



Peace on Earth Begins in the Heavens

Why the Solar Eclipse Matters

On Apr 8, 2024, a full solar eclipse will be visible (weather permitting) in North America, including in an arc across the State of New York. The next such opportunity will not occur until 2044. This event is generating so much interest that traffic warnings are being issued across the nation, as Americans travel to find the locations where they will be able to experience a couple minutes of darkness in the middle of the afternoon.

Why does this inspire such curiosity? Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, whose philosophy gave us the concept of the “Pursuit of Happiness” enshrined in our Declaration of Independence, wrote in his *Theodicy* (1710):

Love is that mental state which makes us take pleasure in the perfections of the object of our love, and there is nothing more perfect than God, nor any greater delight than in Him. To love Him it suffices to contemplate His perfections, a thing easy indeed, because we find the ideas of these within ourselves. The perfections of God are those of our souls, but He possesses them in boundless measure; He is an Ocean, whereof to us only drops have been granted; there is in us some power, some knowledge, some goodness, but in God they are all in their entirety. Order, proportions, harmony delight us; painting and music are examples of these: God is all order; He always keeps truth of proportions, He makes universal harmony; all beauty is an effusion of His rays.

The experience of a few minutes of darkness, which can be clearly observed, caused by the body of the moon as it passes directly in front of our view of the sun is confirmation of the perfection and order of the universe, and fills us with wonder and delight. Why is it so? What is the invisible force that keeps the heavenly bodies in motion, and also perfectly suspended at distances in harmonic proportion securely enough that life has been able to survive on our small blue planet for so many years?

When seen from space, in the vast expanse of our solar system, our planet looks so tiny that every astronaut who has observed it wonders why human beings insist on warring against one another, and why we seek to exacerbate the differences among us, as opposed to focusing on the principles which unite us. We must cherish that thought!

This is why I am encouraging everyone to observe the eclipse and to take just a moment to reflect upon the magnificent expanse of space and our relationship to it as a species, and how magnificent is the mind of Man that we can apprehend, in part, the self-perfecting process of the universe as it transforms.

This is why my campaign is hosting a special online event with my campaign astronomer Roger Ham (see below), who will develop the science behind man’s ongoing discovery of the beautiful principles ordering our solar system and galaxy.

“The Mystery Behind the Eclipse”
Monday, Apr 8, 2024, 6:00 pm
Online Symposium with the Sare for Senate
Astronomy Spokesman Roger Ham

