

Are there multiple universes?



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Sky's the Limit

Is there another “you” somewhere out there? Kind of like an identical twin but in a different reality?

The idea of a duplicate of us living in another timeline in space has been proposed by Hollywood for decades.

In the 1960-episode Twilight Zone series Mirror Image a young woman encounters her double intersecting from another universe into ours.

Similarly, in the 1967 Star Trek

episode Mirror, Mirror the entire crew is accidentally beamed into a parallel universe where evil is the norm rather than good.

Most interestingly the counter (bad) Mr. Spock logically admits on the show their system does not make sense and will eventually collapse.

As a teenager, I remember the 1982 song “Spirits in the Material World” by the English band The Police and these specific lyrics: “Where does the answer lie?, Living from day to day, If it’s something we can’t buy, There must be another way --- We are spirits in the material world---”

I suppose Sting (aka Gordon Sumner) the writer was encouraging us to be skeptical in an entertaining way, but the bottom line is this is the opening to a whole new

world most have no idea exists!

SKY WATCH

On Monday, Jan. 30 look up after sunset as Mars and the moon are in conjunction most of the night.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 is a great dark sky for general stargazing as no light will be around to block deep objects.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Check out the all gatherings of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Calgary chapter at calgary.rasc.ca/calendar2023.htm.

In the sky, the moonless night on Saturday, Jan. 21 will create dark-sky conditions to observe the winter constellations.

Canis Major, the big dog, will be nipping at the heels of Orion the Hunter, who is pursuing Taurus the Bull in the eternal chase across the southern sky. Mars will be visible along with

the planet Jupiter.

There will be an array of scopes operated by University of Calgary astronomers and members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Calgary chapter.

You will have the opportunity to look through the telescopes, indoor presentation and astronomers will be on hand to answer questions that evening.

The entrance fee \$30 per car and can be purchased at the website eventbrite.ca — searching for “Exploring Martian Geology” will bring up the event.

For further information, visit the University of Calgary’s Rothney Astrophysical Observatory’s website, science.ucalgary.ca/rothney-observatory.

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