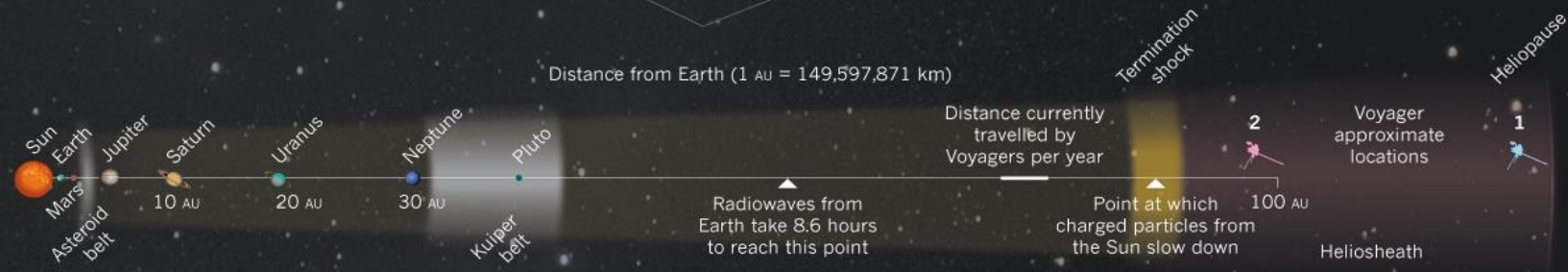
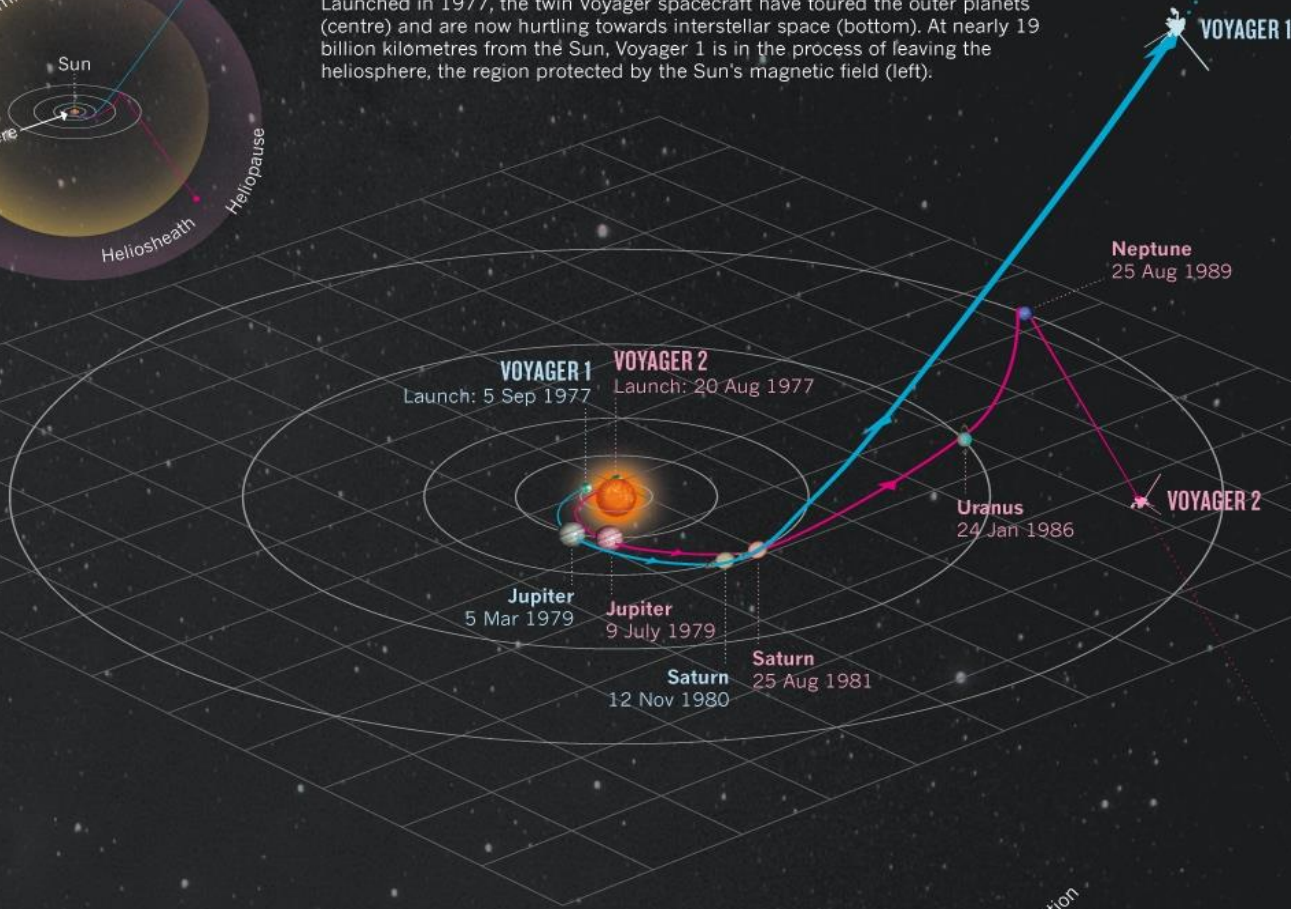
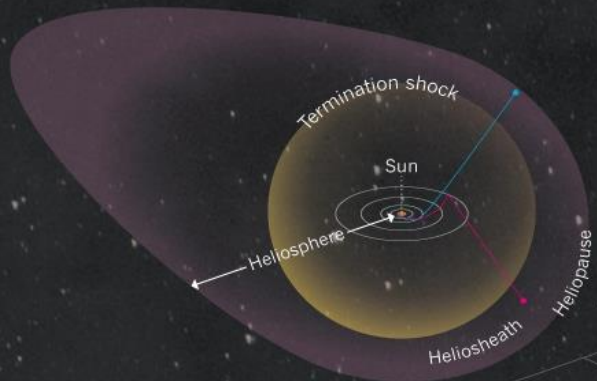


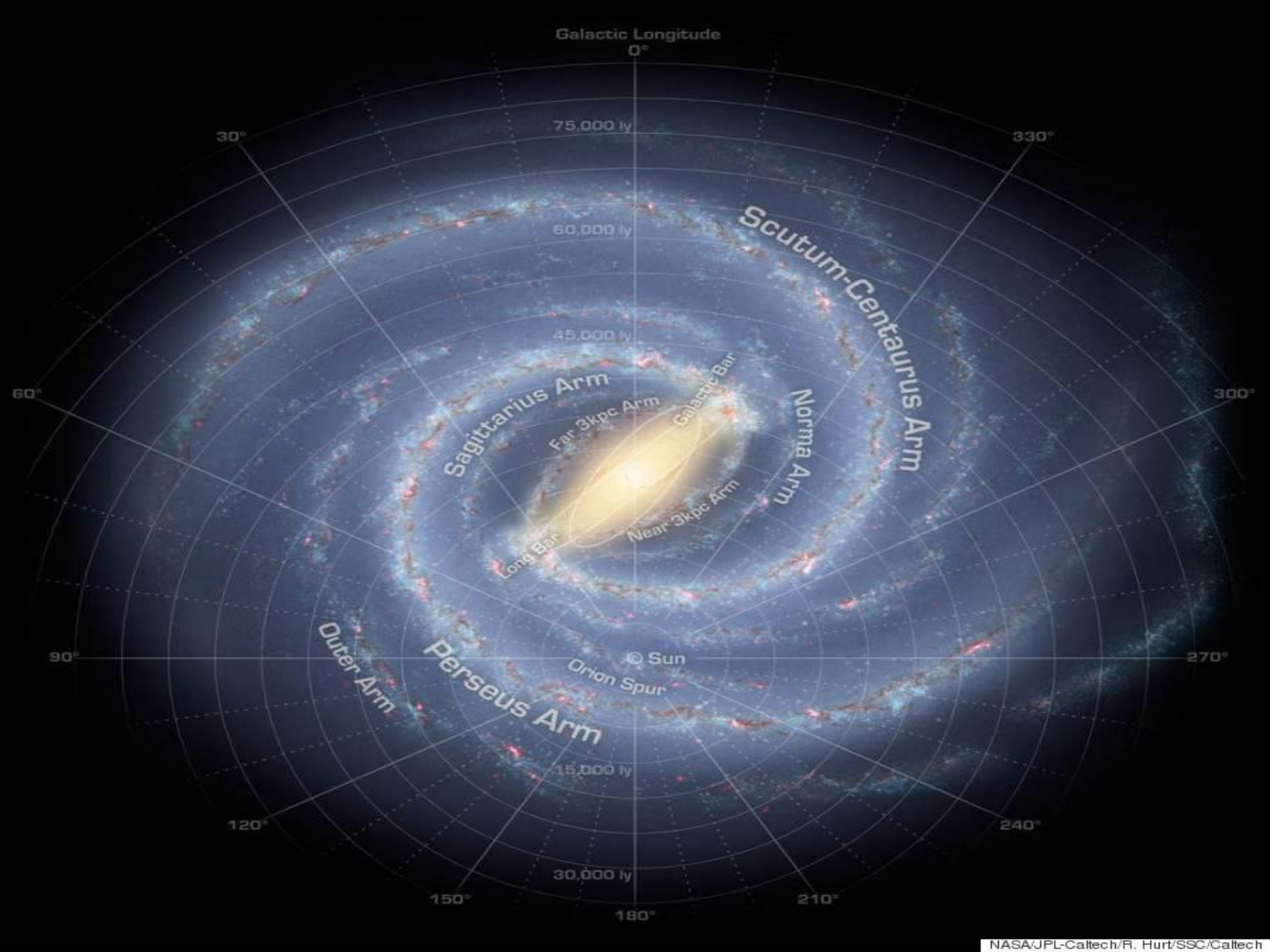




# GOING, GOING...

Launched in 1977, the twin Voyager spacecraft have toured the outer planets (centre) and are now hurtling towards interstellar space (bottom). At nearly 19 billion kilometres from the Sun, Voyager 1 is in the process of leaving the heliosphere, the region protected by the Sun's magnetic field (left).









# “In The Beginning, God Created...”

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament [proclaims] his handiwork.”

# Now...

- We've witnessed the scope of God's creation, but we have not witnessed His best
- It does not exist in the reaches of space, or in depths of our Earth
- God's greatest creation, made to be steward of all His handiwork:

***The divinely created soul***

***"...having a form of godliness,  
but denying [its] power ..."***

2 Timothy 3:5

Holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn away.

- Form of Godliness
- True Godliness
- Not Denying God
- The Power of God

# *"...having a form of godliness, but denying [its] power ..."*

Form: "an image or impress, an outward semblance"

- Keeping to the form of the old blasphemes God's truth
  - Romans 2:17-24
- Hypocrites praise the form but not the substance
  - Matthew 23:27-31
- The danger: when we praise the corruptible form, we become it
  - Romans 3:13



# *"...having a form of godliness, but denying [its] power ..."*

Godliness: having a character "well-pleasing to Him"

- Shown through actions
  - 2 Peter 3:11
- God's doctrine is unchanging, we should be too
  - 1 Timothy 6:3
- The scope of deity is incomprehensible, but made manifest:
  - 1 Timothy 3:16

# *"...having a form of godliness, but denying [its] power ..."*

Denying: "to abrogate, forsake, or renounce a thing, whether evil...or good"

- Forsake the world for a higher one
  - Titus 2:12
- Yet, he who forsakes God, is himself forsaken
  - Matthew 10:33
- His seekers are known to Him
  - Revelation 2:13

# *"...having a form of godliness, but denying [its] power ..."*

Power: *"inhering in godliness and operating upon souls"*

- The gospel does not give power over men and earthly things, but power to eternal life
  - Romans 1:16
- We are given power through God's word
  - Colossians 1:10-11
- Our power is given from God, not to be judged by men's standards
  - Matthew 25:15



***"...having a form of godliness,  
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## **Conclusion**

The role of all His creation is to acknowledge God's power by *doing* God's will

- Philippians 2:5-11

Application: consistently facing up against evil with God's power