

## **Across the Cosmos November 2025: Science, Faith, & Ethics - Stronger Together**

This month's column will be short. I realize that the foremost concerns in the minds of most people presently are the affordability of living and health care. On the surface, these are ethical issues that seem detached from the concerns of scientists engaged in basic research. However, now more than ever it is important not to lose sight of the fact that many humanitarian issues will continue to worsen with the erosion of science in our society. I know I'm "preaching to the choir" – over the past several months, I have seen many grass-roots efforts by communities of faith, including CLP members, that demonstrate how science and faith, working together, can be powerful forces for reshaping our world for the better!

Amidst the cuts to science and the shutdown, we at the Planetary Science Institute are continuing our research and outreach efforts as best we can. Science is what we do, and planetary science includes many areas of research that are not just inspiring, but critical to the health of our planet. Recently, our fabulous IT folks have reorganized PSI's website -- please check it out!<sup>1</sup> From the home page, it is easy to navigate to scientific, technical, and educational resources, and to identify experts in different fields of planetary science and astronomy. We also now have a *Planetary Partners* program, which, like NPR, invites folks to become members at various levels, accompanied with appropriate levels of "swag" that include things like refrigerator magnets, 3D printed mementos, signed space artwork, and even lunch with PSI's Director!<sup>2</sup>

The new PSI website also includes links to various community science projects in which everyone can engage. Whether or not you have monetary resources to donate, everyone can help further scientific research by participating in one of these projects. Most immediately, you can assist recovery efforts in the Caribbean by simply participating in *Planetary Response Network: Hurricane Melissa 2025*, which is hosted on the Zooniverse platform.<sup>3</sup>

Until next month,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.psi.edu/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.psi.edu/planetary-partners/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/alicemead/planetary-response-network-hurricane-melissa-2025/>