

The First Black Hole

It's been eons in the waiting but now, finally, we have our first ever honest to god photo of a black hole!

If you would like to find out more about this monumental discovery, you can find it here in this BBC article just below...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47868061>

Thank you for reading and goodbye.

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That there should be enough information for most 'die hard fans' of the cosmos - if there is such a thing.

But in any case, this here is history!

Because today, on April 11th 2019, mankind made history! Again!

Would you believe it?

It didn't seem possible yesterday or in the late days of yesteryear but, now, the image of the black hole is no longer exclusively limited to Hollywood or the rather finely tuned artist illustration...

It's now been made whole by way of the telescope!

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Right, that was my excitement being let loose right there... I'll continue.

On a more scientifically objective note, I feel it's also important to point out that Black Holes in themselves are among the most mysterious objects in the universe.

Certainly for me, black holes were the scientific wonder of my childhood.

And no, i'm not Stephen Hawking - I don't have the IQ.

But even so, my enthusiasm for intelligent subject matter has never once faltered as I've grown in both years and in knowledge.

From fact to fictitious, my interest in the titular tears in space and time span the full radius, lengthy diameter and fully rounded circumference of a black hole itself!

I f***ing love them!

Why?

Because they're a window into the realms of the impossible.

From their depiction in movies - Interstellar, i'm looking at you. Event Horizon, not so much - to their graceful, mysterious beauty within literature, black holes have become known in recent years as the 'gateways' to alternate realms and alternate dimensions.

Because the theory is: If you can safely traverse a black hole and come out the other side, you can actually end up further afield than space and time will physically allow. What could be more awe-inspiring than that? Nothing.

Then again, maybe 'nothing' is really all that awaits on the other side. Who knows?

Does anyone know?

Probably not.

But if anyone does, that person (or sentient thing) would more than likely reside on the 'other side'.

So, as we celebrate this day, let's take this discovery as the beginning of something greater.

Let's assume that this really is just the beginning of a long line of scientific discoveries.

And let's pretend, just for a day, that the late Stephen Hawking was still alive to witness such a monumental occasion.

I'm sure he would have been proud to see that his life's work was all worth it in the end.

I'd like to now just conclude this article by paying tribute to the late Stephen Hawking and by saying that, without him, theoretical physics and science itself would not be where it is today.

Quite literally.