



Our Position Within the Cosmos

| | Section | Subject Matter | People |
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| Our Position Within the Cosmos | <i>i. False beliefs and true facts: the fundamental differences</i> | Religion & the power of faith (on the subject of death) • Warped logic & reasoned beliefs (on the Moon landings & E.T.) | |
| | <i>ii. A brief history of mankind's knowledge</i> | Our perception of the Earth & the Sun through the ages • Spectroscopy, the Doppler shift & the expanding universe • Hubble's Law & general relativity • Evidence for the Big Bang  Atoms, the chemical elements & the transmutation of energy • Antimatter & dark matter | Eratosthenes of Cyrene Pythagoras Ptolemy Nicolaus Copernicus Giordano Bruno Galileo Galilei Johannes Kepler Isaac Newton Josef von Fraunhofer Christian Doppler Edwin Hubble Albert Einstein Arthur Eddington  |
| | <i>Footnote</i> | Baryogenesis', the world of 'antiparticles' & the all pervading force of gravity | Dmitri Mendeleev Marie Curie Pierre Curie Ernest Rutherford Paul Dirac Vera Rubin |



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iii. The matter-energy cycle

The importance of the hydrogen atom



Our galaxy's fate • Withdrawal of the cosmological horizon • The fate of our Earth & Sun • The physical confines of evolution • Life & the transmutation of energy • Imagination



The human exploitation of energy transference • The nuclear sciences & our historic abuse of knowledge

Footnote

The unnoticeable hastening of time

Albert Einstein



J. Robert Oppenheimer | Harold Urey | David Bohm

