

“A Mysterious Wave-Like Structure in Our Galaxy Found to Be Slowly Slithering”



Gazing out upon the apparently unchanging sea of stars around us, it's tempting to think of the Milky Way galaxy as static and everything within it as fixed and immutable.

While the timescales on which our galaxy moves often defy human experience, move it does indeed.

Not all of these dynamic processes are easy to see. Just a few years ago, scientists discovered a huge, wave-shaped structure extending some 9,000 light-years in length snaking along a spiral arm of the Milky Way, just 500 light-years from the Solar System at its closest point.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Services for the Week of July 6, 2024



Saturday, July 6, 2024
10:00 AM COMMUNION
Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.
Lector: RC Robert Roy
Cantor: Rev. Larry Coesens
Reader: RC Amanda Buchanan

Sunday, July 7, 2024
SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45
Gate: 5:25
Service Starts: 5:39
Sunrise: 5:44
RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:
RF Robert Petrovich
Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer
Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Smyrna: Rev. Greg Klinedinst
Church of New Philadelphia: Rev. Radheka Savoy
Church of New Qumran: Rev. Gary Huss, jr.

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – Convocation

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RC Peter Foust

Friday, July 12 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RF Robert Petrovich

**A Throne and A Footstool of
God**



IVORY THRONE AND FOOTSTOOL, PRESENTED TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN,
BY HIS HIGHNESS THE RAJAH OF TRAVENCORE.

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“The person who combines spiritual knowledge with the practice of the virtues is a throne and a footstool of God. A throne because of his spiritual knowledge and a footstool because of his ascetic practices. And the human intellect, purified of all material images, and occupied, or, rather adorned with the divine principles of the noetic world, is a

heaven itself.

“When any philosopher – any devout philosopher – fortified with virtue and spiritual knowledge, or with ascetic practice and contemplation, sees the power of evil rising up against him through the passions like the king of the Assyrians rising up against Hezekiah, he is aware that only with God’s help can he escape. He invokes God’s mercy by crying out silently and by striving to advance still further in virtue and knowledge; and he receives as an ally, or rather as his salvation, an Angel that is one of the higher principles of Wisdom and Knowledge.

“Every passion has its origin in the corresponding sensible object. For without some object to attract the powers of the soul through the medium of the senses, no passion would ever be generated. Without food, there is no gluttony; without gold, there is no love of money, and so on.”

–[St. Maximos](#) (in *The Philokalia*)

Spiritual Knowledge With Practice of Virtue

I believe that what St. Maximos (or Maximus) is trying to say here is that spiritual knowledge alone doesn’t make one an enlightened person, especially if we are talking about the limited kind of spiritual knowledge that comes from books, or listening to lectures. We must put that spiritual knowledge to use and practice spiritual development techniques to truly gain anything from it.

A Throne Because of Spiritual Knowledge

St. Maximos seems to be saying that anyone who has gained spiritual knowledge is a throne of God. That is true only of those who have achieved the very advanced stage of spiritual development and have gained the high level of Knowledge known as Gnosis. They are thrones of God in an allegorical sense because they have reached the high level of consciousness that

permits them to communicate directly with God, at least some of the time.

A Footstool of God

As the photo used to illustrate this post shows, footstools, and thrones are often together, a set like a modern easy chair and hassock (or ottoman). Maximos says those advanced spiritual students are like a footstool of God because of their “ascetic practices”. I think it is more accurate to say that such spiritual adepts are footstools as well as thrones because they have true humility, not thinking of themselves as better than other people because of their advanced spiritual state.

Power of Evil Rising

It is true that spiritual students must watch for the powers of Evil (or darkness) rising in them and trying to take control. Each day, usually just before going to sleep, it is recommended that the students ask themselves if they did a good job of avoiding darkness that day. Did they get angry with someone? Did they get jealous or envious? If so, they should make note of it and try to do better. Did they become attached to material goods or property? If so, they need to work on that, or possibly get rid of the item they are becoming too attached to. That doesn't mean we can't have property, we simply must avoid attachments. St. Maximos refers to asceticism, but that is because the book the quote comes from is a training guide for monks in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Passions and Objects

St. Maximos goes on to tell us that passions are always related to a “sensible object”, sensible meaning from the world of the six senses, the realm of matter. He gives a few examples that make sense. It should be noted, however, that people can become passionate about something they don't

actually have, but dream of having. It may not even be something that actually exists, but something they would like to exist. It should also be noted that passion isn't always a bad thing. We can be passionate about our spiritual development, and that is good. We can be passionate about teaching others to develop their spiritual Self, and that is good as well. So we need not avoid all passions, just the type that leads to attachment to material things.

**“Giant ‘bubble’ in space
could be source of powerful
cosmic rays”**

Astronomers have detected an enormous gamma-ray bubble that could be a source of the Milky Way's most powerful cosmic rays – high-energy particles that rain down on Earth from space.

The turbocharged galactic accelerator – dubbed a 'super PeVatron' – is capable of blasting out cosmic rays at energies of at least 10 petaelectronvolts (PeV; 10^{16} electronvolts), pushing the upper limits of the energies such particles are thought to reach in the Milky Way.

[Read the full article here.](#)

“Star Explodes Stellar Theory”

In my most recent video presentation I discussed new scientific discoveries that completely rewrite astronomere ideas about planet and star formation. Technological data is now routinely suggesting that both planet and star appear to happen on a time scale that is not reconcilable with the slow gradual processes in gravitational theory.

[View the video here.](#)

“A New Obelisk ‘Lifeform’ Is Hiding Inside Humans”



We're not sure if it's exciting or not that scientists just discovered new 'lifeforms' inside of our bodies. Tiny bits of RNA, smaller than a virus, colonize bacteria inside our mouths and guts and have the power to transfer information that can be read by a cell.

Dubbed 'wildly weird' by the team of Stanford scientists writing about the find in *Nature*, the discovery now has a name: obelisks. And we... don't really know their end goal.

[Read the complete story here.](#)

Services for the Week of June 29, 2024



Saturday, June 29, 2024

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: Rev. Michael McIntyre

Cantor: Rev. Shinobu Fuelling

Reader: Rev. Robert Roy

Sunday, June 30, 2024
SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:30

Gate: 5:10

Service Starts: 5:25

Sunrise: 5:40

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia: Rev. Harold Boulette

Church of New Qumran: Rev. Stephen Fuelling

Church of New Bethany: Rev. Shinobu Fuelling

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 – Convocation

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RF Robert Petrovich

Friday, July 5, 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Elizabeth Reece

How to Find the Fountain of

Light that Enlightens



“‘How,’ says the Disciple to the Master in one of Boehme’s ‘Dialogues,’ ‘am I to seek in the center this Fountain of Light which may enlighten me throughout and bring my properties into perfect harmony? I am in Nature, as I said before, and which way shall I pass through Nature and the light thereof, so that I may come to into the supernatural and supersensual ground whence this True Light, which is the Light of Minds, doth arise; and this without the destruction of my nature, or quenching the Light of it, which is my reason?’

‘Master: Cease but from thine own activity, steadfastly fixing thine eye upon one point ... For this end, gather in all thy thoughts, and by faith, press into the center laying hold upon the Word of God, which is infallible and which hath called thee. Be obedient to this call, and be silent before the Lord, sitting alone with him in thy inmost and most hidden cell, and attend His Will in the patience of hope.

So shall the Light break forth as the morning, and after the redness thereof has passed, the Sun Himself, which thou waitest for, shall arise unto thee, and under his most healing wings thou shalt greatly rejoice: ascending and descending in his bright and health-giving beams. Behold, this is the true Supersensual Ground of Life.'"

-Evelyn Underhill with an inner quote from Jacob Boehme.

Seek the Fountain of Light

The Disciple in this dialogue by Boehme knows that he should seek the fountain of light, he just doesn't know how to do so. Still, he is ahead of many who call themselves spiritual, yet have actually done nothing to develop their spiritual faculties. This disciple at least knows of the Fountain of Light and knows that this Light brings Enlightenment, hence the name.

Bring Into Harmony

There are different things involved in being in harmony, but the primary one for most spiritual students is developing their spiritual centers in such a way that they are in harmony and work together without any one of them dominating. There are some spiritual schools that have you developing, or energizing, only the top three or four energy centers. That is fine for the more materialistic person who is overly developed in the lower centers, but a lot of those who seek out spiritual development are actually weak in those lower centers. We need to develop all of them and bring them into balance and harmony. Another way spiritual development brings us into harmony is that it makes us more loving and understanding, more peaceful and humble. This allows us to live in harmony with all people regardless of their age, sex, religion, race, or political leaning.

Without Destruction of My Nature

What the disciple is calling his nature, is what we would refer to as his individuality. Some schools teach that when we become One with The All, we lose all individuality like a drop of water that falls into an ocean. But when we become one with The All, we retain our individuality, much like a brick that becomes part of a wall. The wall is one whole, yet the bricks are still individual things.

Light of Mind

Boehme refers to the Spiritual Light as the Light of Mind. This may be the result of a poor translation or simply because Boehme had to be careful what he wrote so he wouldn't be accused of heresy. Since Boehme received his enlightenment when sunlight was reflected onto his eyes from a metal bowl he was holding, I think he knows that this is a matter of the Spirit, not the mind.

Fix Thine Eye

The Master tells the student that he must fix his eye on one point, but he doesn't say what that point is. In part, I think he is saying that one must concentrate on spiritual development when engaging in spiritual development techniques, but he also means to fix his eye on the sun as taught by spiritual masters so that you do not harm your eyes (NEVER stare at the sun).

“5 beguiling heart-shaped

objects found in space”

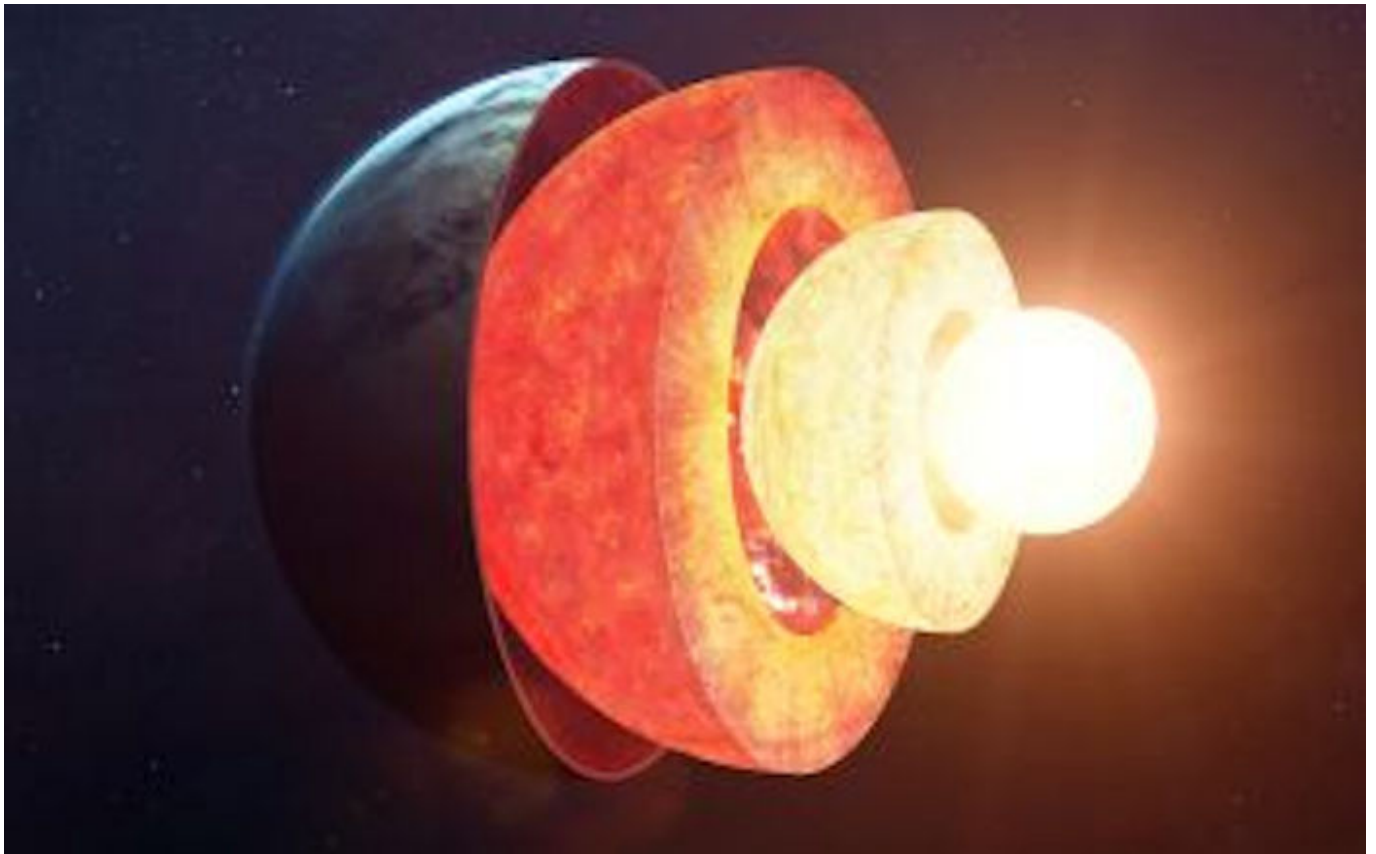


From a teddy bear on Mars to Godzilla in a gas cloud, it's easy to see pretty much anything you want on the seemingly infinite canvas of space. And this year, on Valentine's Day, we choose to see love.

Heart-shaped objects are plentiful across the cosmos and come from a variety of sources – from extreme events like galactic collisions to the random side effects of brightly burning stars. Here are five of our favorites.

[Read the complete story here.](#)

“THE EARTH’S CORE IS COOLING WAY FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT, SCIENTISTS SAY”



According to new research, the core of the Earth is cooling much faster and sooner than originally anticipated – a new mystery that could throw a wrench in our understanding of the planet’s evolution.

To get a better sense of how far along the Earth is in the process, scientists are studying the thermal conductivity of the minerals present in the layer between the planet’s core and mantle. The faster that hot center passes heat to the planet’s outer layers, the faster the Earth is losing the heat present in its core.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)