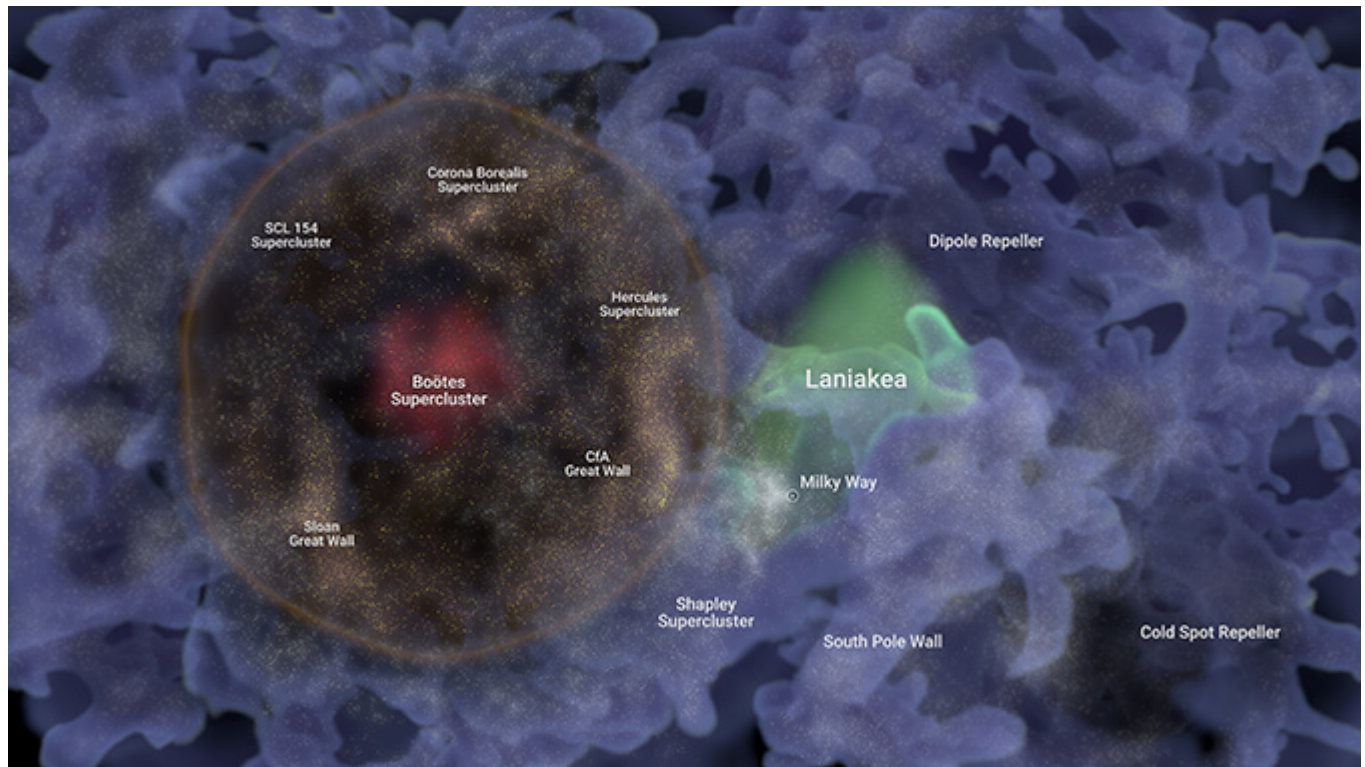


“A billion-light-years-wide bubble of galaxies found!”



Astronomers in Hawaii said this week (September 5, 2023) that they’ve discovered an immense bubble 820 million light-years from Earth. They called it:

... a fossil-like remnant of the birth of the universe.

And they said its size – a billion-light-years in diameter – is:

... beyond theoretical expectations.

[Read the full article here](#)

Services for the Week of March 30, 2024



Saturday, March 30, 2024

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: RM Elizabeth Reece

Cantor: Rev. Greg Klinedinst

Reader: Rev. Gary Huss, Jr.

Sunday, March 31, 2024
SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral of The Americas

Leave: 5:45

Gate: 7:00

Service Starts: 6:41

Sunrise: 6:56

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Ephesus *RM Elizabeth Reece*

Church of New Philadelphia *RM Barbara Whitney*

Church of New Qumran *RC Amanda Buchanab*

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

Rev. Francine Petrovich

Friday, April 5, 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Barbara Whitney

Opening Up to the Brightness of the Spiritual Sun



“The state of the saints is transparent and shining, and therefore they receive the Brightness without intermediary, but our state is still mortal and gross, and this sets up an obstacle which causes a shadow over the sun, which so darkens our understanding that we cannot know God and heavenly things as clearly as the saints do. For as long as we dwell in the shadow, we cannot see the Divine Sun clearly, but we see the sun through a glass darkly. Yet the shadow is so enlightened by the Sunshine that we can perceive the distinctions between

all the virtues, and all the truth which is helpful in our mortal state. If we would become one with the Brightness of the Spiritual Sun, we must follow Love, and go out from ourselves into the Wayless, and then the sun will draw us with our blinded eyes into its Brightness, in which we shall possess Unity with God. As soon as we feel and understand ourselves thus, we are in that contemplative life which is within reach of our mortal state."

—[John of Ruysbroeck](#)

The State of the Saints

When Ruysbroeck speaks of the saints, he means the true saints and not everyone who has been given that title. These saints are not literally transparent, but they have nothing to hide, so transparent in that way. They do shine with the Brightness of God's Light that comes down to us from the Spiritual Sun.

Shadow Over the Sun

Whether you call it a shadow or a veil, the sun has been partially blocked from us for centuries. This is to protect us as well as to protect the sun from the thoughts of primitive, materialistic people. Now that we are in the End Times, and the birth of the Sun of Righteousness has happened, that shadow has been removed so that we can turn to the sun and receive God's Brightness even if we are not yet saints.

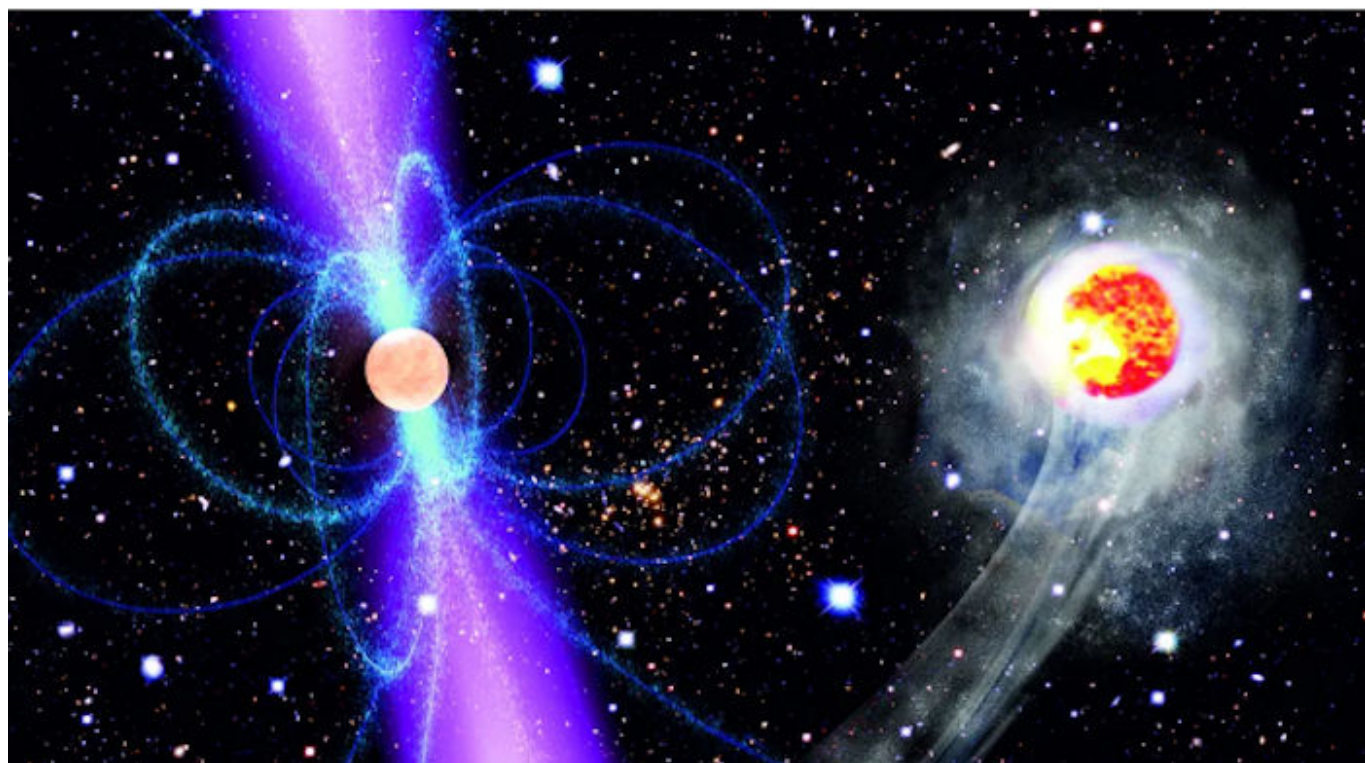
With Love and Humility

With Love and Humility, and without greed or a selfish desire to use the Sun's Power to control others, we can receive the Light of the Spiritual Sun, although we still receive the light of the physical sun along with it. We can, to a large degree, block out the negative effects of the physical sun by visualizing the Cosolargy Crose over the sun and over our eyes when we practice solar viewing techniques.

Unity with God

This is indeed the ultimate goal of spiritual practices. Few people achieve this during their physical life and those who do usually achieve it only for brief moments. Yet it is what we should aim for so that we can continue that quest to reach Unity with God and the All at the highest level of consciousness after the death of our physical body.

“ 'Cosmic cannonballs' exploding out of dead star could explain mysterious flicker in the night sky”



Astronomers have solved the decade-long mystery of how a bizarre cosmic object toggles rapidly between “high” and “low” energy states: by launching plasma cannonballs from its orbit.

The object in question is a pulsar – a type of extremely magnetic [neutron star](#). Like other neutron stars – the remnants of massive stars that have collapsed – pulsars are extremely dense and tend to spin quickly around their axes. But unlike other neutron stars, a pulsar emits bright beams of electromagnetic radiation from its poles. This gives it the appearance of “pulsing” in space, like a lighthouse beacon viewed from a distance.

[Read the full article here](#)

“University of Michigan scientists study giant black hole that destroyed a massive star”

A research team used NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and ESA's XMM-Newton to study the amount of nitrogen and carbon near a black hole that was known to have torn a star apart. Astronomers believe the nitrogen and carbon were created inside the star as it neared the black hole before it was ripped apart.

"We are seeing the guts of what used to be a star," said Jon Miller, U-M professor of astronomy who led the study. "The elements left behind are clues we can follow to figure out what sort of star met its demise."

[Read the full article here.](#)

"Wandering Stars Pass Near Our Solar System Surprisingly Often"

Every 50,000 years or so, a nomadic star passes near our solar system. Most brush by without incident. But, every once in a while, one comes so close that it gains a prominent place in Earth's night sky, as well as knocks distant comets loose from their orbits.

The most famous of these stellar interlopers is called Scholz's Star. This small binary star system was discovered in 2013. Its orbital path indicated that, about 70,000 years ago, it passed through the Oort Cloud, the extended sphere of icy bodies that surrounds the fringes of our solar system.

[Read the full article here.](#)

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE AMERICAS UNDERGOES THIRD ROUND OF RENOVATIONS



The third phase of a massive renovation of the Cathedral Church of the Americas and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights was completed late last year. The first phase was started and completed in 2019, and the second phase began and finished in 2021.

The Cathedral Church and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights was constructed by dedicated members of The Community during the Winter of 1990/1991 .

However, after 30 years, the concrete began to deteriorate substantially. A major renovation and rehabilitation of the structure was needed to ensure its viability into the future.

There were three major maintenance issues at the Cathedral that needed to be addressed. The first was the deterioration of the base of the triune crosses – the steps. The second was the deterioration of the church walls. And the third was preventing the deterioration of the concrete floor of the entire structure.

The cost of the first phase, which was the repair of the concrete steps at the base of the crosses and the repair of cracks in the concrete floor, was \$30,000. This cost was raised entirely by members of The Community, and this phase of the project was completed in 2019.

Step Repairs



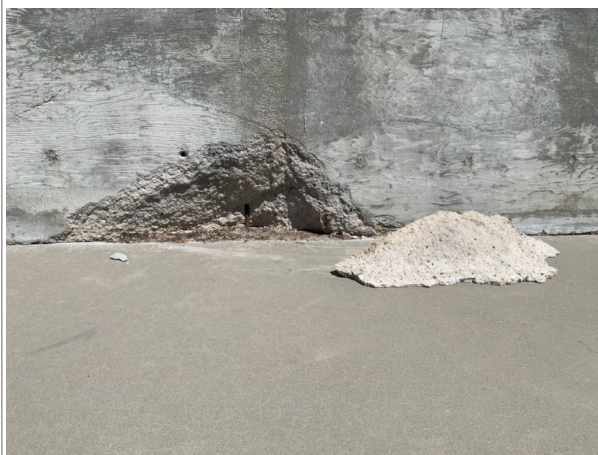


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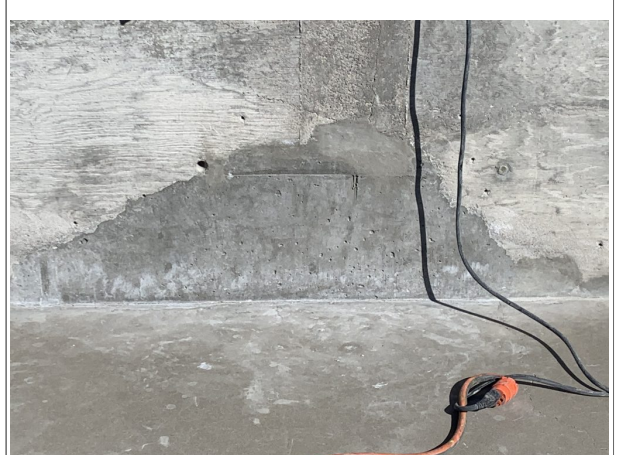


The second phase was the restoration of the tops of the walls that enclose the entire perimeter of the church – a length of 220 feet. That phase was completed in 2021 at the cost of an additional \$30,000. The danger of not completing phase two was that the walls were continuing to decay. In 2021, only the tops of the walls were deteriorating. But, over time, the entire wall structure would have been affected.

Wall Repairs



<Crumbling
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<Crumbling
upper wall
After repair >





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section of
Crumbling wall
top
After repair>



<Cathedral
walls in
various stages
of repair>



Steps and Walls of the Bell Choir



<Crumbling steps
and wall
After complete
repair (phase 3)>





<Crumbling steps at
the Bell Choir
After complete
repair>



The rehabilitation of all the concrete work was done by Surface Systems, Inc. of Reno, Nevada, which specializes in concrete repair and restoration using fiber-reinforced polymers.

The third phase of the project, which was completed in late 2023, was to repair dozens of cracks in the walls themselves and to extend the fiber-reinforced polymer along the entire interior surface of the perimeter walls. This phase of the project cost \$20,000.

Damaged Walls



New Walls after Repair



[Click here to see more photos and videos.](#)

The Community has not yet recouped the expense for this phase of the project.

Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. had this to say in regards to completing the third phase:

“Once again, I am asking everyone in The Community to make a pledge and a contribution towards this most important part of our Sanctuary. The restoration over the past five years was urgent and guarantees that future Cosolargists will be able to treasure and cherish the Cathedral and Monument, which is only the beginning of a much grander vision for the shrine honoring the human Spirit.

“The preamble of our Proclamation to Human Spiritual Rights states that ‘All members of the human family have been endowed with the qualities of God, having been generated originally in the form of Righteous Beings of Light, spiritual, divine and

immortal and abiding in Worlds of Light.’ And that is what our beloved Cathedral Church of the Americas symbolizes to all who visit it. I encourage all members of The Community to keep in mind the importance of this sacred open-air worship space and its significance as a symbol for human spiritual rights for all people everywhere.”

[Click here to read the proclamation.](#)

The Bishop went on to say, “This is an endeavor very dear to my heart. I am happy to answer any questions people have and to explain the vision for the future. But I am asking for the financial support and commitment of all of our members at this time.”

The pledge form is [[HERE](#)], and there are several ways to make a contribution, including spreading it out over time.

Services for the Week of March 23, 2024



Saturday, March 23, 2024

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: Rev Noriko Roy

Cantor: Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Reader: Rev. Larry Coesens

Sunday, March 24, 2024

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral of The Americas

Leave: 5:45

Gate: 7:00

Service Starts: 6:52

Sunrise: 7:07

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

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

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Ephesus *Rev. Robert Roy*

Church of New Qumran *Rev Noriko Roy*

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

RM Barbara Whitney

Friday, March 29, 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Peter Foust

**Solitary Places in the Desert
or on a Mountain are not
Necessary for Spiritual
Development**



“Let it always appear and be manifest to you that solitariness, and places in the desert, so esteemed by philosophers, are of themselves but thus and thus; and all things are to them who live in towns also, and converse with others as there is the same nature everywhere to be seen and observed: to them that have retired themselves to the top of mountains, and to desert havens, or other desert places. For anywhere it thou wilt mayest thou may find and apply this to thyself; which Plato saith of his philosopher, in a place: as private and retiring, saith he, as if he were shut up and enclosed about in some shepherd’s lodge, on the top of a hill. There by thyself to put these question to thyself or to enter into considerations: What is my chief and principle part, which has power over the rest? What is now the present state of it, as I use it; and what is it that I employ it for? Is it now void of reason or no? Is it fresh and

separated; or so affixed, so congealed and grown together as it were with the flesh, that is is swayed by the motions and inclinations of it?"

-Marcus Aurelius

Solitary Places in the Desert

It is somewhat difficult to follow the convoluted language of Aurelius, even though I have simplified it a little in the quote, yet I think we can all get the point he is trying to make. First, he tells us that we don't need to be out in the desert or in some solitary place to practice our spiritual development techniques. Depending on where you live, it might be impossible for you to go to a desert, or a mountaintop regularly to do those practices. But Aurelius assures us that even those living in towns and cities can practice spiritual development techniques and get good results. So why do philosophers like Plato advise going to the desert or to a mountain? Because some places are better than others.

Who You're With

Who you are with, or around, when you practice techniques is one reason why the ancient teachers recommended going to a solitary place. When doing techniques, it is best to be surrounded only by like-minded people. If that is not possible, then it is best to do them away from others whose negative or materialistic thoughts interfere with yours. It is like trying to get good reception on a cell phone when you are in a place surrounded by many electrical sources emitting static. You might still be able to hear the other person, but not very well. That is why it is recommended that those who live in urban areas make an effort to get out to the country, or at least to an open area such as a park, occasionally.

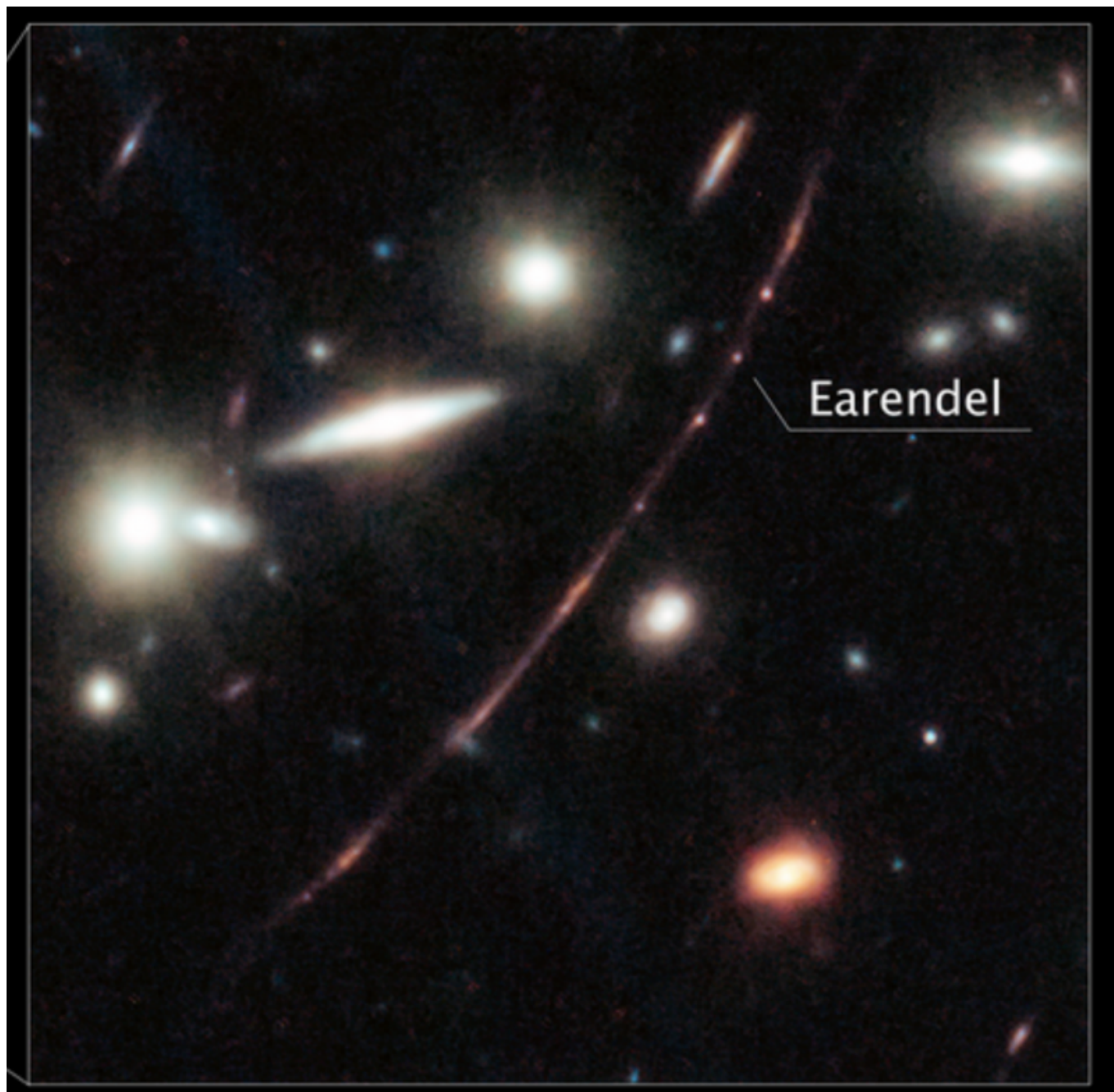
Find Your Place

Aurelius advises us to choose our place for spiritual

practices by asking ourselves: What is the state of that place now? Does it feel spiritual to you, or has it become congealed into a materialistic place? Many places that were once considered holy or spiritual are not so anymore. So do the best you can to find a good spot and if you can be in a desert, by the seashore, or on a mountain top occasionally, you should make the effort to go there.

*I fly above the dark and angry sea
I call to others to come join me.
But few respond, most cannot see
or hear the things ahead of me.
So fly alone, if you must fly
'til others join you in the sky.
One day, the angry sea will end
And we will call each other "friend".*

“How far back in time can we see?”



The Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes have observed the most distant star ever seen – Earendel – whose name means *morning star*. Even though Earendel is 50 times the mass of our sun, and millions of times brighter, we would not normally be able to see it. We can only see it due to an alignment of the star with a large galaxy cluster in front of

it whose gravity bends the light from the star to make it brighter and more focused. The galaxy cluster essentially acts as a lens.

[Read the full article here.](#)