# TIME IN PIONEER AND VOYAGER 


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## VOYAGER







"During the 1930s, it was noticed that there was a radio 'hiss' that varied on a daily cycle and appeared to be extraterrestrial in origin. After initial suggestions that this was due to the Sun, it was observed that the radio waves seemed to propagate from the centre of the Galaxy"










## PIONEER SPACE PLAQUE REDESIGN



Magic, the production of entertaining illusions, has an appeal quite independent of the local specifics of language or culture. In vanishing objects or levitating assistants, conjurers amaze, delight, and even shock their audiences by the apparent violation of the universal laws of nature and our daily experience of those laws. Since the principles of physics hold everywhere, magic is conceivably a cosmological entertainment, with the wonder induced by theatrical illusions appreciated by all, regardless of planetary system. Accordingly the plaque aboard the Pioneer spacecraft for extraterrestrial scrutiny billions of years from now might have escaped from its conspicuously anthropocentric gestures by showing instead the universally familiar Amazing Levitation Trick.

# HOW BIG IS THE UNIVERSE? 

# COMIC DISTANCE LADDER 



## YGGDRASLITHE WORLD TREE NORSE



## PTOLEMAIC MODEL GEOCENTRIC

## WE'RE THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING

Detailed in the Almagest
~150BC




## (ASIDE)



## "PTOLEMY'S UNIVERSE WOULD FIT WITHIN THE ORBIT OF EARTH" <br> -Calli Arcale, for MentalFloss



## ARISTARCHUS OF SAMOS

Héliocentric model, 300BC

## HIPPARCHUS OF NICAEA

Precession of the equinoxes, 150BC

## YU XI（慮喜）

＂In 336 AD Yu Xi wrote the An Tian Lun（安天論；Discussion of Whether the Heavens Are At Rest or Disquisition on the Conformation of the Heavens）．He observed that the position of the sun during the winter solstice had drifted roughly one degree over the course of fifty years relative to the position of the stars．＂

## MARAGHA ASTRONOMERS

＂The Maragha school of astronomy in Ilkhanid－era Persia further developed＇non－Ptolemaic＇planetary models involving Earth＇s rotation． Notable astronomers of this school are Al－Urdi（d．1266）Al－Katibi（d． 1277），and Al－Tusi（d．1274）．＂


## COPERNICAN MODEL

## THE SUN IS THE CENTER, BUT WE RE STILL PRETTY SPECIAL

Detailed in On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres 1543CE



Lordre Des Spheres celestes Selon Copernic gvi Tient Qve La Terre Est Mobile Et Le Soleil Immobile Av Centre Dv Monde


## THE SUN IS THE CENTIER. AND WERE LESS SPECIAL

Other planets have moons, and the sun itself rotates

## KEPLER 1609 <br> LAWS OF PLANETARY MOTION

These set the true shape of orbits (ellipses, not circles) and related orbital period to distance

Detailed in Astronomia nova 1609CE


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# 149,597,900 KM ASTRONOMICAL UNIT (AU) MODERN VALUE 

## 1600s - TITAN AND OTHER MOONS OF SATURN

 1700s - MORE PLANETS (URANUS) MORE MOONS (OR URANUS, SATURN) 1800s - CERES, NEPTUNE, THE MOONS OF MARS (PHOBOS AND DEIMOS)

THE SUN IS THE CENTER OF A GINORMOUS SOLAR SYSTEM OF WHICH WE'RE A SMALL PART


## 1830s - FIRST MEASUREMENTS OF STELLAR PARALLAX

Apparent seasonal shift of closer stars/against more distant ones

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Size of Ptolemy's Entire Celestial Sphere: 20,000x Ea/th's radius ~= 7 light minutes

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## EARLY $1900 S$

Parallax method maps thousands of the nearest stars (within 100ly). Correlations between brightness, spectrum, and distance allow us to infer position of more distant stars within this galaxy, up to about 300ly.


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## HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

## Circular 173

Edward C. Pickering, March 3, 1912.

## Periods Of 25 Variable Stars In The Small Magellanic Cloud.

The following statement regarding the periods of 25 variable stars in the Small Magellanic Cloud has been prepared by Miss Leavitt.
A Catalogue of 1777 variable stars in the two Magellanic Clouds is given in H.A. 60, No. 4. The measurement and discussion of these objects present
ng about any given woman who was born before your mom is that yes, a, etcetera-all good comic making material! But then sometimes, man me. Here's to all the old time ladies of science, and their ideas that were

## LEAVITT'S LAW (1908)

Leavitt's law allowed determining stellar distance up to 100,000,000ly.

In 1924, Edwin Hubble used Cepheid variables to determine the distance of the Andromeda Galaxy, providing the first conclusive evidence for galaxies outside the Milky Way.

## Size of Hubble eXtreme Deep Field on the Sky



Digitized Sky Survey (ground-based image) for comparison


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## HUBBLE DEEP FIĖLD



## 1929

Hubble uses Cepheid distances to determine the Universe is expanding. This leads to the concept of the Big Bang and an age to the Universe.

## 1998

Researchers using methods similar to Leavitt's applied to supernovae (finding 'standard candles') determine the expansion of the Universe is accelerating.


