

How Big is Big? The Universe

What is the universe? It may be defined simply as everything that exists. The idea behind the definition is certainly not simple. Imagine that everything that exists, from the smallest atomic particle to the largest group of stars, is a part of the universe.

If we believe that definition is true, then the universe must be amazingly huge! Scientists are not sure about the size of the universe. Some scientists believe that the universe has no boundaries, no edges, and no limits. This is an idea that is difficult for most of us to understand. Perhaps as scientists continue to make new discoveries, they will be able to help us better understand just exactly what the size of the universe is.

What are some of the things that make up the universe? Astronomers have identified a number of space objects that are included in the vast area known as the universe. Among them are stars, planets, and their moons which may form solar systems. There are groups of solar systems which form galaxies and groups of galaxies which become clusters. There are also large super clusters of stars. Astronomers have also identified comets, asteroids, meteoroids, and quasars.

