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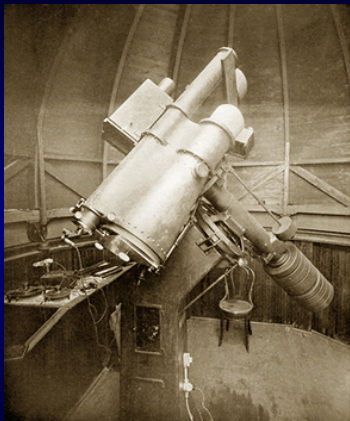
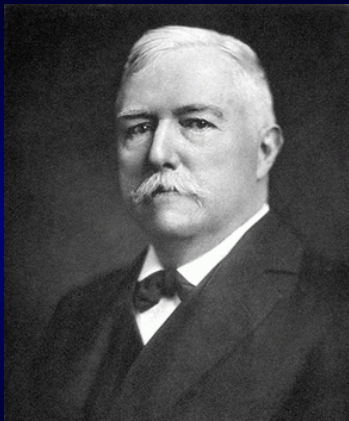
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Yerkes Observatory — www.saveyerkes.org

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E. E. Barnard and the Bruce Photographic Telescope at Yerkes Observatory

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An early picture of Comet Morehouse

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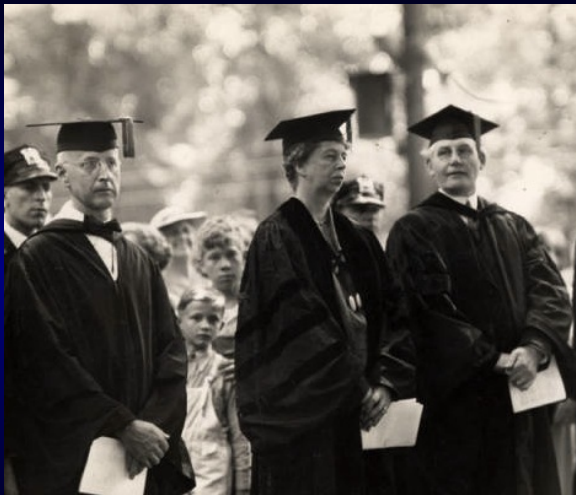
Lick Observatory — www.ucolick.org, photo credit Laurie Hatch

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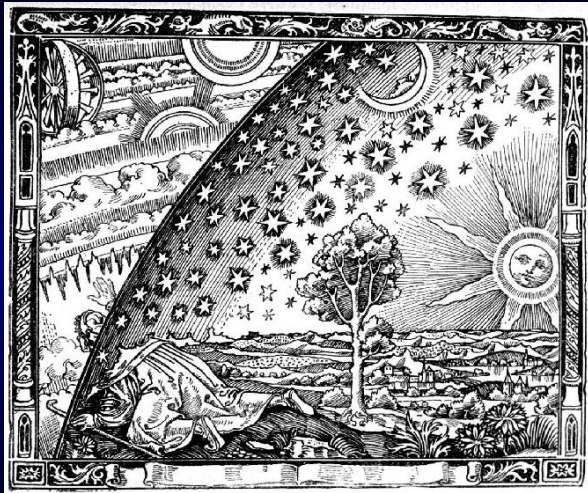
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With Chemistry Professor Rider and Eleanor Roosevelt, Drake University
Commencement 1936 (from the online exhibit)

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Flammarion Woodcut — Camille Flammarion's *L'Atmosphère: Météorologie Populaire* (Paris, 1888)

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Dr. Morehouse joking with poet Louis Untermeyer in 1940 (from the online exhibit)

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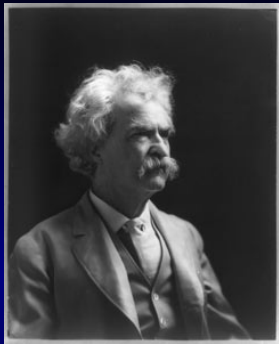
Bayeux Tapestry depicting the Battle of Hastings including Halley's Comet in 1066

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The great comet of 1577 over Prague on November 12, engraving by Jiri Daschitzky. (Photo from the collection of Don Yeomans, NASA/JPL.)

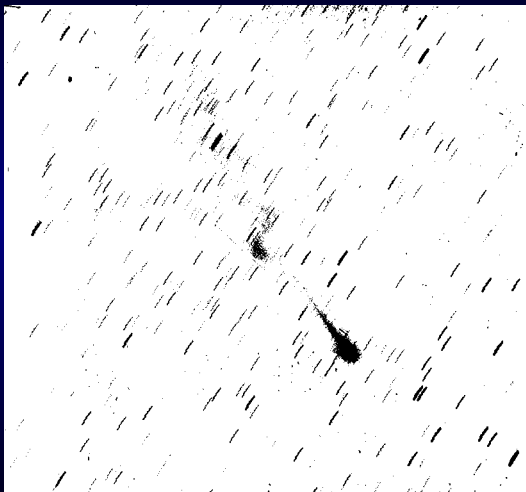
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I came in with Halley's Comet ... It is coming again ... and I expect to go out with it ... The Almighty has said, no doubt: 'Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.'

Halley's Comet 1910 in the New York Times and Mark Twain
(www.cmgww.com/historic/twain/)

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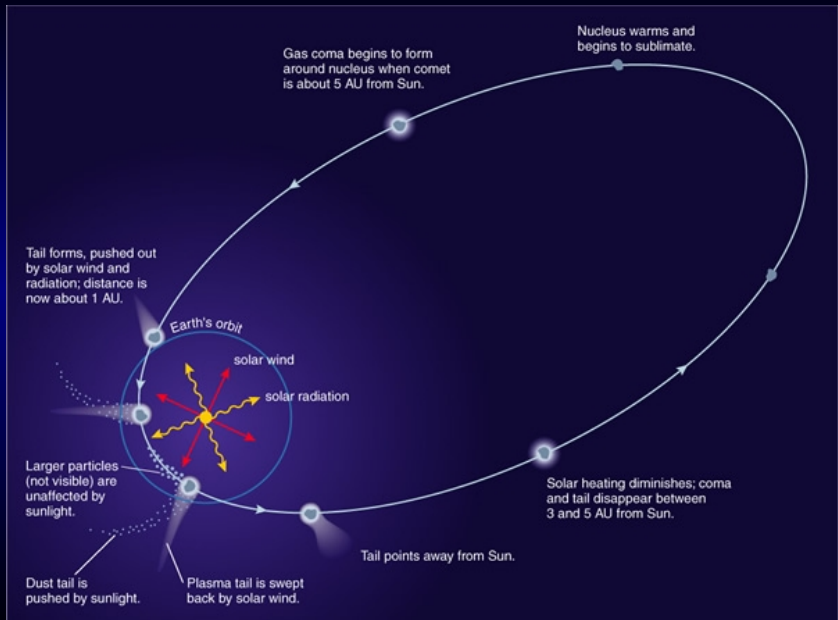


Disconnection event Oct. 15, 1908 — Indiana University

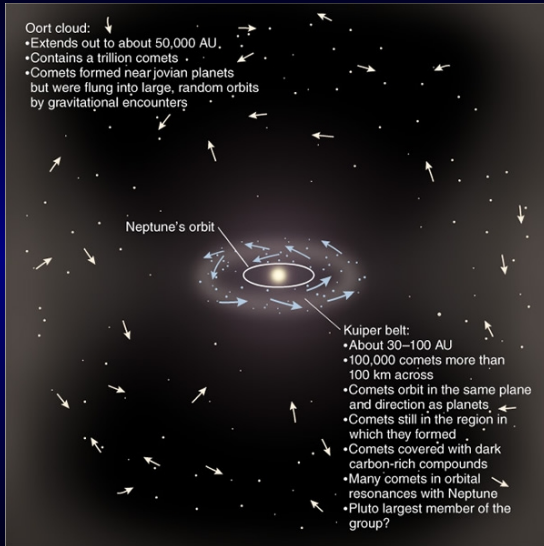
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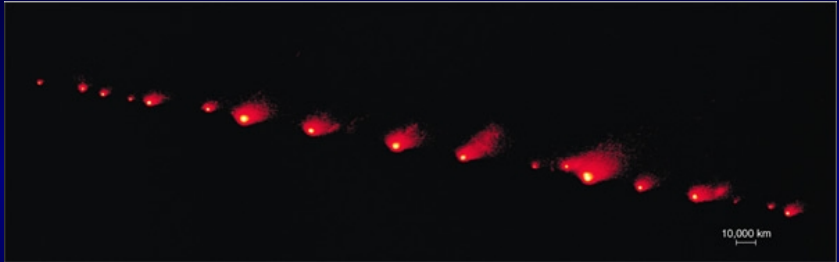
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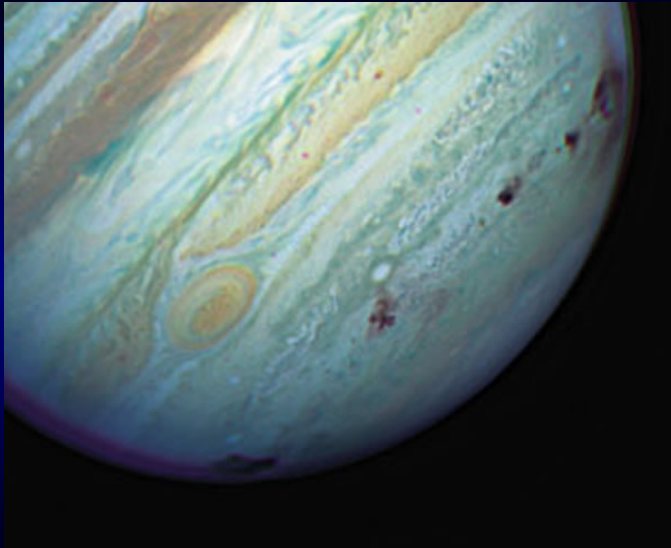


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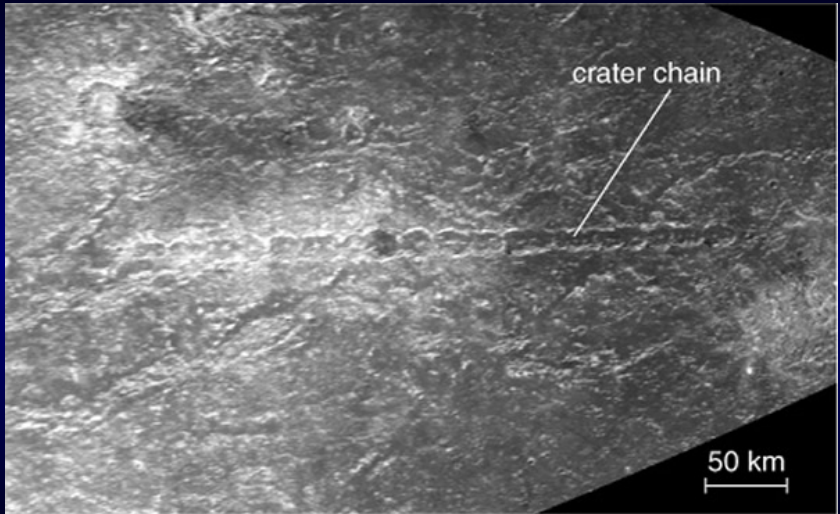
Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 — Hubble Space Telescope

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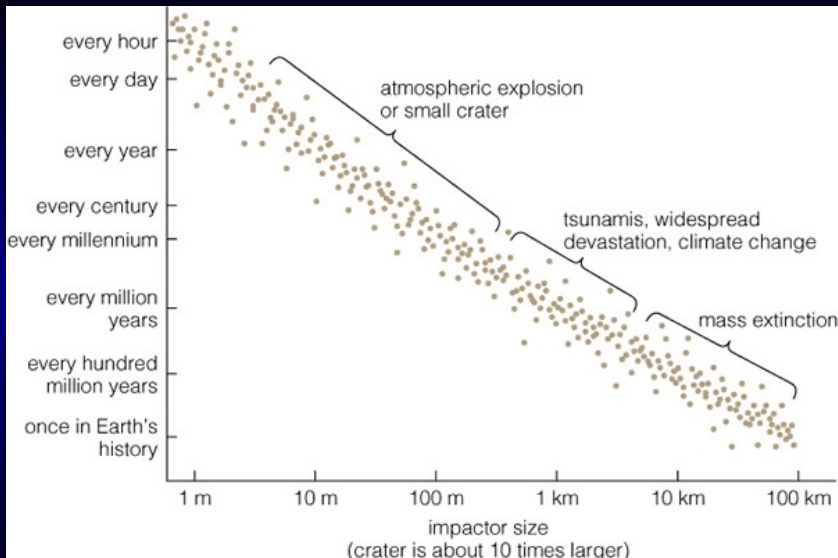
Impacts of Comet SL 9 on Jupiter — Hubble Space Telescope

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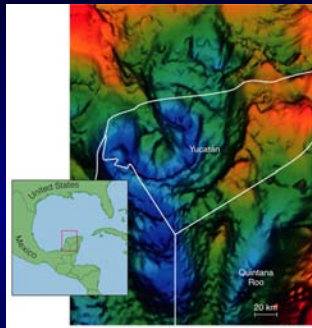
Crater Chain on Callisto — NASA

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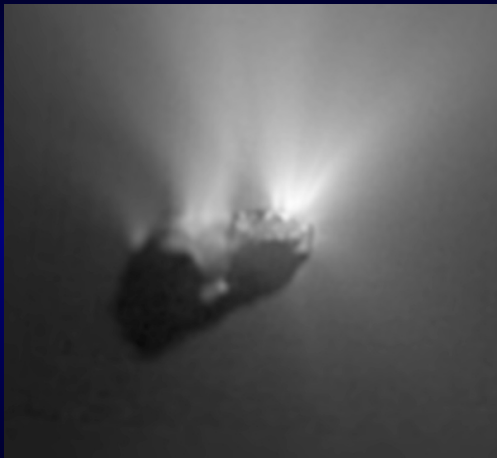
Taken from *The Cosmic Perspective*, Bennett et al. 2004

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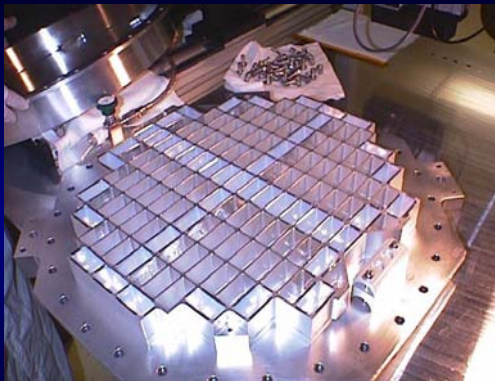
The K-T Boundary and the Chixulub Crater — *The Cosmic Perspective*
Bennett et al. 2004

Space Science



Nucleus of Halley's Comet from the Giotto, ESA

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Aerogel array and particles from the tail of Comet Wild 2, Stardust Mission ESA/NASA

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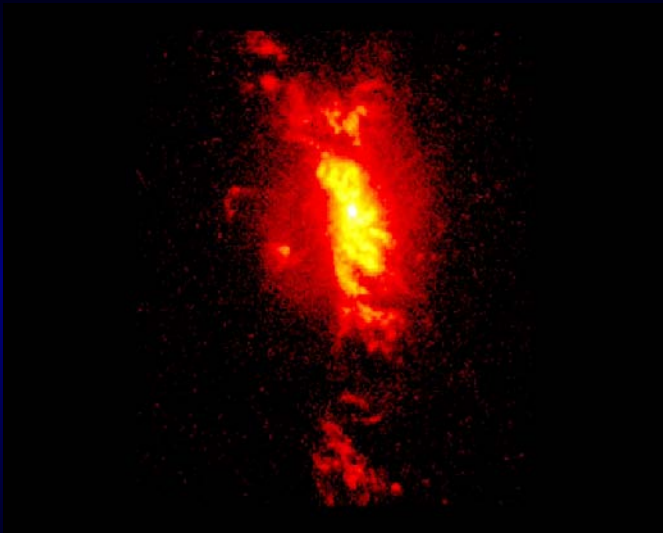
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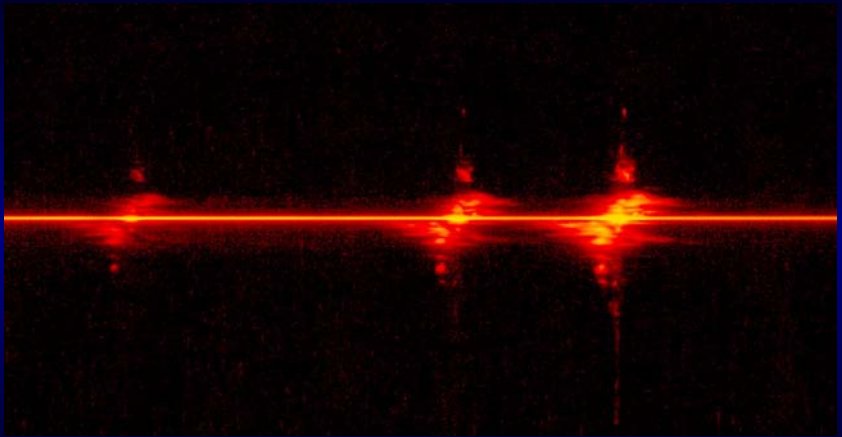
NGC 4151 and NGC 1068

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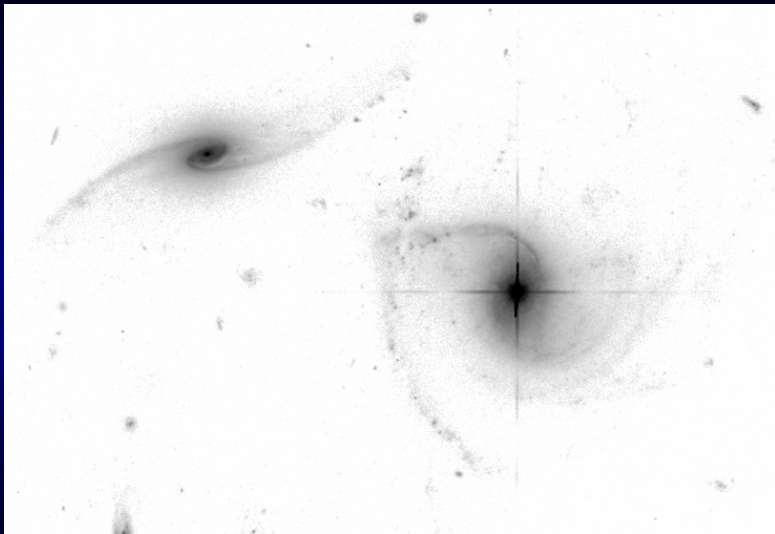
[OIII] image of NGC 4151 with Hubble Space Telescope

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Longslit spectrum of NGC 4151 with Hubble Space Telescope

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Quasar PG 0804 and companion galaxy — Hubble Space Telescope

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Recent Comets



Comet Hale-Bopp over Boulder Colorado

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Comet McNaught 1/19/2007; Siding Spring; photo credit Robert McNaught

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Comet Hale-Bopp Over Val Parola Pass , Dolomite Mountains, Italy

Credit: A. Dimai (Col Druscie Obs.), AAC