



# The Universe




The Universe is so huge that no-one can guess how big it is. Even the most powerful telescopes cannot give us any idea of its size.

The Solar System is only a minor member of our galaxy of stars, the Milky Way. The Milky Way is a great spiral made up of about 180,000 stars.



The Milky Way is only one of millions of other galaxies, each containing millions and millions of stars. We cannot begin to count or even guess how many stars there are.

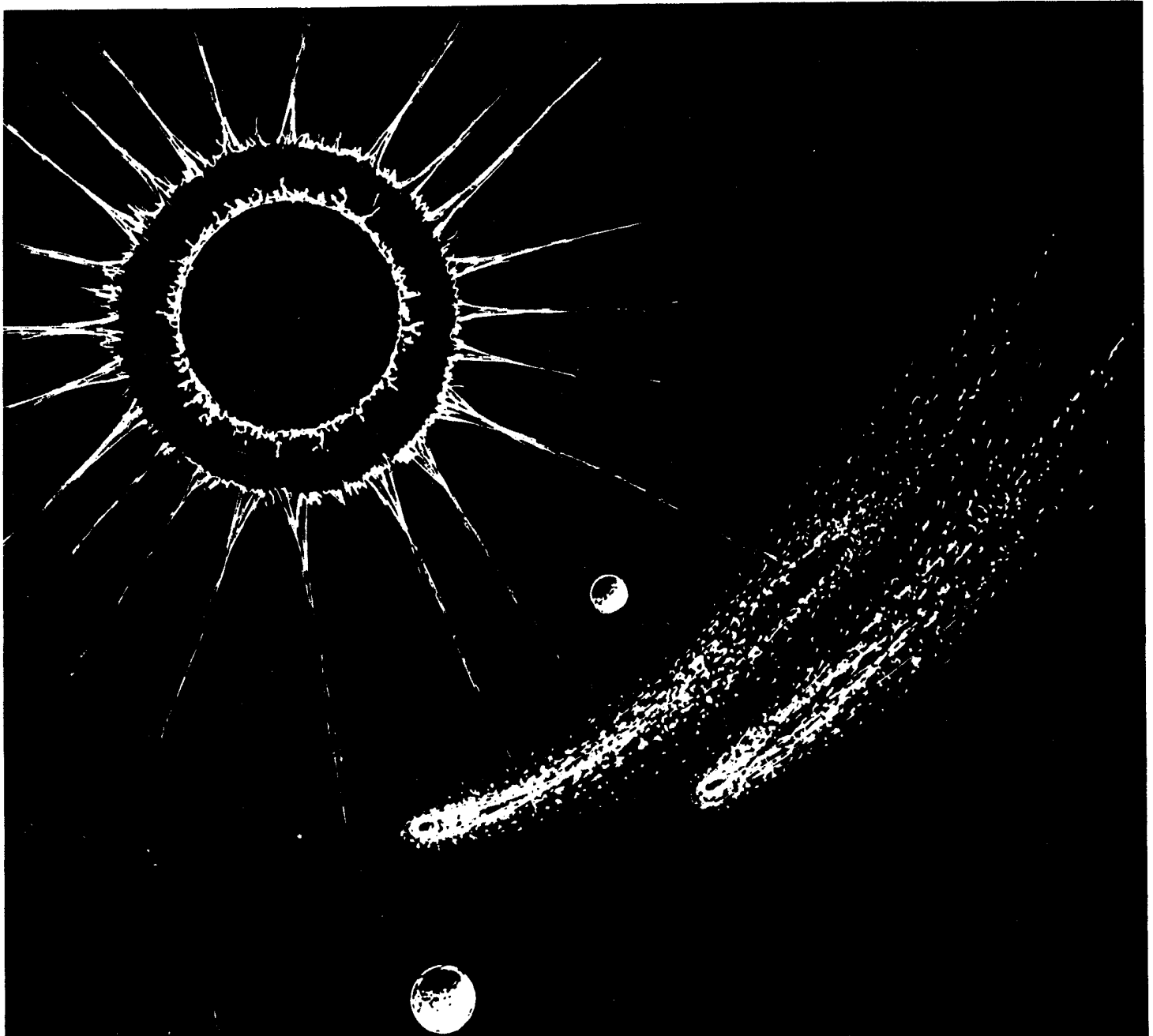


Beyond our Solar System is a void of some million, million km before the nearest star, Alpha Centauri is reached.

Bahá'u'lláh tells us:  
"Know thou that every fixed star has its own planets, and every planet its own creatures, whose number no man can compute."



God is the Creator of this whole vast Universe.



"...if you turn the mirror of your spirits heavenwards, the heavenly constellations and the rays of the Sun of Reality will be reflected in your hearts, and the virtues of the Kingdom will be obtained.

Therefore let us keep this faculty rightly directed - turning it to the heavenly Sun and not to earthly objects - so that we may discover the secrets of the Kingdom....

May we indeed become mirrors reflecting the heavenly realities, and may we become so pure as to reflect the stars of heaven." *'Abdu'l-Bahá*

