

Goldilocks Principle

"Too big...too small... just right"

- How big a school
- How big a company
- How smart a teacher

How big is your God?

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My Rock and My Redeemer

Psalm 19

ref.ly/Ps19;niv



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Celebrating Communion		
Our good, holy Creator God	God's grace as Savior	Coming King who perfects creation
The tragic reality of sin	Faith to receive & give forgiveness	Living on God's Mission

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Psalm 19:1-4a

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- ¹ The heavens **declare** the glory of **God**; **Glory & skill**
the skies **proclaim** the work of his hands.
- ² Day after day they pour forth **speech**;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
- ³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
- ⁴ Yet their **voice** goes out into all the earth,
their **words** to the ends of the world.

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“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—**his eternal power and divine nature**—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

Romans 1:20

Ancient & some current thought:

- God **equals** nature

The Bible:

- God **is greater than** nature

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Psalm 19:4b-6

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;

nothing is deprived of its warmth

pitched = set up

chamber = shelter, canopy

circuit = a regular route

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Psalm 19:7-9

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

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Psalm 19:10-11

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned
in keeping them there is great reward.

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Psalm 19:12-14

¹² But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my **hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they **not rule over me.**

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of **great transgression.**

¹⁴ May these **words of my mouth**
and this **meditation of my heart**
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Truth & Faithfulness Grace



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General revelation:

the created world

➤ Elohim = God: generic name for God

Special revelation:

God's message in human words

➤ YHWH = LORD: personal name for God

Conversation on April 26: science and faith
How to relate general and special revelation

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The Big Idea

Creation and God's Word reveal

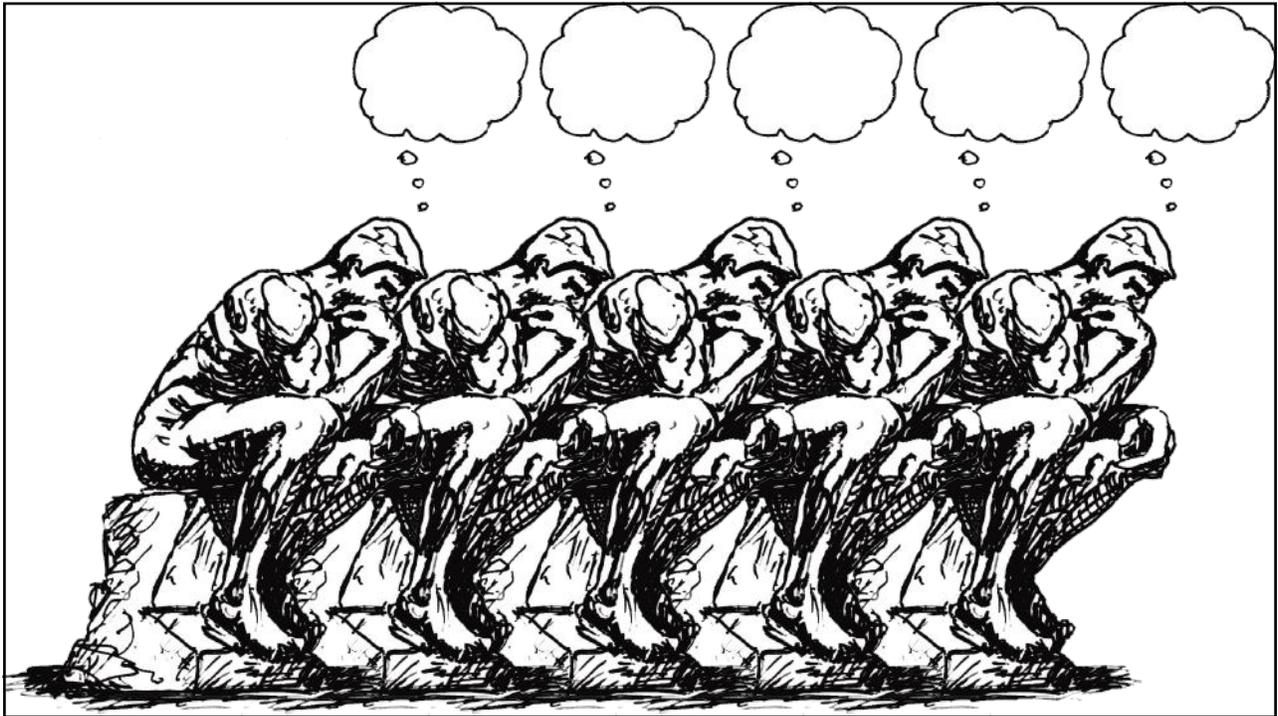
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holy
glorious

unfathomable = impossible to explore or know fully

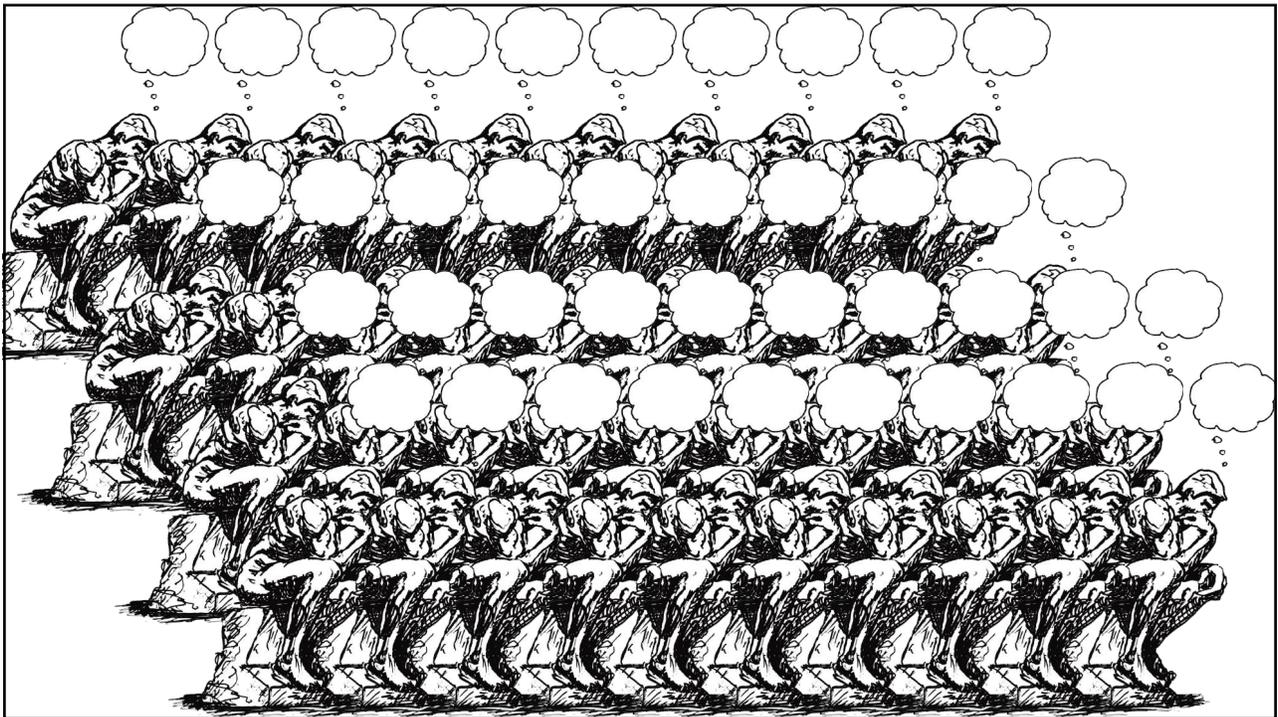
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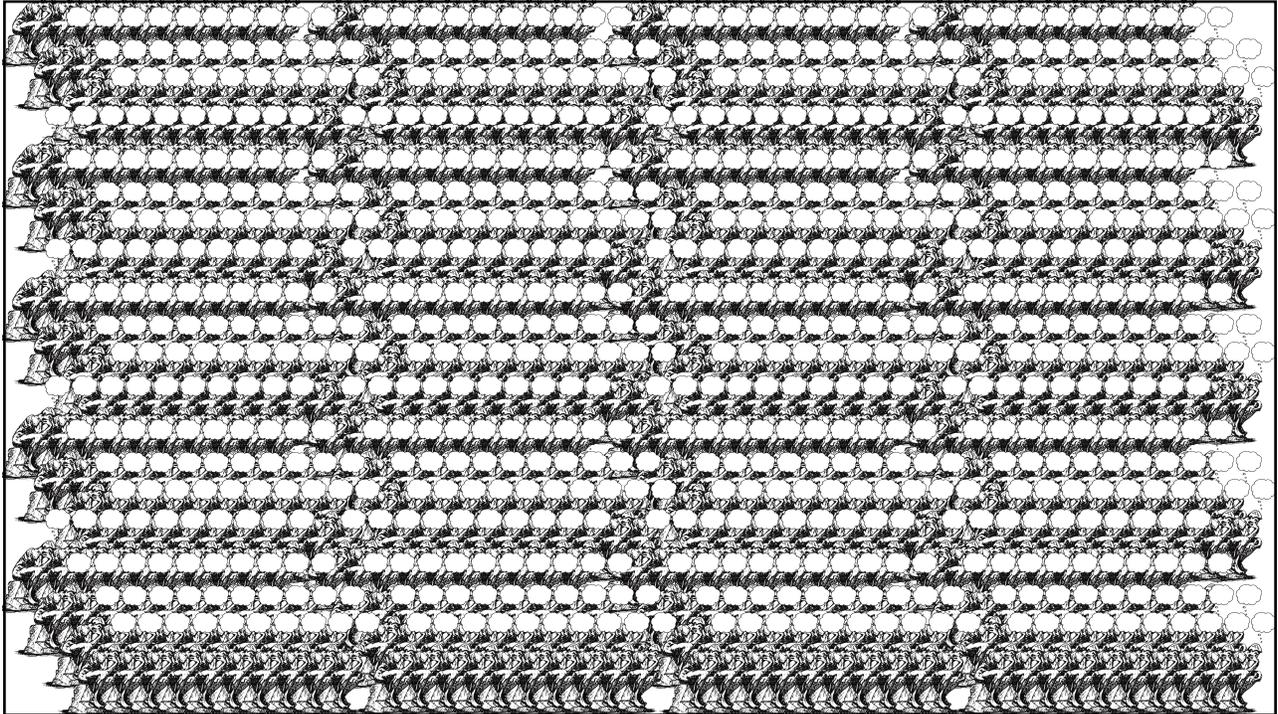
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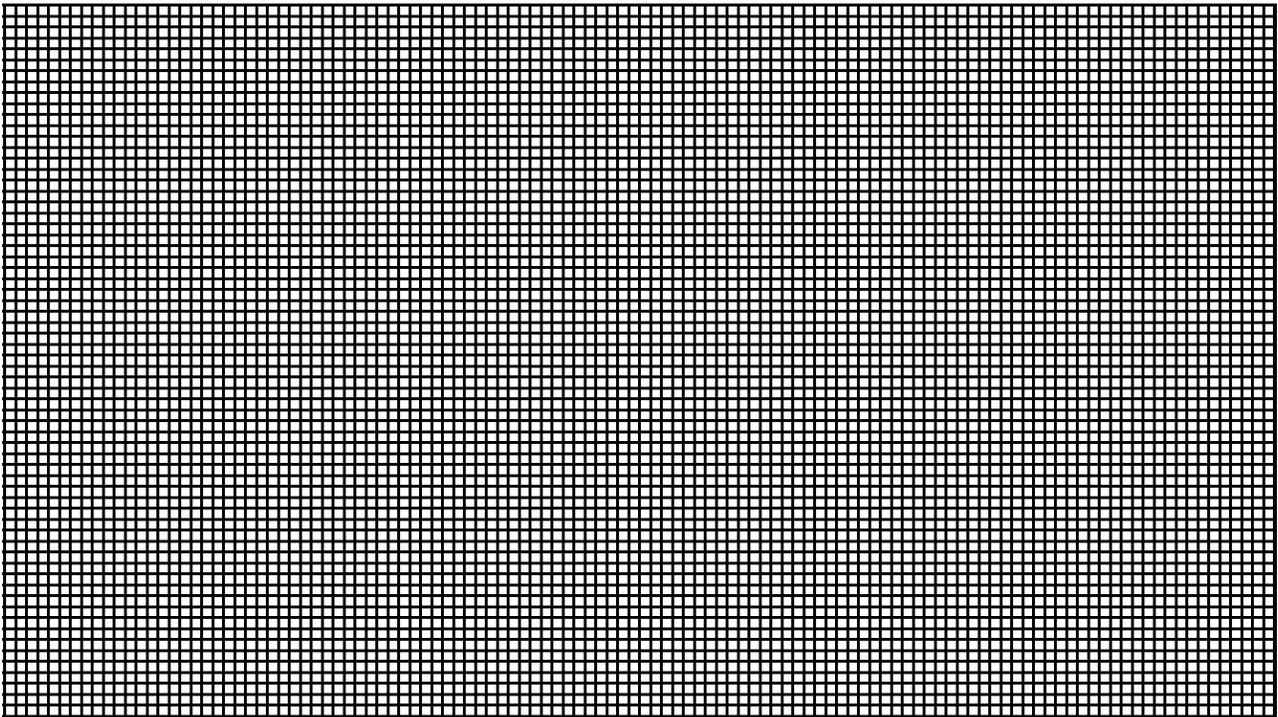
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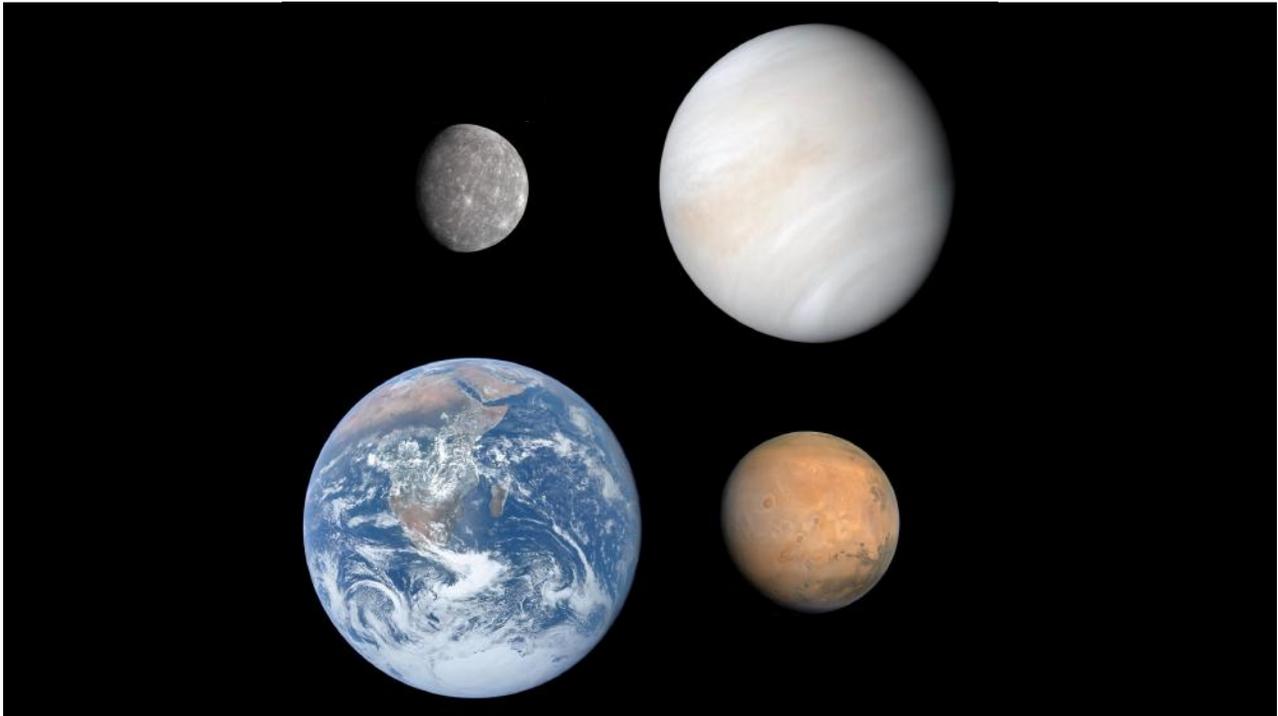
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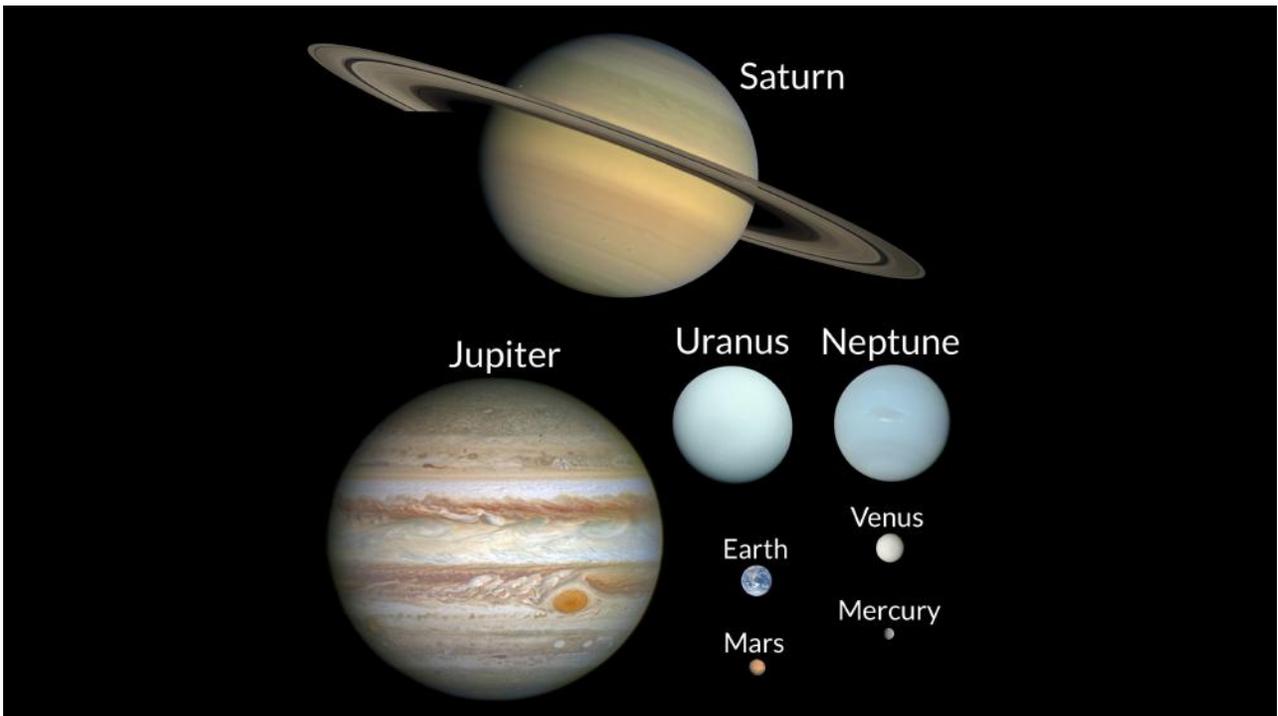
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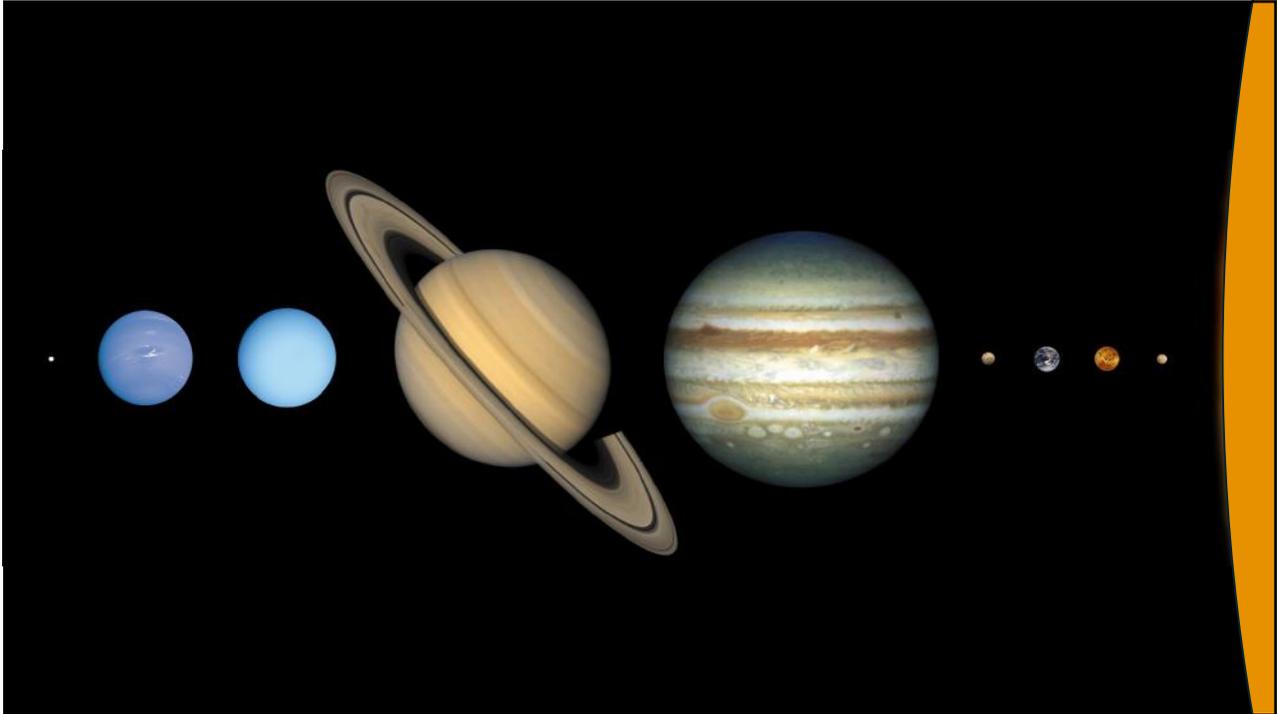
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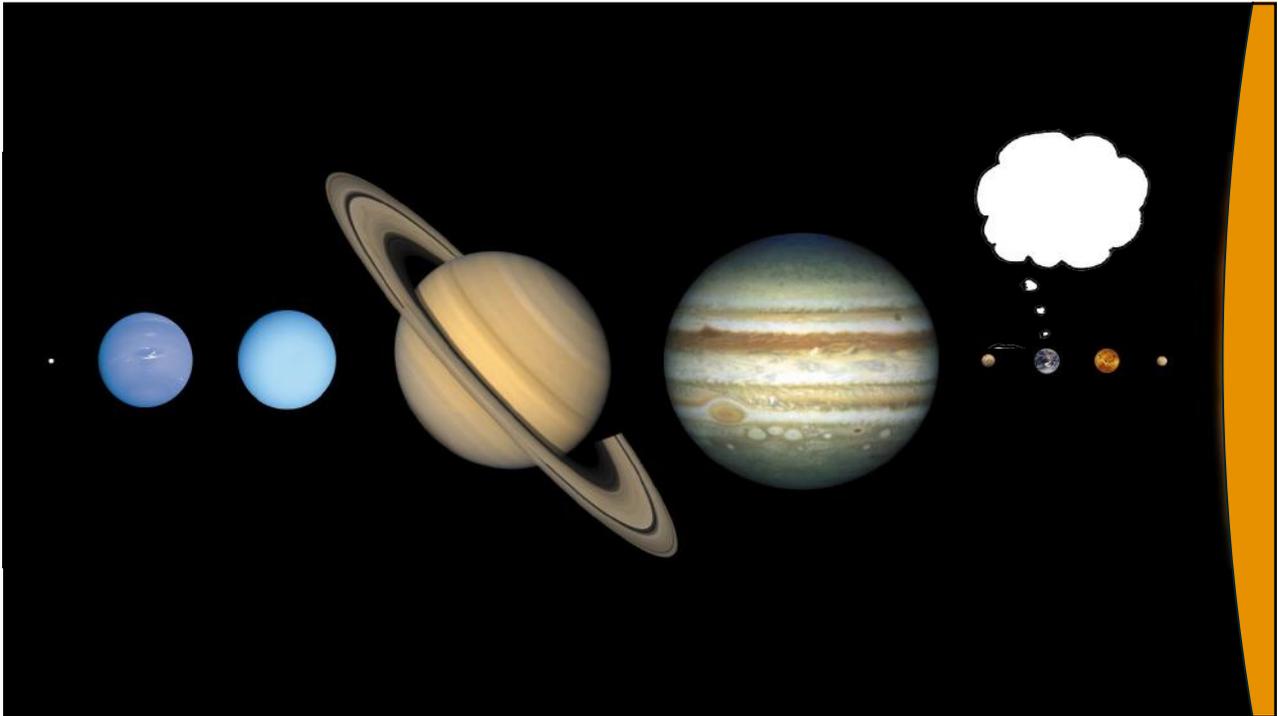
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If the sun were...	Earth would be...
Basketball	Grain of rice 15 meters (50 feet)
Softball	Grain of salt 10 meters (33 feet)

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What is a human being that you remember him,
a son of man that you look after him?

Psalm 8:4

A black and white sketch of a person in a crouching, thinking pose, with a thought bubble above their head. The person is rendered in a sketchy, expressive style, sitting on a rock or block. The thought bubble is empty.

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The Big Idea

Creation and **God's Word** reveal

His greatness { unfathomable
holy
glorious

and His grace { astounding
loving
saving

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Application

"For although they knew God,

- they neither glorified him as God
- nor gave thanks to him,

but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Romans 1:21

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Application

His greatness: Be in awe/glorify Him

- Ever growing awareness of His greatness
- Give Him praise
- "I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court... it is **the Lord who judges me.**"

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

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Application

His grace: Rejoice/Give thanks

- Life-giving world (creation)
- Blessing us through His Word (God's Words)
 - Stooping to explain to our minds
 - Great blessing in following His ways
 - Concern about the least part of our tiny lives
- Salvation through Jesus' sacrifice (the Word)

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May these words of my mouth and
this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
Psalm 19:14