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# Pushing Pseudoscience over the Edge of the World

“Wise and Inventive Screen@gers” - Be wise,  
be inventive, be media literate.

May 9th, 2019 - Day 4

Andrei Sapera

# Goals & Objectives

- Build upon the concepts introduced by Andreea & Ovidiu
- Continue the conversation around “digital literacy” in the realm of science & pseudoscience
- Share some of my experience and thoughts
- Add a “pop science” dimension to your digital identity
- Look into a few definitions, basic notions and concepts related to our main topics
- Learn while testing your knowledge (Kahoot!)
- Absorb new information and find some inspiration
- Have fun!

# Rules for today!

- Pick a nickname for the day! (Kahoot time!)
- Feel free to interrupt me anytime
- Raise your hand & Ask me anything! (There's no such thing as a silly question)
- Ask a friend!
- Keep your phones close, but try not to drain the battery too quickly!
- Focus! Focus! Focus!
- You will have fun!

# Agenda!

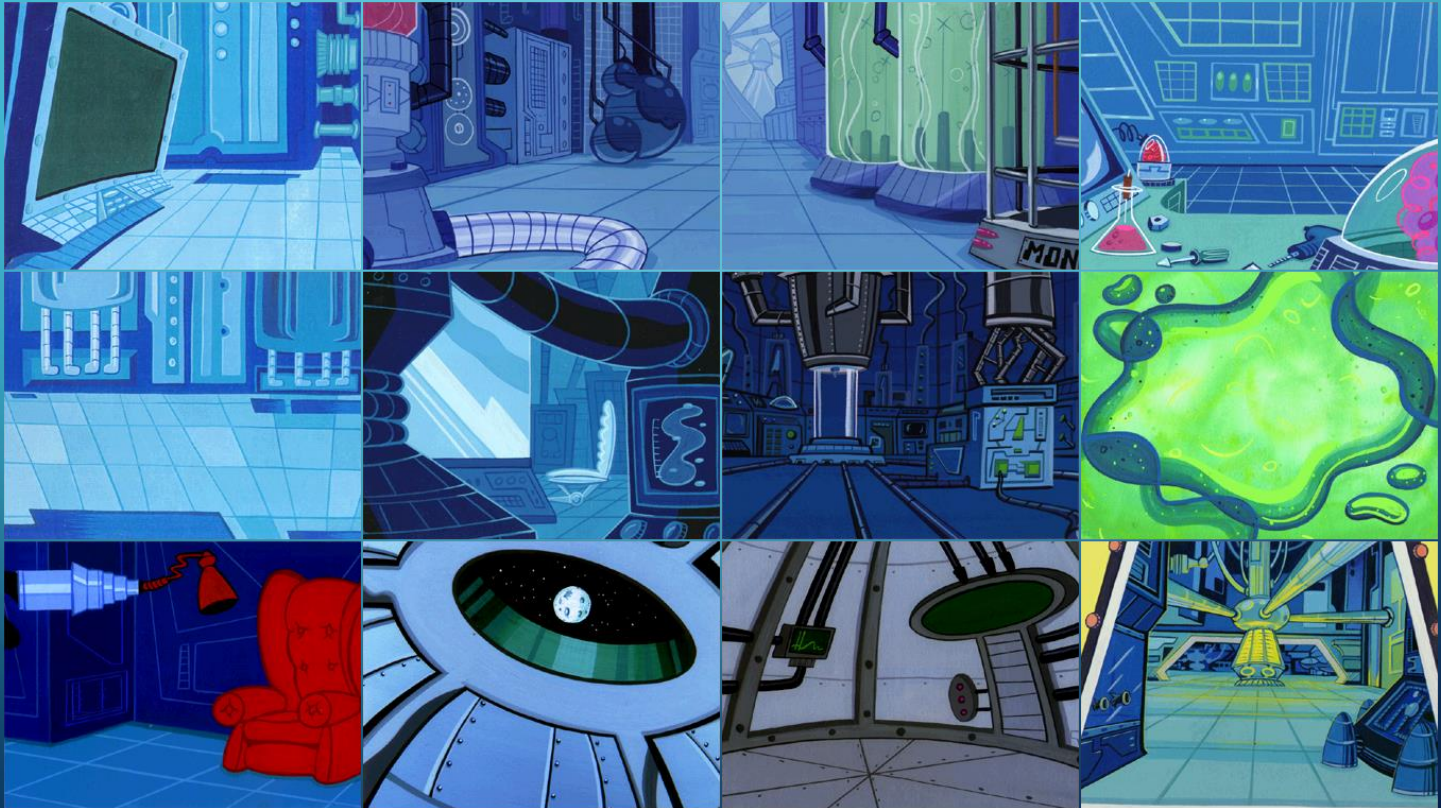
1. Welcome to my World
2. Science!
3. Pseudoscience?
4. Science vs. Pseudoscience!
5. Preparing for the Future(s)
6. Quizzes & RPG exercise
7. Food for thought & Conclusions



“What a fine day for Science!” - Energizer (5 min)



# Part 1: Welcome to my World!



# Who am I?

## Short Bio:

- Born in 1988, Tulcea
- Grew up with Lego, Cartoon Network, piano & classical music, dinosaurs, Sci-Fi books and films;
- 1999 - 2003: Music School
- 2003 - 2007: "Spiru Haret" High-school, Tulcea
- 2007 - 2010: BSc in Business & International Affairs, Bucharest, Ro
- 2010 - 2012: MSc x 2 in Geopolitics & Political Economy (Ro & Norway)
- 2012 - 2015: Market Research, Nielsen, Bucharest, Ro
- 2015 - 2017: "Space Economy 2.0", ESA/ESTEC, Netherlands
- 2018: International Space University SSP18, Delft, NL





# LEGO Saturn V





European Astronaut Centre,  
Cologne



SES, Luxembourg

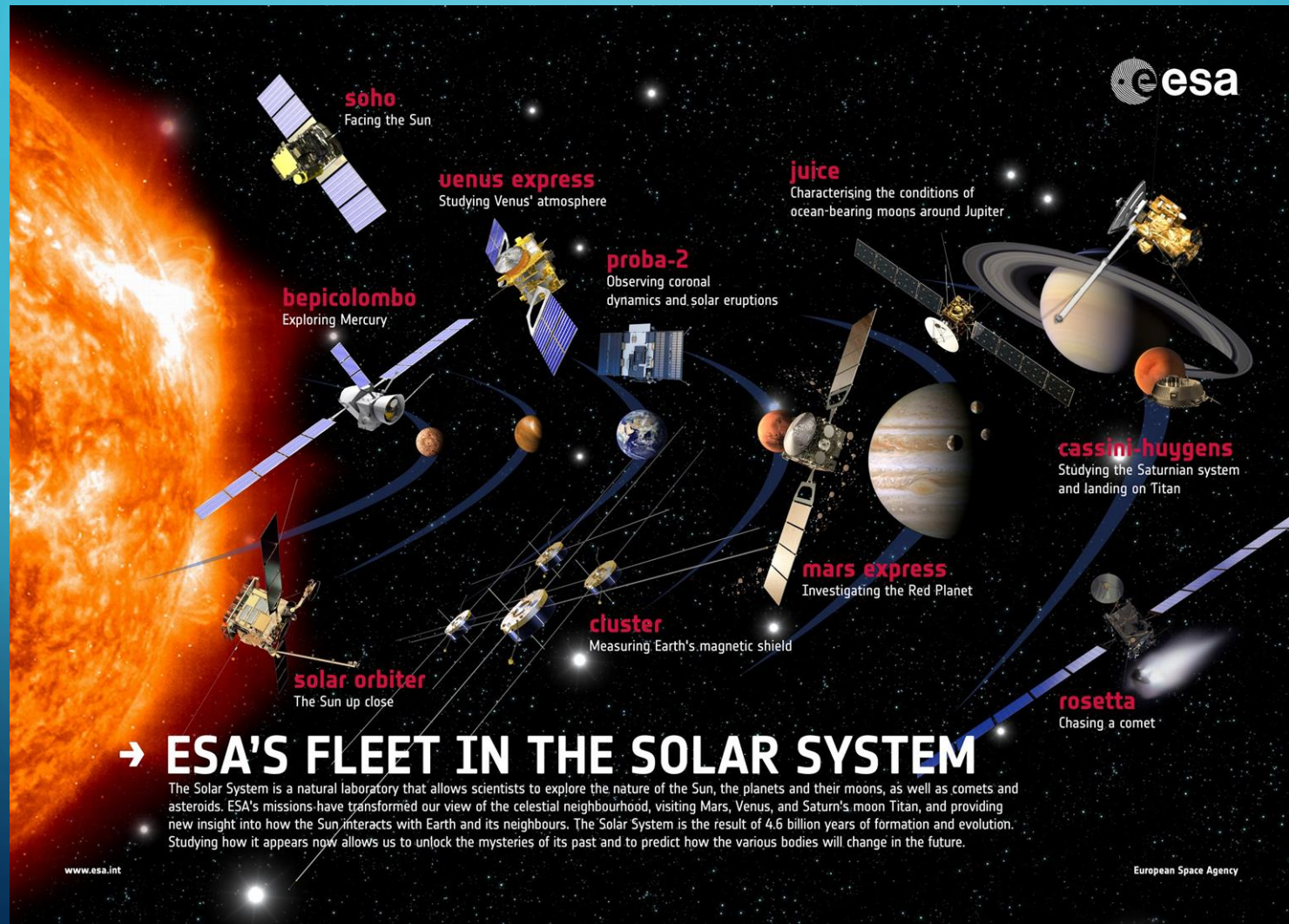
May the Force be with you always!



# ESA/ESTEC, Netherlands







**soho**  
Facing the Sun

**venus express**  
Studying Venus' atmosphere

**juice**  
Characterising the conditions of  
ocean-bearing moons around Jupiter

**bepicolombo**  
Exploring Mercury

**proba-2**  
Observing coronal  
dynamics and solar eruptions

**cassini-huygens**  
Studying the Saturnian system  
and landing on Titan

**mars express**  
Investigating the Red Planet

**cluster**  
Measuring Earth's magnetic shield

**solar orbiter**  
The Sun up close

**rosetta**  
Chasing a comet

## → ESA'S FLEET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Solar System is a natural laboratory that allows scientists to explore the nature of the Sun, the planets and their moons, as well as comets and asteroids. ESA's missions have transformed our view of the celestial neighbourhood, visiting Mars, Venus, and Saturn's moon Titan, and providing new insight into how the Sun interacts with Earth and its neighbours. The Solar System is the result of 4.6 billion years of formation and evolution. Studying how it appears now allows us to unlock the mysteries of its past and to predict how the various bodies will change in the future.

# → ESA'S FLEET ACROSS THE SPECTRUM

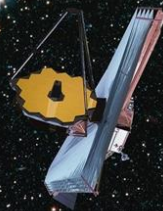


Thanks to cutting edge technology, astronomy is today unveiling a new universe around us. With ESA's fleet of spacecraft, science can explore the full spectrum of light, see into the hidden infrared universe, visit the untamed and violent universe, chart our galaxy and even look back at the dawn of time.

**herschel**  
Unveiling the cool  
and dusty Universe



**just**  
Striving to observe  
the first light



**gaia**  
Surveying a billion stars



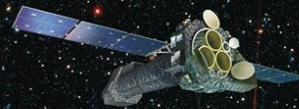
**planck**  
Looking back  
at the dawn of time



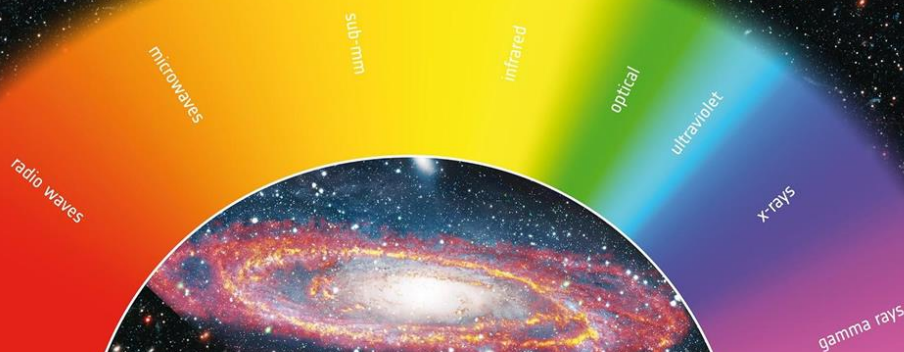
**hst**  
Expanding the frontiers  
of the visible Universe



**xmm-newton**  
Seeing deeply into the hot  
and violent Universe.



**integral**  
Seeking out the extremes  
of the Universe



# Advanced Concepts Team, ESA/ESTEC

ESA

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

ACT

## Overview

- The team
- Who we are
- Who we were
- Join the team

## Research

- Advanced Materials
- Artificial Intelligence
- Bio-Engineering
- Biomimetics
- Earth System Science
- Energy Systems
- Fundamental Physics
- Habitats
- Informatics
- Management Science
- Mission Analysis
- Propulsion

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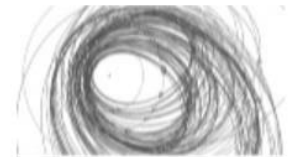
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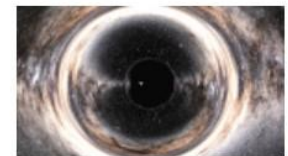
## Related Links



[Kelvin's competition platform](#)



[GTOC portal](#)



[Black Hole Shadows](#)



→ ACTA FUTURA 10

The special issue of Acta Futura on Space Architecture is now online, check all of its visionary papers.

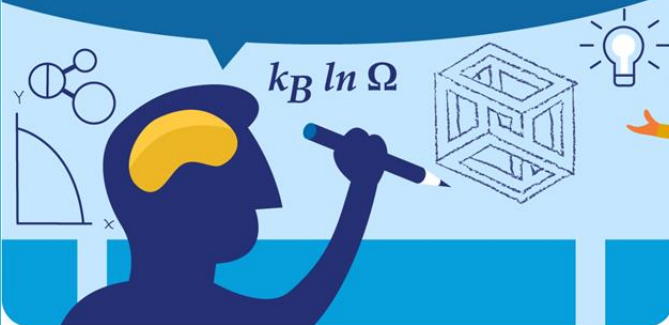


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ESA  
's  
ACT

We are ESA's **THINK-TANK...**



... seeking **DISRUPTIVE** changes in space technologies.



We are a **MULTIDISCIPLINARY** team...



...that is constantly **RENEWED** for fresh ideas.



We carry out and support **CUTTING-EDGE** research...



...and investigate concepts with a **LONG-TERM IMPACT** in space!



# THE SPACE ECONOMY: A MODERN DAY GOLD RUSH

## Asteroid Mining Will Create A Trillion-Dollar Industry

As our **population grows** we need to find a **sustainable supply of natural resources** to fuel exploration in space and prosperity on Earth.



### PLATINUM-RICH ASTEROID

Could contain more Platinum Group Metals than what's been mined on Earth in all of history

NEAR-INFINITE SUPPLY OF PRECIOUS RESOURCES



### WATER-RICH ASTEROID

One water-rich asteroid could produce enough fuel for every rocket launched in history.

### ONE SINGLE 500M water-rich asteroid

\$5 trillion would produce over \$5 trillion worth of water for use in space.

It currently costs \$20,000 to send a liter of water from Earth to Deep Space

### USES OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS ON EARTH

REDUCE COST OF ELECTRONICS



ELECTRIFY TRANSPORTATION



DRIVE INNOVATION, AND CREATE A GREENER EARTH



### ONE SINGLE 500M platinum-rich asteroid

At current market prices, one ounce of platinum is valued over \$1,500

Worth \$2.9 Trillion

174 times more than the yearly world output of platinum

50%

More than the known world-reserves of PGMs

Asteroid mining will open a trillion-dollar industry and provide a **near-infinite supply** of Platinum Group Metals and water to **support our growth** both on this planet and off.

### MORE ASTEROIDS DISCOVERED NEAR EARTH EVERYDAY



### USES OF WATER IN SPACE



ROCKET FUEL



BREATHABLE AIR



DRINKABLE WATER

# ESTEC Open Day 2016 (3 min)



Who am I? I'm still trying to figure it out...



# What I am/am NOT

## What I am:

- (Currently) independent researcher in the emerging field of “space economics” / ExoEconomics: “Space exploration through economic development”
- Dreamer, space enthusiast, multi/interdisciplinary explorer;

## What I am NOT:

- Educator, teacher, certified trainer, science communicator;

## Warning!

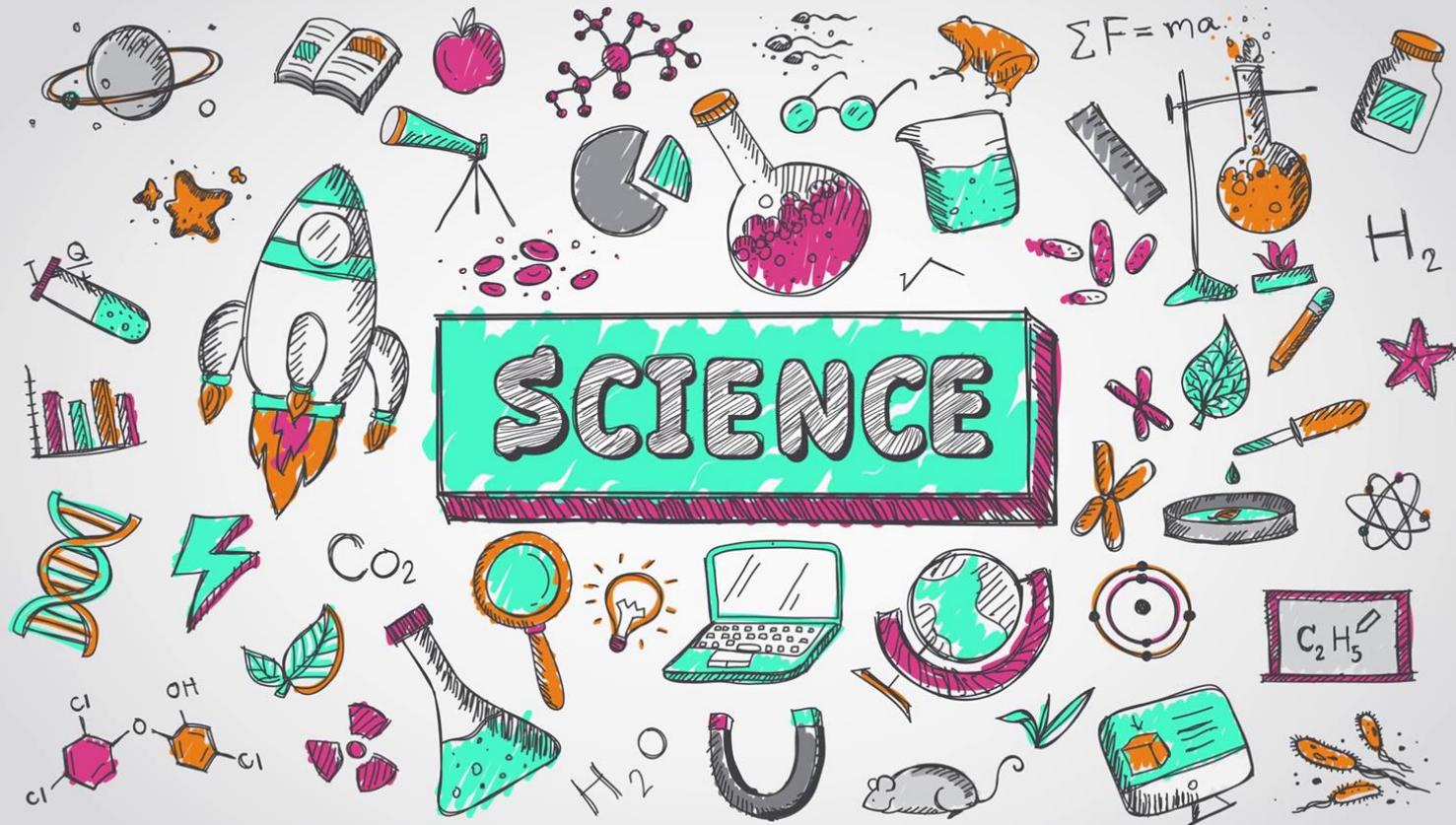
- Don't take everything I say for a fact; I may be wrong sometimes too;
- Question everything!

17 years of SpaceX (3 min)

**17 YEARS**

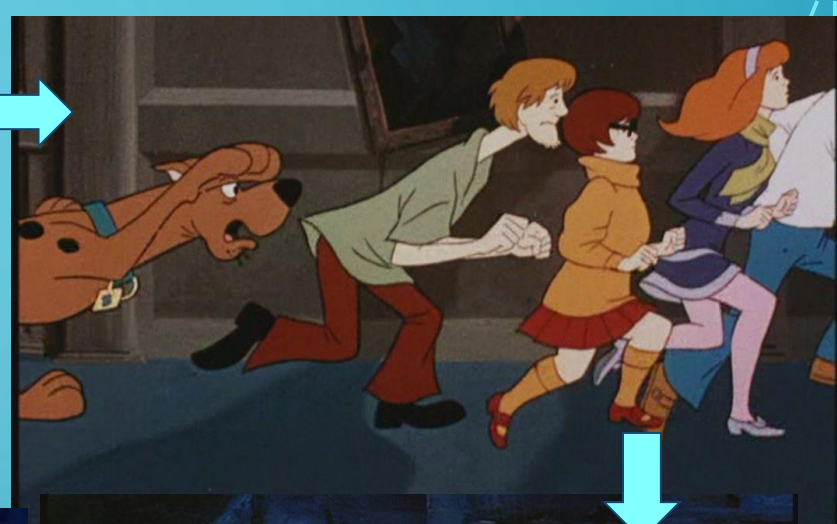


# Part 2: Science!









# Unmasking the imposter

- Stop running, find the courage in you to face your fears, confront the unknown and debunk the mystery.
- Behind every ghost, monster or terrifying creature, there's a much simpler, more reasonable explanation.



# Brief history of Science (2 min)



# Definitions

**Science\*** (from the Latin word *scientia*, meaning "knowledge") is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe.

**Pseudoscience\*** consists of statements, beliefs, or practices that are claimed to be both scientific and factual, but are incompatible with the scientific method. (*pseudo + scientia*)

The expression **junk science\*** is used to describe scientific data, research, or analysis considered by the person using the phrase to be spurious or fraudulent. The concept is often invoked in political and legal contexts where facts and scientific results have a great amount of weight in making a determination.

\* Source: Wikipedia (always check the source!)

# Definitions

**Fringe science\*** is an inquiry in an established field of study which departs significantly from mainstream theories in that field and is considered to be questionable by the mainstream.

Fringe science may be either a questionable application of a scientific approach to a field of study or an approach whose status as scientific is widely questioned.

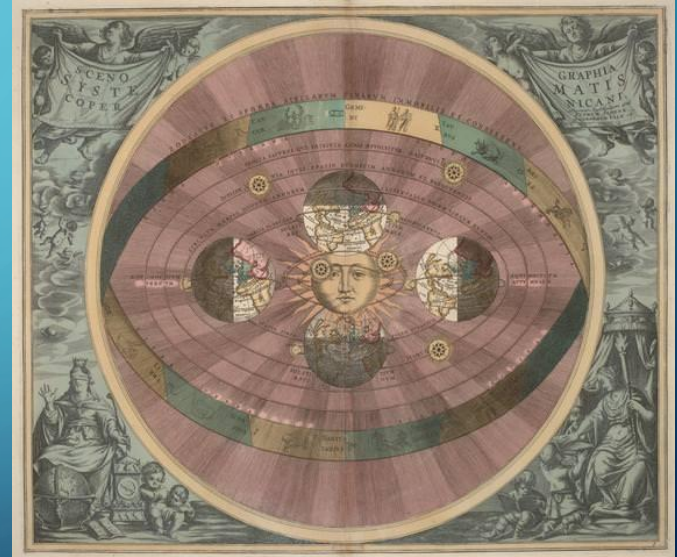
**Paradigm shift\*** is a fundamental change in the basic concepts and experimental practices of a scientific discipline. Paradigm shifts arise when the dominant paradigm under which normal science operates is rendered incompatible with new phenomena, facilitating the adoption of a new theory or paradigm.

The Scientific Method\*: is an empirical method of acquiring knowledge that has

# Fringe Science

Some theories that were once rejected as fringe science, but were eventually accepted as mainstream science, are:

- Plate tectonics
- The existence of **Troy**
- Heliocentrism
- Norse colonization of the Americas
- The **Big Bang** theory
- Neanderthal-Homo Sapien hybridization (HSN, now substantiated by genetic evidence)



# Paradigm Shifts

Some of the "classical cases" of paradigm shifts in science are:

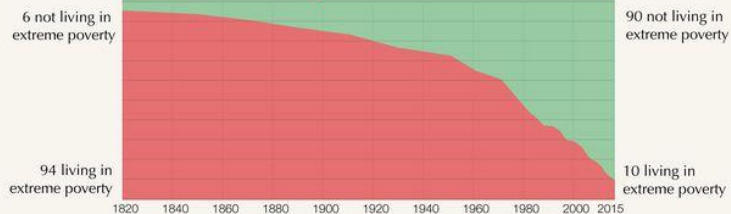
- 1543 – The transition in cosmology from a Ptolemaic cosmology (geocentric) to a Copernican one (heliocentric).
- 1687 – The transition in mechanics from Aristotelian mechanics to classical mechanics.
- The transition in optics from geometrical optics to physical optics with Augustin-Jean Fresnel's wave theory.
- 1859 – The revolution in evolution from goal-directed change to Charles Darwin's natural selection.
- 1905 – The development of quantum mechanics, which replaced classical mechanics at microscopic scales.
- 1887 to 1905 – The transition from the luminiferous aether present in space to electromagnetic radiation in spacetime.
- 1919 – The transition between the worldview of Newtonian gravity and the Einsteinian general relativity.
- 1965 - The acceptance of plate tectonics as the explanation for large-scale geologic changes.



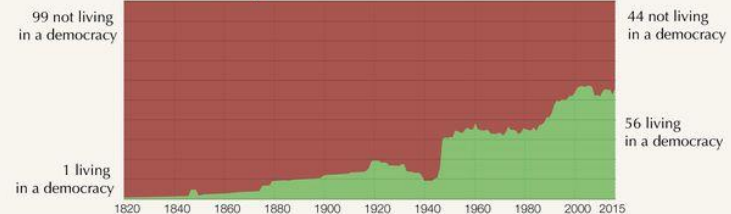


# The World as 100 People over the last two centuries

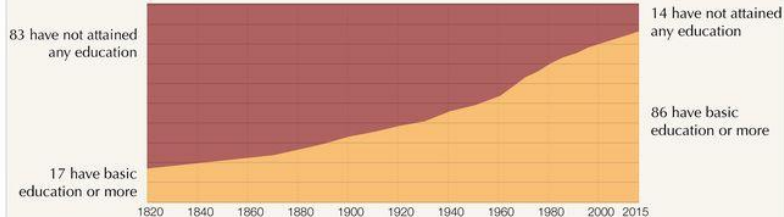
## Extreme Poverty



## Democracy



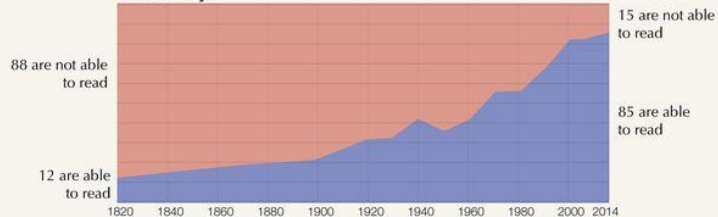
## Basic Education



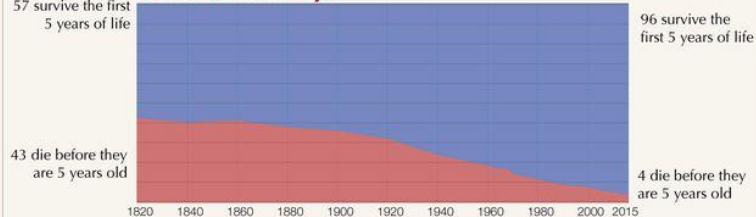
## Vaccination against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and tetanus



## Literacy



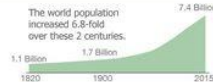
## Child Mortality



**Data sources:**

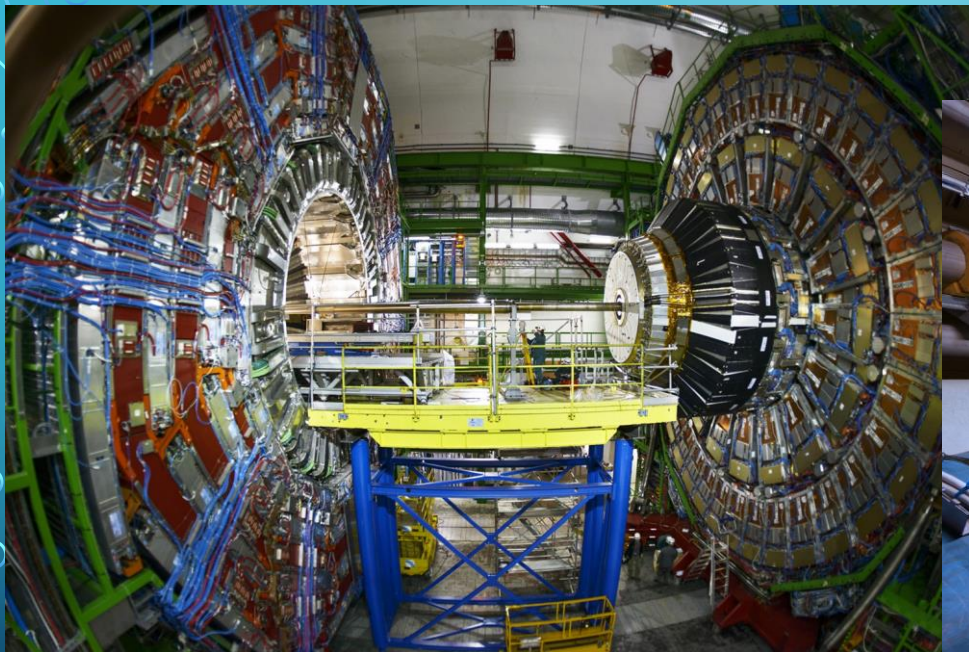
Extreme Poverty: Bourguignon & Morrison (2002) up to 1970 – World Bank 1981 and later (2015 is a projection).  
 Vaccination: WHO (Global data are available for 1980 to 2015 – the DPT3 vaccination was licenced in 1949).  
 Education: OECD for the period 1820 to 1960, IIASA for the time thereafter.  
 Literacy: OECD for the period 1820 to 1990, UNESCO for 2004 and later.

Democracy: Polity IV index (own calculation of global population share)  
 Colonialism: Wimmer and Min (own calculation of global population share)  
 Continents: HYDE database  
 Child mortality: up to 1960 own calculations based on Gapminder; World Bank thereafter



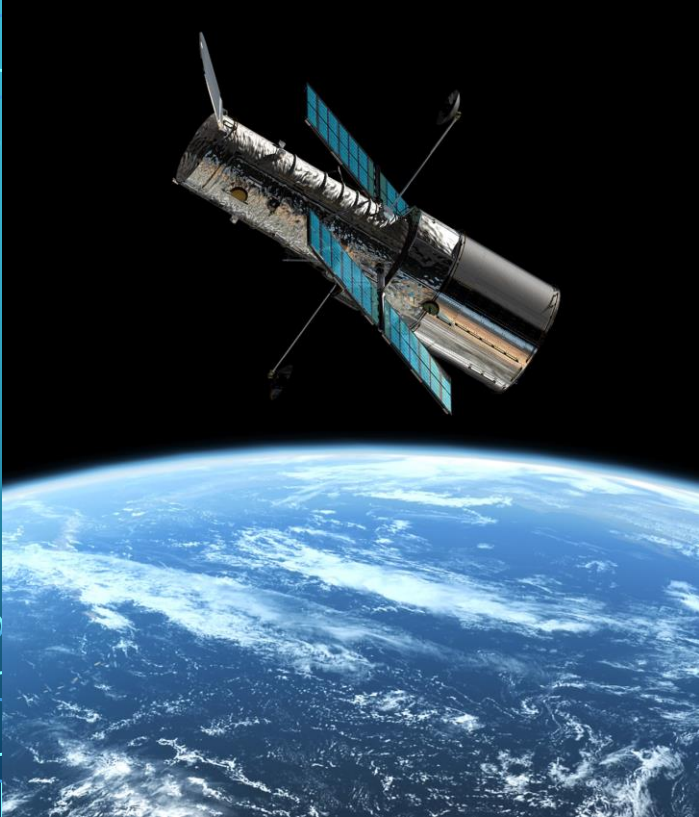
All these visualizations are from [OurWorldInData.org](http://OurWorldInData.org) an online publication that presents the empirical evidence on how the world is changing.

Proof that science works!

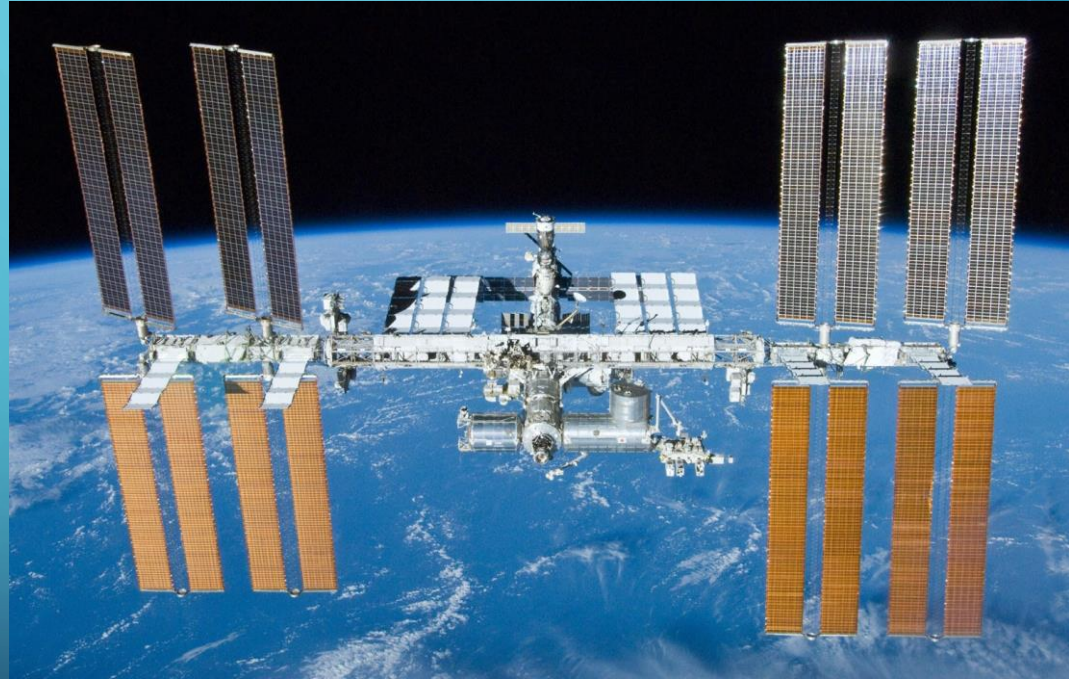


Large Hadron Collider, CERN,  
Geneva

# Proof that science works!



Hubble Space Telescope



International Space  
Station

# Quiz time!

## Instructions:

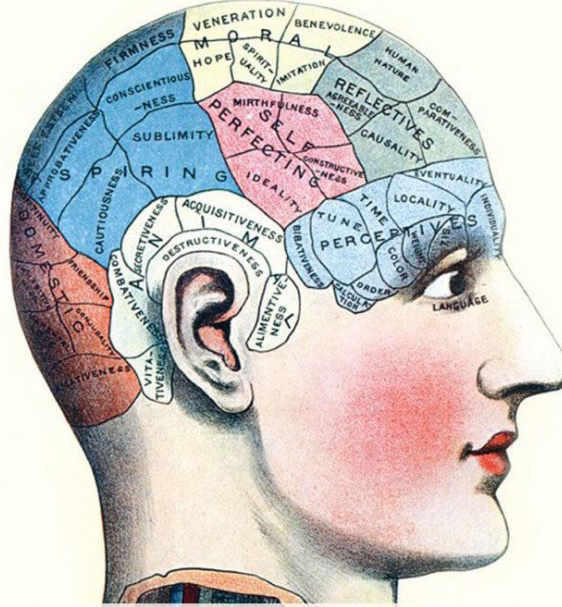
- Make sure you're connected to the wi-fi/mobile data ON
- Go to Kahoot.it
- Enter the pin code on the screen
- Use the nickname you chose earlier
- Read the question on the screen!
- Think fast, choose an answer on your phone!
- Short reaction time will earn you extra points!
- If you don't manage to connect, work with a buddy!

# Kahoot! Quiz #1: Space!

## Space!

- 10 questions
- 10 min

# Part 3: Pseudoscience?



**PSEUDOSCIENCE**

**The Conspiracy Against Science**

# Pseudoscience Intro

## Definitions



- **Science** is an enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of *testable explanations and predictions* about the world.
- **Pseudoscience** is a claim, belief or practice which is presented as scientific but *lacks the valid scientific methodology or supporting evidence*.

# Main pseudoscientific concepts #1

- Astronomy and Space sciences

- Ancient astronauts
- Astrology
- Creationist cosmologies
- Modern Flat Earth beliefs
- Moon Landing conspiracy theories





# Main pseudoscientific concepts #2

- Earth Sciences
- Bermuda Triangle
- Climate change denial
- Hollow Earth theory



# ○ Main pseudoscientific concepts #3

- Health & Medicine

- Acupuncture
- Alternative & fringe medicine
- Biorhythms
- Detoxification
- Homeopathy
- Faith healing
- Magnet therapy
- Reiki
- Crystal healing
- Cupping therapy
- And many, many more...



# Main pseudoscientific concepts #4

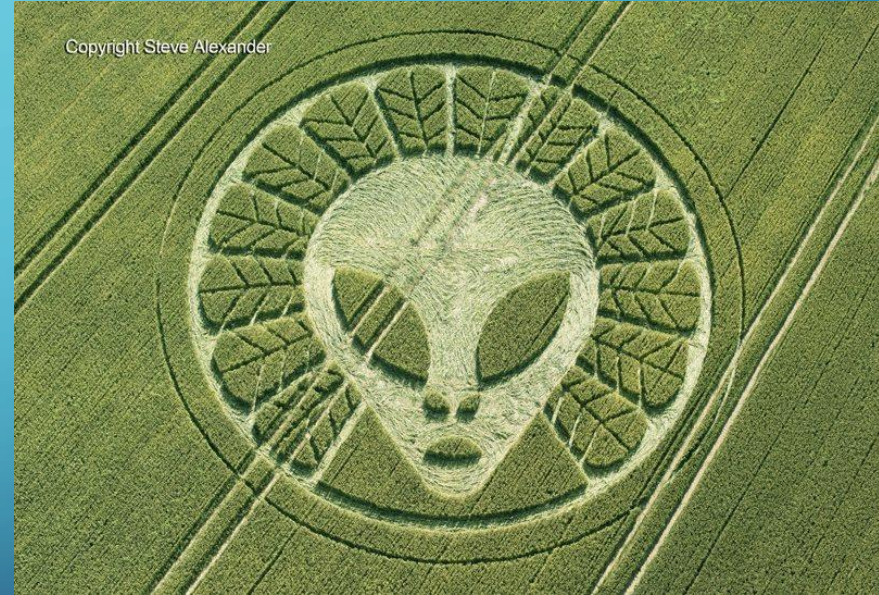
- Social sciences: Psychology

- Brainwashing
- Hypnosis
- Parapsychology
- Psychoanalysis
- Psychokinesis
- [...]

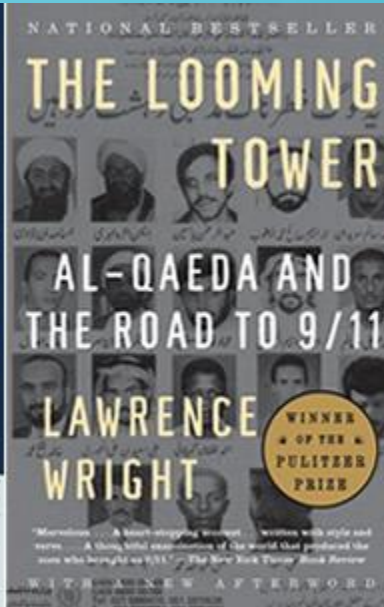
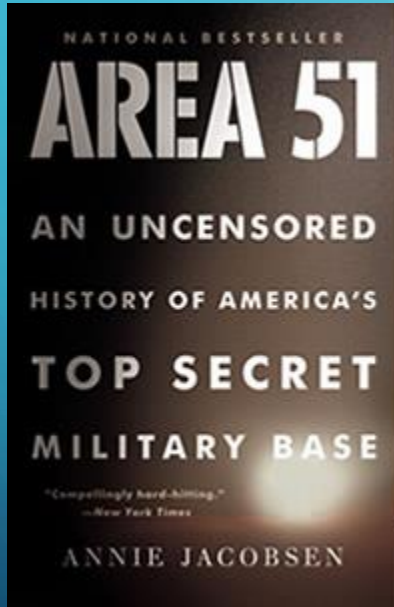


# Main pseudoscientific concepts #5

- Other
- Paranormal subjects
- Ufology
- Crop circles
- Extra-sensory perception (telepathy, precognition, psychic abilities)
- Levitation
- Numerology
- Intelligent design
- Creation biology
- And many, many, many



# Why do people believe weird things?



I want to believe!



# Kahoot! Quiz #2: Pseudoscience!

## Pseudoscience

- 7 questions
- 5 min

# Part 4: Science vs. Pseudoscience!





# Intro to the Scientific Method

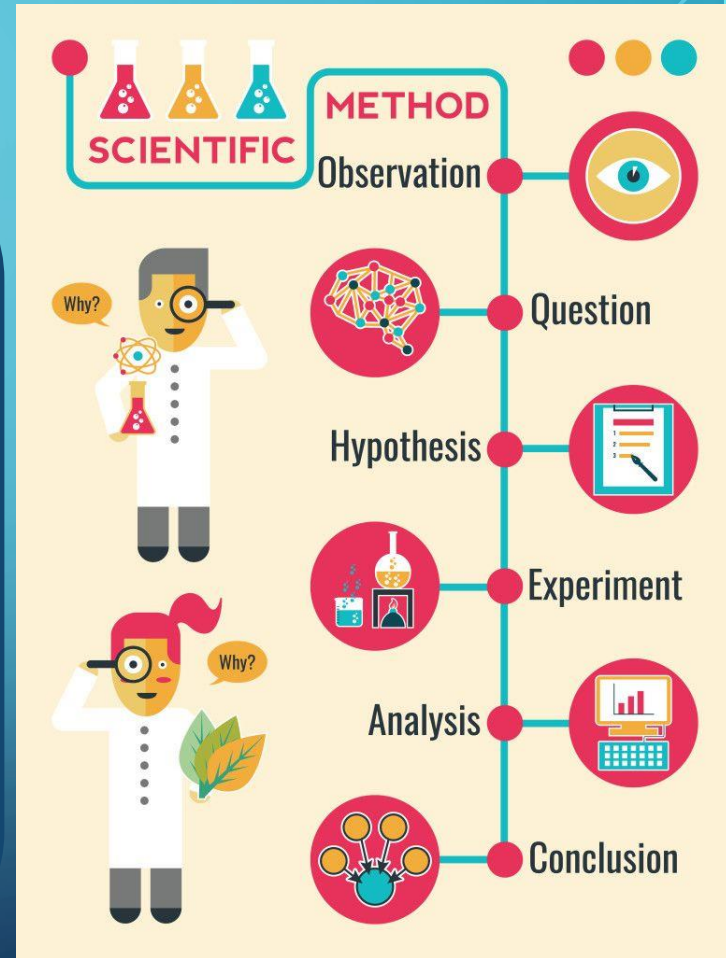
**The scientific method** involves careful observation, applying rigorous skepticism about what is observed, given that cognitive assumptions can distort how one interprets the observation.

It involves formulating hypotheses, via induction, based on such observations; experimental and measurement-based testing of deductions drawn from the hypotheses; and refinement (or elimination) of the hypotheses based on the experimental findings. These are *principles* of the scientific method, as distinguished from a definitive series of steps applicable to all scientific enterprises

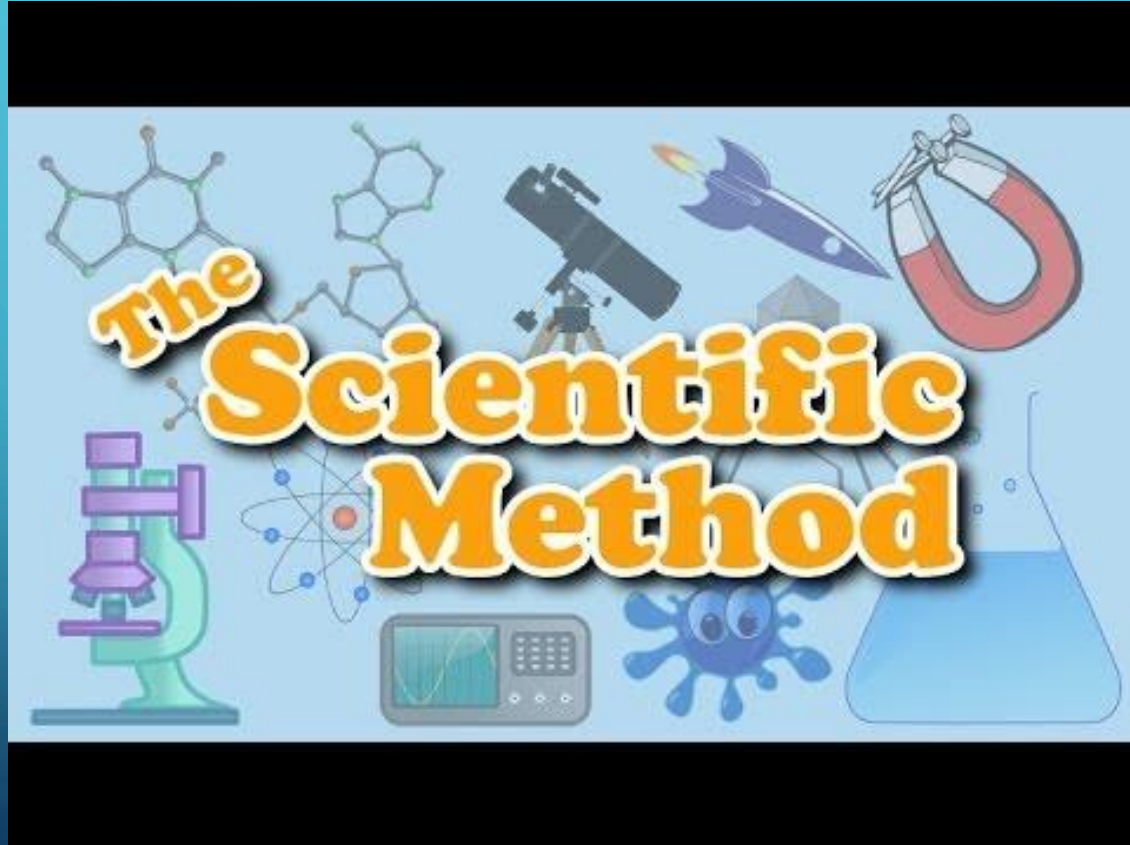
# Scientific Method - Main steps

A pragmatic scheme as a guideline for proceeding:

1. Define a question
2. Gather information and resources (observe)
3. Form an explanatory hypothesis
4. Test the hypothesis by performing an experiment and collecting data in a reproducible manner
5. Analyze the data
6. Interpret the data and draw conclusions that serve as a starting point for new hypothesis
7. Publish results
8. Retest (frequently done by other scientists)



# How does Science Work? (4 min)



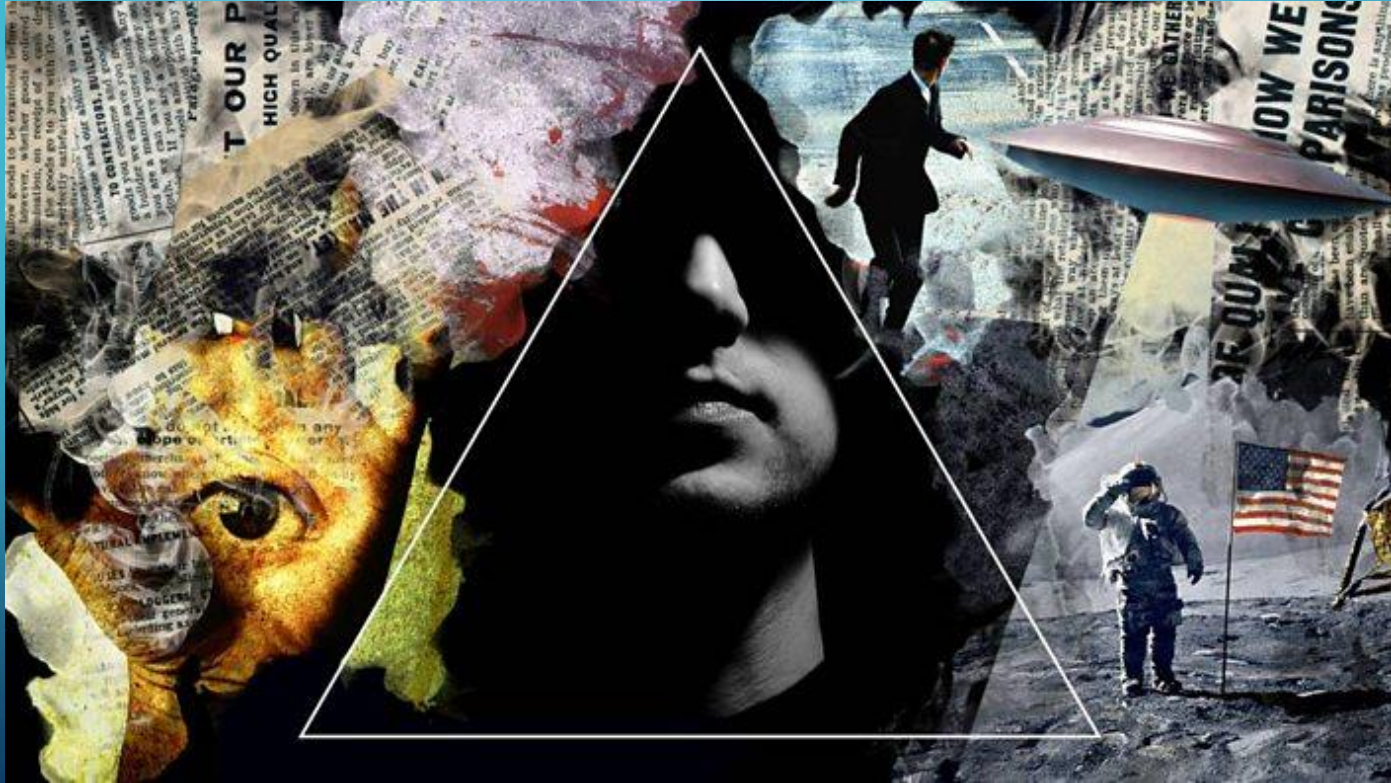


The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it.

Neil deGrasse Tyson

quote fancy

# Conspiracy theories!?



# Moon Landing conspiracy theories

## Third-party evidence of Moon Landing:

- Imaging the landing sites
- Moon rocks
- Missions tracked by independent parties



# Why is Pseudoscience dangerous?



## This Week In Pseudoscience

Feb 30th 2014 ↗



Coconut oil cures everything.



Eating fruit & veg will ward off the flu



Homeopathy is more effective than conventional medicine.



Cannabis cures all forms of cancer.



Bill Gates is depopulating the earth through a eugenics program.



The government is poisoning us with chemtrails.



Clean drinking water eradicated every disease



Having a child makes you automatically more knowledgeable than scientists and doctors.

# Pseudoscience & your wallet

- A well-informed consumer is a wise consumer.
- Do your research before you open your wallet!



## EXACTLY HOW HOMEOPATHY WORKS:

**It doesn't. It's a waste of money.**



There is no evidence showing homeopathy works for any illness



There are hardly any active ingredients in homeopathic products



There is no ultimate mechanism proven to make sugar pills work as medicine

**And it does hurt to try.** Instead of wasting your money, you could be donating to buy a vaccine for a child or send a girl to school for a year.

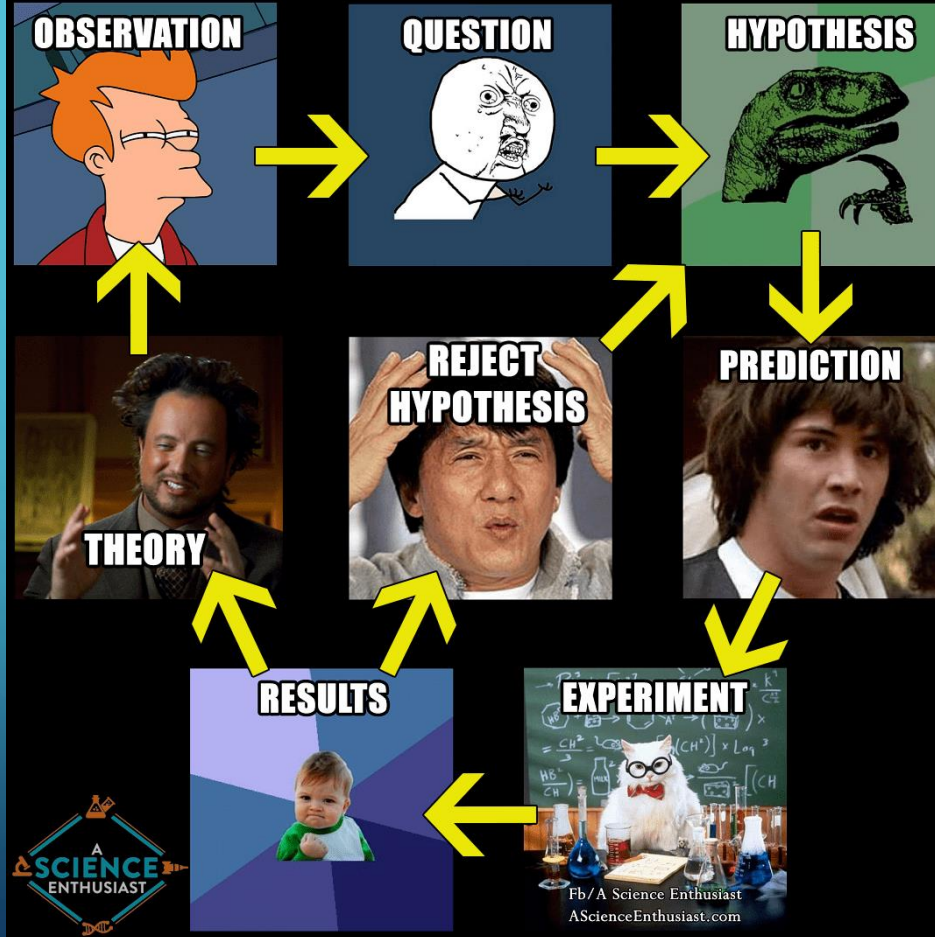
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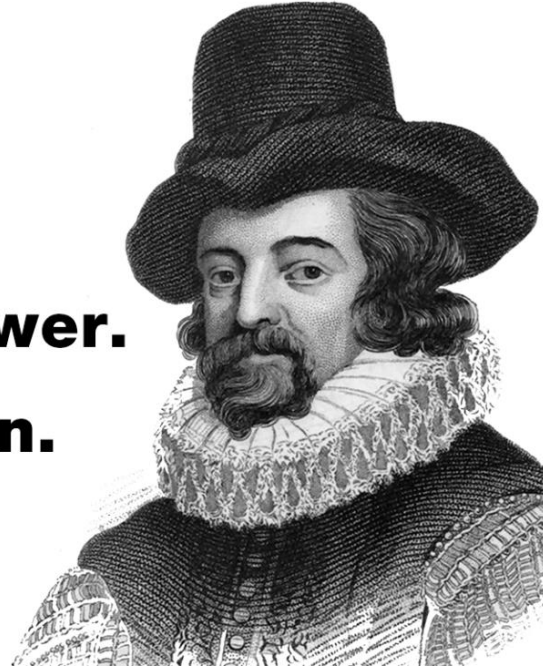
- Role of intuition
- Ideas that simply cannot be tested (yet)
- Fake news in science
- Harmless vs harmful pseudoscience
- MISinformation vs DISinformation
- Fake news & wishful thinking
- Opinion articles vs. Scientific studies

# The Scientific Method



Just remember...

**Knowledge is power.**  
**France is bacon.**

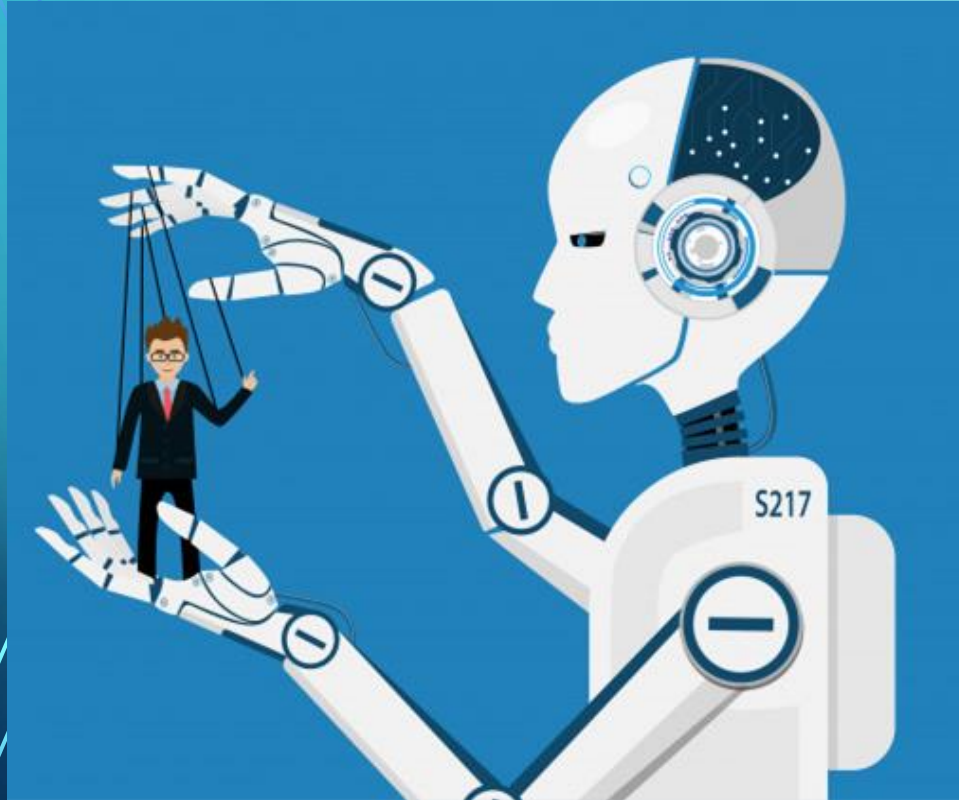


# Kahoot! Quiz #3: Science of Pseudoscience?

## Science or Pseudoscience?

- 13 questions
- 7 min

# Part 5: Preparing for the Future(s)!



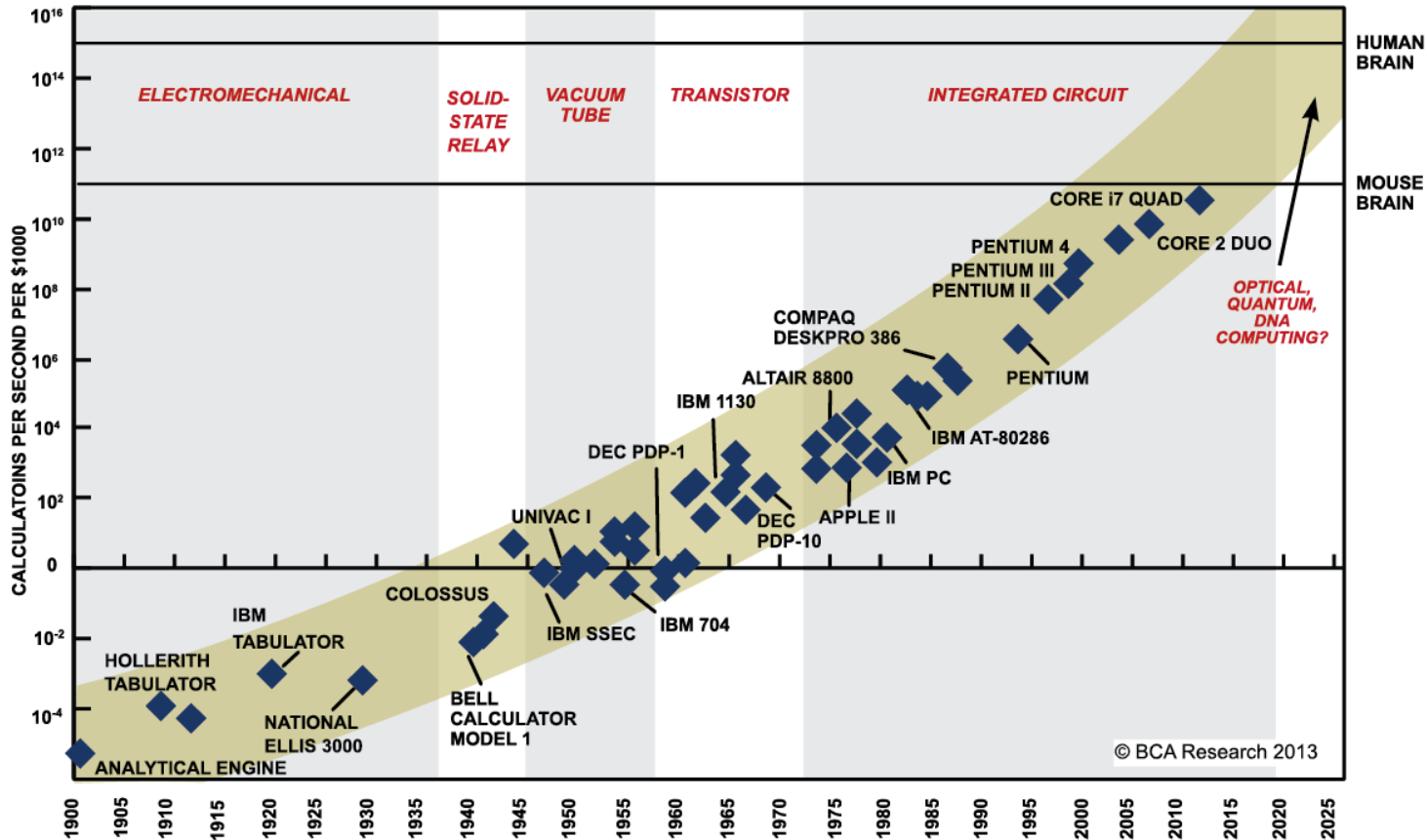
# Visions of the future

- What will the future look like?
- How can we prepare for it?
- Prospecting, projecting in the Age of Big Data
- Futurology/ Future(s) studies
- Predicting the Future(s)?



# Moore's Law & Exponential technologies

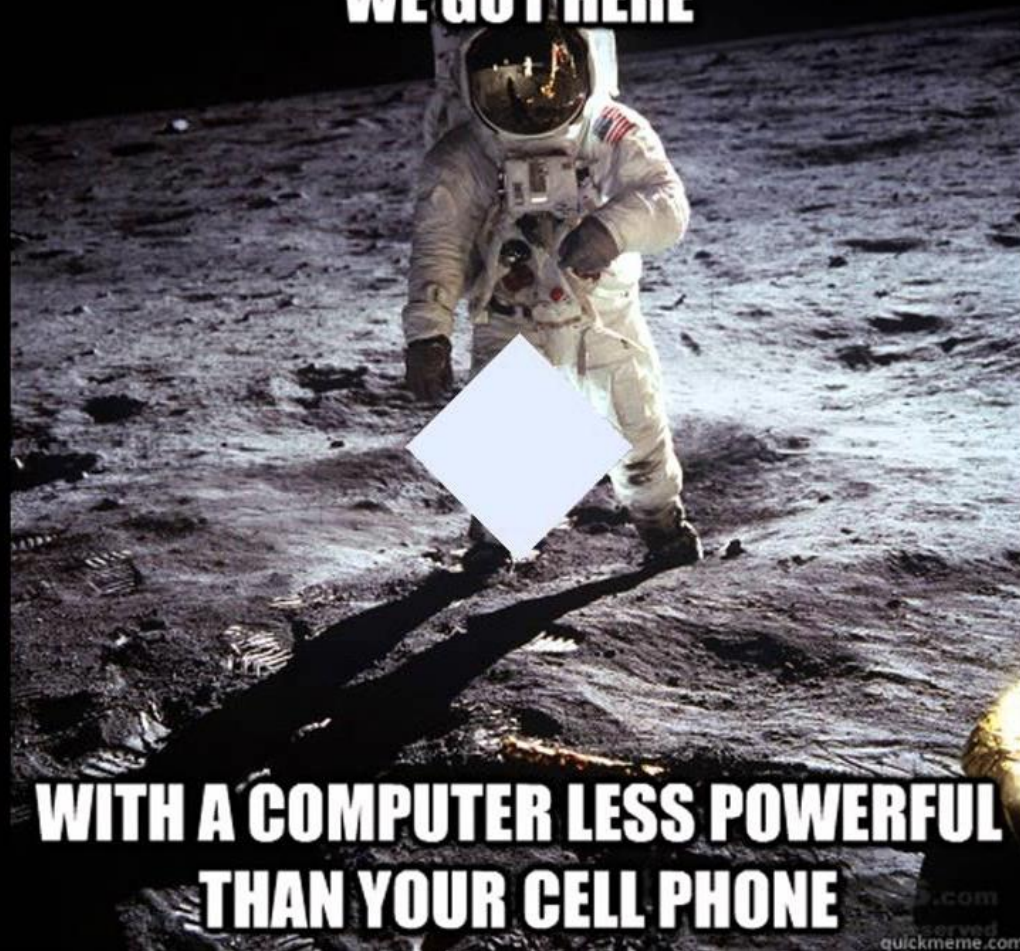
**Moore's law** is the observation that the number of **transistors** in a dense **integrated circuit** doubles about every two years.



SOURCE: RAY KURZWEIL, "THE SINGULARITY IS NEAR: WHEN HUMANS TRANSCEND BIOLOGY", P.67, THE VIKING PRESS, 2006. DATAPOINTS BETWEEN 2000 AND 2012 REPRESENT BCA ESTIMATES.



**WE GOT HERE**



**WITH A COMPUTER LESS POWERFUL  
THAN YOUR CELL PHONE**

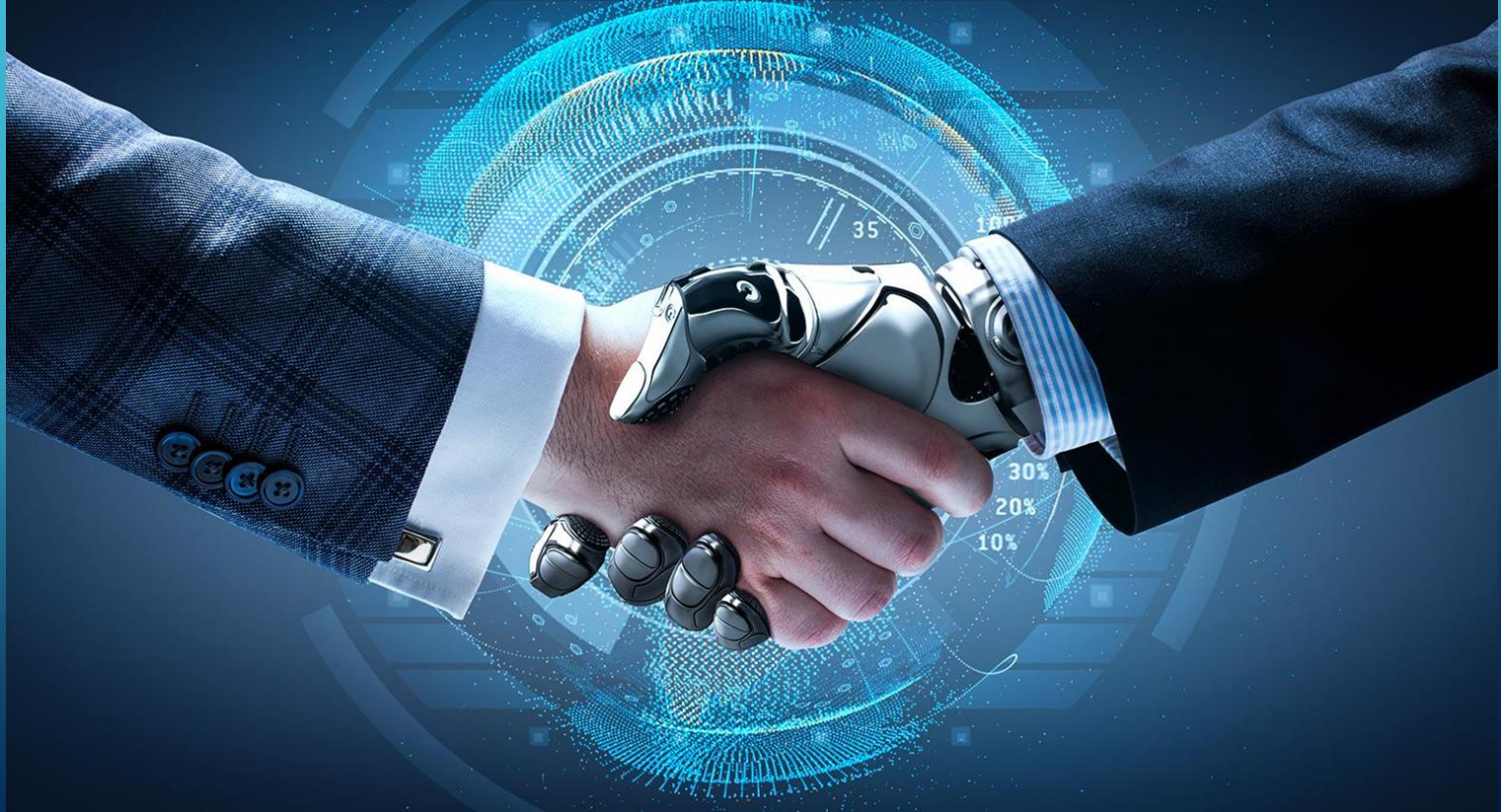
2004



2014



# Rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), intelligent machines and Internet of Things (IoT)



# 4th Industrial Revolution





## INDUSTRY 1.0

Mechanization, steam power, weaving loom



1784



## INDUSTRY 2.0

Mass production, assembly line, electrical energy

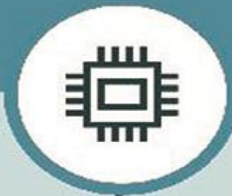


1870



## INDUSTRY 3.0

Automation, computers and electronics



1969



## INDUSTRY 4.0

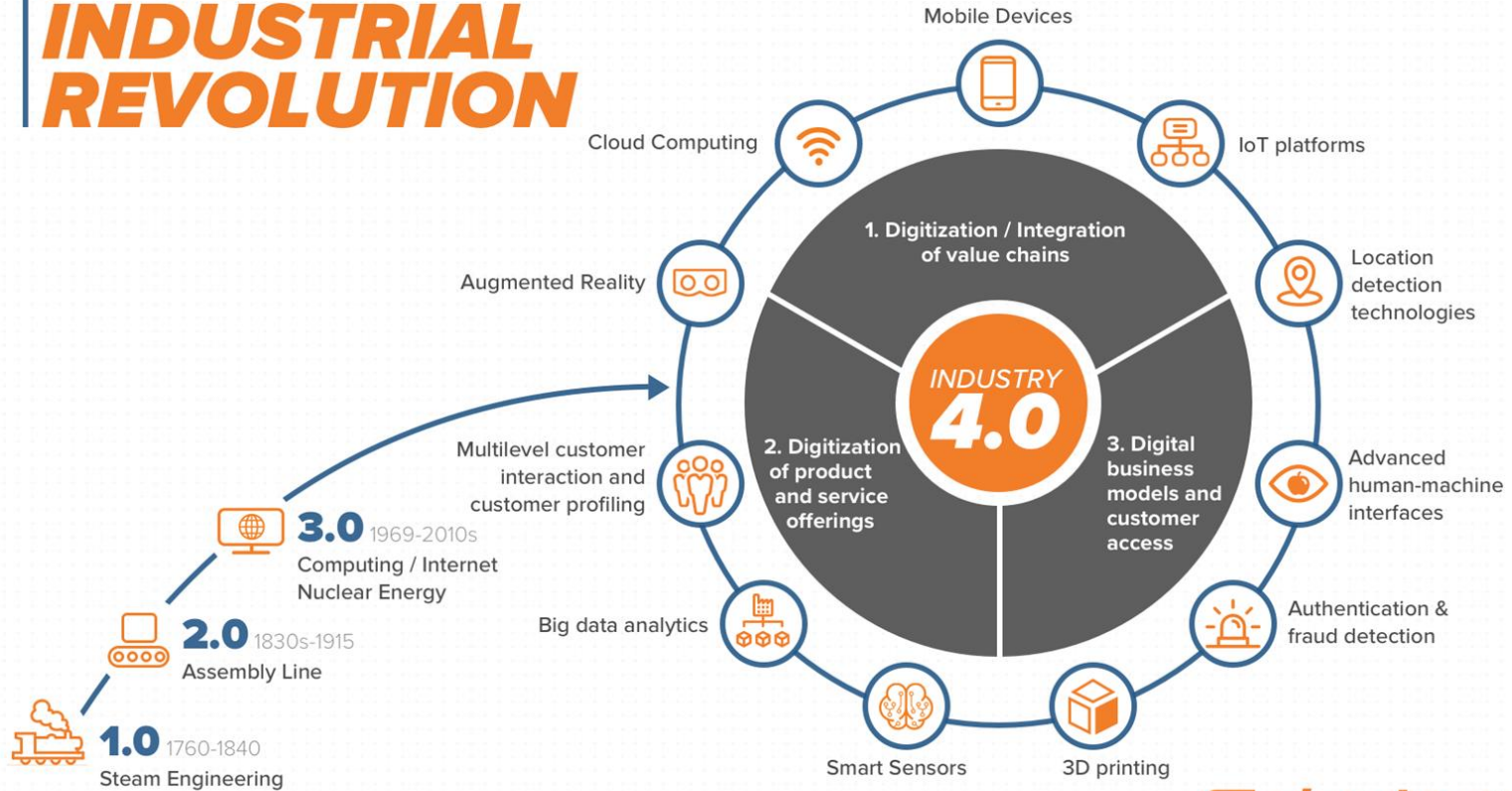
Cyber Physical Systems, internet of things, networks



TODAY

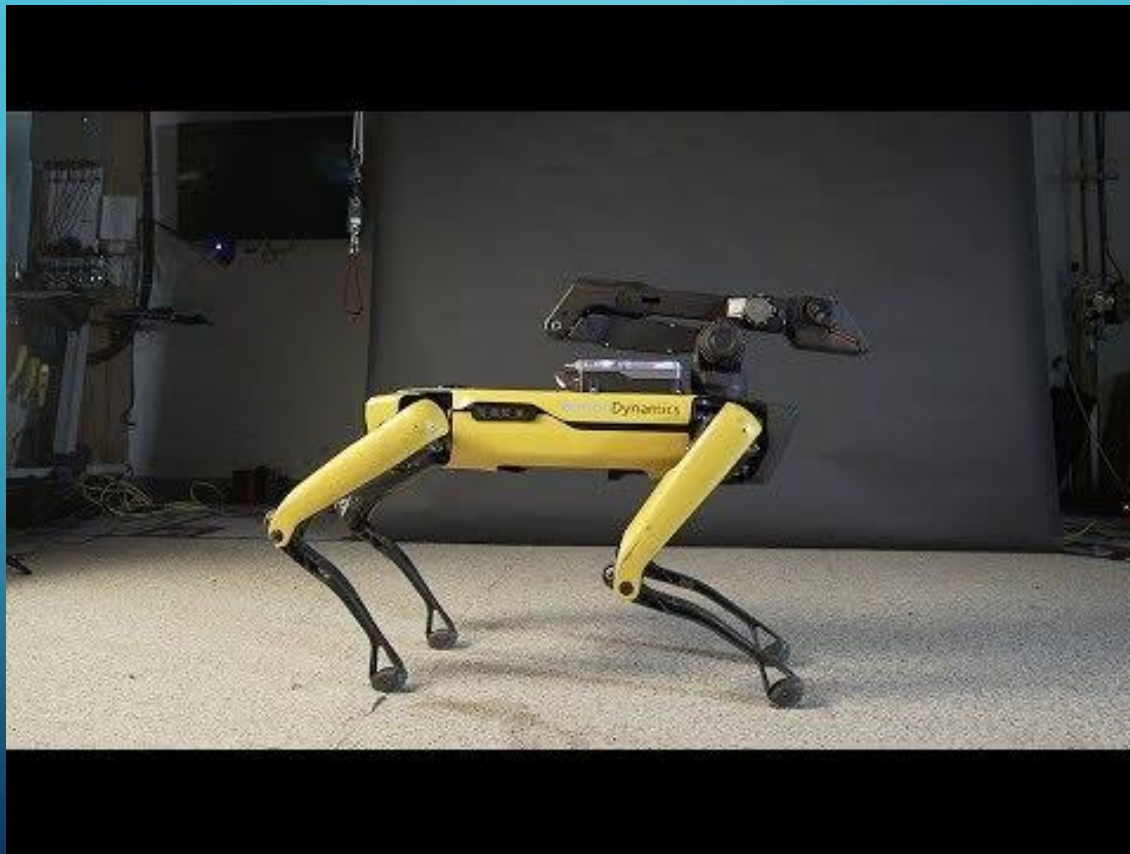
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# FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION





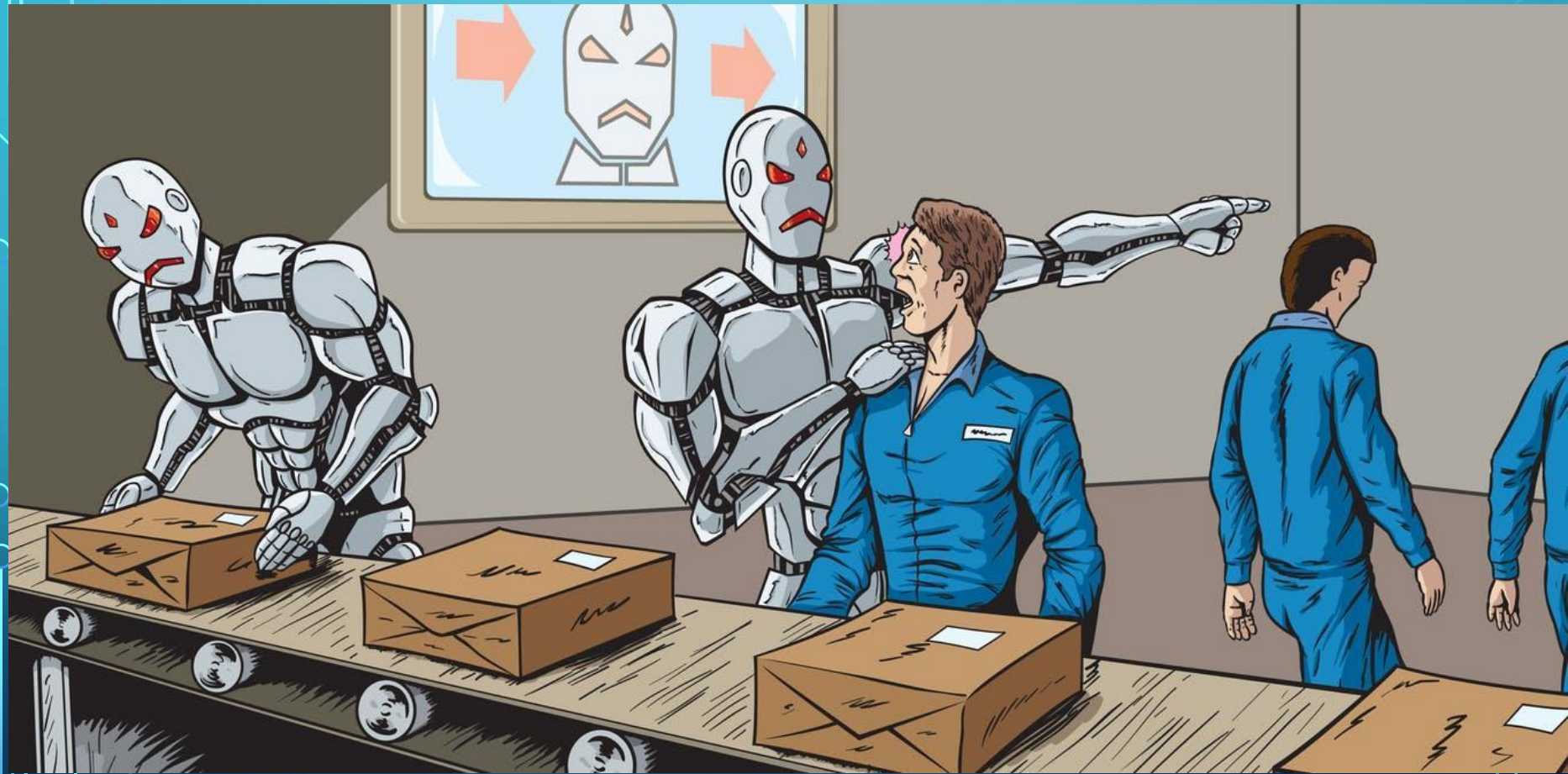
# Boston Dynamics - Uptown Spot (1 min)



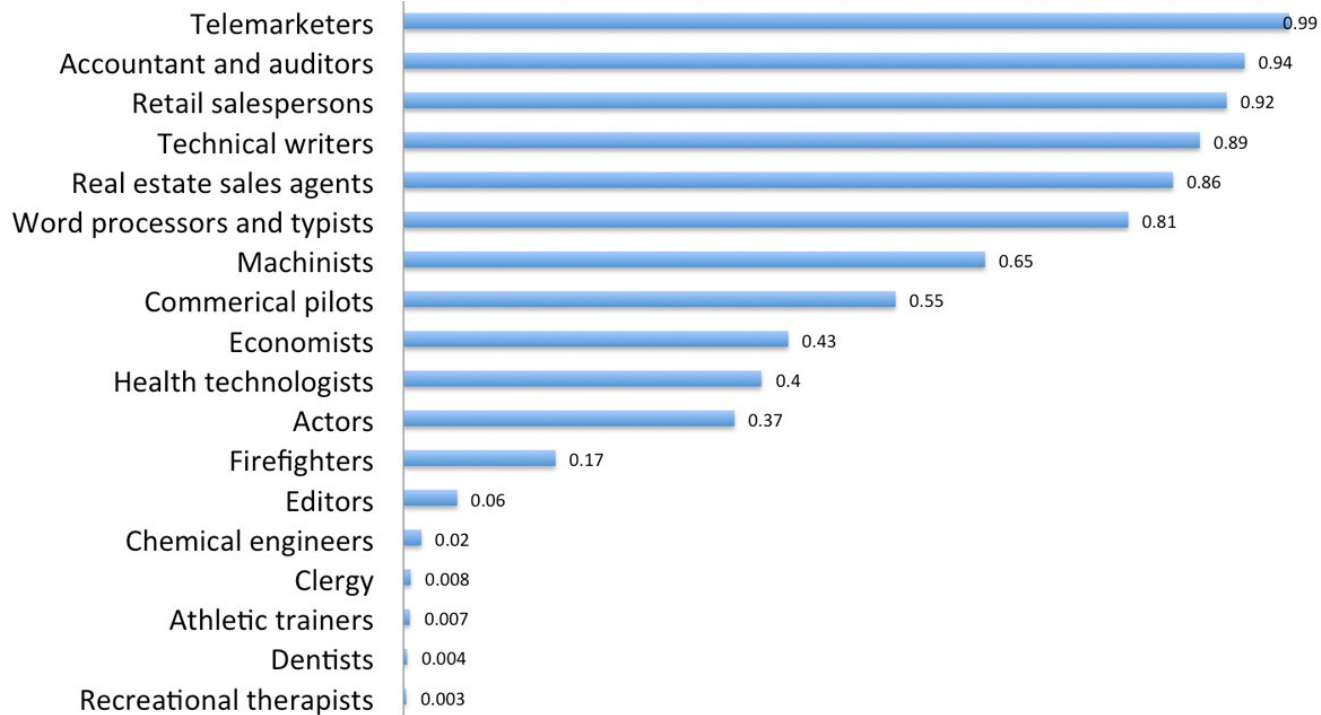


# Boston Dynamics - Handle Robot (1 min)

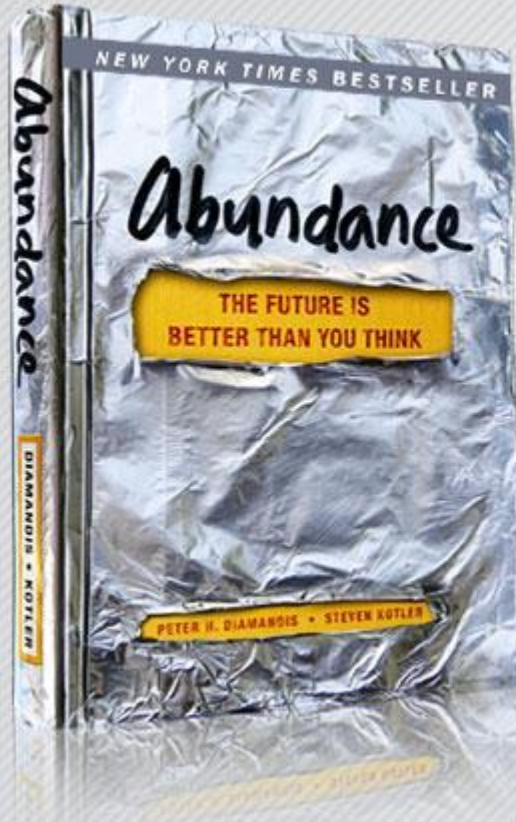




## Probability Robots Will Take Your Job In Next 20 Years, 1=Certain



# A future full of opportunities!



By X PRIZE Foundation and Singularity University Chairman

**Peter H. Diamandis**

And Best-Selling Author and Award-Winning Science Journalist

**Steven Kotler**

*"Brilliant must-read book"*

- Ray Kurzweil

*"Proof that we can meet any grand challenge"*

- Sir Richard Branson

# SpaceX - Falcon Heavy & Starman (2 min)



# Recommended Sites



## 1 | HowStuffWorks

365 - eBizMBA Rank | **19,500,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 3 Quantcast Rank | 680 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 2 | NASA

798 - eBizMBA Rank | **12,000,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 7 Quantcast Rank | 1,313 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 3 | Discovery

1,505 - eBizMBA Rank | **6,500,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 8 Quantcast Rank | 2,132 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 4 | LiveScience

1,575 - eBizMBA Rank | **5,250,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 7 1,049 - Quantcast Rank | 2,902 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 5 | ScienceDaily

1,769 - eBizMBA Rank | **5,000,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 1 496 - Quantcast Rank | 3,206 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 6 | ScienceDirect

2,403 - eBizMBA Rank | **3,900,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 1 3,775 - Quantcast Rank | 1,790 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 7 | Space

2,576 - eBizMBA Rank | **3,500,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 1,576 - Compete Rank | 616 - Quantcast Rank | 5,535 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.



## 8 | ScientificAmerican

2,735 - eBizMBA Rank | **3,300,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 2,525 - Compete Rank | \*1,063\* - Quantcast Rank | 4,618 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 9 | Nature

2,873 - eBizMBA Rank | **3,100,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 2,423 - Compete Rank | 3,268 - Quantcast Rank | 2,928 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 10 | PopSci

3,388 - eBizMBA Rank | **2,800,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 3,470 - Compete Rank | 1,063 - Quantcast Rank | 5,632 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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## 11 | SmithsonianMag

3,575 - eBizMBA Rank | **2,500,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 2,518 - Compete Rank | 741 - Quantcast Rank | 7,466 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
The Most Popular Science Websites | eBizMBA



## 12 | TreeHugger

3,733 - eBizMBA Rank | **2,200,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 4,592 - Compete Rank | 1,099 - Quantcast Rank | 5,509 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
The Most Popular Science Websites | eBizMBA



## 13 | NewScientist

5,350 - eBizMBA Rank | **1,100,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 7,087 - Compete Rank | 1,624 - Quantcast Rank | 7,339 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
The Most Popular Science Websites | eBizMBA



## 14 | ScienceMag

7,637 - eBizMBA Rank | **900,000** - Estimated Unique Monthly Visitors | 6,442 - Compete Rank | 4,827 - Quantcast Rank | 11,643 - Alexa Rank | *Last Updated:* January 1, 2019.  
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# Recommended YouTube Channels

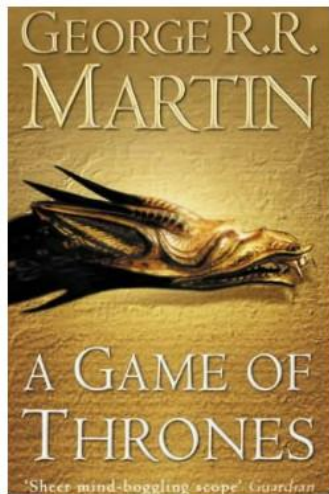
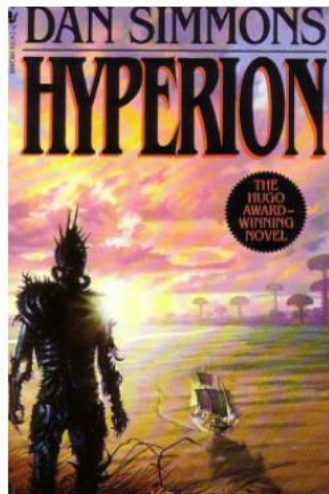
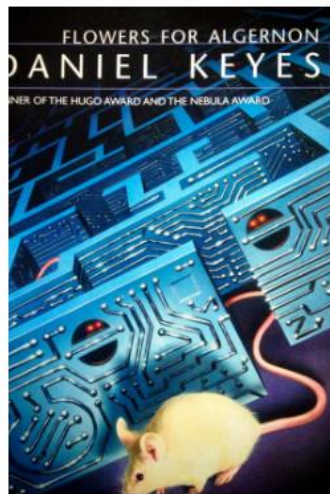
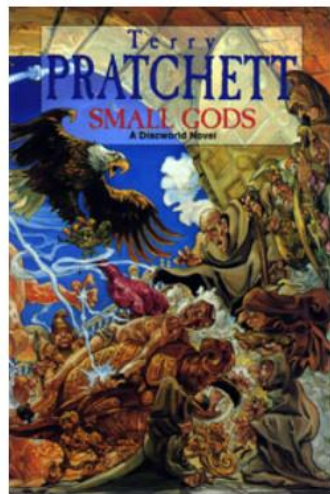
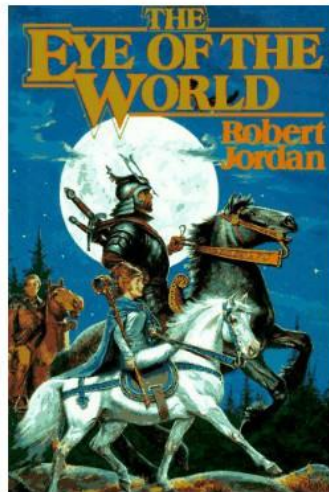
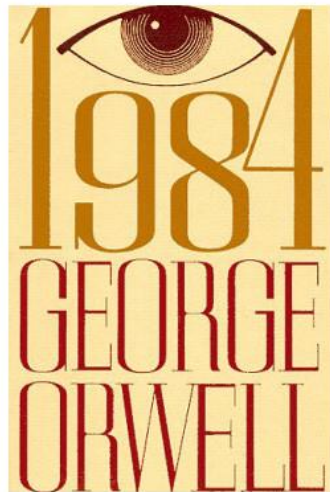
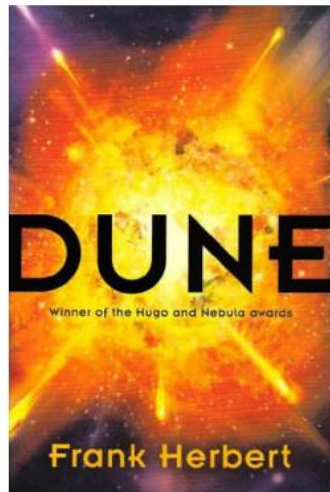
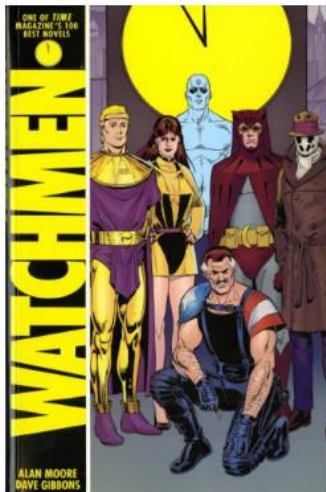
- [Kurzgesagt—In a Nutshell](#)
- [3Blue1Brown](#)
- [Physics Videos by Eugene Khutoryansky](#)
- [acapellascience](#)
- [The Science Asylum](#)
- [minutephysics](#)
- [TED-Ed](#)
- [PBS Space Time](#)
- [PBS Infinite Series](#)
- [Lectures by Walter Lewin. They will make you ♥ Physics.](#)
- [SciShow Space](#)
- [Vsauce](#)
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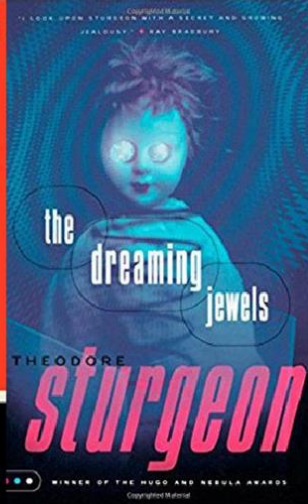
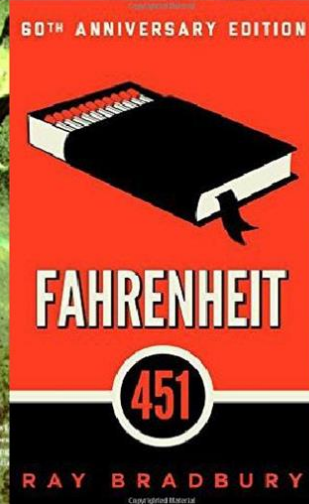
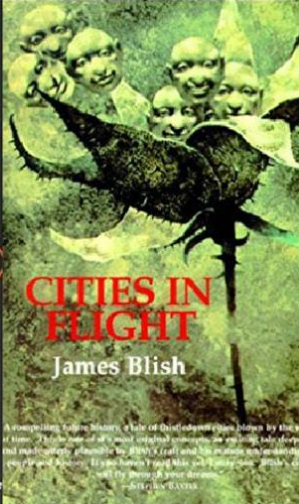
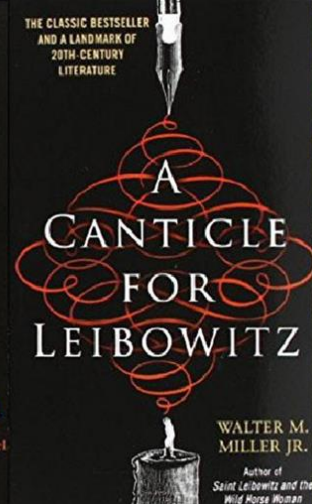
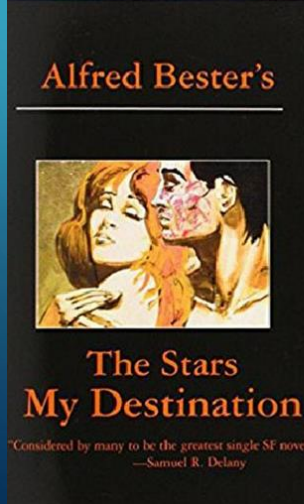
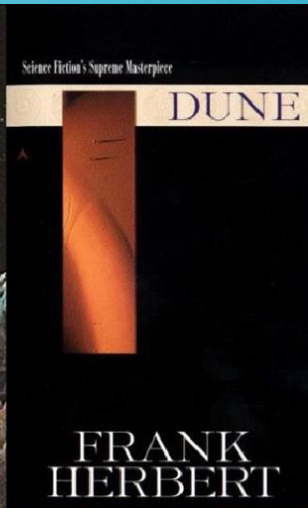
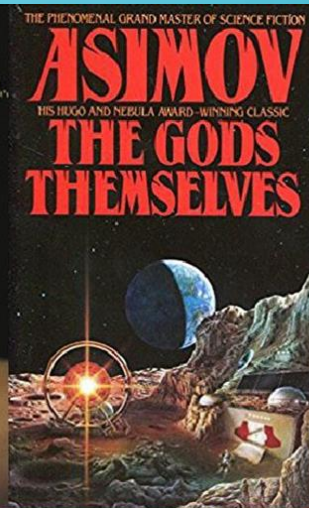
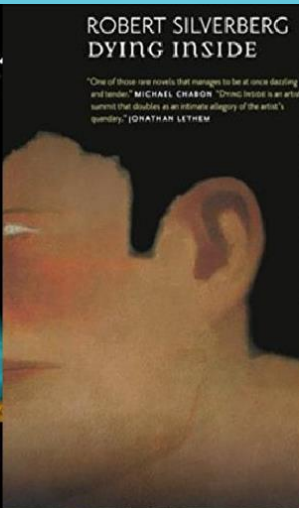
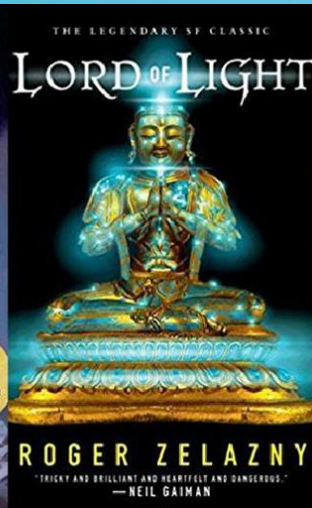
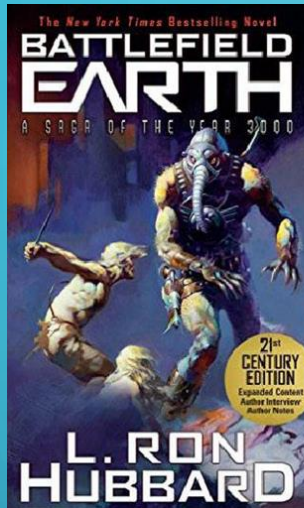
# Online Courses / MOOCs

## The Best MOOC Platforms of 2018

| Rank | Site            | Score |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1    | Coursera        | 8.8   |
| 2    | edX             | 7.4   |
| 3    | FutureLearn     | 6.4   |
| 4    | Cognitive Class | 5.6   |
| 5    | iversity        | 3.4   |
| 6    | Udacity         | 0.4   |



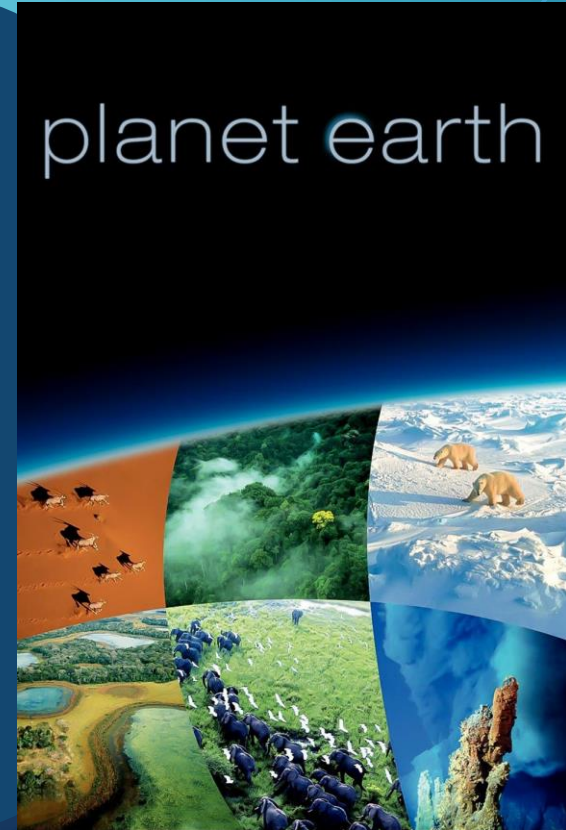






## Recommended documentary shows/series

- Planet Earth (2006) & Planet Earth II (2016)
- Our Planet (2019)
- Blue Planet (2001) & Blue Planet II (2017)
- Cosmos (1980) & Cosmos (2014)
- Life (2009)
- Human Planet (2011)
- Frozen Planet (2011)
- One Strange Rock (2018)
- Mars (2016)
- When we left Earth: The NASA Missions (2008)
- Prophets of Science Fiction (2011)
- James Cameron's story of Science Fiction (2018)



## Recommended documentary films

- The Farthest (2017)
- For all Mankind (1989)
- Hubble 3D (2010)
- Terra (2015)
- Chasing Ice (2012)
- Chasing Coral (2017)
- Before the Flood (2016)
- Jane (2017)
- Mars: Inside SpaceX (2018)
- Apollo 11 (2019)



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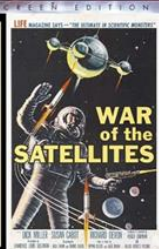
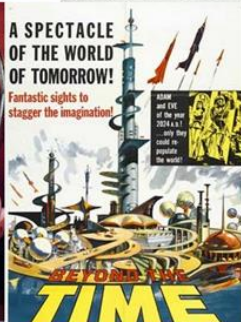
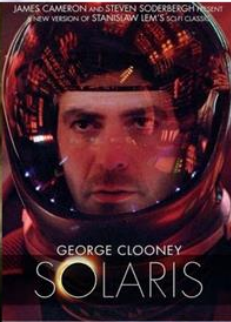
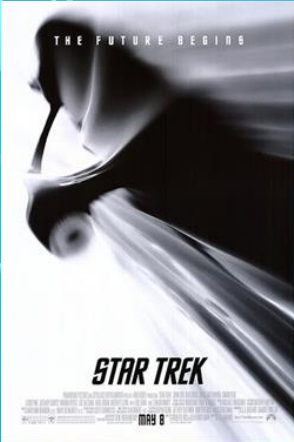


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# SCI-FI MOVIES







# Wanderers (4 min) / Carl Sagan



# Part 6: Final Quizzes & RPG Exercise!



# Kahoot! Quiz #4: Catch the Pseudoscience!

## Catch the Pseudoscience!

- 12 questions
- 10 min

# Kahoot! Quiz #5: More Space!

## Space!

- 20 questions
- 15 min

# Kahoot! Quiz #6: General Knowledge: Science

## General Knowledge: Science

- 8 questions
- 8 min

# The Most Astounding Fact / Neil deGrasse Tyson (4 min)



## Group exercise!

- Start counting from 1 to 4 and split into 4 groups

### Question A: Is the Earth flat?

- Team 1: Yes (Pro arguments)
- Team 2: No (Cons)

### Question B: Are we alone in the Universe?

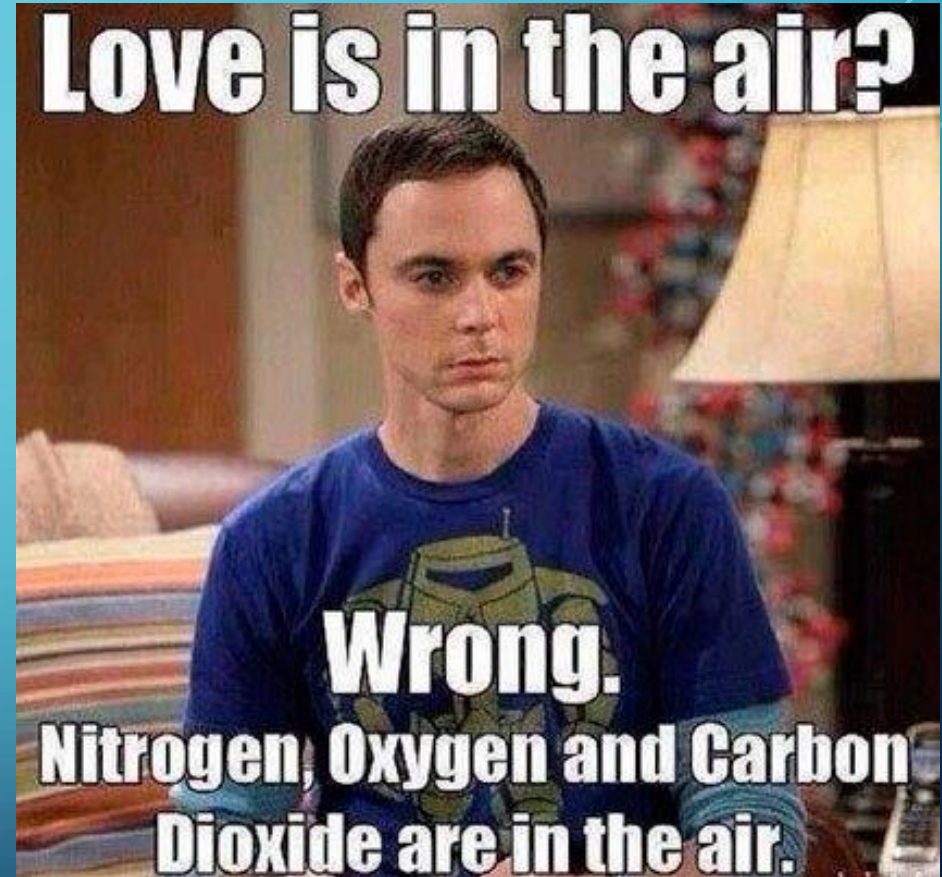
- Team 3: Yes (arguments)
- Team 4: No (arguments)
- Send your group representatives: **DEBATE TIME!**



# Part 7: Food for thought & Conclusions



# Mememes!

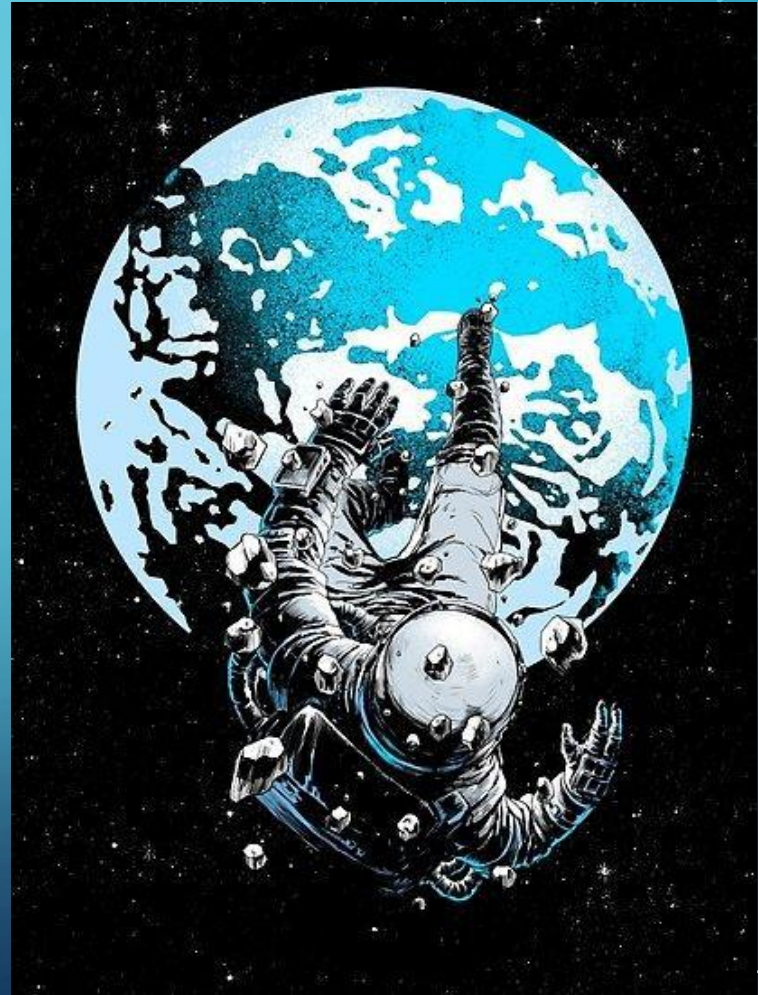


# Richard Feynman - Beauty (5 min)



## The post-modern life

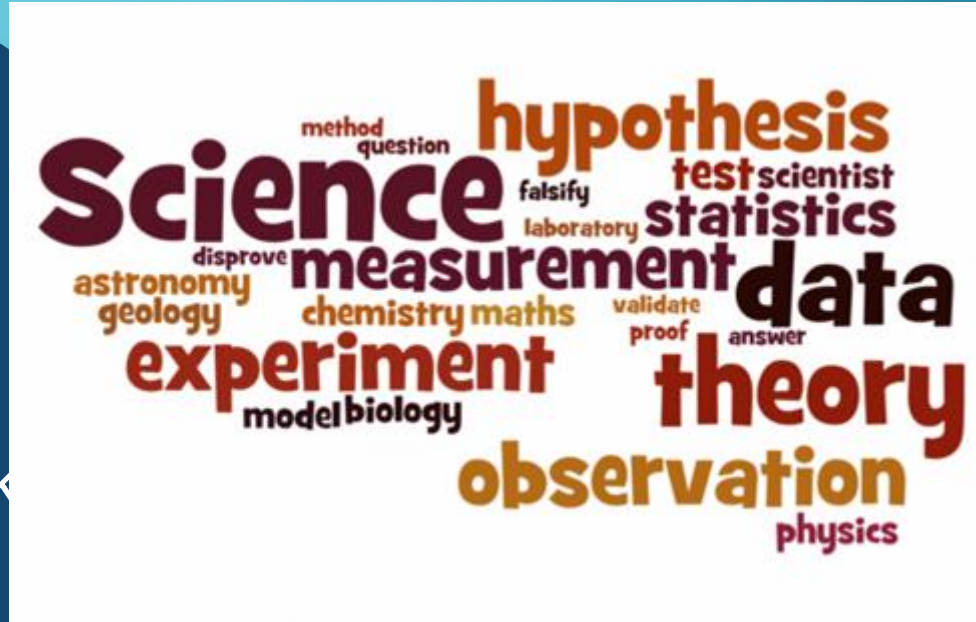
- Big Data / A flood of data
- Unlimited information at your fingertips
- The illusion of knowledge
- Fact vs Fiction: a blurry line in the age of Internet
- So many options! I'm tired & confused...



# How to train your (dragon) brain!?

- Digital Literacy & Scientific Literacy in the Age of Big Data

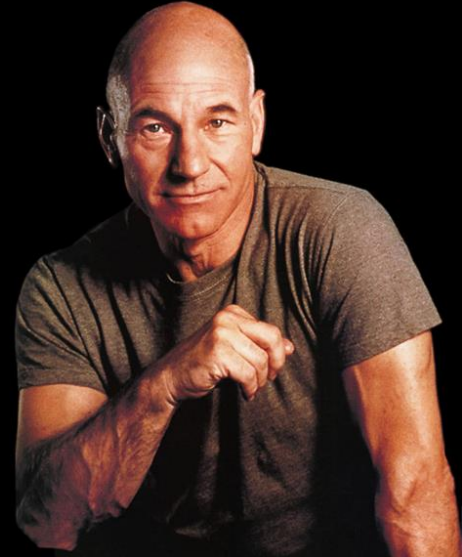
- Acquire a Critical/Sceptical/Scientific Mindset
- Develop a scientific language and interpretation skills
- Fact-check! Fact-check!
- Check your sources!
- Fact-check again!



The internet is full of wonders

“USE THE FORCE,  
**HARRY**”

—Gandalf

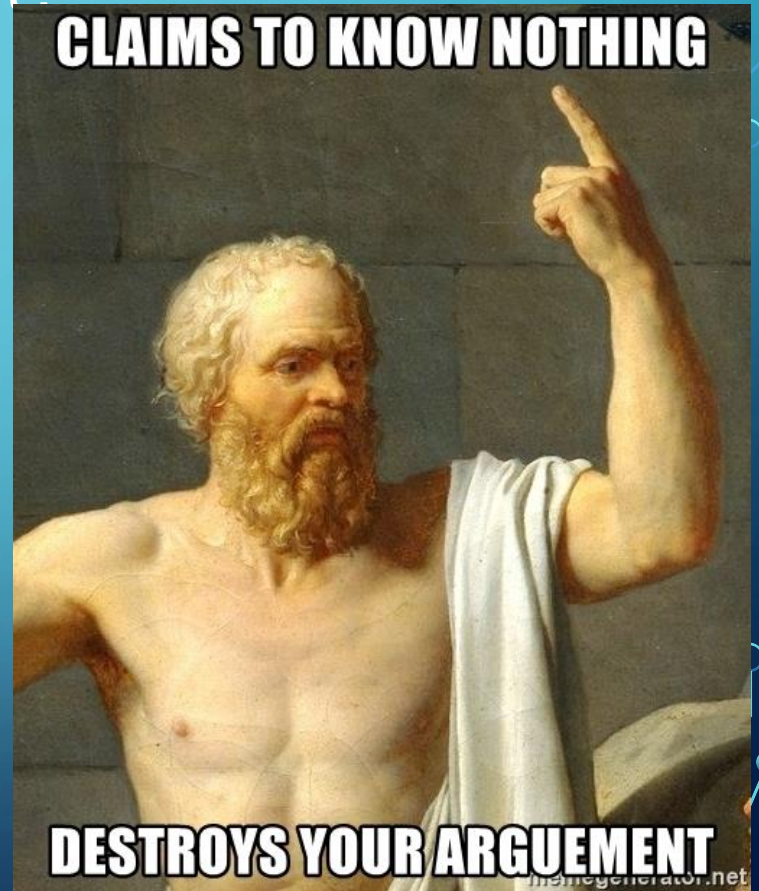
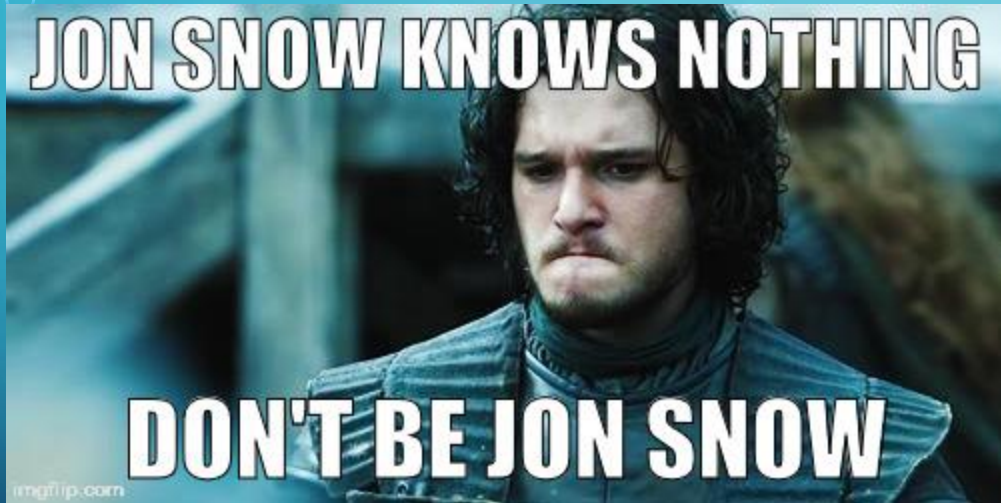


# Advice & Tips for your (professional) future

- AI & the learning process
- Unlearning & New learning skills
- You can never stop learning!
- Embrace change! And get used to it!
- Doubt, scepticism & the scientific method: Apply them in your daily lives, on your brain's innerworkings
- Intuition vs. Emotional traps: "It feels right, so it must be true"
- Role of emotional intelligence
- Inconvenient & Uncomfortable "truths"
- Pick your sources wisely: transferring trust and authority to other trustworthy people/sources.

# Why is Philosophy Important?

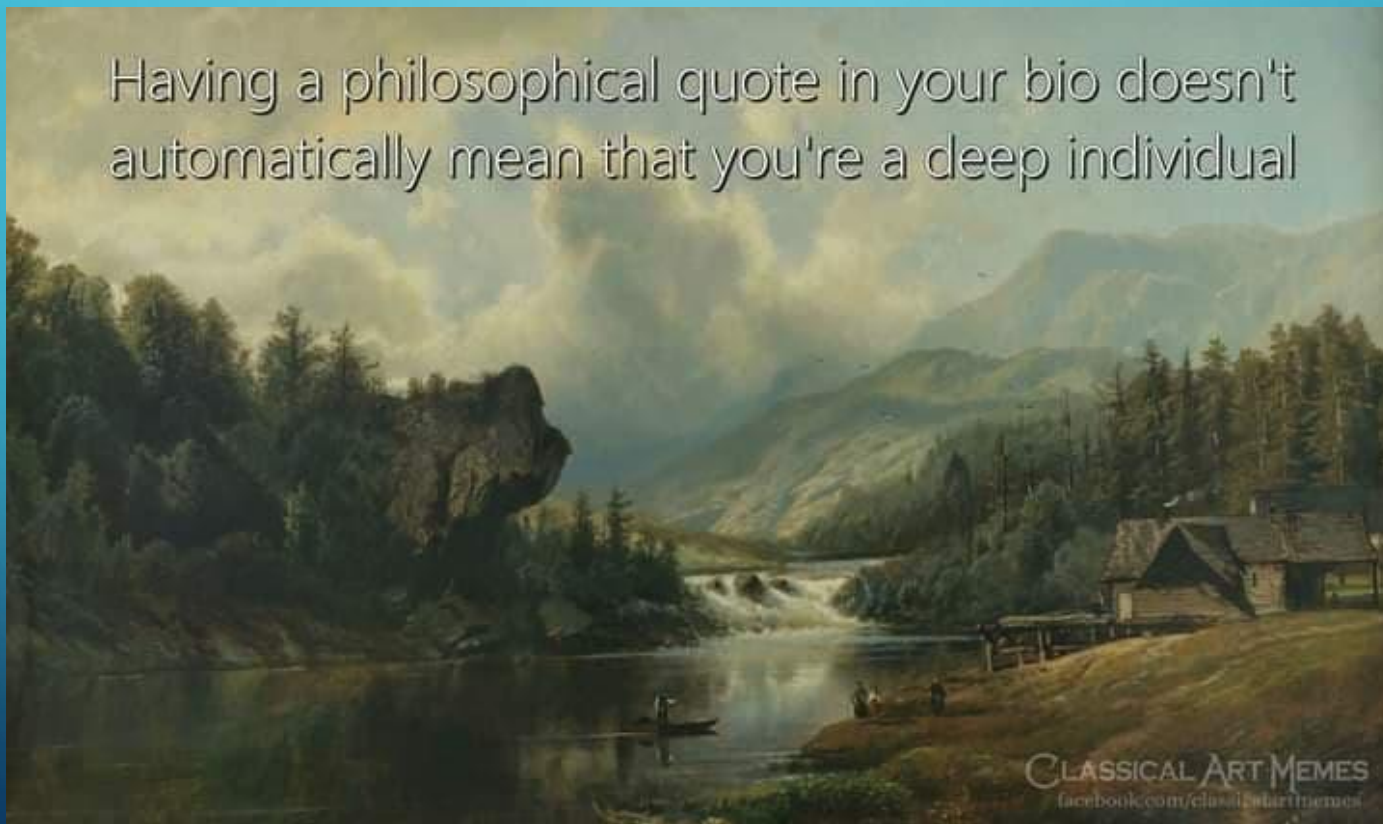
- Philosophy of Science!





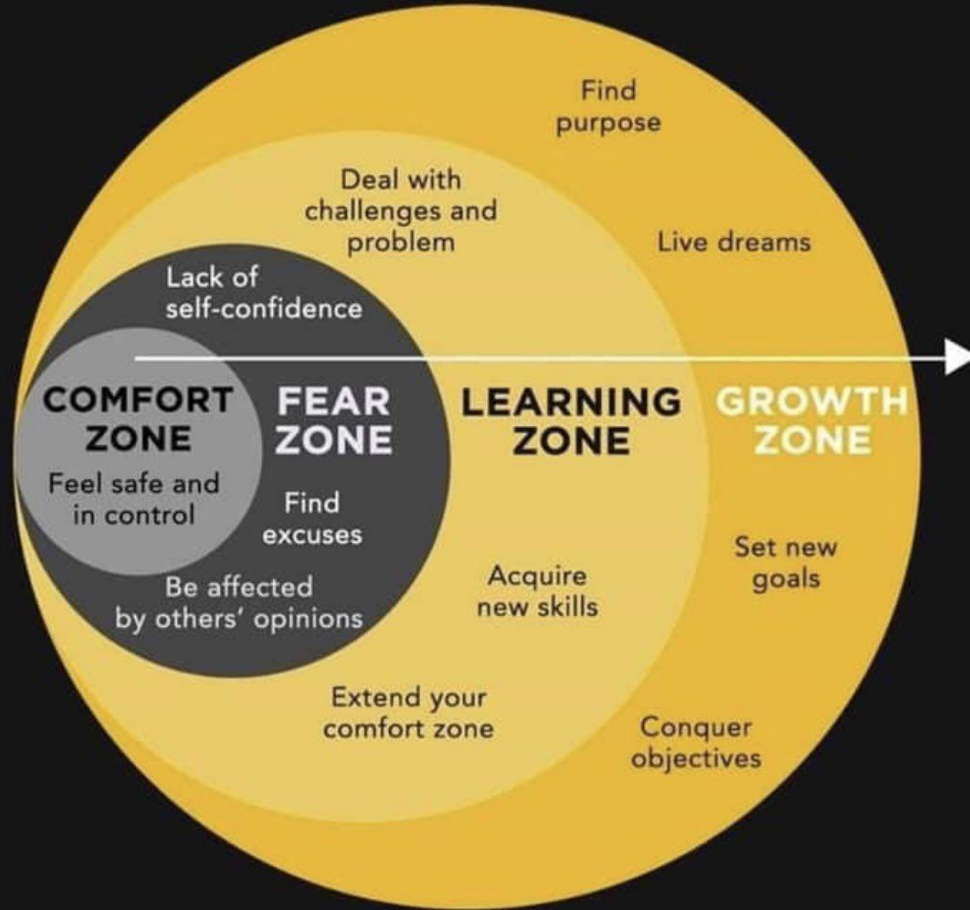
\*Insert Inspirational/Philosophical Quote here\*

Having a philosophical quote in your bio doesn't automatically mean that you're a deep individual



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# “The Comfort Zone”



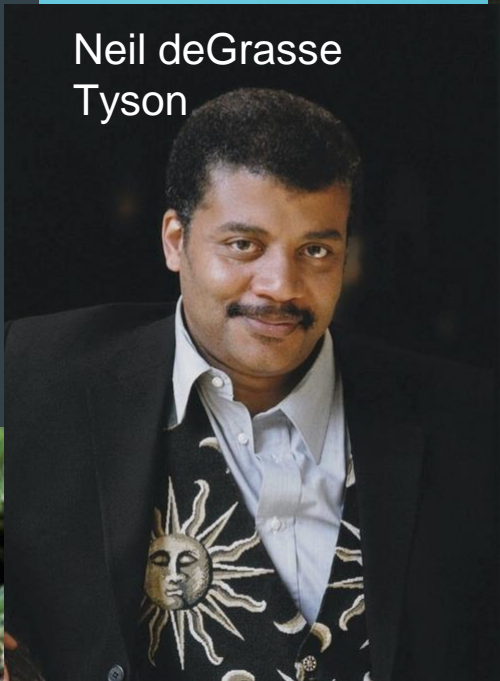
# Head up in the sky / Feet on the ground

- Be ambitious & Dream big - set the bar high!
- Keep learning, searching, exploring.
- Don't be afraid to speak your mind!
- Listen to everyone, but draw your own conclusions!
- Always check the source(s) & make fact-checking a habit!
- Get out of your comfort zone and face your fears!
- Work smarter, not harder!
- Stay in school & do your homework!
- Enjoy your youth!

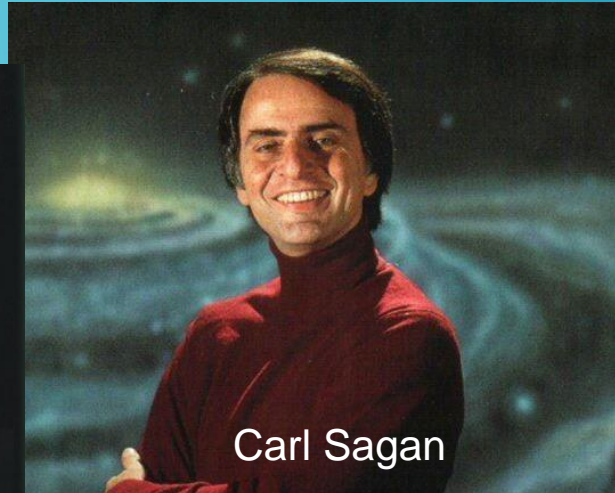
# Choose your Science Communicators wisely!



Bill Nye



Neil deGrasse  
Tyson



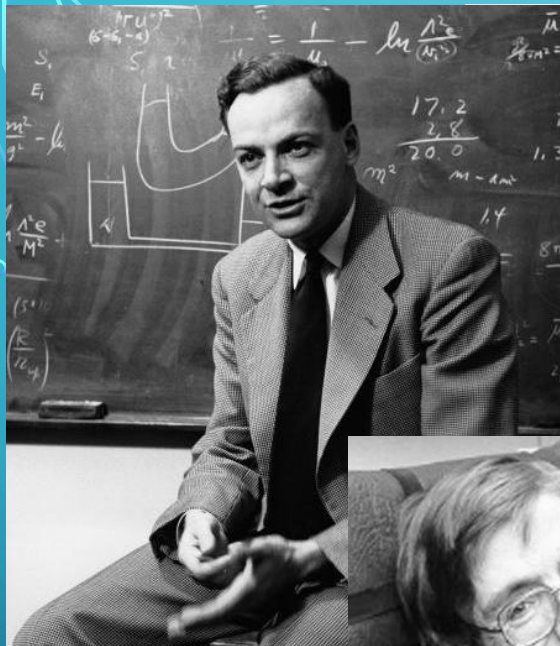
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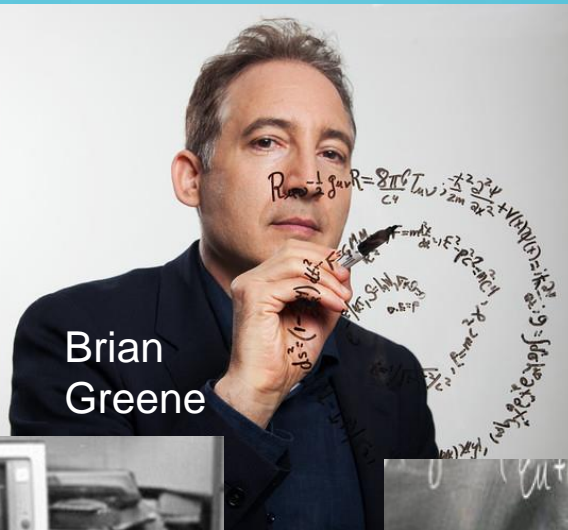
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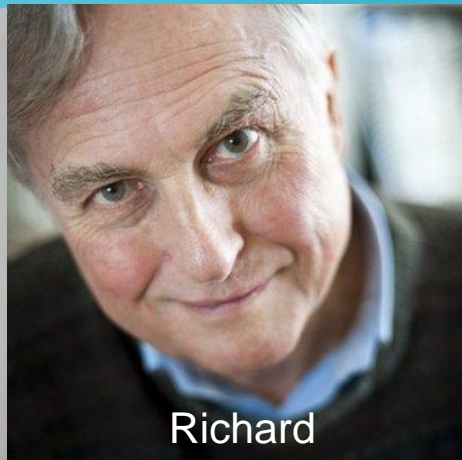
Brian Cox



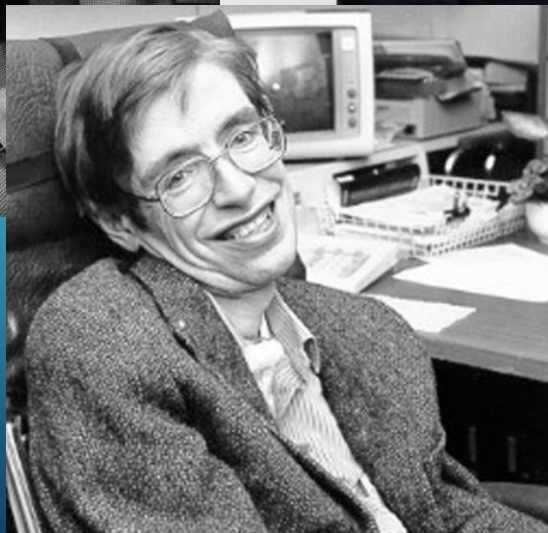
Richard Feynman



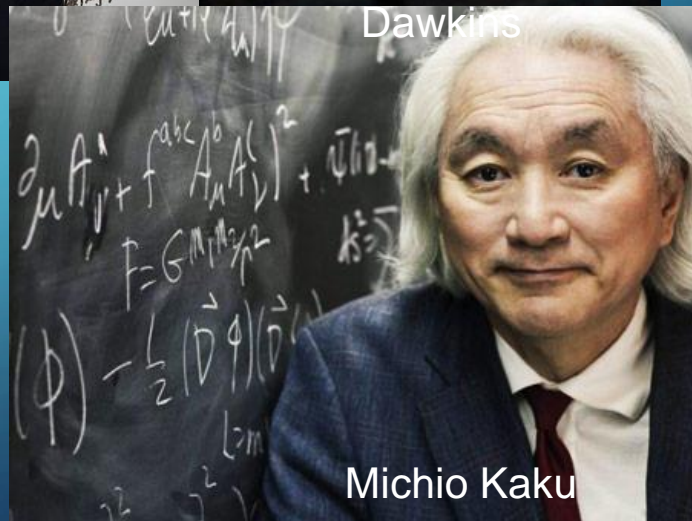
Brian Greene



Richard Dawkins



Stephen Hawking



Michio Kaku

# Read & watch Detective Stories!



# Bonus / If there's time left...

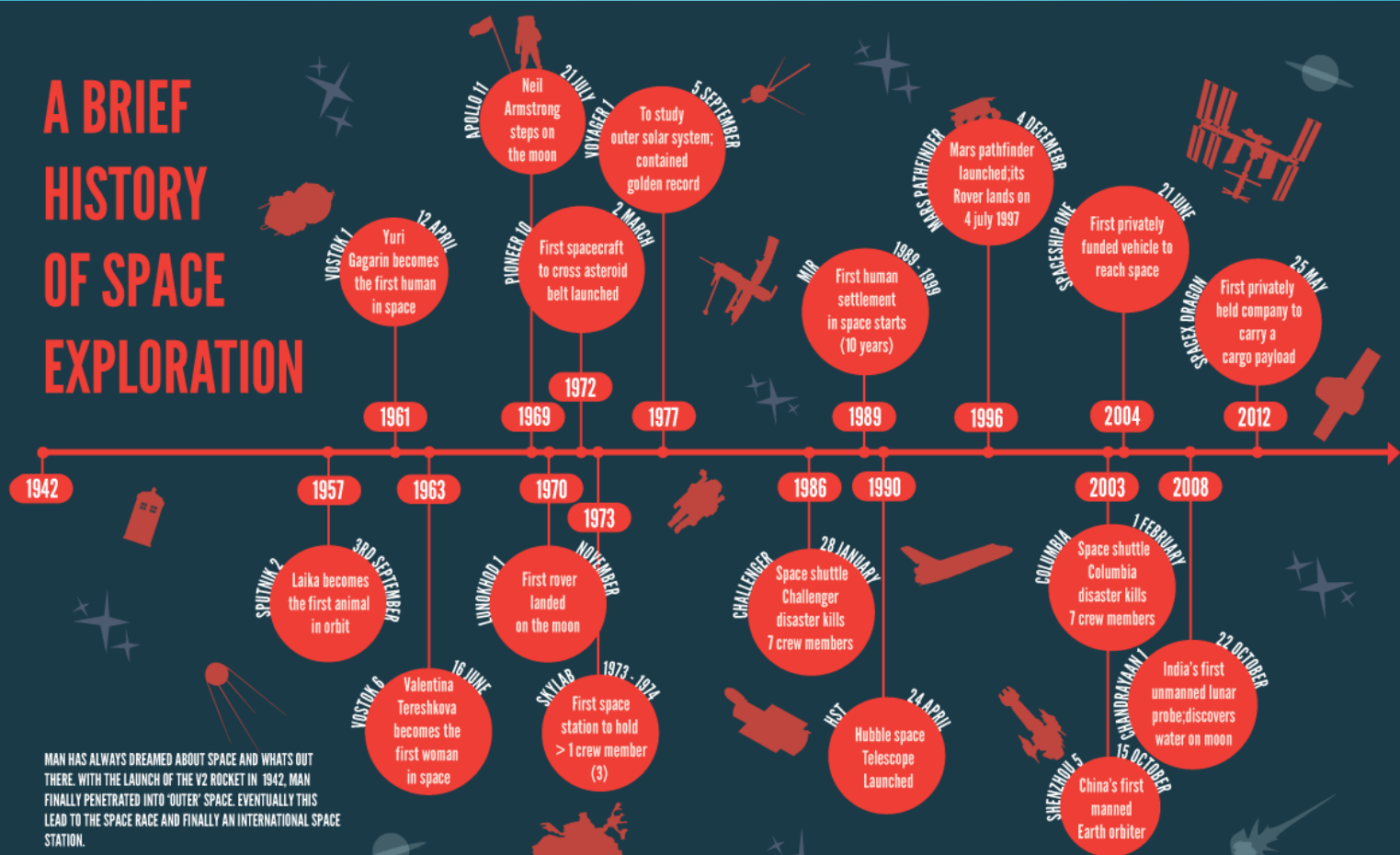


○ Karl Popper, Science and Pseudoscience (9 min)





# A BRIEF HISTORY OF SPACE EXPLORATION

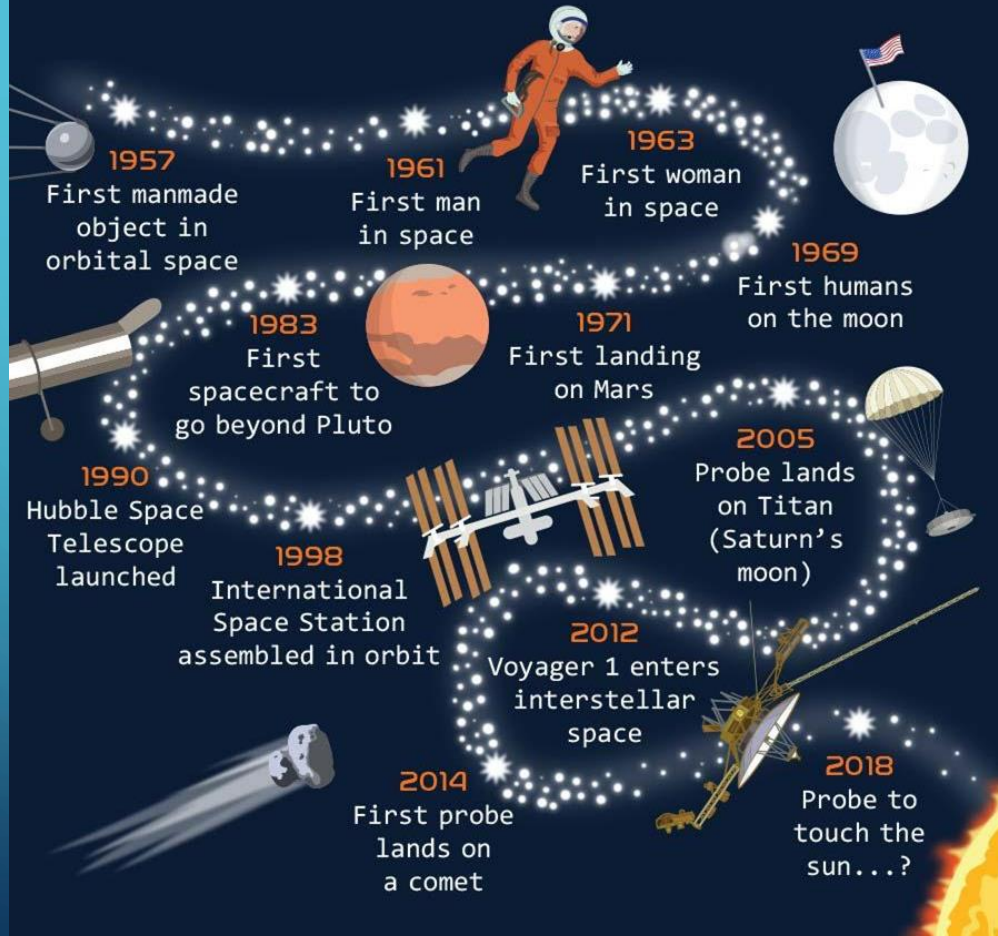


MAN HAS ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT SPACE AND WHATS OUT THERE. WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE V2 ROCKET IN 1942, MAN FINALLY PENETRATED INTO 'OUTER' SPACE. EVENTUALLY THIS LEAD TO THE SPACE RACE AND FINALLY AN INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

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# A brief history of space exploration

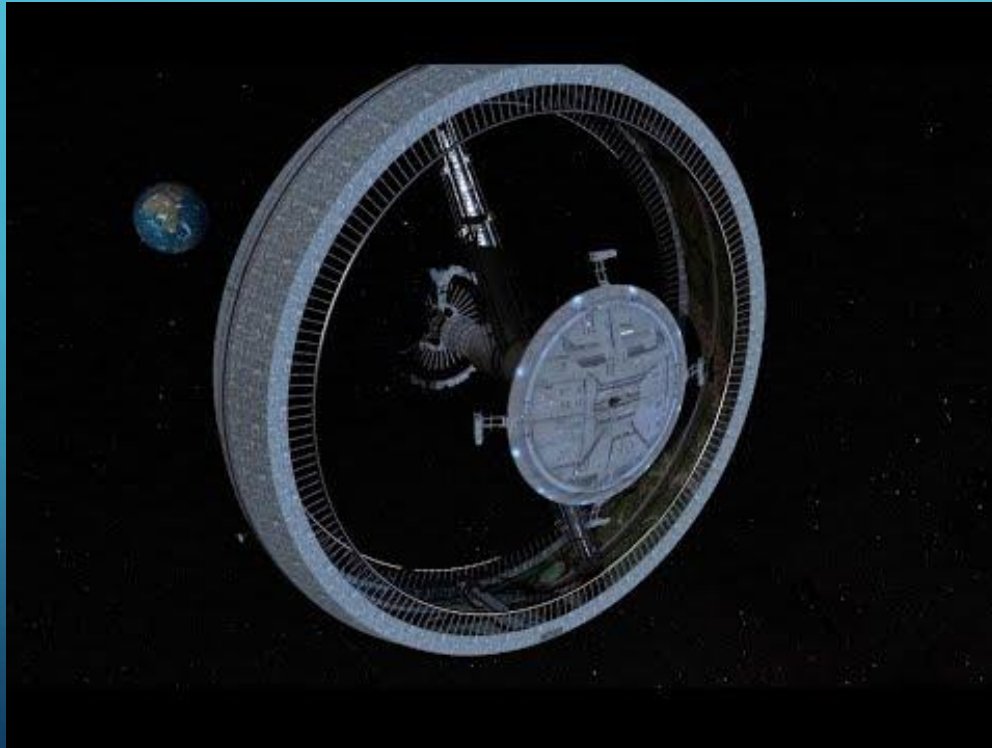


# “First Man” (2018) - Moon Landing scene (5 min)



# United Launch Alliance - CisLunar:

## A Vision for a Self-Sustaining Space Economy (2 min)



# ULA CisLunar-1000 (7 min)

## Part 4: 30 YEARS



GROSS SPACE PRODUCT  
**\$2.7T/YR**

POPULATION  
 **x 1,000**

# Timelapse of the Future: A Journey to the End of Time (30 min)



# Kahoot! Quiz #7: Science Review: Earth & Space

## Earth & Space

- 20 questions
- 20 min
- Bonus



# ExoEconomics / Space Economics

Space Economy 2.0 - Posters  
Space Economy of the 2040s - Presentation





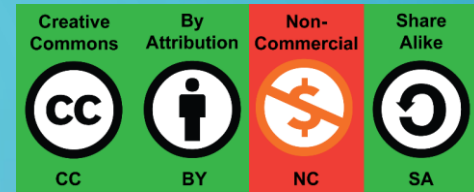


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