

COSMIC REVELATIONS: UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE

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ABSTRACT

This passage explores the fascination and complexity of the universe, tracing humanity's historical curiosity through ancestral imaginations to modern scientific theories. It discusses celestial phenomena, dark matter, and introduces key theories such as the Big Bang and the speculative Big Bounce Theory. The narrative navigates through astrophysical concepts like ultra-massive black holes and cosmic voids, highlighting advancements in observation technologies such as telescopes and surveys.

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“The world is strange. The whole universe is very strange. But when you look at the details.., the rules of the game are very simple”

Richard Feynman

From the beginning, our ancestors were eager to understand the world but had not quite stumbled upon the method. They imagined the universe, which is controlled by strong forces such as wind, fire, or water. Even now, with such advanced technologies, the universe is full of enigmas waiting to be unraveled. At the heart of the cosmos lies a symphony of celestial bodies. Stars, galaxies, and nebulae dance together in a cosmic ballet, their movements governed by the forces of gravity and the delicate balance of cosmic energies. As we peer deeper into the cosmos, we encounter mysteries that challenge our understanding of the universe. Dark matter, an elusive substance that does not emit, absorb, or reflect light, comprises a significant portion of the cosmos, yet its nature remains shrouded in mystery. Scientists tirelessly seek to unravel its secrets, contemplating its role in shaping the cosmic landscape and determining the fate of galaxies.

Nevertheless, we have some non-fiction theories that can explain lots of things about our real identity and the real story of the universe. Firstly, scientists have done

their best to find “the beginning of everything.” Finally, in 1927, one of the groundbreaking theories was initially proposed by Roman Catholic priest and physicist Georges Lemaître: the “Big Bang theory.” This theory is currently the most authoritative one that describes the initial expansion stage of our universe over a 13.77 billion-year period. It is the conceptualized age of the observable universe, according to detailed measurements of the expansion rate of the cosmos. This theory can be supported by evidence like cosmic microwave background radiation (CMB) (a faint glow of radiation that permeates the universe) and the observed abundance of light elements in the cosmos. About 380,000 years after the Big Bang, the universe had cooled enough for protons and electrons to combine and form neutral hydrogen atoms. This transition allowed photons, or particles of light, to travel freely through space. Then, the universe began its expansion and transformed into the shape we know.

Since the formulation of the Big Bang theory, other theories have come to the forefront. One of them is the Big Bounce Theory. The “Big Bounce” theory is a speculative cosmological model that suggests the current universe is not the first one and will not be the last. It proposes that the universe goes through an infinite series of cycles, each beginning with a big bang and ending with a big crunch. In this model, the universe expands from a hot, dense state (similar to the conventional Big Bang model), reaches a maximum size, and then contracts back to a hot, dense state in a Big Crunch. This contraction is followed by another expansion, and the cycle repeats indefinitely. These theories were just a branch of exploring outer space and devising new concepts about it.

Take a closer look at the stars, the luminous celestial bodies that fill the night sky. Those objects are classified into various models in terms of their density and temperature. Humongous ones we can hardly observe with our current cutting-edge technology potential are ultra-massive black holes and some concealed gigantic voids located in greater depths of the observable universe. As stated by astrophysicists, this sort of massive black hole is commonly found at the center of every galaxy, including our own Milky Way galaxy, and these black holes are significantly larger than stellar-mass black holes, with masses ranging from hundreds of thousands to billions of times that of our sun. The most massive black hole with direct dynamical detection in the local universe is called “Phoenix A,” which is relatively 100 billion times more massive than the Sun. And. In the vast tapestry of the cosmos, where galaxies cluster and stars sparkle, there exists a mysterious phenomenon known as cosmic voids. These vast expanses of seemingly empty space, stretching across millions of light-years, challenge our perception of the universe’s uniformity. Cosmic voids are colossal regions of the universe characterized by an apparent absence of galaxies and other cosmic structures. While the term “void” may imply emptiness, these vast spaces are far from devoid of

matter. Rather, they contain a sparse distribution of galaxies and cosmic filaments, creating a cosmic landscape with a lower-than-average matter density. Astronomers employ advanced telescopes and surveys to observe and map cosmic voids. Notable surveys, such as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, have played an integral role in identifying and characterizing these vast locations. The observations reveal intricate patterns of voids and filaments, aiding scientists in constructing detailed models of the cosmic web's structure.

As our cosmic voyage draws to an end, we find ourselves on the verge of exploration. The universe beckons us to dream, explore, and be in awe at the vastness of life with its unending beauty and unfathomable secrets. We enhance our appreciation for the breathtaking spectacle that is the universe as well as our scientific understanding in the process of trying to comprehend the cosmos. The cosmic chronicles go on, and staring up at the night sky serves as a constant reminder that we are traveling through space and time on a cosmic trip that begins and finishes in the universe.

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