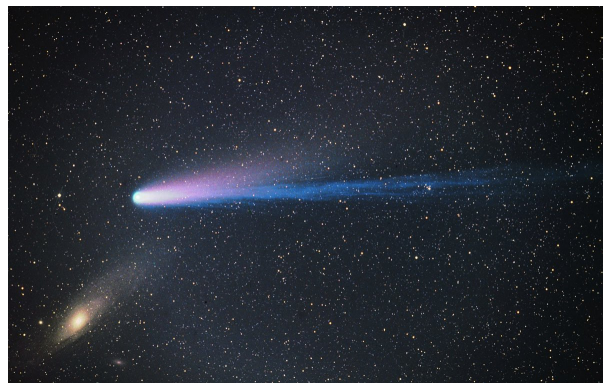


Astronomy, Science Literacy, and a Global Perspective



Astronomy is the first science that humans practiced. Models were made of the Universe that fit the observations. History shows that such models are often biased, that the difficulty of getting a fair sample of objects in the universe is large, and that any given time, people (i.e. civilization) always think they are correct. This requirement of cultural certainty manifests itself as an arrogance of humanity while the purely scientific inquiry into the nature of the Universe generally leads to humility and a portal into all that which we do not know. As such, astronomy can very much help shape a global perspective, one that minimizes selfishness empowered by certainty and encourages cooperation both in the learning process and the acquisition of knowledge, but also for the survival of the species which involves the implementation of wisdom.



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