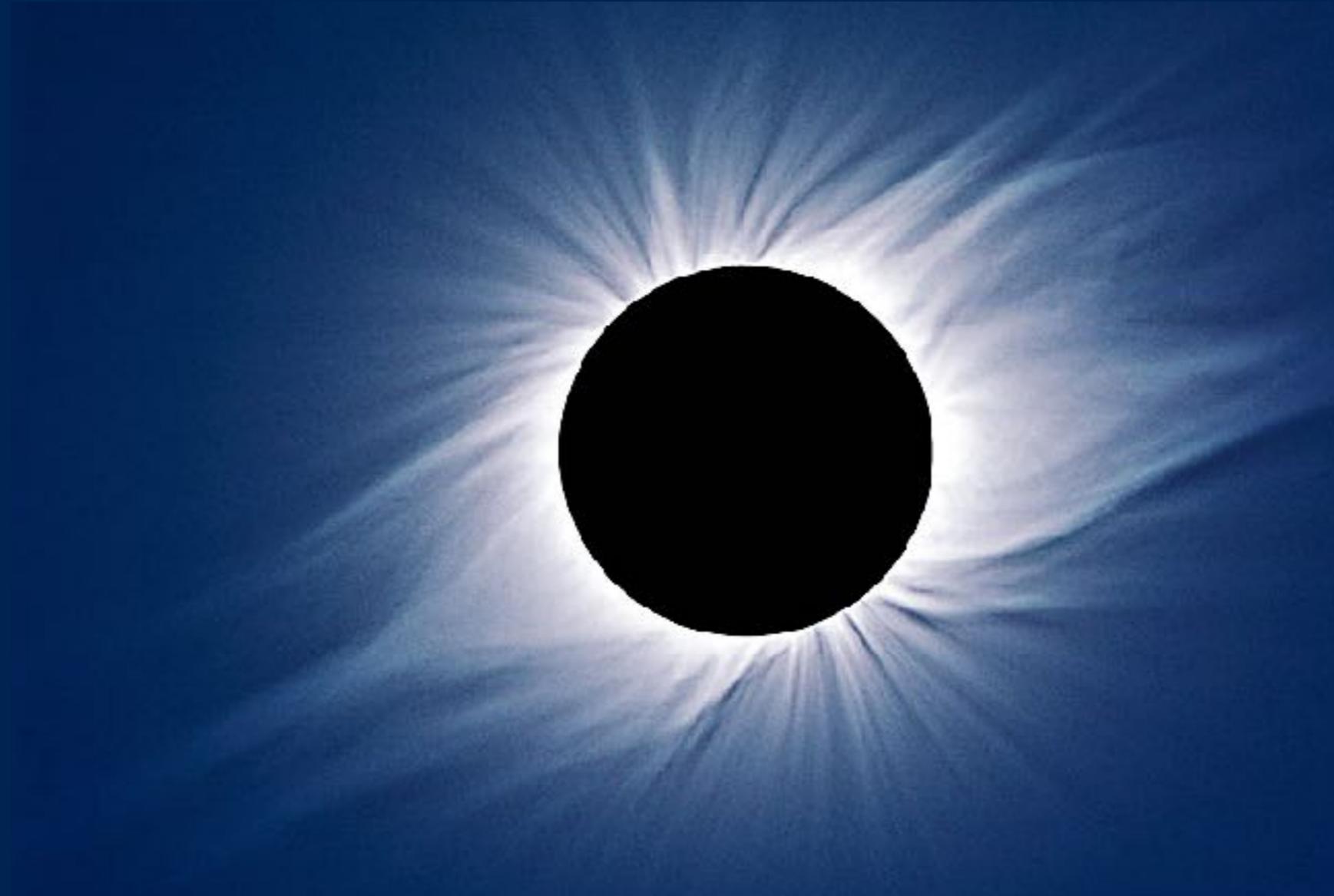
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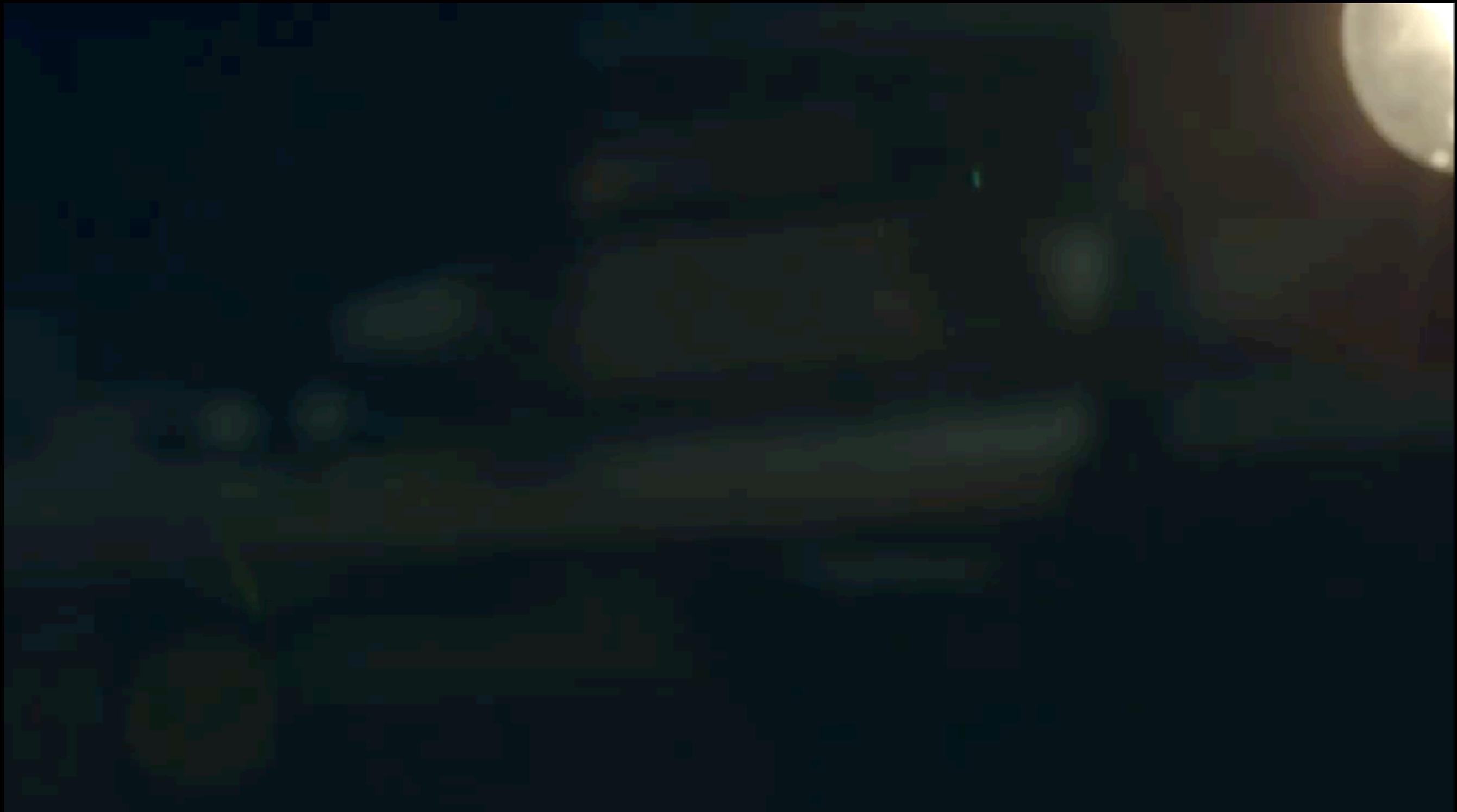


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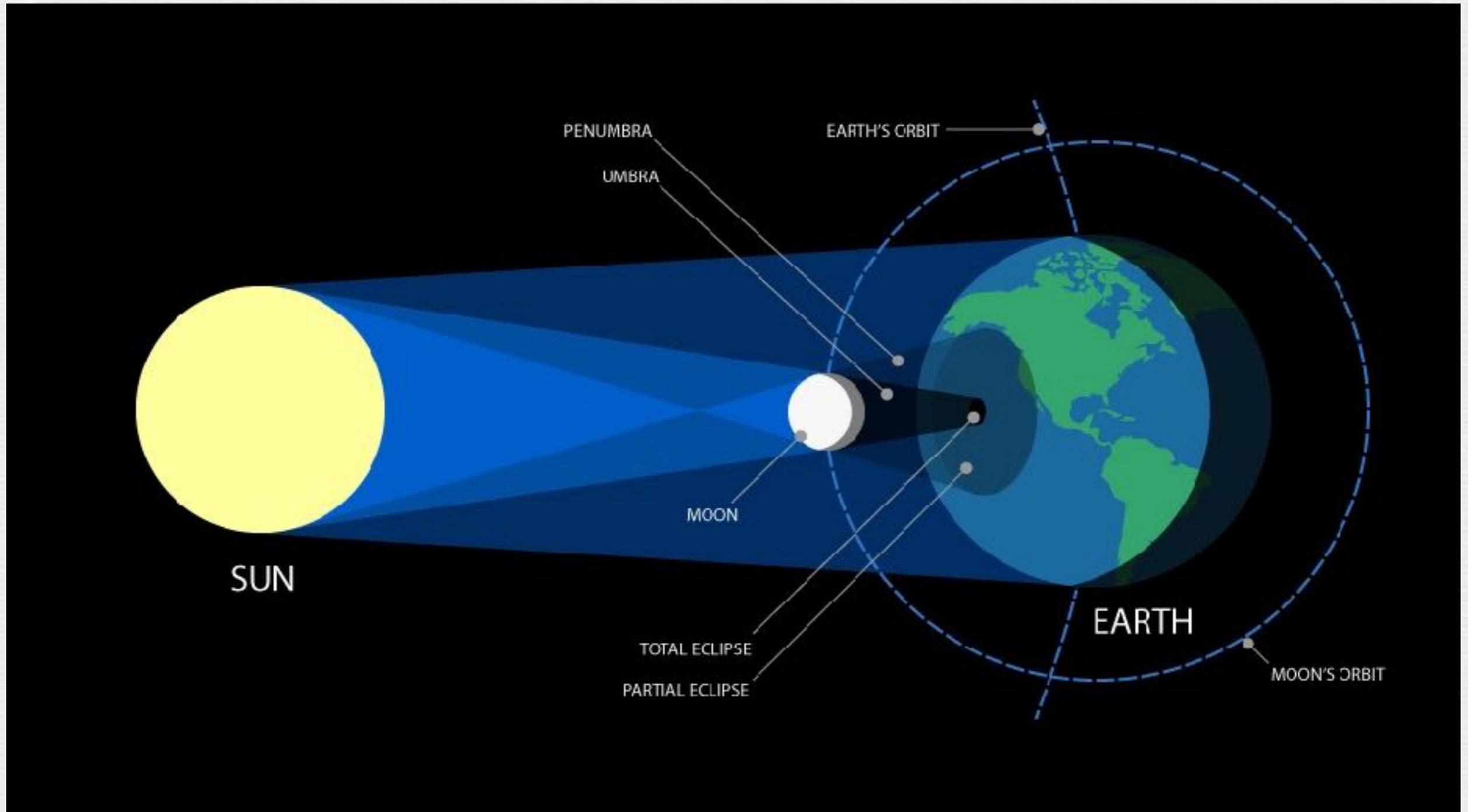
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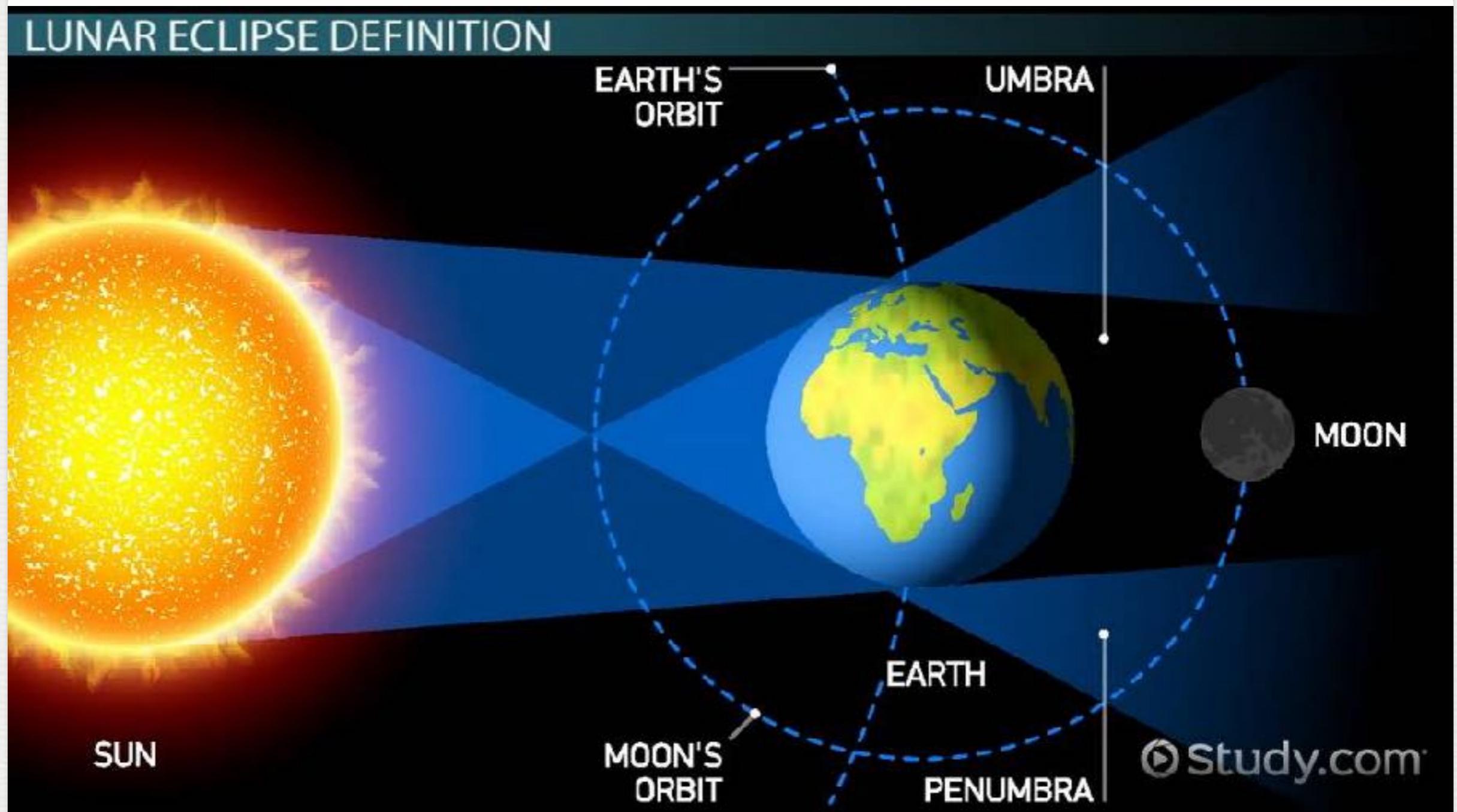




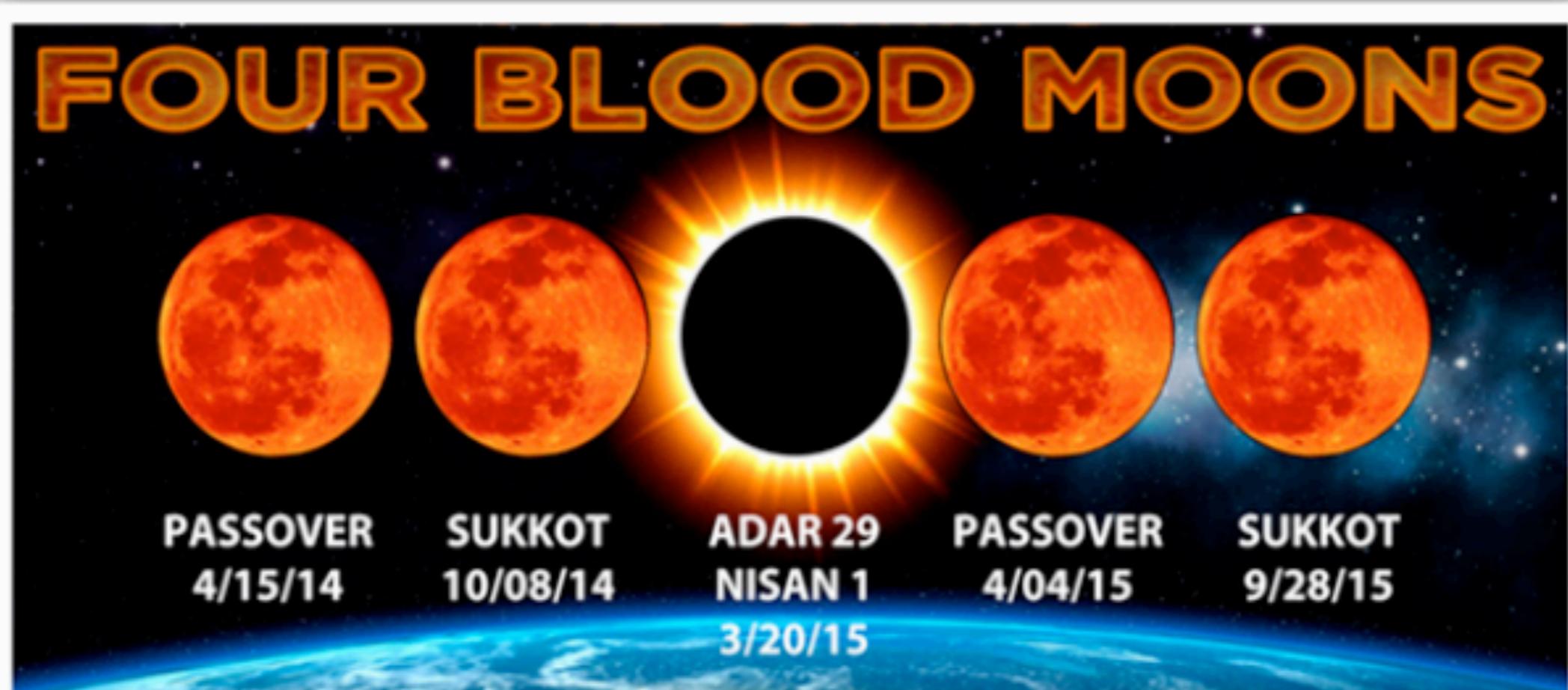
# SOLAR ECLIPSE



# LUNAR ECLIPSE



# FOUR BLOOD MOONS



**“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.”**

# JUDGMENT?



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## Is God's Judgment Coming on America?

August 7, 2017

*The sun will be turned to darkness...before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*  
Joel 2:31

A few years ago I was teaching through the book of Joel when the ancient words of his prophecy came up off the page. I knew with hair-raising certainty that God's severe judgment was coming on America! I have taught Joel several times since. Each time has served to confirm with deep conviction that God is warning America of impending disaster and destruction.



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Learning To Forgive Myself

# HISTORICAL NOTE

NEWS

## Here's how a total solar eclipse created France, Italy and Germany

Europe's division all began with a total solar eclipse

By Shannon McLellan - Social Media Producer

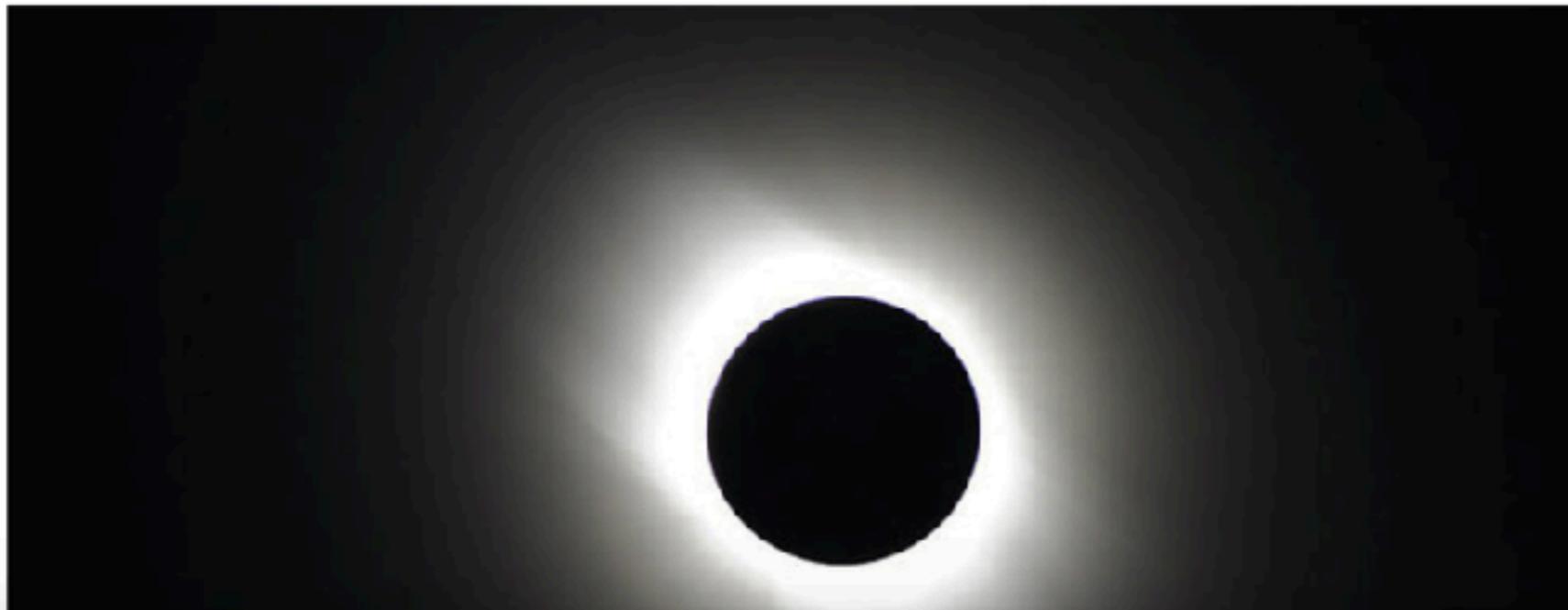
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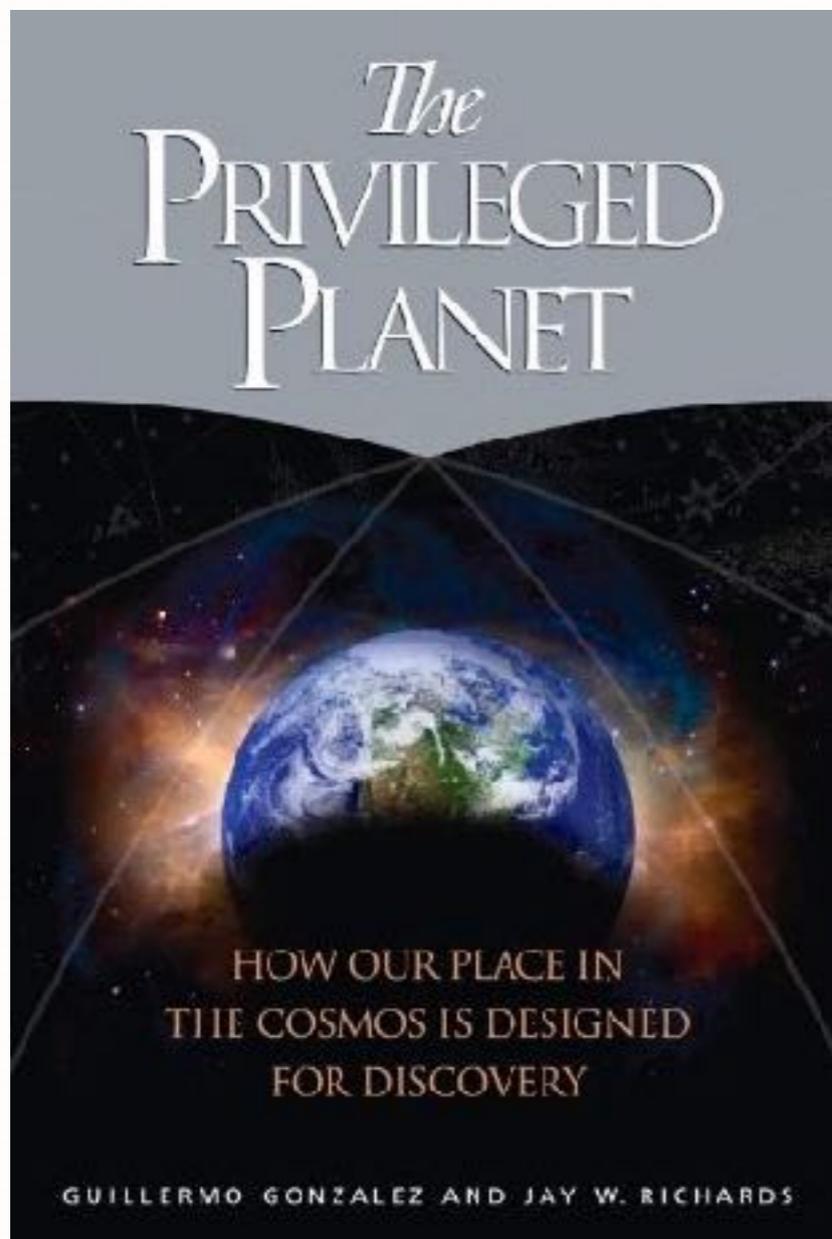


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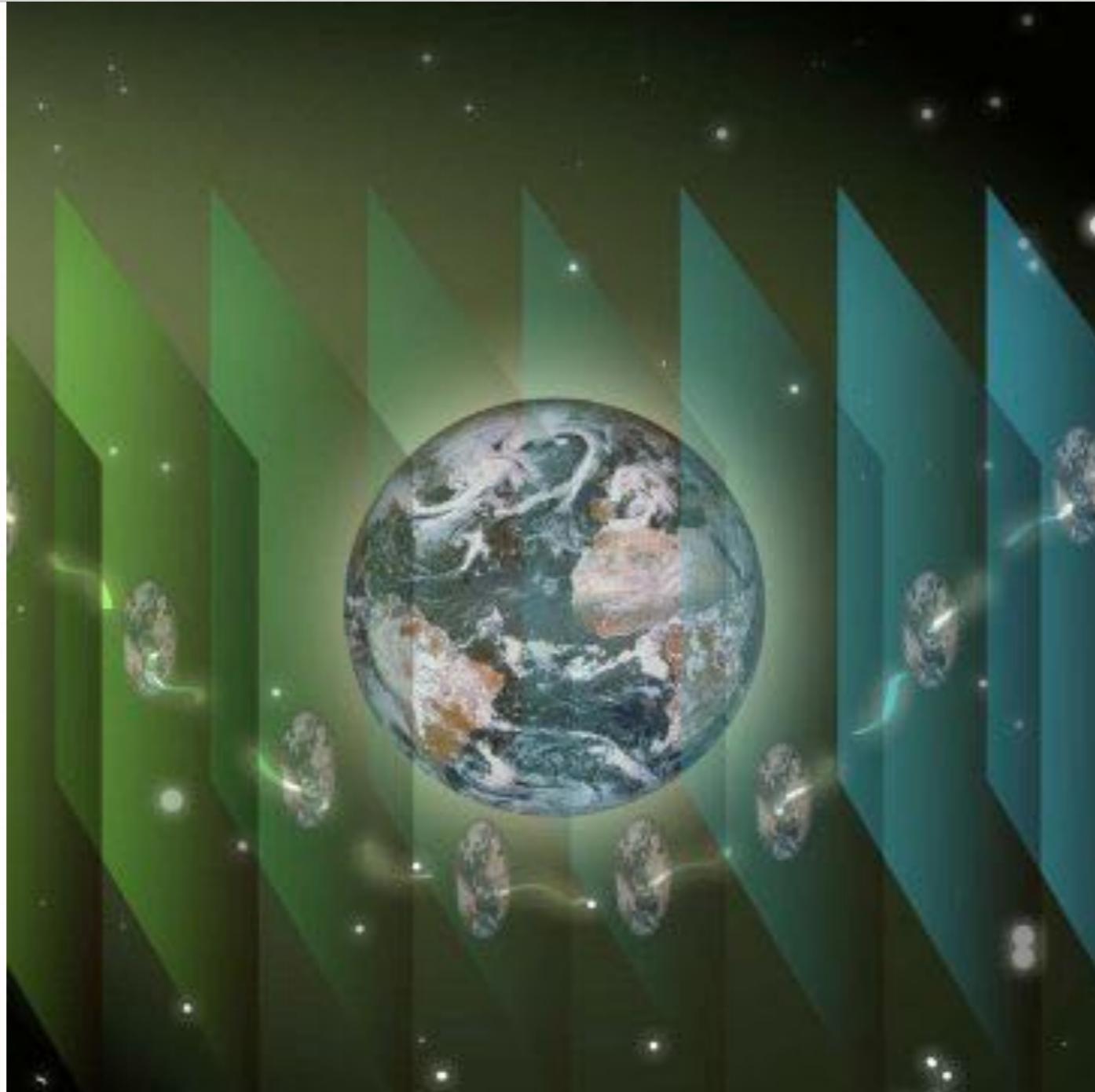


- When astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez was watching a solar eclipse, he began to wonder if it was merely a coincidence.
- He set out (along with others) to collect parameters that illustrated design in the universe.

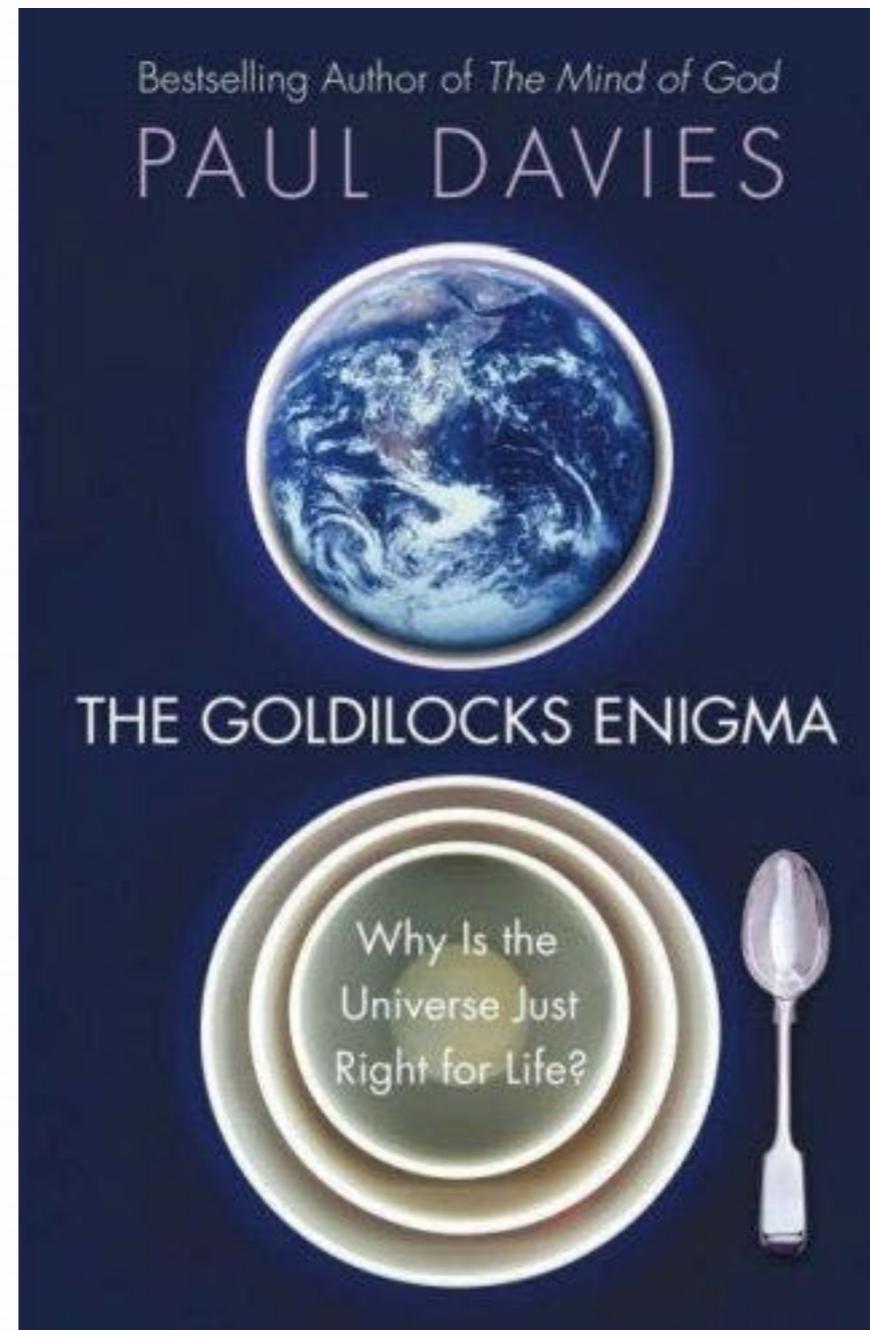
# COPERNICAN PRINCIPLE



# THE UNIVERSE IS JUST RIGHT



# GOLDBLOCKS UNIVERSE



# JUST RIGHT UNIVERSE

- Finely tuned parameters for universe:
  - constant in equation for gravity
  - constant in electromagnetism
  - strong and weak nuclear forces
  - ratio of proton to electron mass

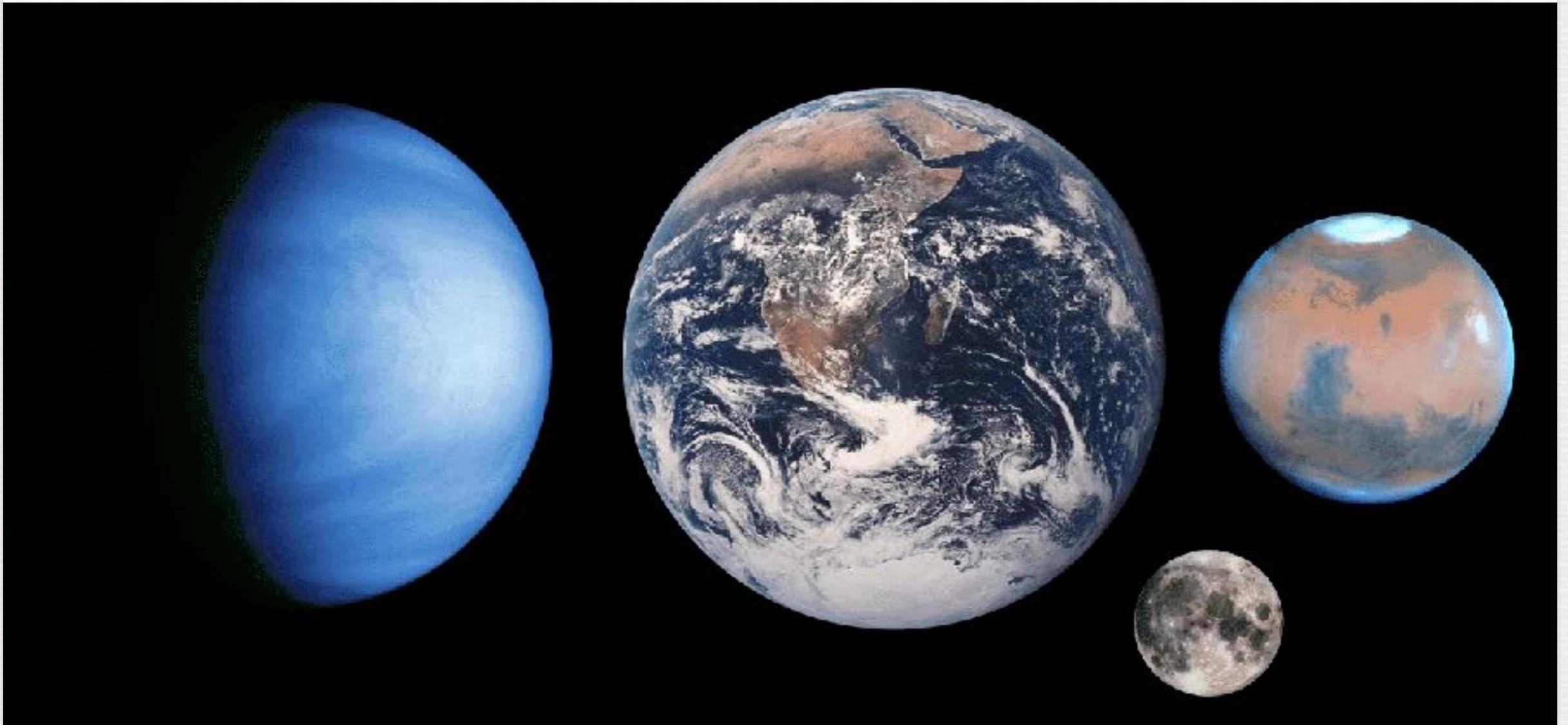
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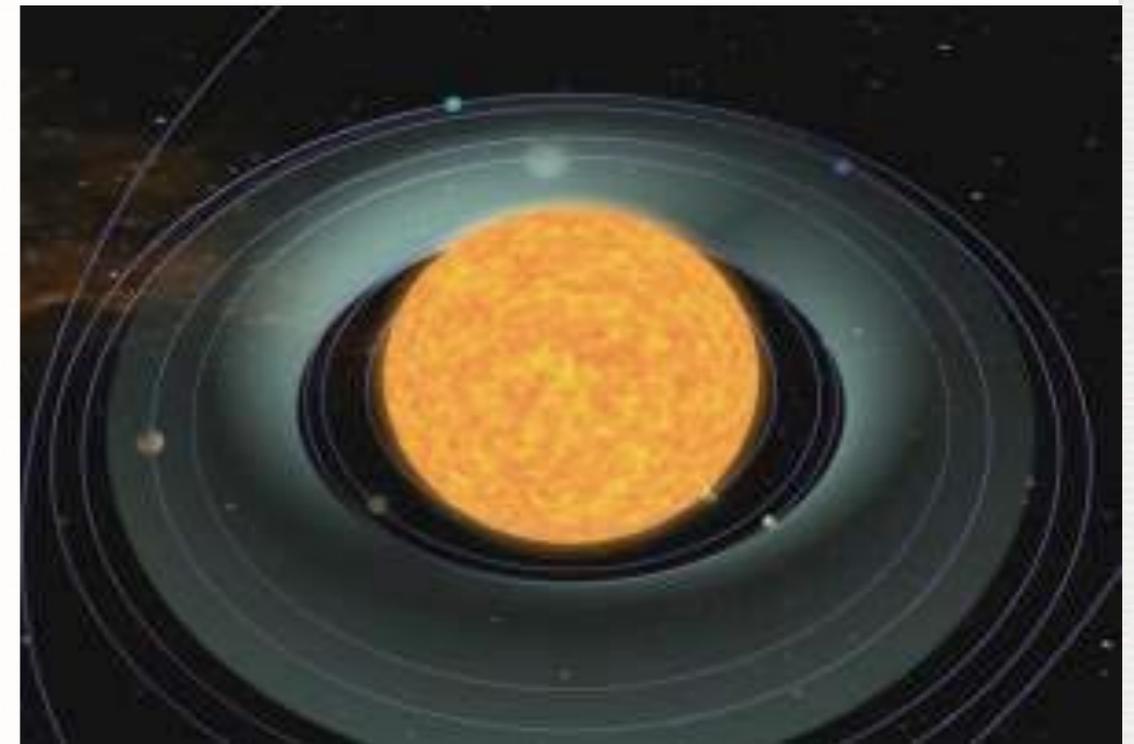
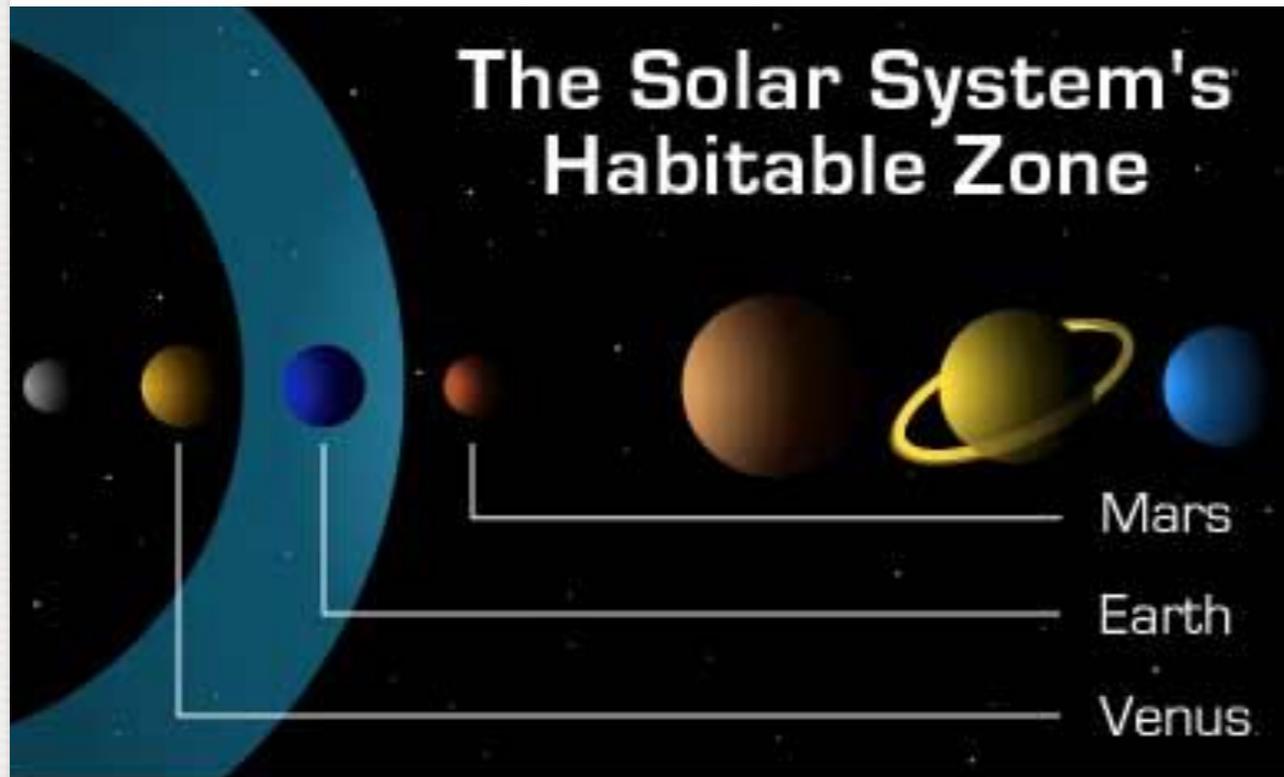
# JUST RIGHT UNIVERSE

- Finely tuned parameters for our planet, solar system, and galaxy:
  - Earth's size
  - Earth's distance from the sun
  - Earth's axial tilt

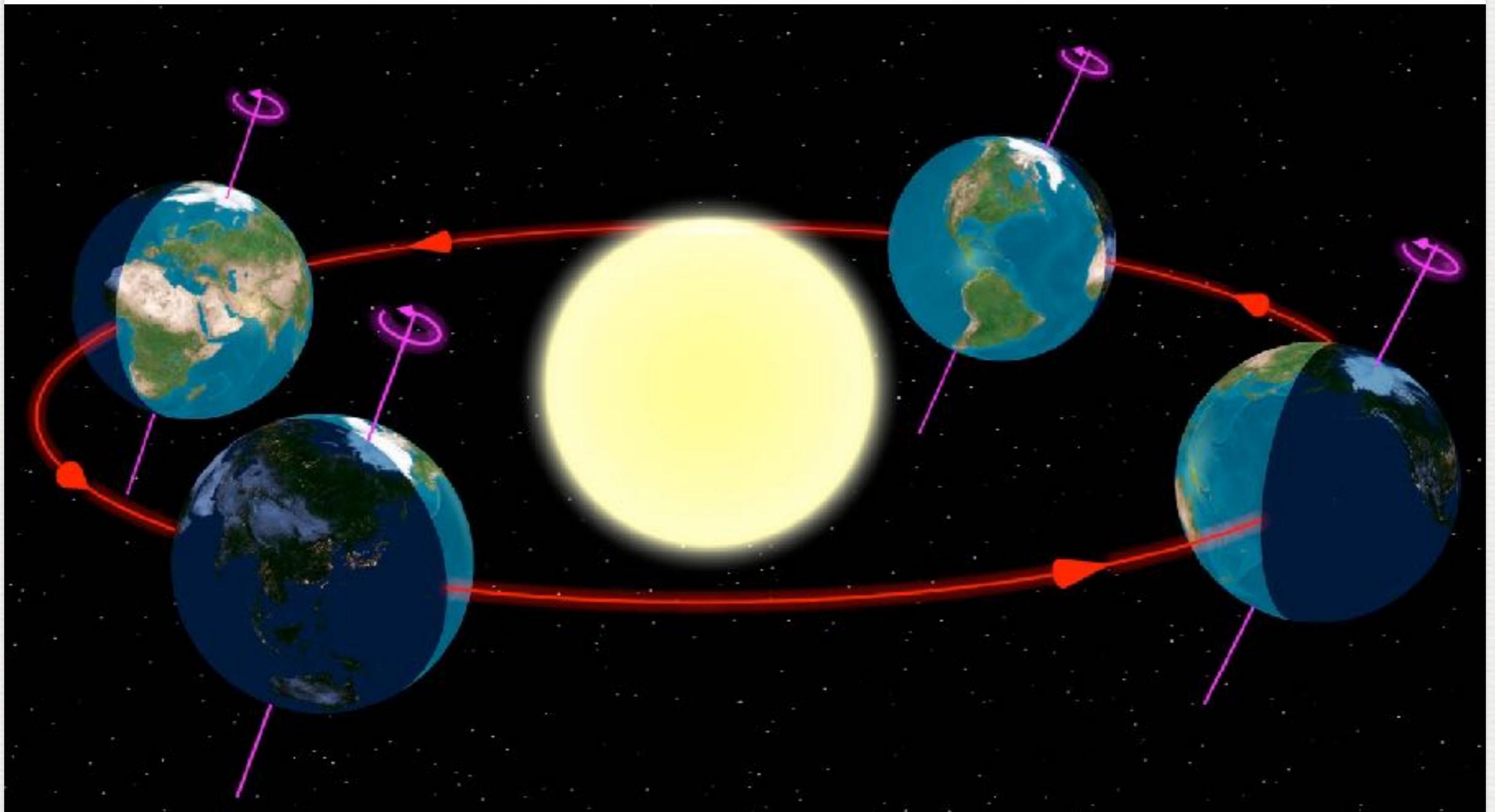
# EARTH'S SIZE



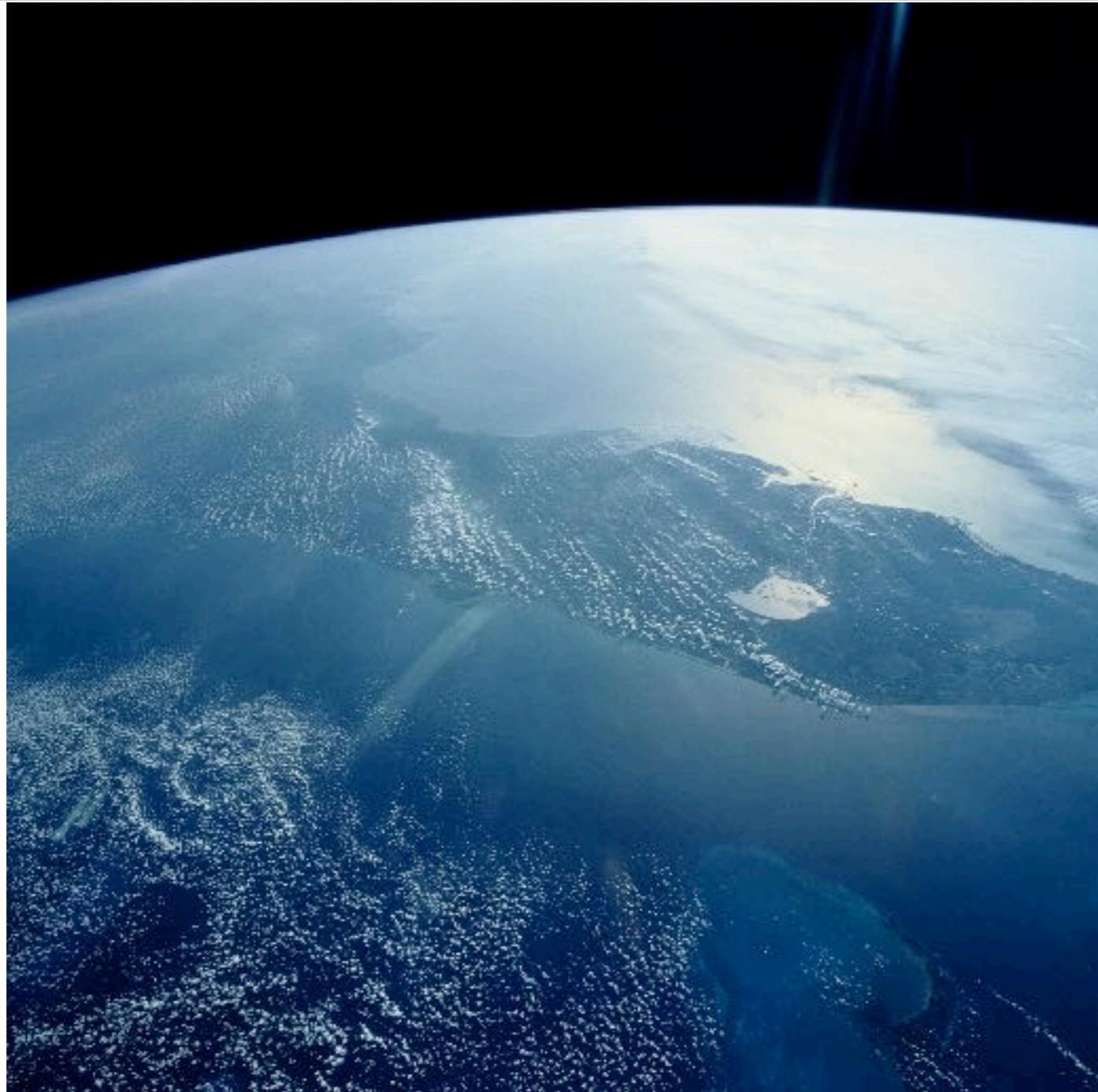
# EARTH'S DISTANCE FROM THE SUN



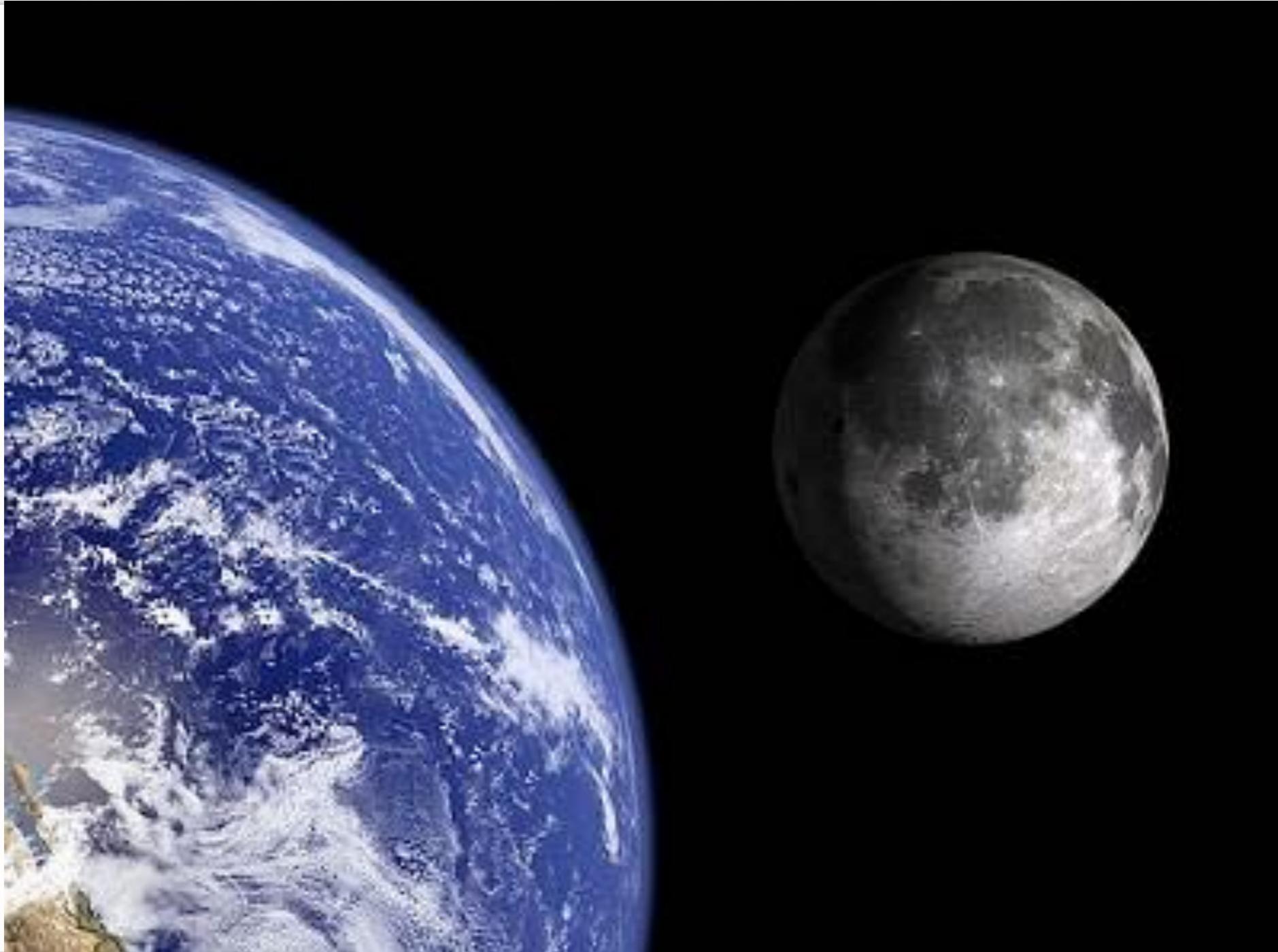
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# EARTH'S TEMPERATURE



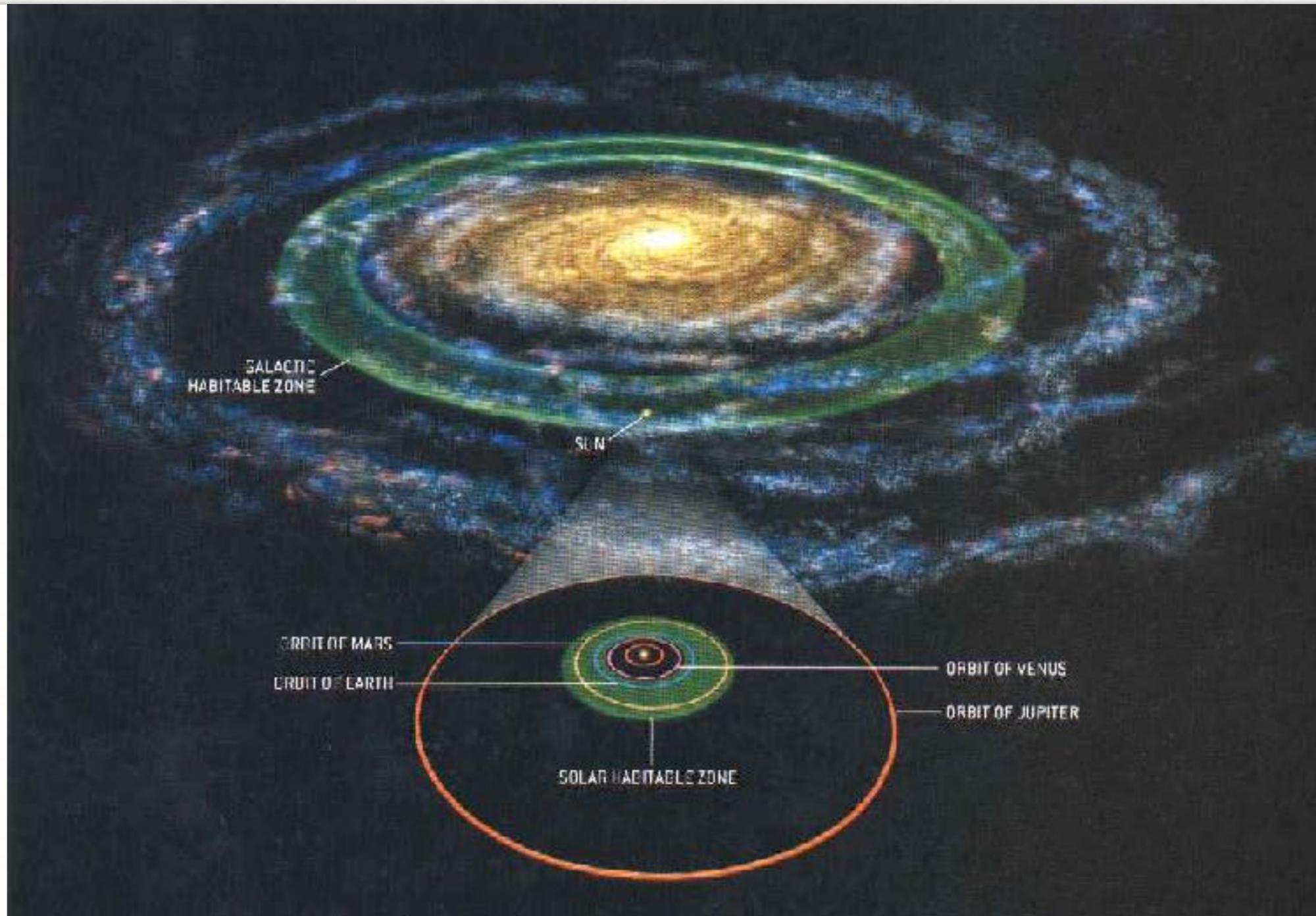
# EARTH'S MOON



# JUST RIGHT UNIVERSE

- Finely tuned parameters for our solar system and galaxy:
  - Large planets (Jupiter, Saturn)
  - Within the spiral arms of the Milky Way galaxy (less harmful radiation, etc.).

# GALACTIC HABITABLE ZONE



# PROBABILITY

- Astronomer Hugh Ross has compiled 322 parameters that must be fine tuned for life on earth.
- He estimates that the probability of these occurring by chance is one in  $10^{304}$ . That is 1 with 304 zeros following it.
- This is an enormous number, but astronomers point out the universe is vast with lots of planets.

# PROBABILITY

- So how many stars in the universe?
- There are  $10^{22}$  stars in the universe. Let's estimate there is one planet per star.
- To determine how many planets we would expect to be suitable for life, we multiply the two numbers together:
- $10^{304} \times 10^{-22} = 10^{282}$

# PROBABILITY OF LIFE

$10^{282}$  = one million trillion trillion trillion  
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# CONCLUSION

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the  
skies proclaim the work of His hands.”

Psalm 19:1