

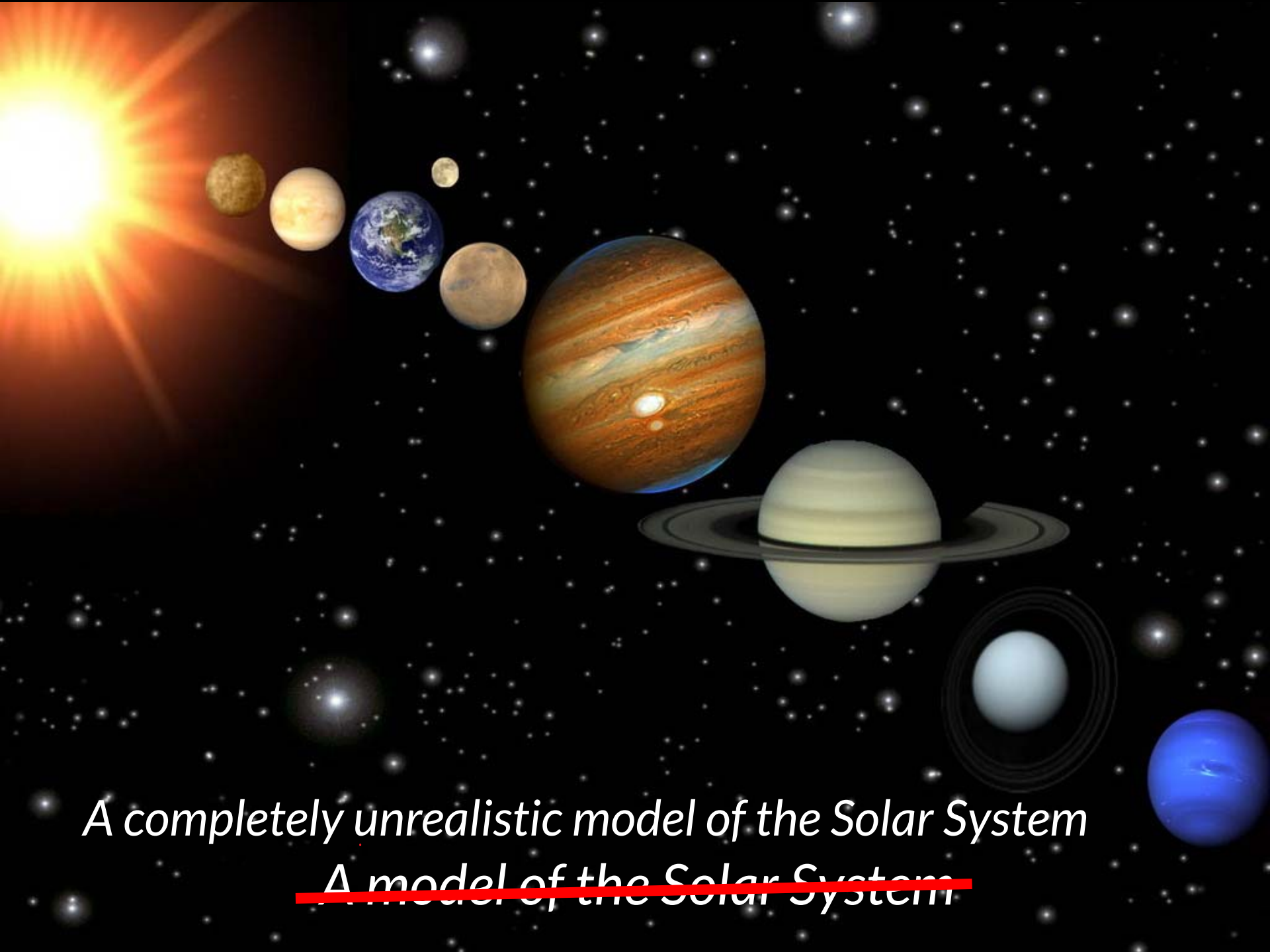
# *Living Simply*

Looking at the big picture

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*The Blue Marble*  
The earth seen from Apollo 17 (7 Dec 1972)



*A completely unrealistic model of the Solar System*

~~A model of the Solar System~~

On 14 Feb 1990 as it left  
the Solar System  
(Heliosphere) the Voyager 1  
was 6,054,587,000km  
from earth.



On 25 Aug 2012 it  
entered interstellar Space,  
still travelling at  
58,000km/h.

*Pale Blue Dot*

The earth seen from Voyager 1, launched on 5 Sep 1977



A photograph of galaxy NGC 6744, which might resemble the Milky Way.

# Space is rather large

*We are in a solar system.*

In our Galaxy, there are around  
100,000,000,000 solar systems.

*Most galaxies have similar numbers of stars  
& solar systems.*

It was believed that there were around  
150 – 200 billion galaxies.

# Space is rather large

~~It was believed that there were around  
200 billion galaxies.~~

*Last week, a group of international scientists  
announced that they were wrong.*

They now think that there are 10 times  
that many galaxies.

**Perhaps 2 trillion is a better guess.**





200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000  
stars in the universe

The world population is

7,458,450,000

Which means there is


26,815,000,000

*stars per person*

# Perspectives

*Caught in the flow of  
God's love and grace*



A person stands on a black sand beach, arms raised in a gesture of awe or praise, looking up at a massive waterfall cascading down a dark, rocky cliff. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky behind the waterfall, its colors reflecting off the mist. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of spiritual wonder and connection with nature.

*This, then, seems to be the work of the Spirit:  
to keep you growing is to keep you vulnerable  
to life and love itself... Spirit-led people never  
stop growing and changing and recognising the  
new moment of opportunity.*

**Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance* (2016) 56**

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of a forest floor covered in autumn leaves. The leaves are in various shades of brown, orange, and yellow, with some green still visible. The lighting is natural, creating a bokeh effect with bright spots of light filtering through the trees.

# eliminate

*not just stuff...*

*not just choices...*

*...attitudes too*

**God be merciful to me  
a sinner**

A tall, balanced stack of smooth, grey stones on a rocky outcrop, with a mountain range and clouds in the background.

*This one went  
home again at  
rights with God*

*Living Simply*

*Joy ride*