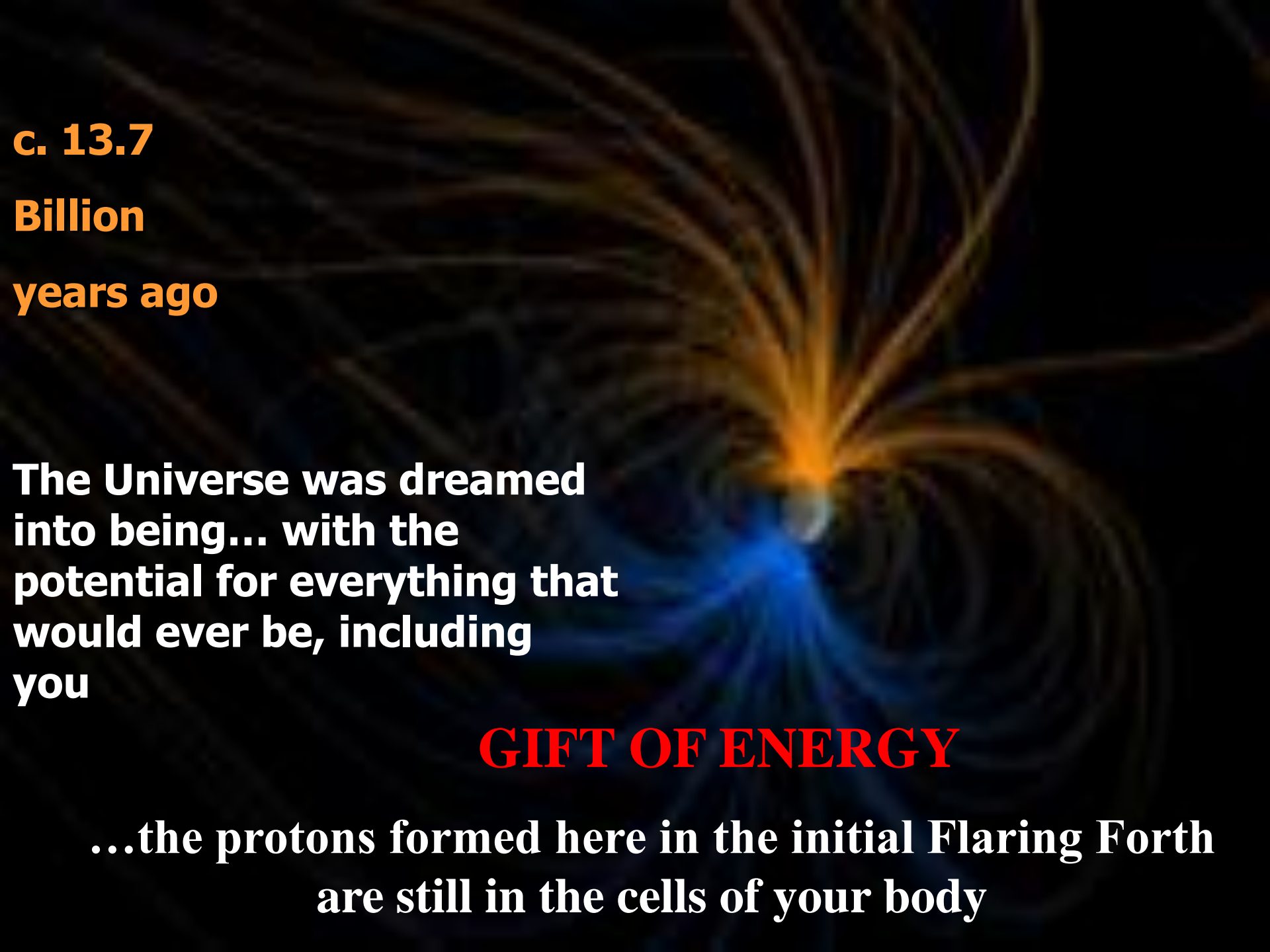




ALL IS ONE!

**GIFTS OF THE
UNIVERSE**



**c. 13.7
Billion
years ago**

**The Universe was dreamed
into being... with the
potential for everything that
would ever be, including
you**

GIFT OF ENERGY

**...the protons formed here in the initial Flaring Forth
are still in the cells of your body**

**c. 1 Billion
yrs later...**

**100 billion galaxies emerge with 100B
stars in each...
forming
the elements of all of life including
ourselves...**

**.....iron,
calcium,
sulphur...
in us and
everything
else....**

**...we are
formed in
the stars
...we are
stardust!!**

**GIFT OF
MATTER**

c. 4.5b years ago

**A star
exploded...and out
of its debris... our
home in the solar
system was born.**

**GIFT OF CREATIVITY
OUT OF CHAOS**

**Earth, our
privileged
planet, cooled
and gradually
formed an
atmosphere,
oceans and
landmass.**

GIFT OF THE BLUE PLANET

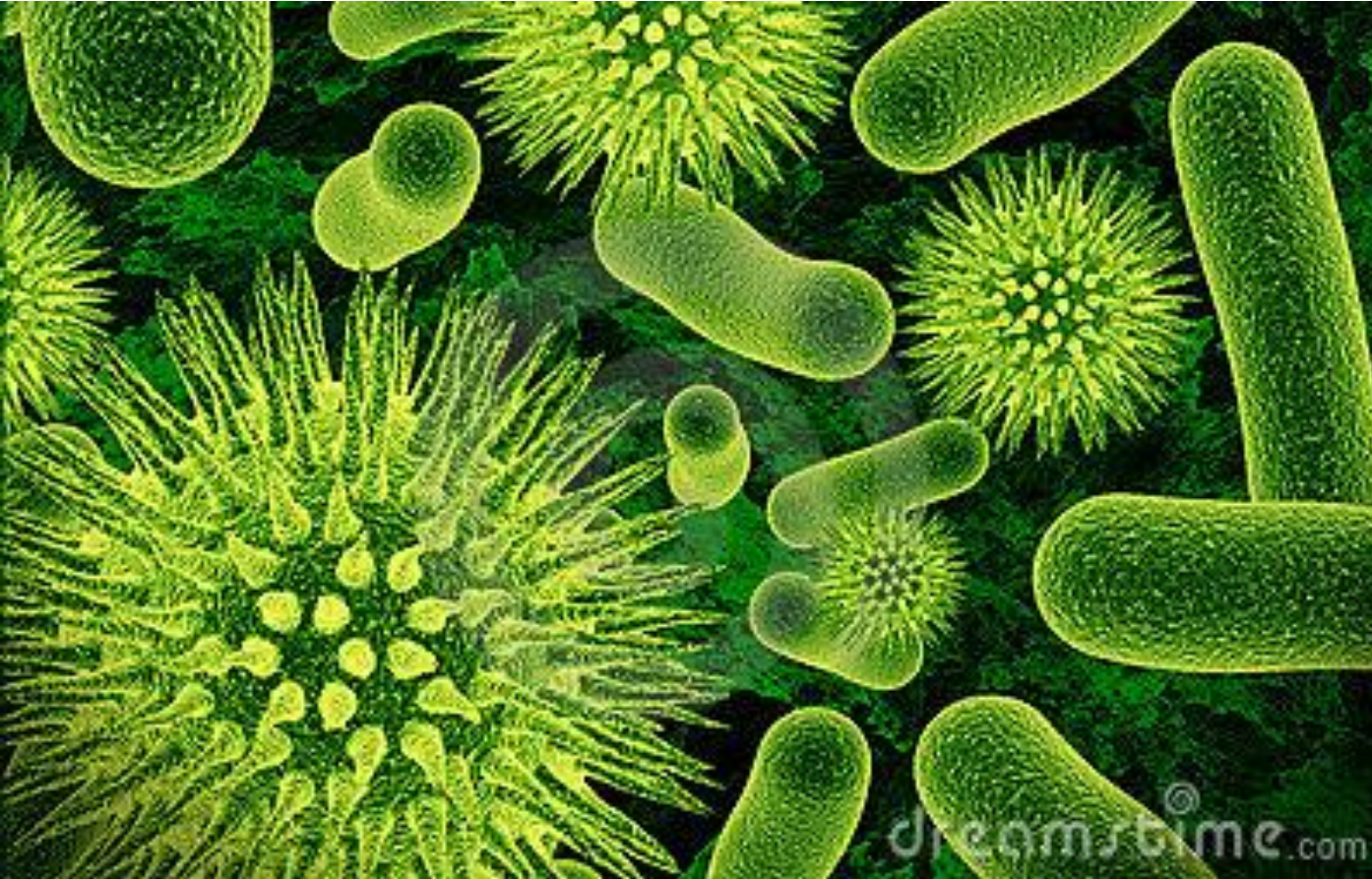
**c. 4.1b
years ago**



**.....the love
and attraction
you feel were
born here when
the Earth created
gravityyou are
held lovingly in
its embrace from
this time**

**C. 4 B yrs
ago**

**First simple bacteria cells formed in
the ancient sea**



**GIFT...
EARTH
AWAKENS
TO
NEW
LIFE**

**The bacteria in your body which you can't
live without was formed in the ancient seas.**

**c. 3.9 B. yrs
ago**

**Earth learned to take nourishment from
the sun through plants...photosynthesis
and the food chain was born**



**GIFT OF SUSTENANCE
AND RELATIONSHIP**

**c. 510m
years ago**

GIFT OF THE OCEANS

**First fish forms with backbone emerged—
protecting Earth's earliest nervous system.**

A photograph of a striped fish, possibly a Surge wrasse, swimming in the ocean. The fish has a dark body with prominent vertical light-colored stripes. It is shown in profile, facing right, against a background of dark, rocky seabed.

Your vertebrae developed in fish in the early oceans.

**The concentration of salt in your blood and tears is
the same as that of the ancient seas. You have come
out of the sea!**

**C. 425 M. yrs
ago**

**Lifeforms leave the oceans and become the first
land plants**

**GIFT OF
LUXURIANT
VEGETATION**



30% of DNA in our bodies is identical with plants

GIFT OF FLIGHT

c. 235 m yrs ago

Insects emerged from the sea, forming an interdependent community with land plants



GIFT OF REPTILES



**...emerging from fish,
reptiles were soon to
follow**

**Amazingly parts of your brain were
formed at the time of the early
reptiles and mammals**

c. 150 M yrs ago
..from
dinosaurs,
evolved the
first birds...
they took to
flight and
Earth broke
into song



**GIFT OF
BIRDSONG**

**GIFT
OF
SEED**



**c. 140m
years ago**

**Seeds emerged,
flowers
blossomed,
bringing colour
and fragrance to
to Earth.**

**Seed allowed
mammals to
flourish**



c. 114m years ago



GIFT

OF

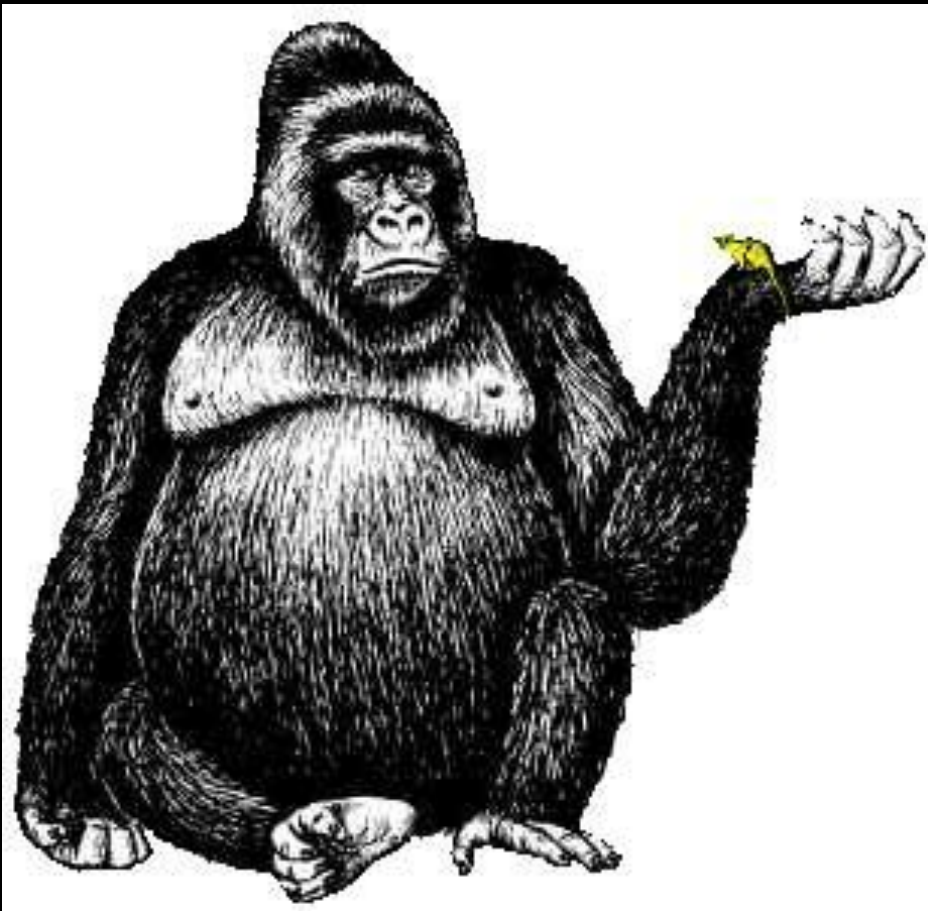
DIVERSITY

**Mammals emerge in an
awesome variety.**



**GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN
MAMMALS**





**70-30M
YRS AGO**

Primates emerge.

**Your rotating shoulder
was formed in our
primate ancestors
swinging in the trees.
You have evolved
out of the chimps in the
ancient forests!
Astonishingly our DNA is
98.4% similar to their's**

2.6 M yrs ago

Emerging from the Primates, the earliest humanoid types develop, with brain, nervous system. Standing upright.

**GIFT
OF
SELF-
REFLECTIVE
CONSCIOUSNESS**

**40,000
yrs
ago**



**GIFT
OF
SELF-
REFLECTIVE
CONSCIOUSNESS**

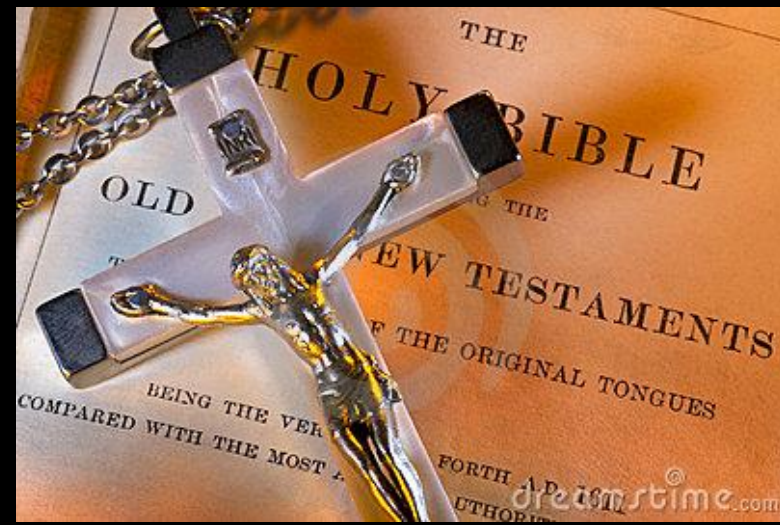
**Modern homo sapiens emerge
into this astounding web of life...
formed in the ancient stars along with all of life
Earth comes to birth in the self-conscious human**



**We arrive
very late on the scene...
a new species
trying to find our way.
We need to humbly listen
to the wisdom of all that has come before**

From c20,000 yrs
ago....onwards

People worshipped
God in a variety of
ways.



GIFT OF ABUNDANCE OF THE LAND



**C 10,000
yrs ago**

Emerging from being hunter-gatherers...humans next learned to grow crops and domesticate animals...they began removing themselves from dependence on Earth's ecosystems



C 5200 yrs ago

**An age of chronic warfare
developed**

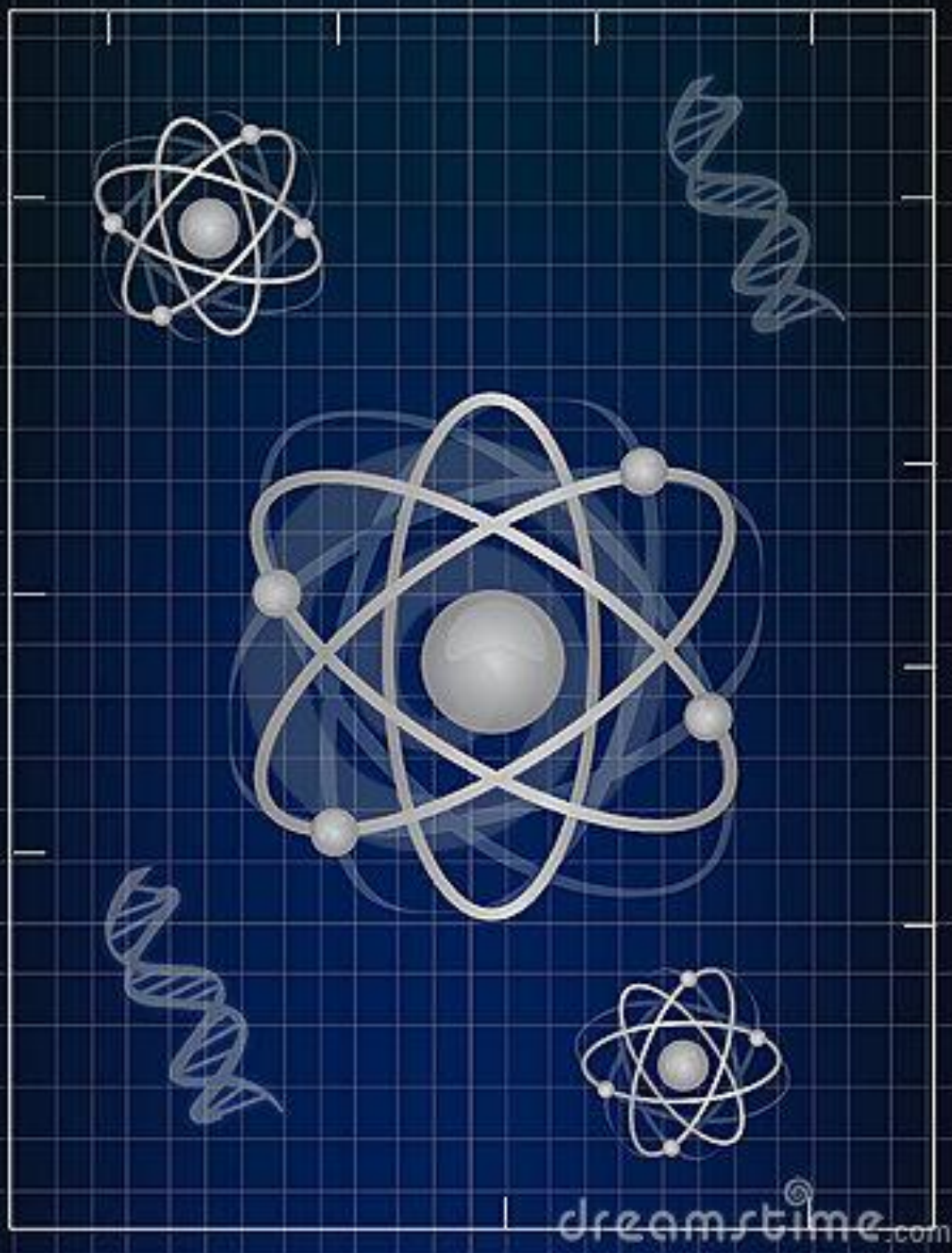
**Europeans invaded and colonized other
countries. Slave trade and migration
began**

C. 500 yrs ago

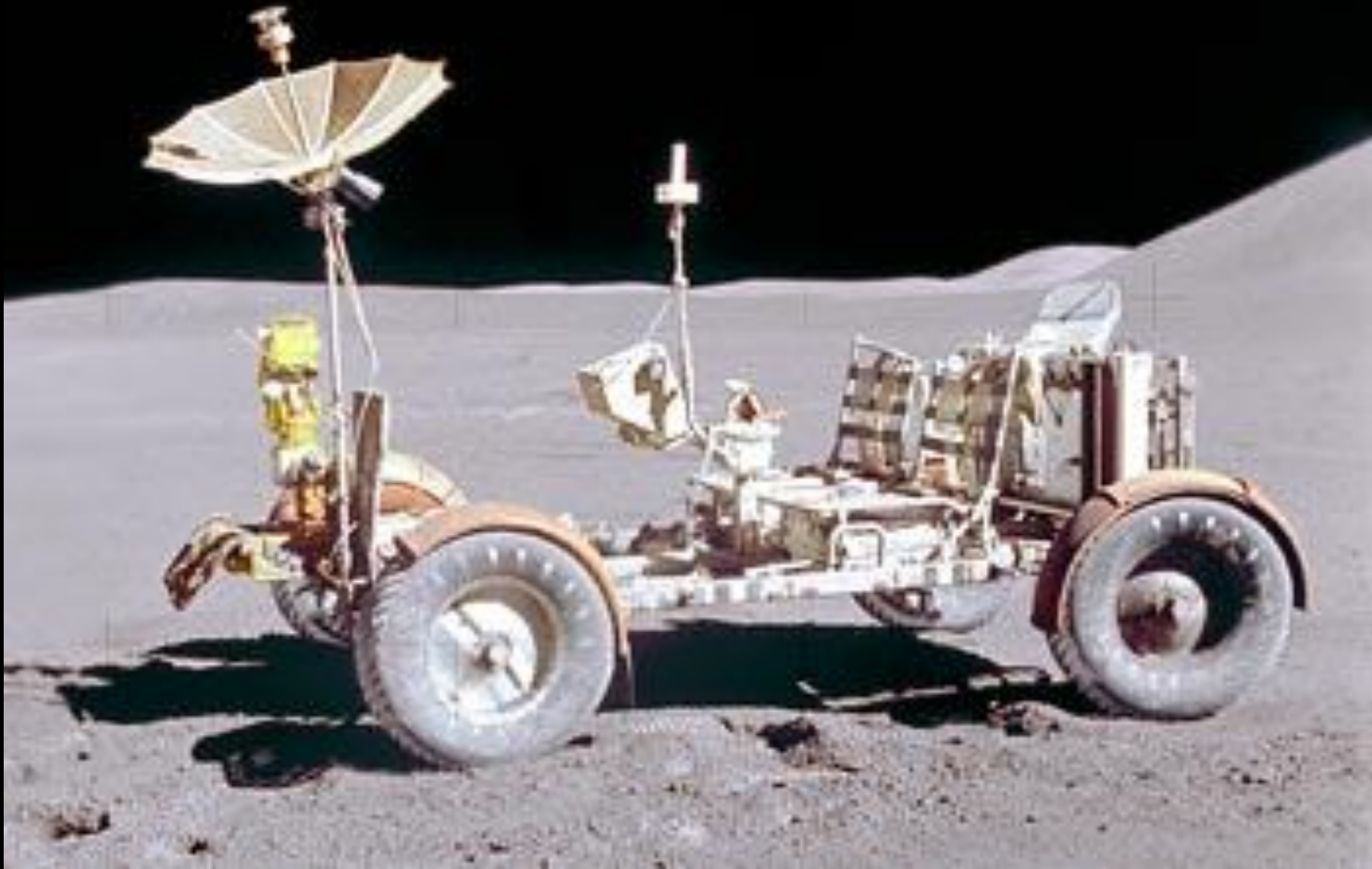
GIFT OF SCIENCE

Humans discover vast energy and space in the interior depths of atoms... there is no separation between Matter and Spirit.

C 75 yrs ago



Humans, on a journey to colonise the moon,.....



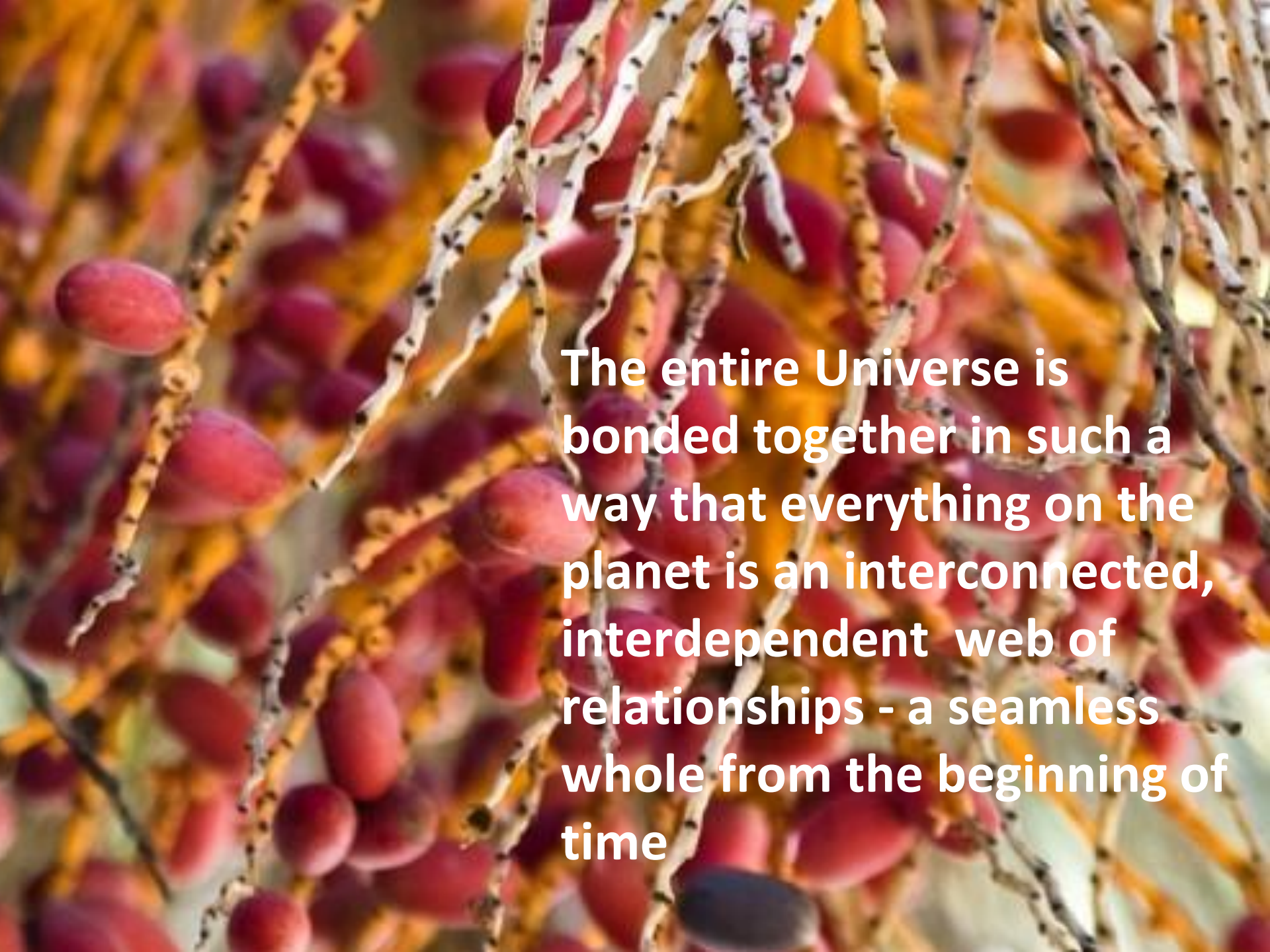
C 40 years ago....

....turned around and saw Earth, as a whole, for the first time !

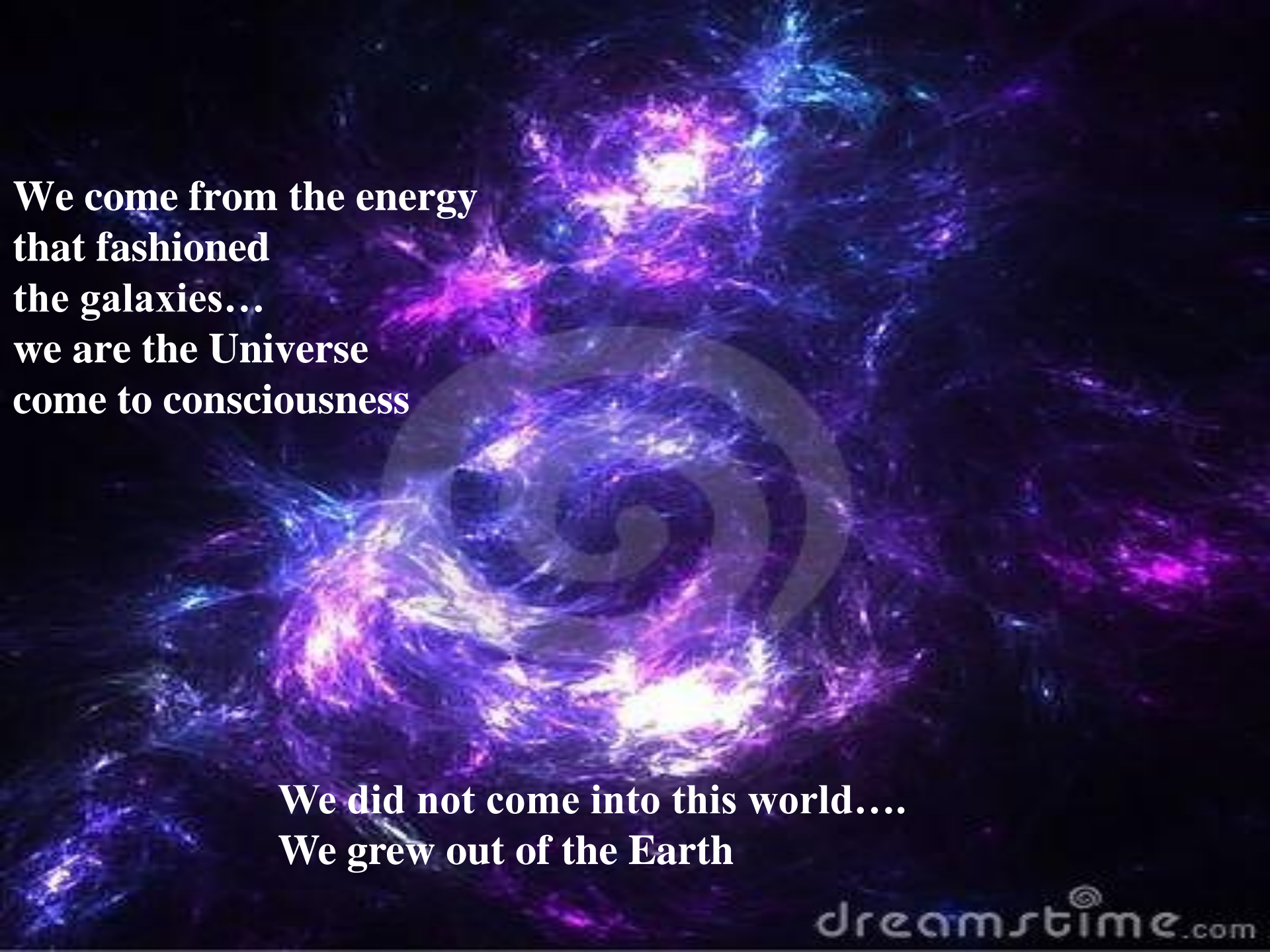


**One earth
community ...all
made of the same
building blocks ...all
related whether star,
mountain,
earthworm, tree,
cloud, human or
polar bear...in the
total community of
life**

GIFT OF SEEING THE WHOLE



The entire Universe is bonded together in such a way that everything on the planet is an interconnected, interdependent web of relationships - a seamless whole from the beginning of time



**We come from the energy
that fashioned
the galaxies...
we are the Universe
come to consciousness**

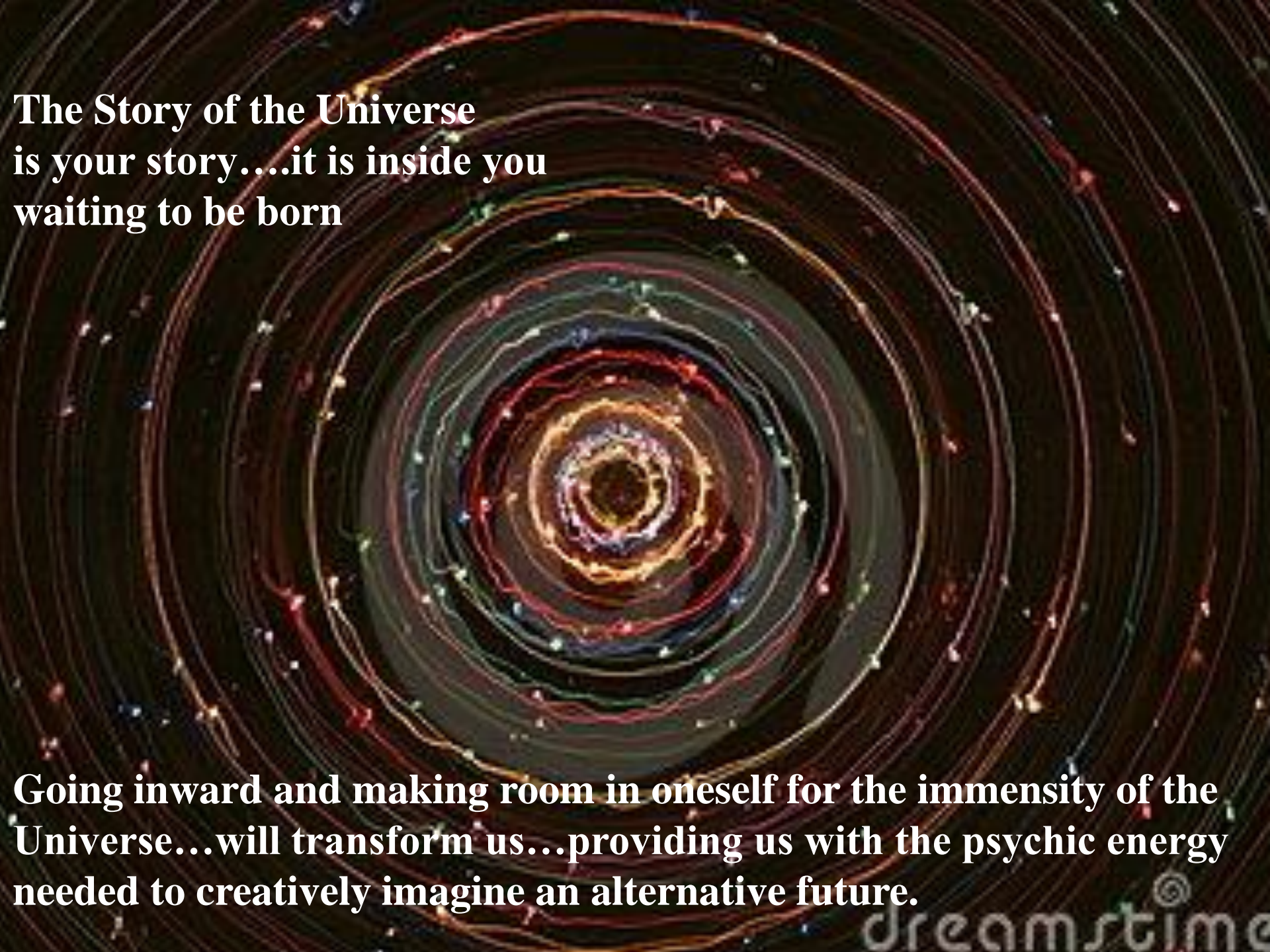
**We did not come into this world....
We grew out of the Earth**



**Love unfolds a Universe
which is a communion
of diverse beings,
each of whom is sacred,
each of whom is beloved.**



- **Genetically related to everything in the natural world.... we share this planet with millions of other beings in the Divine Mystery of the awesome Web of Life.**



**The Story of the Universe
is your story...it is inside you
waiting to be born**

**Going inward and making room in oneself for the immensity of the
Universe...will transform us...providing us with the psychic energy
needed to creatively imagine an alternative future.**

dreamstime

**Our gift of Universal
Consciousness...Systemic
Consciousness,
stretches us towards evolutionary
compassion...to care for the
whole
and not just the parts. So how
can we find creative
ways for the whole planet to
move forward together
whereby all species, all beings
can flourish?**



Our spirituality needs to be an engaged spirituality. It must influence our way of being in the world, informing all our actions and all the choices we make.

We need a new story that shapes every aspect of our lives – we need to meet the needs of the wider system with a purpose that serves the total community of life on the planet, in the context of the mystery of the Unfolding Story of the Universe

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