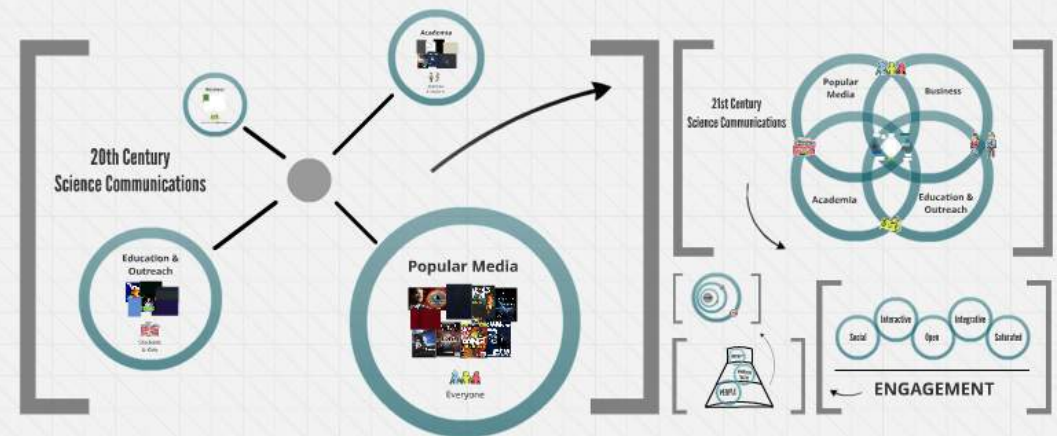


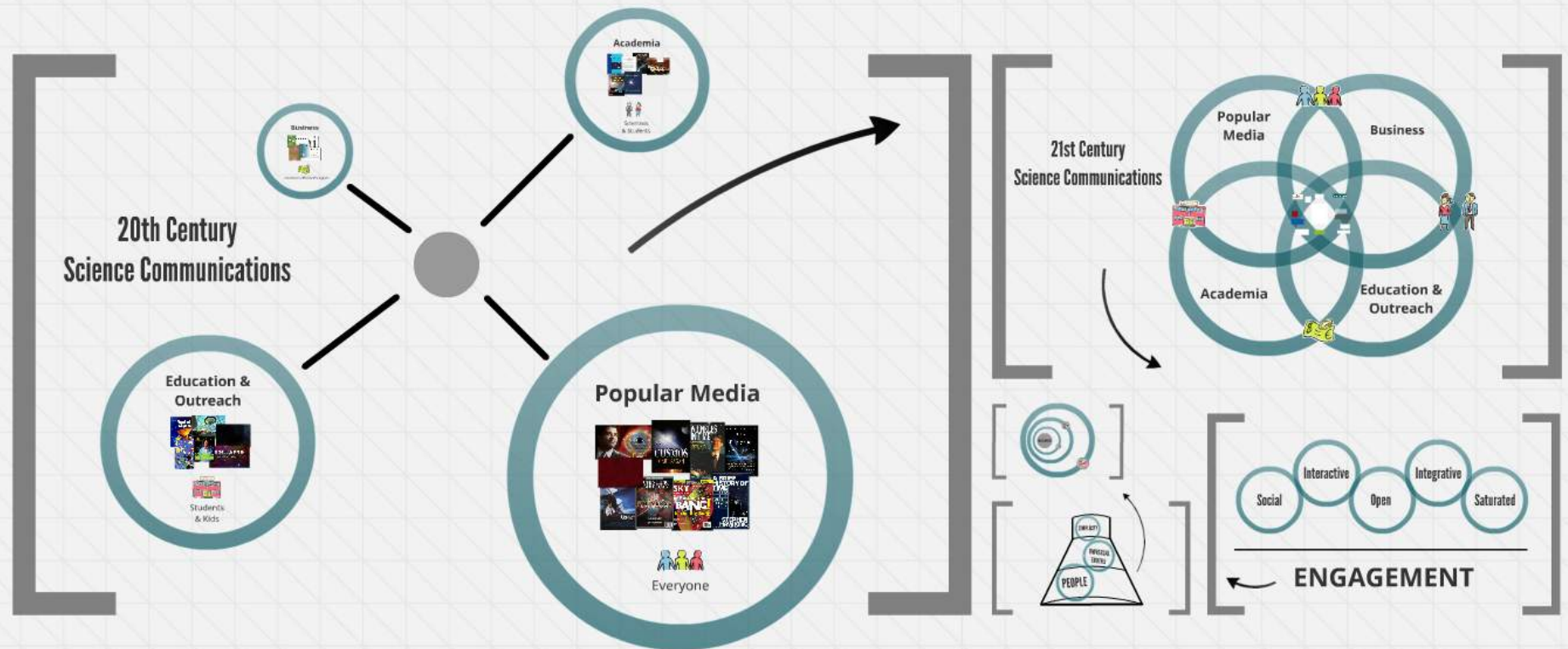
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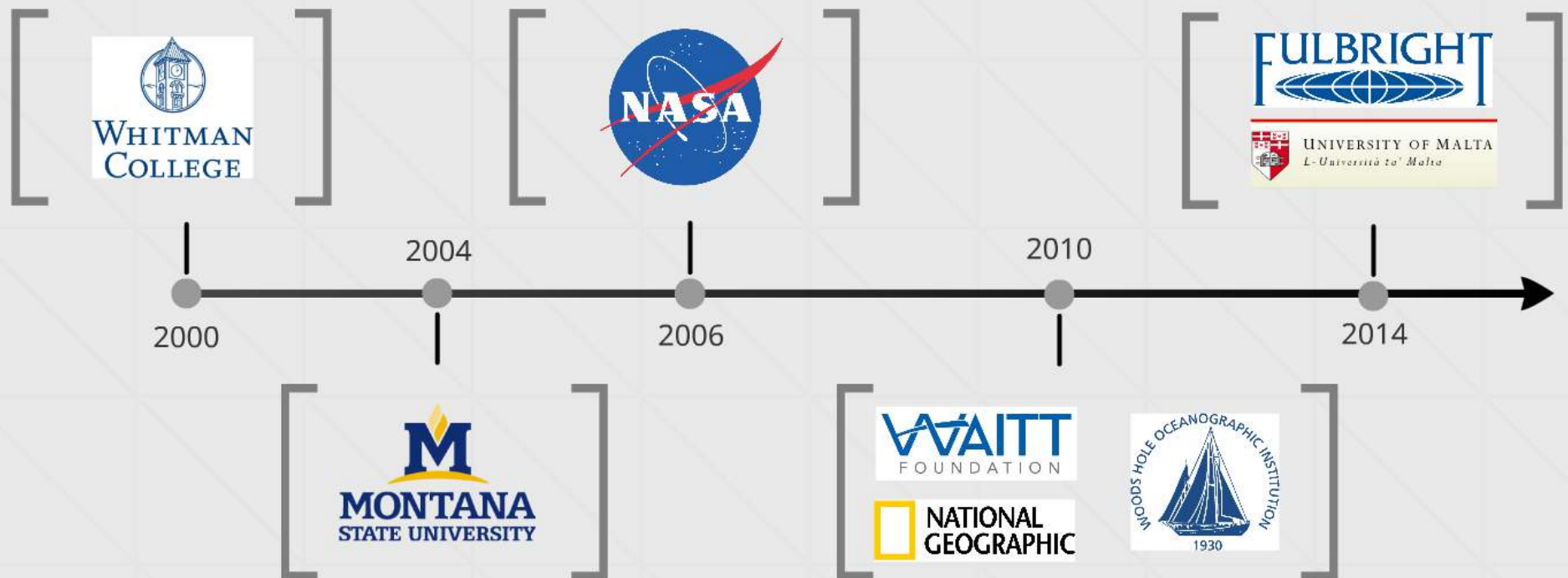


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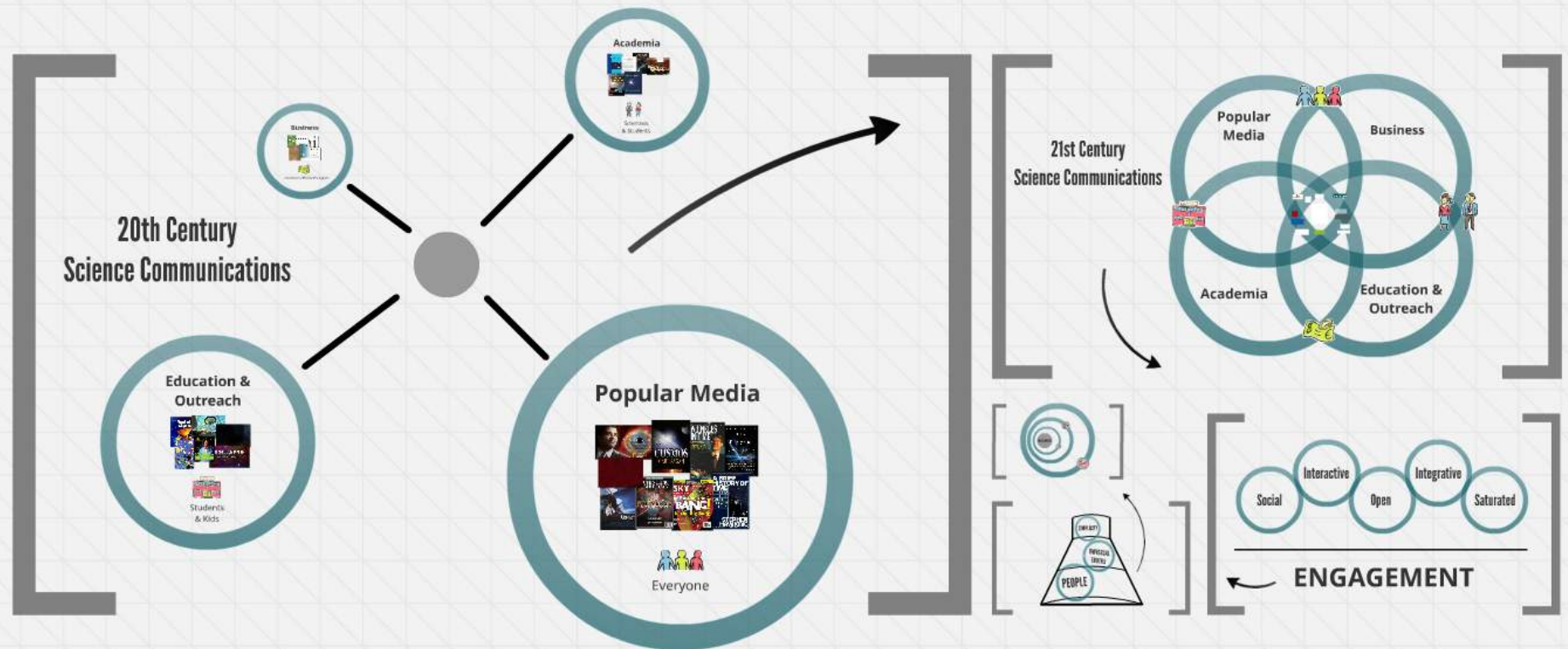


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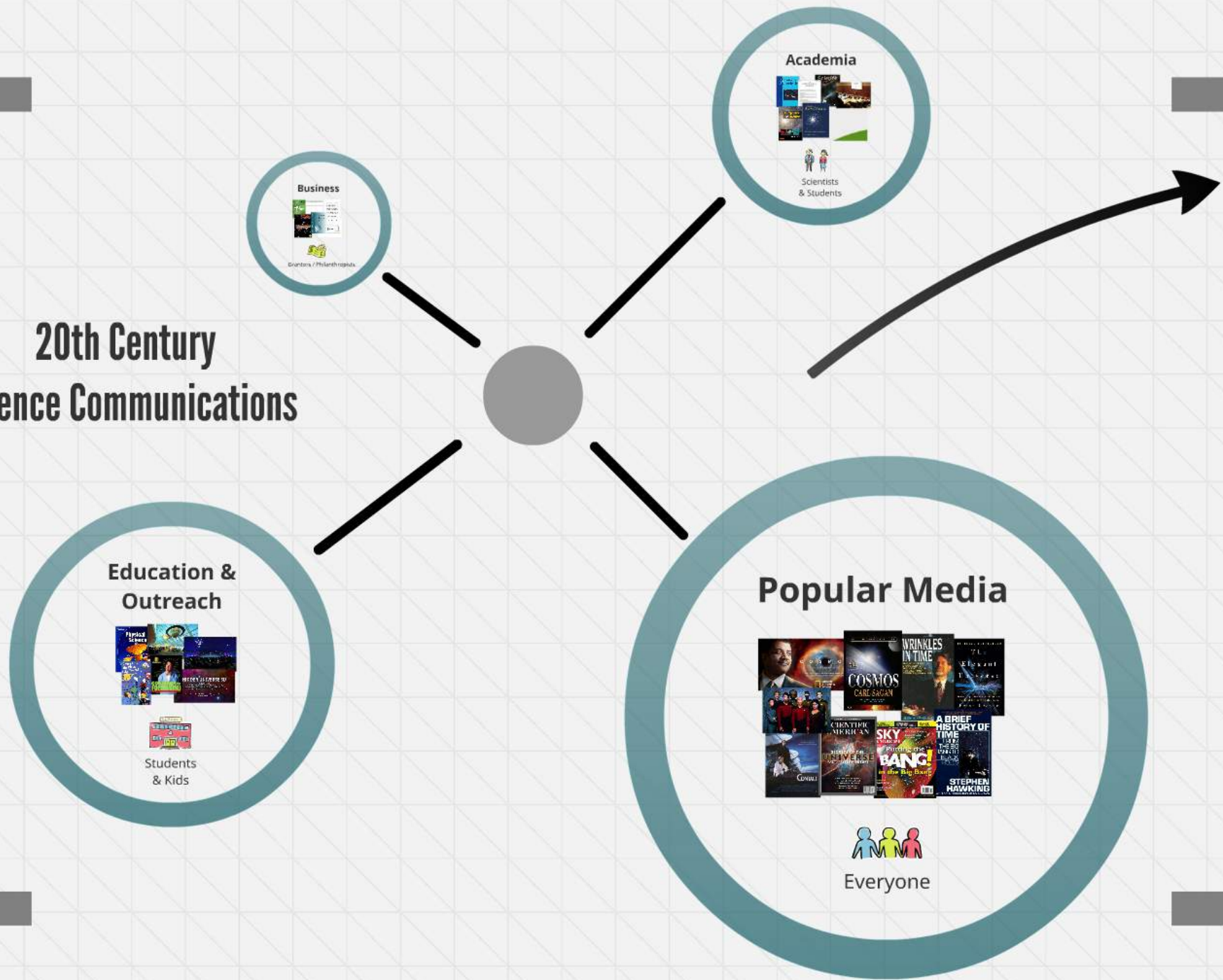


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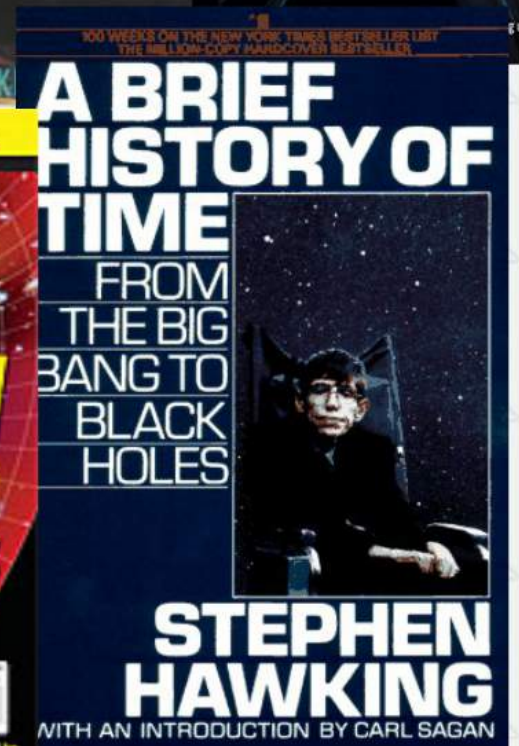
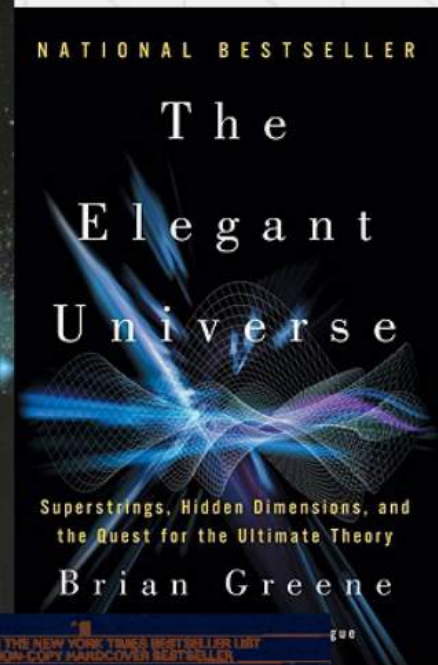
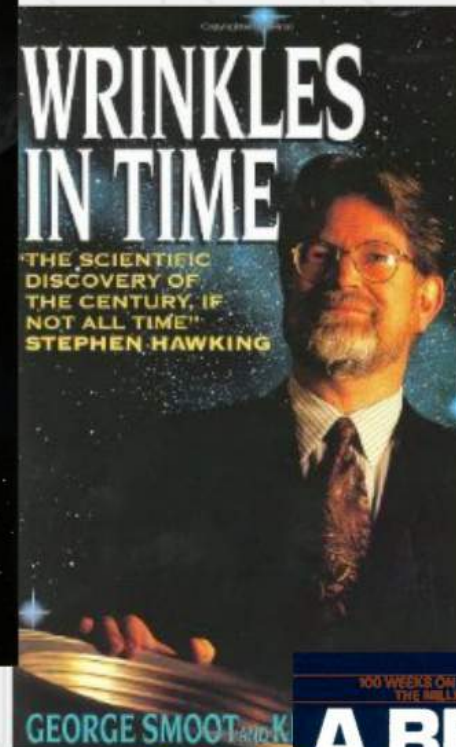
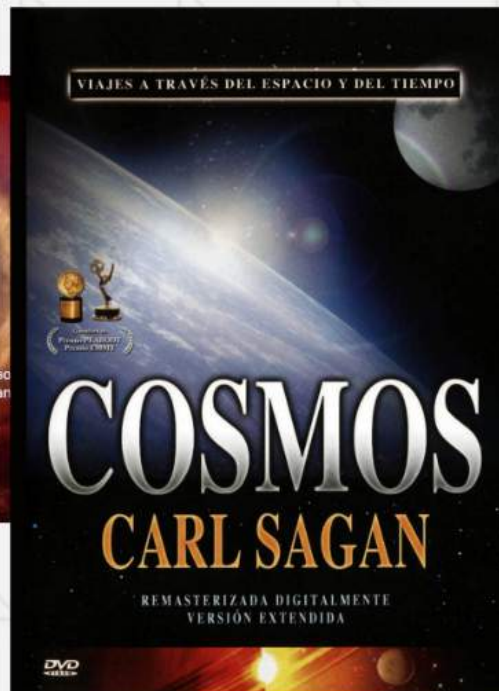
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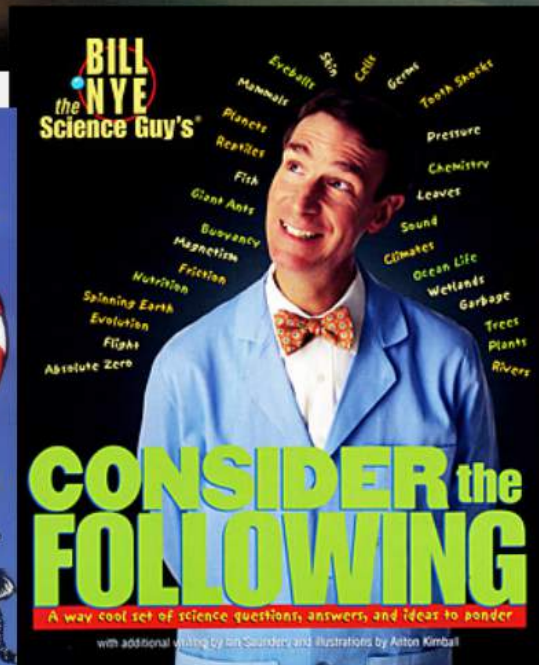
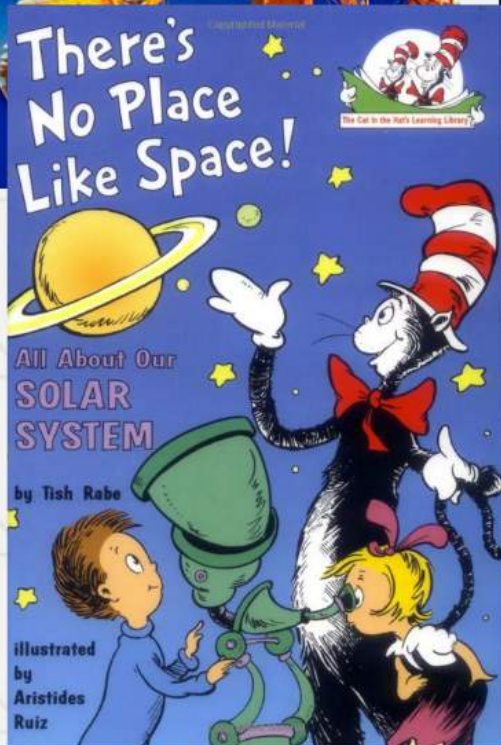
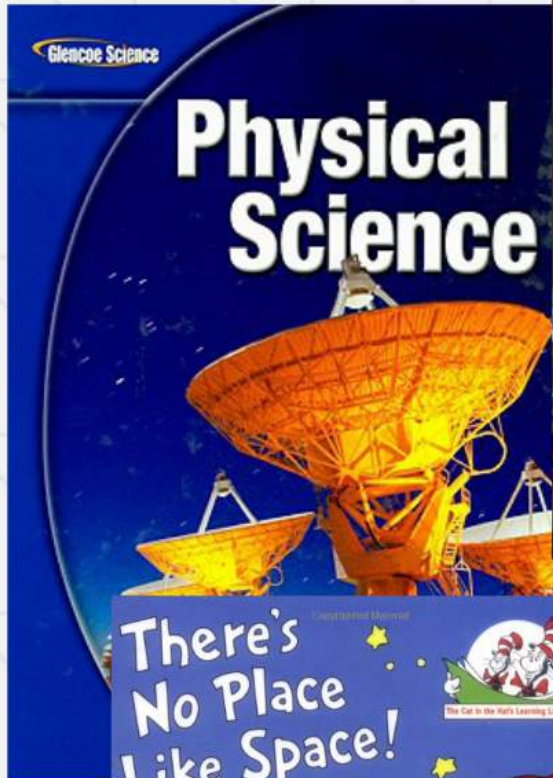
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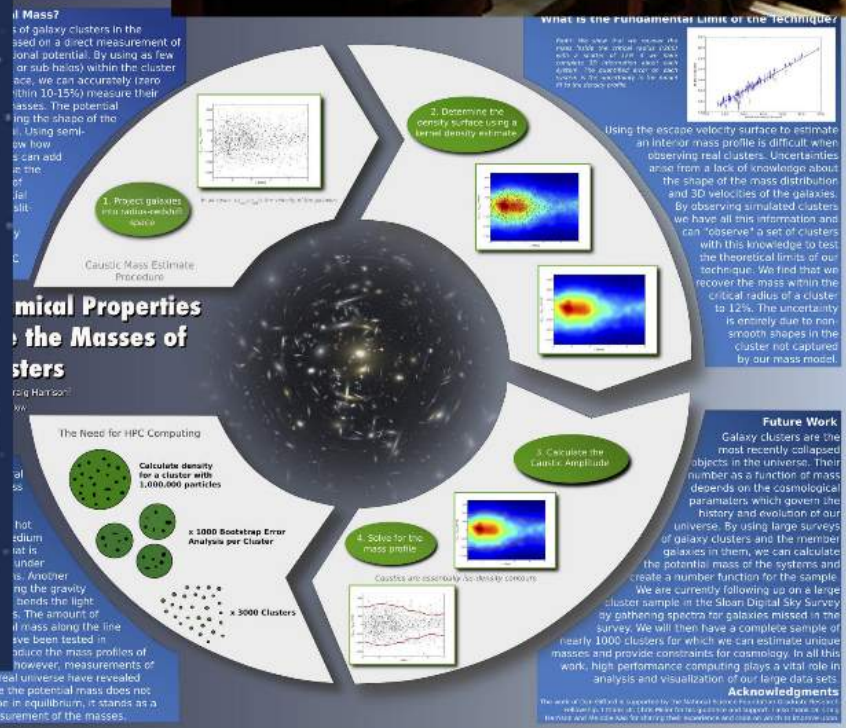
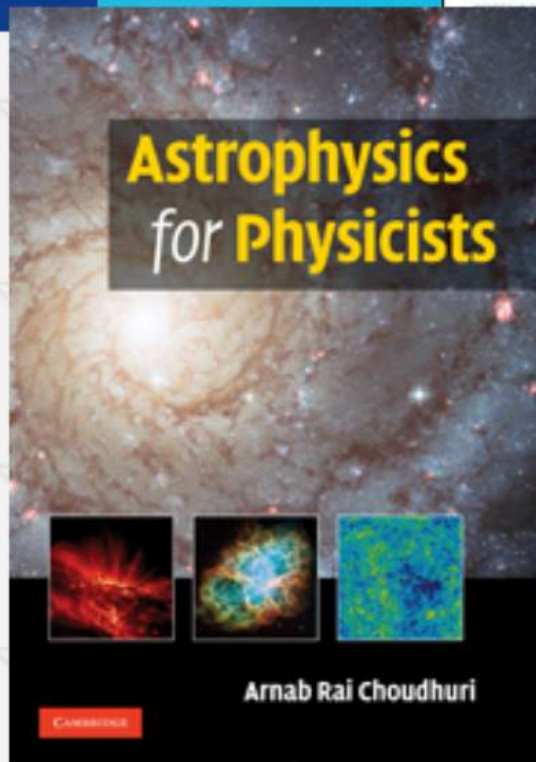
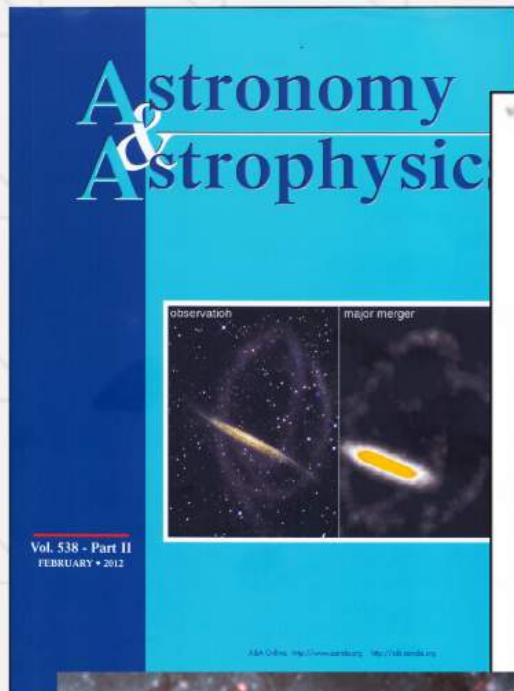
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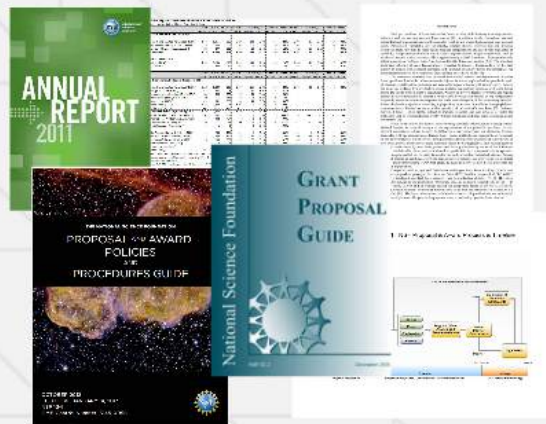
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	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Estimate	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2015 House	FY14 Change Amount	FY14 Change Percent	Request Change Amount	Request Change Percent	FY 2015 Senate**	FY14 Change Amount	FY14 Change Percent	Request Change Amount	Request Change Percent
Research and Development Estimates													
Research and Related Activities (R&RA)	4,840	5,025	5,053	5,108	143	2.8%	142	2.8%	5,080	25	0.5%	28	0.5%
Major Research Equip & Facilit (MREFC)	196	200	201	201	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	201	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Education & Human Resources (EHR)	292	297	312	307	10	3.5%	-5	-1.5%	312	15	5.1%	0	0.0%
Total NSF R&D	5,328	5,522	5,565	5,706	154	2.8%	140	2.5%	5,593	41	0.7%	28	0.5%
R&D by Character													
Product of R&D	4,950	5,103	5,178	5,333	149	2.9%	135	2.6%	5,204	41	0.8%	27	0.5%
Facilities	378	388	387	393	5	1.2%	5	1.4%	388	0	0.1%	1	0.3%
Discretionary Budget (includes non-R&D)													
Research and Related Activities (R&RA)*	5,259	5,809	5,807	5,974	165	2.8%	160	2.9%	5,830	30	0.5%	11	0.2%
Biological Sciences (BIO)*	679	721	709	743	21	3.0%	34	4.8%	---	---	---	---	---
Computer and Information Engineering (CISE)*	856	894	891	917	41	4.8%	51	4.8%	---	---	---	---	---
Advanced Cyberinfrastructure 2/	208	212	222	223	20	4.8%	20	4.8%	---	---	---	---	---
Engineering (ENG)*	820	851	858	900	48	5.7%	41	4.8%	---	---	---	---	---
Geosciences (GEO)*	1,074	1,302	1,301	1,304	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	---	---	---	---	---
Polar Programs 2/	420	433	435	435	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	---	---	---	---	---
Mathematical and Physical Sci (MPS)*	1,245	1,300	1,290	1,358	58	4.5%	63	4.8%	---	---	---	---	---
Social, Behavioral, and Earth Sci (SBE)*	241	257	272	257	0	0.0%	-15	-5.8%	---	---	---	---	---
International & Integrative Activities*	434	482	474	474	-8	-1.8%	0	0.0%	---	---	---	---	---
International Sci & Eng 2/	48	42	49	40	0	0.2%	0	0.0%	---	---	---	---	---
Arctic Research Commission*	1	1	1	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	---	---	---	---	---
Major Research Equip & Facilit (MREFC)	190	200	201	201	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	201	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Education & Human Resources (EHR)	835	847	890	876	30	3.3%	-14	-1.5%	890	43	5.1%	0	0.0%
Agency Op & Award Admin (AOAA)	291	298	318	305	27	9.1%	-11	-3.5%	307	9	2.6%	-11	-3.5%
National Science Board (NSB)	4	4	4	4	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Spectator General (OIS)	13	13	13	13	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total NSF Budget	5,701	6,156	6,160	6,342	641	11.2%	640	11.1%	6,143	43	0.7%	39	0.6%

Source: CBO NSB data, Budget of the U.S. Government FY 2015

Introduction

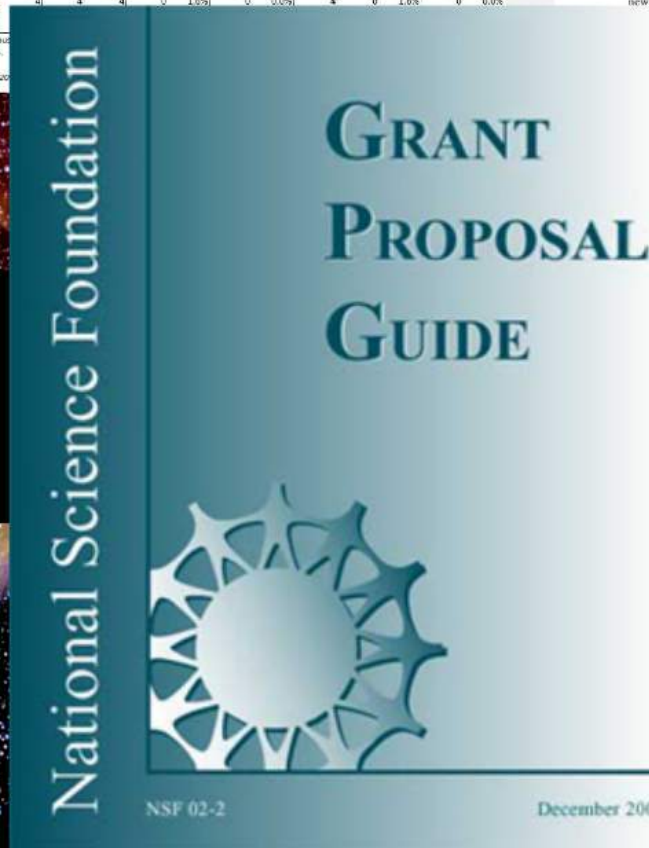
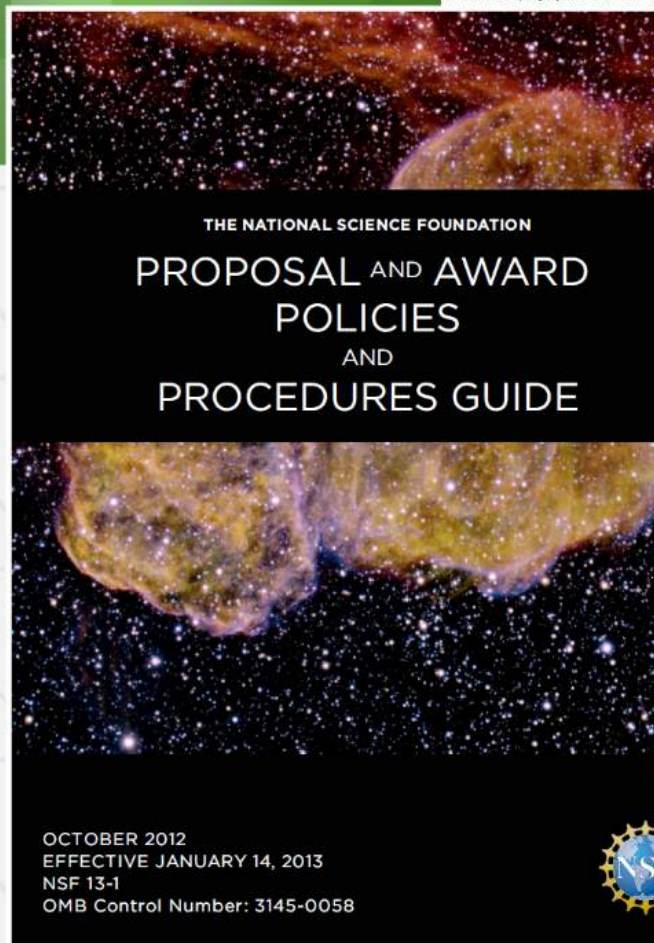
Each year millions of Americans suffer from a variety of debilitating bone-degenerative ailments such as osteoporosis and bone cancer [1]. In addition to the immediate physical discomfort and impairment, such afflictions also result in lost wages, high medical expenses and death. Particularly vulnerable are the elderly, wherein skeletal deterioration and invasive treatments frequently lead to more severe medical complications and accompany high rates of morbidity. Congenital conditions in which skeletal degeneration is a major complication, such as sickle-cell anemia which currently afflicts approximately 65,000 Americans, disproportionately afflict minorities of African, Latin American and Middle Eastern extraction [2,3]. The attendant costs and suffering of bone degeneration is expected to increase dramatically over the next century in tandem with expected increases in the number of senior citizens and minorities. Per annum treatment costs for osteoporosis alone already exceed \$30 billion [4].

The treatments currently used to rehabilitate skeletal injuries and degeneration all suffer from significant drawbacks. Most commonly, injured bones are replaced with a prosthetic made of titanium, cobalt and/or chromium and secured to adjacent bones with adhesives [5]. Injured hip joints are replaced by polyethylene-coated metallic cup and ball joints secured to the femur and to the inside of the patient's acetabulum. Adhesives in vivo degrade over time and require further invasive procedures to maintain. Wear debris between components of hip replacements frequently provokes an immune response that leads to re-absorption of the surrounding bone [6]. Tissue obtained through bone harvesting is plagued by its own set of problems. Autograph-based reconstruction is limited by the available quantity of the patient's own bone [7]. Cadaver-harvested bone is often brittle, subject to immune rejection and can serve as a vector for pathogens such as cytomegalovirus or HIV. Similar limitations and risks apply to allografts and xenografts [8].

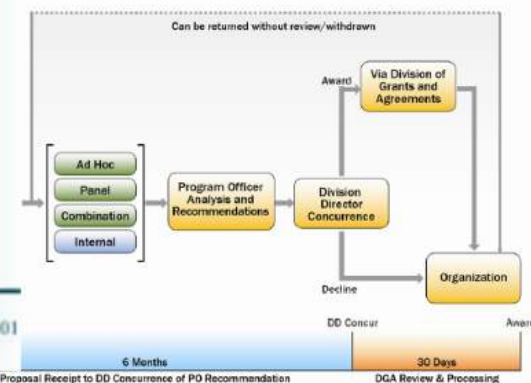
Much research therefore focuses on developing materials and procedures whereby normal skeletal function is restored through in situ regeneration of the patient's own bone. In situ, directed osteogenesis reduces the need for follow-up invasive procedures and eliminates the risks associated with the introduction of foreign tissue. Such a methodology requires the development of bio-active materials which serve as both prosthetics during convalescence and as promoters of new bone growth. Furthermore, these materials should be biodegradable, thus facilitating their

replacement by new bone growth and thereby eliminating the need for follow-up. Additionally, these materials should be producible by a comparatively inexpensive process that can be easily tailored to the medical needs of individual patients. Among a promising candidates for bone-regenerative prosthetics are polylactide-co-glycolide (PLGA) and hydroxyapatite (HAP) that gradually degrade in vivo as new tissue grows into the

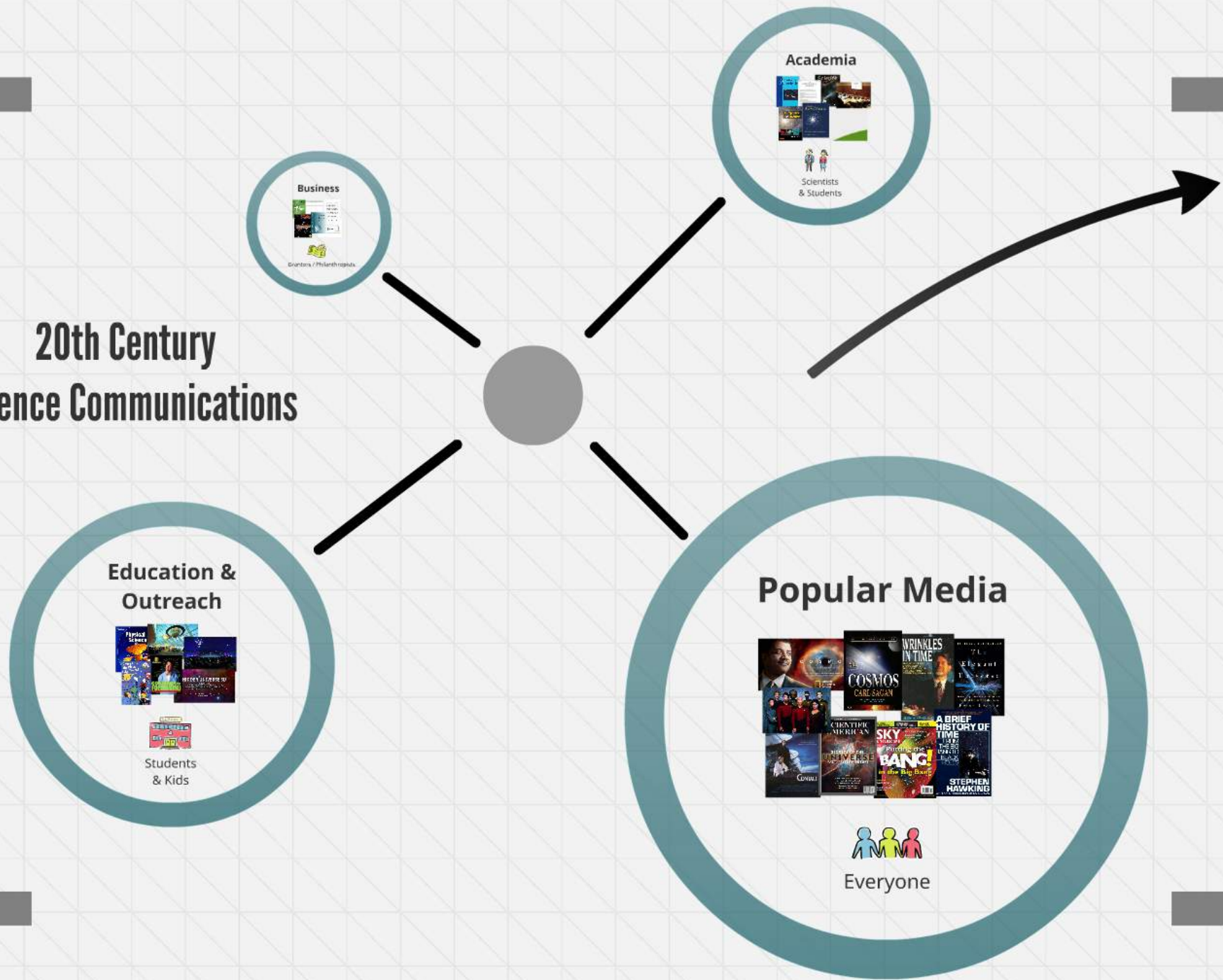
of implantation. Computer-aided design and fabrication techniques have been used by Calvert and co-workers to produce prototype free-form scaffolds (FFS) bundles composed of PLGA-HAP. These scaffolds have displayed excellent bio-conductive and bio-inductive abilities [9,10]. The steps involved in producing and implanting FFS bundle implants is shown schematically in Fig. 1. In search, Calvert and co-workers seeded the component layers of several scaffolds by them in solutions containing bone marrow cells with concentrations in excess of 1×10^6 /ml [11]. The layers thus treated exhibited extensive cell proliferation and substantial matrix synthesis. The goal of the proposed work is to develop dynamic finite element



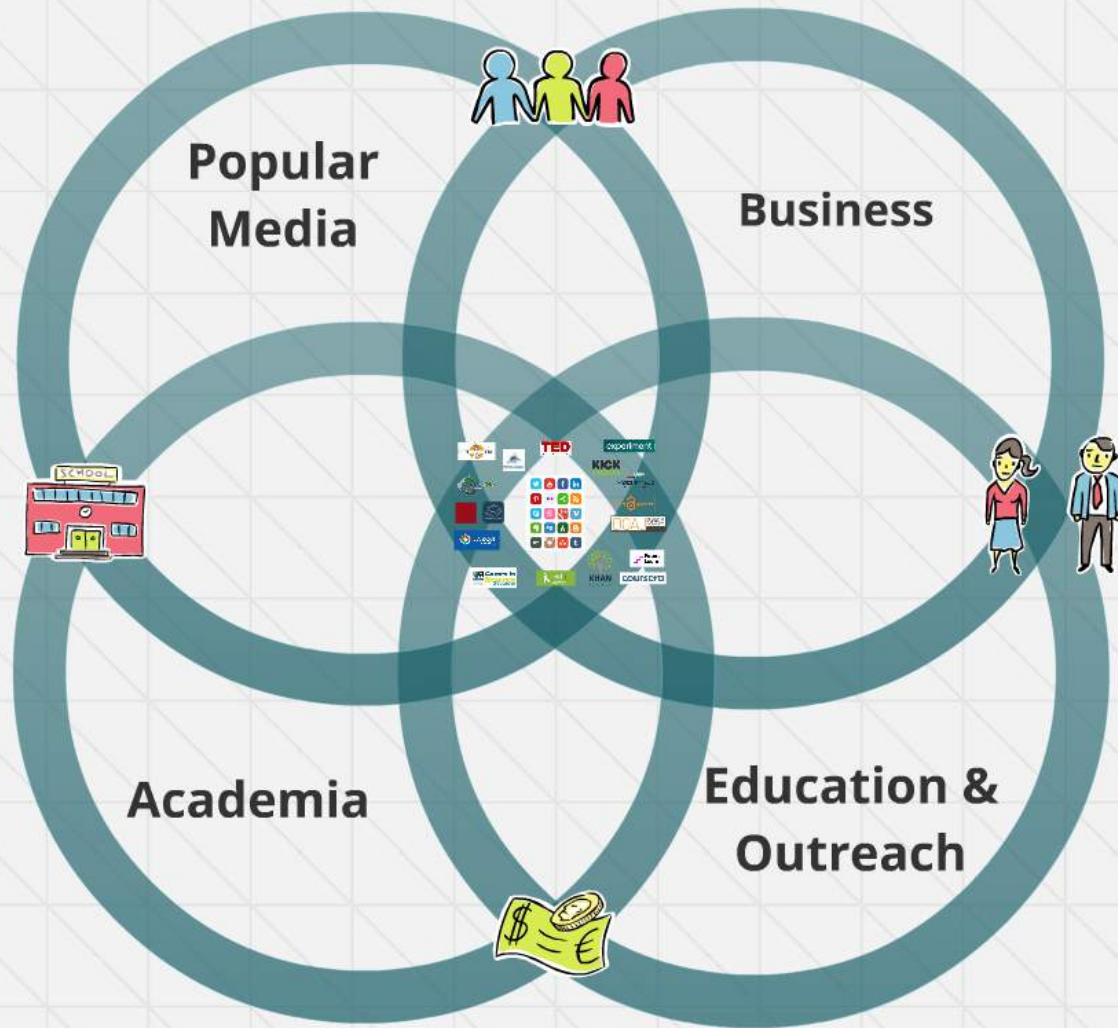
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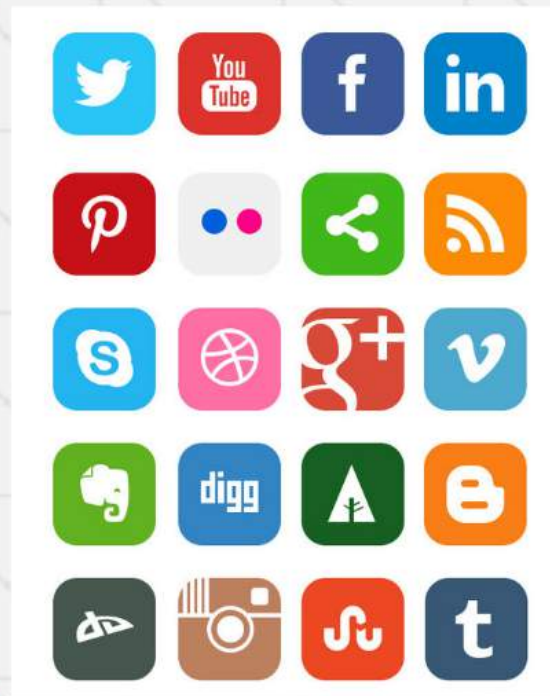


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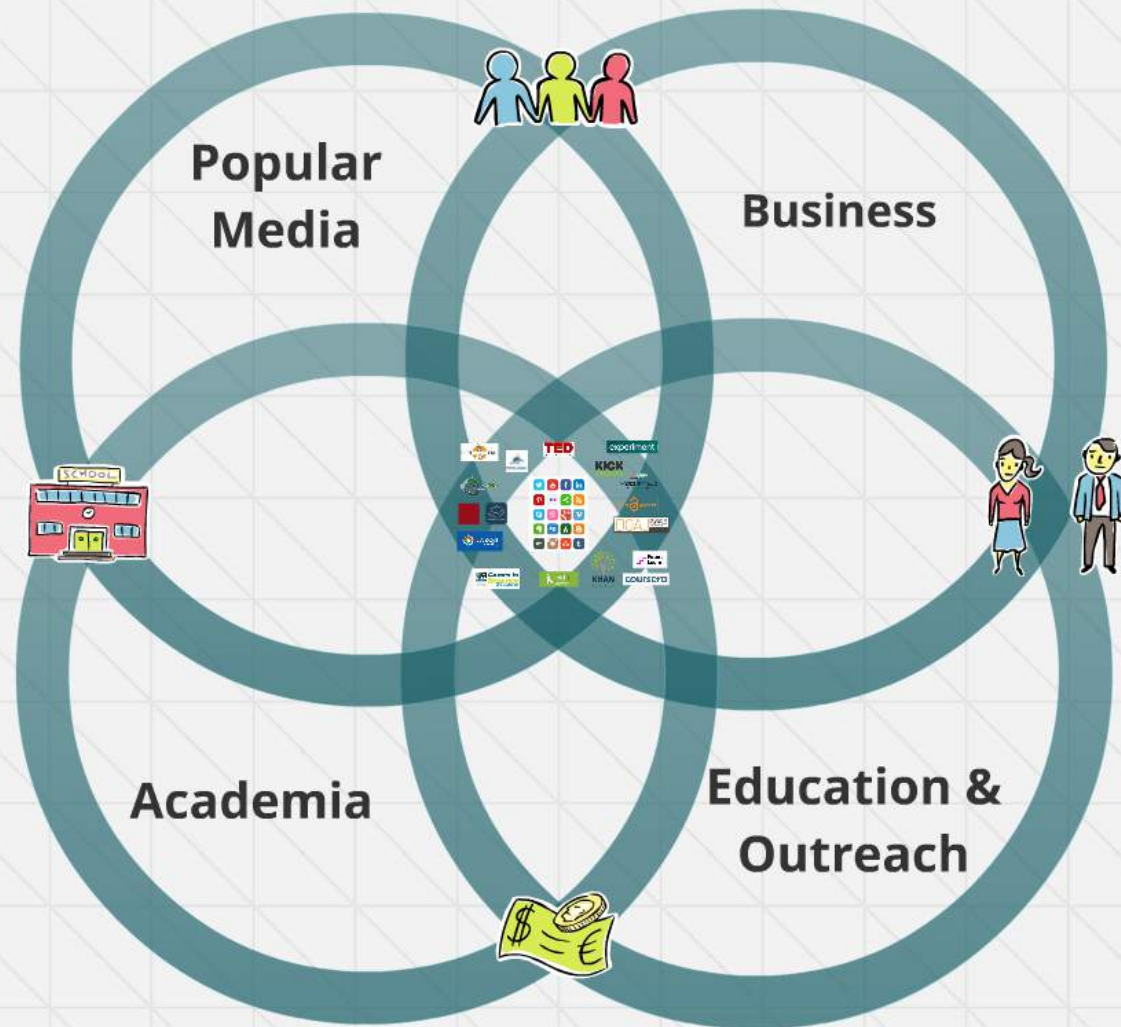


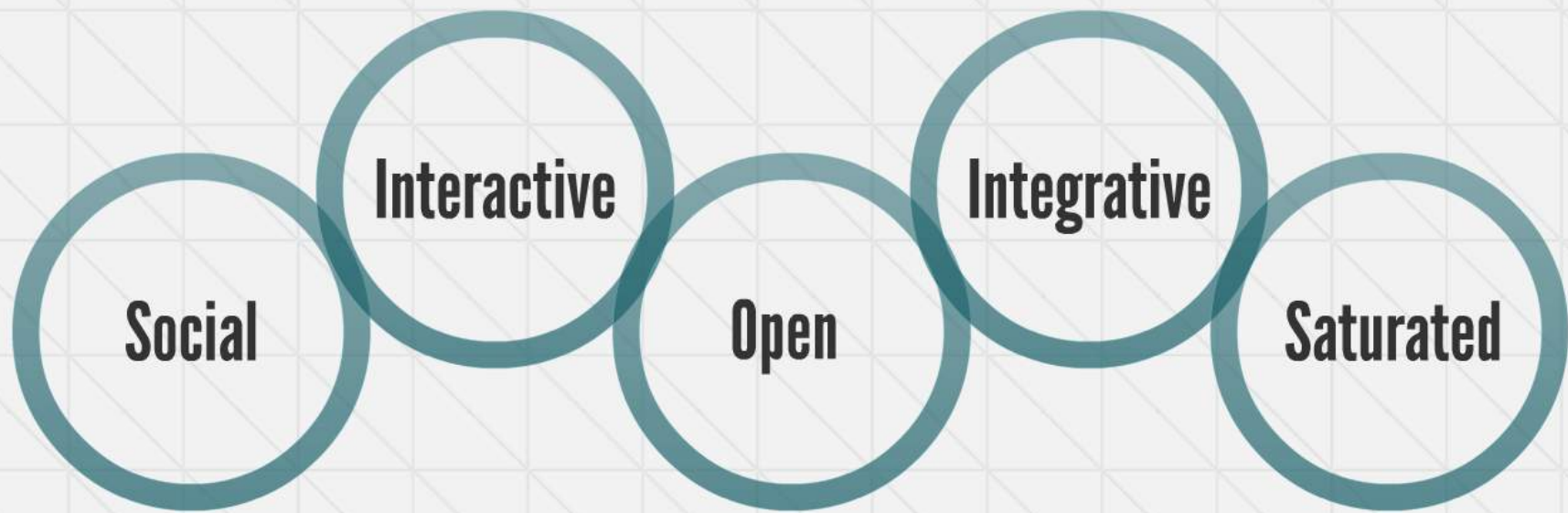


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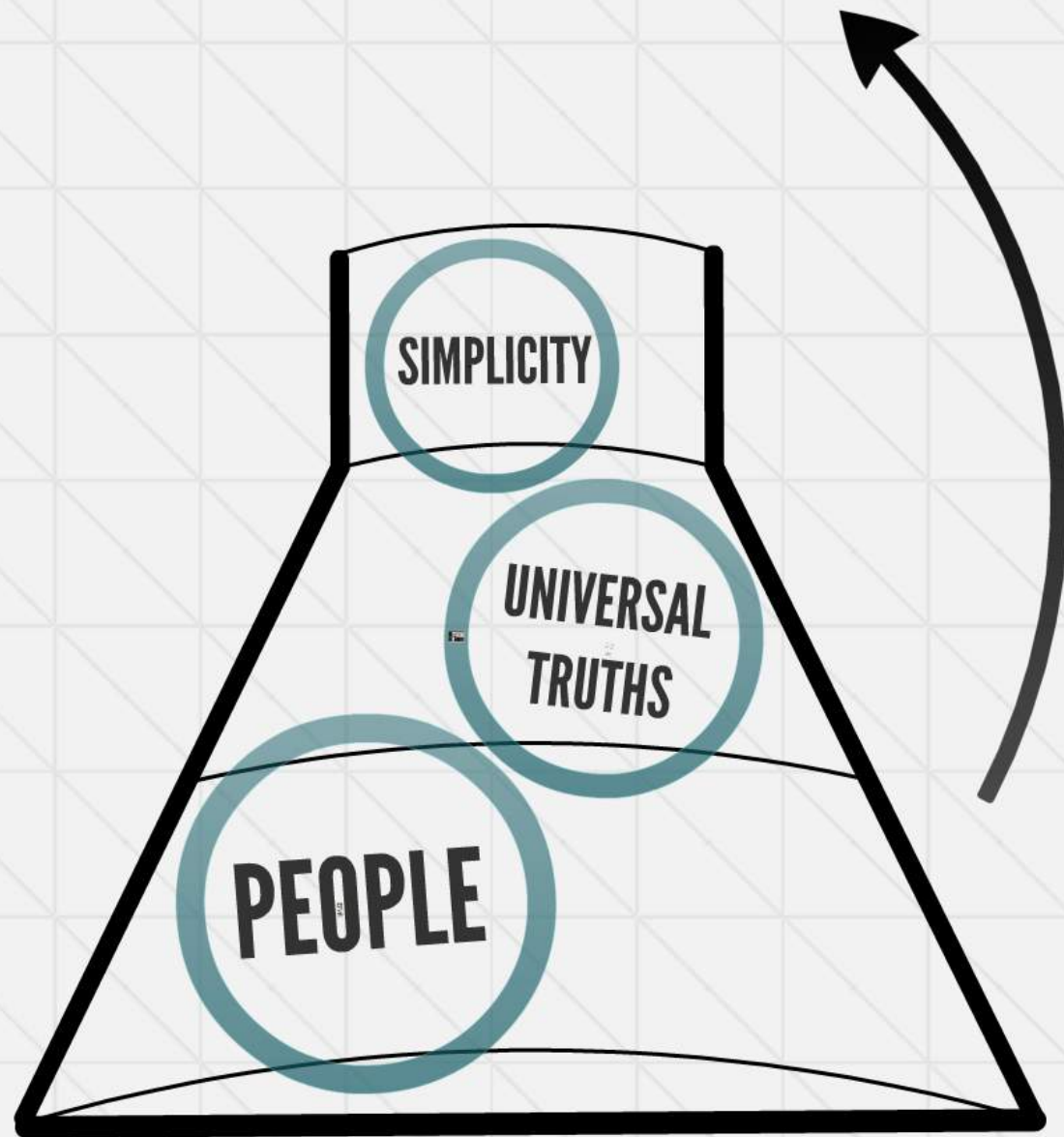


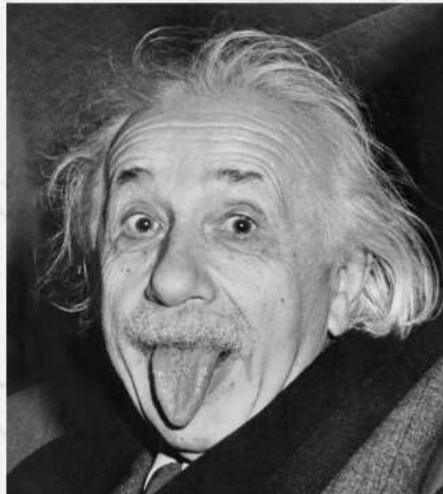
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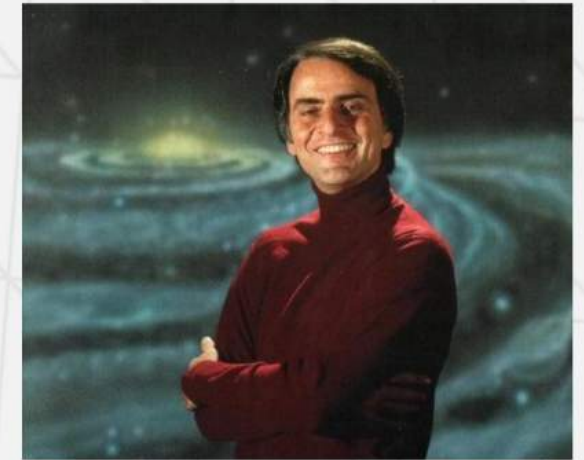


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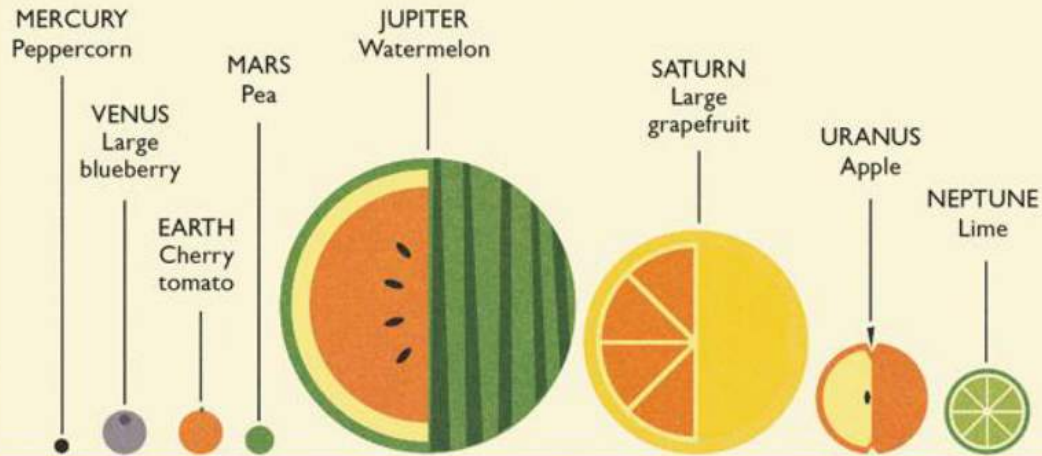




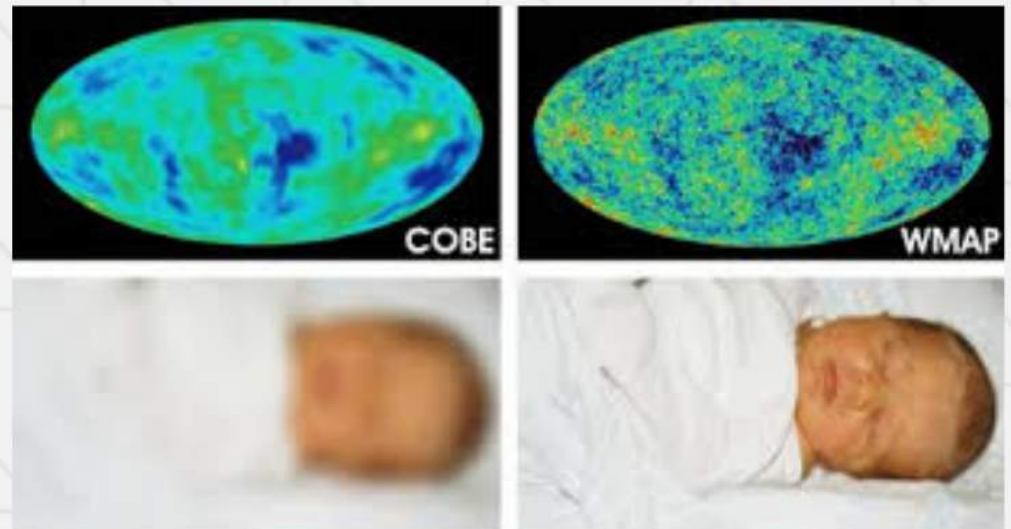
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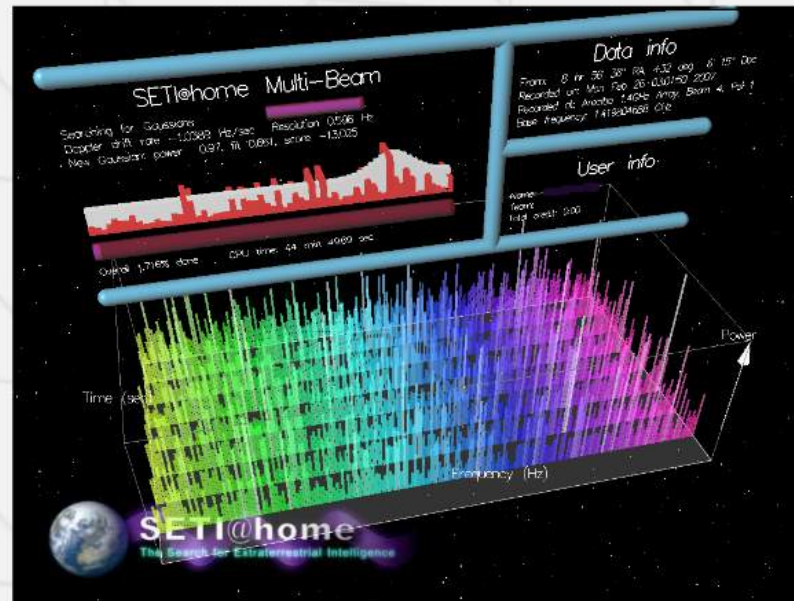


If the Earth was a cherry tomato, what size would all the other planets be?
Of course, they wouldn't be this close to each other. But if the Earth was a cherry tomato in your hand, the Sun would be 500 metres away and 4 metres wide.



Create Human Context





Enable Interaction





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PEOPLE

WHEN I heard the learn'd astronomer;
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me;
When I was shown the diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them;
When I, sitting, heard the astronomer, where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room,
How soon, unaccountable, I became tired and sick;
Till rising and walking out alone that night,
In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

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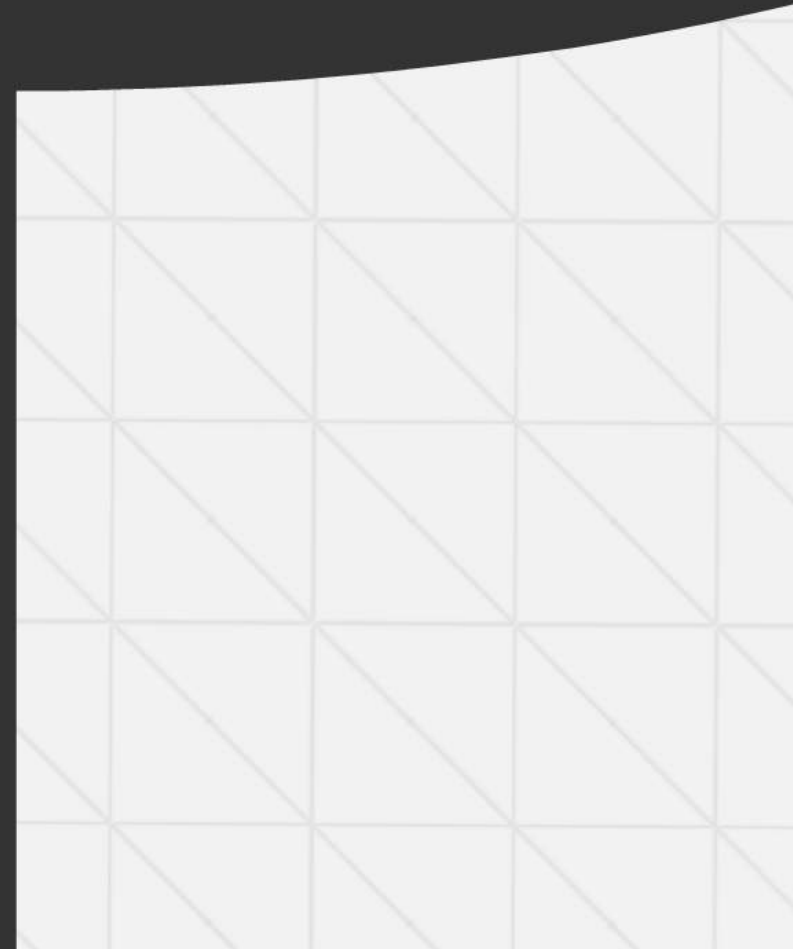
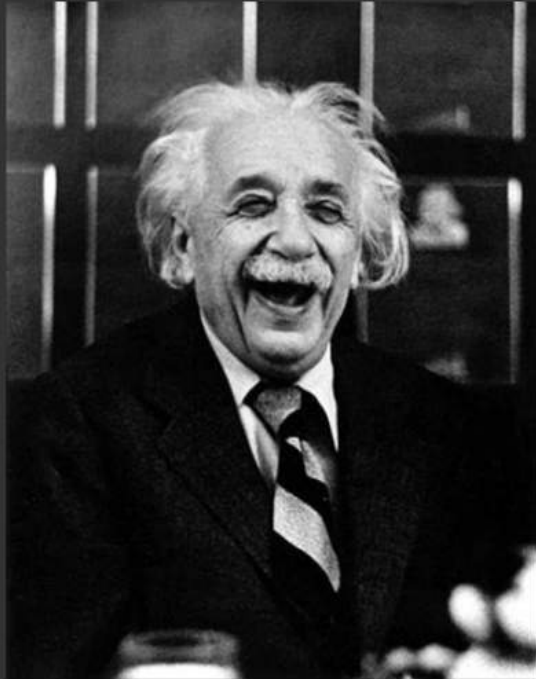
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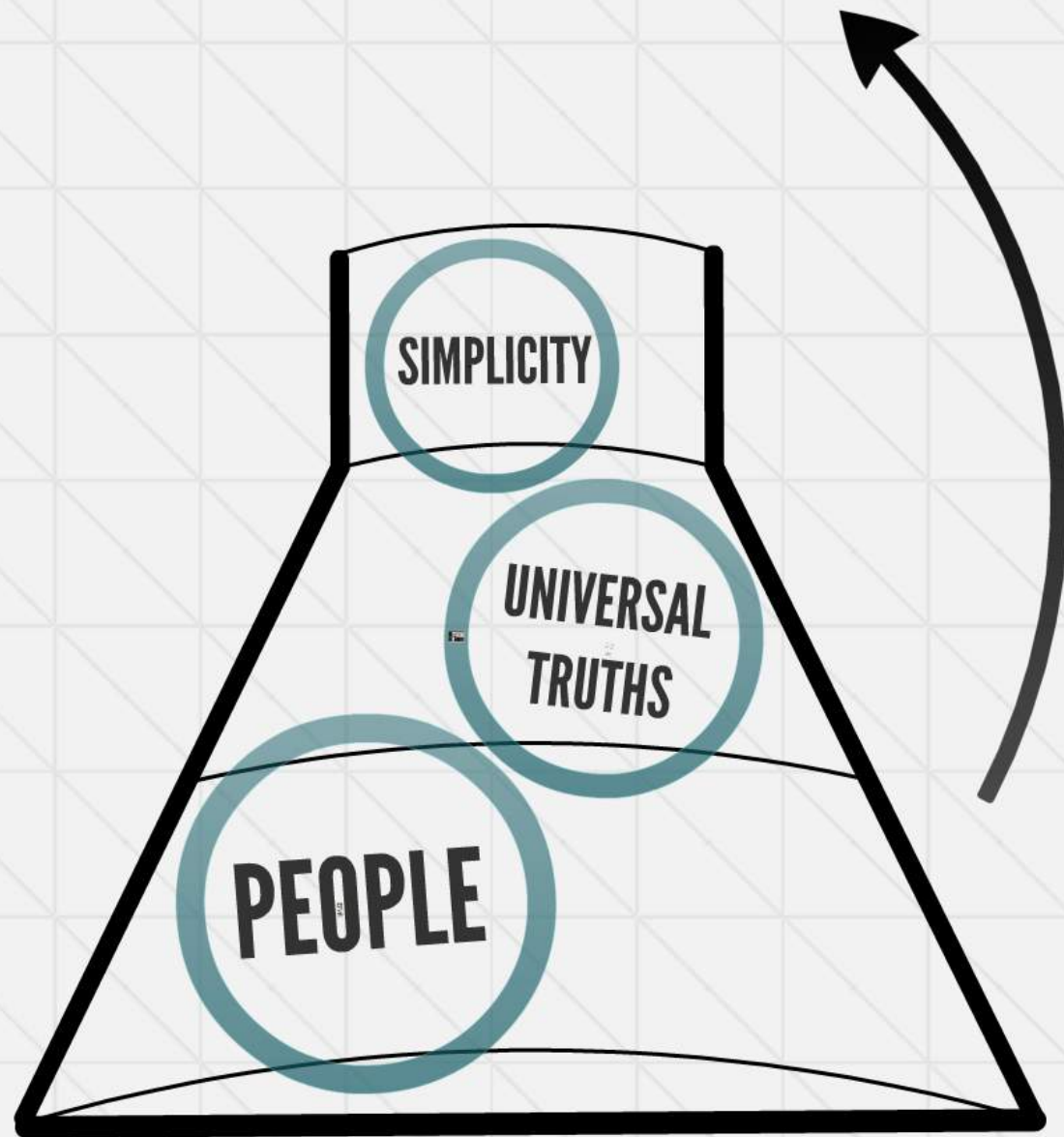


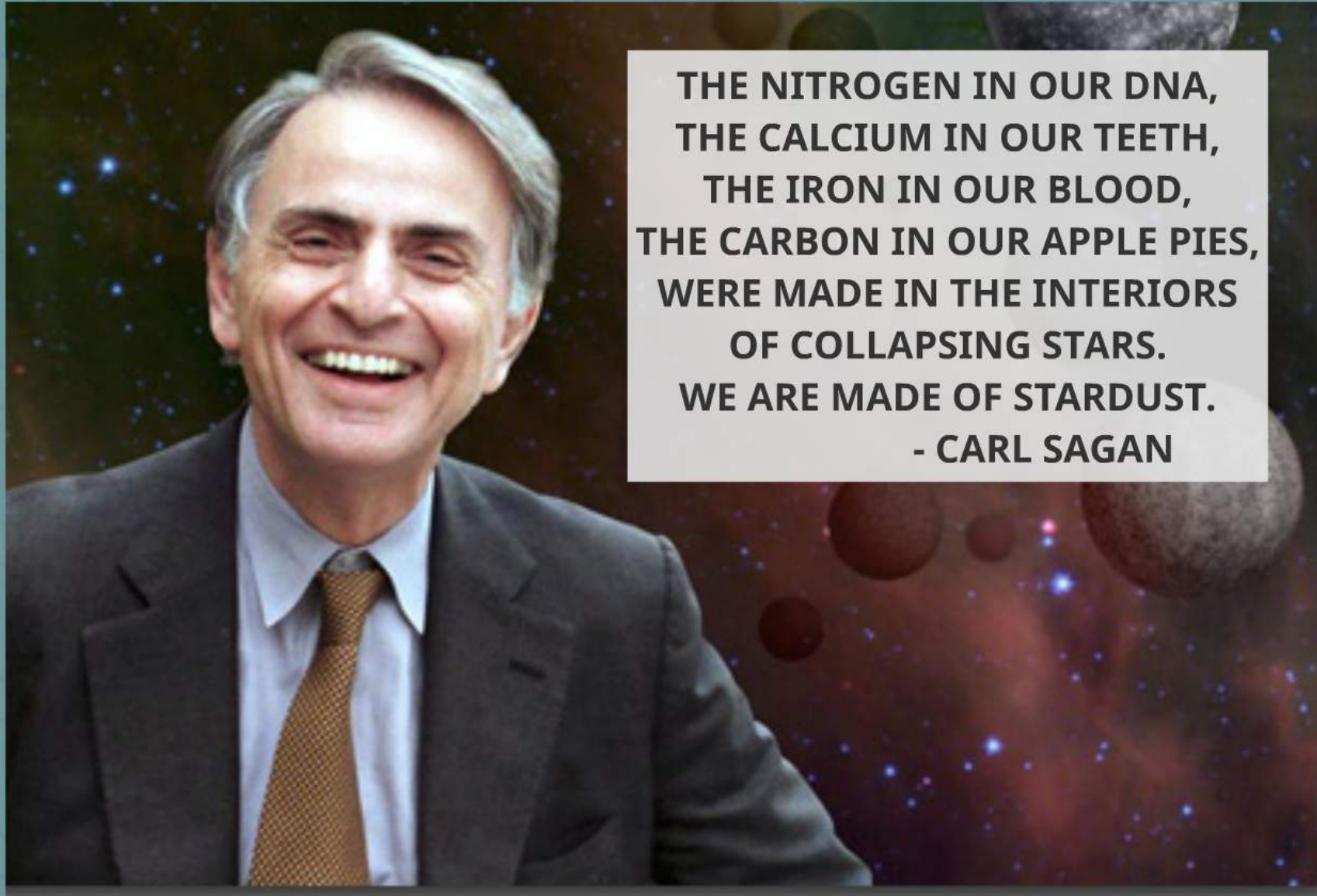
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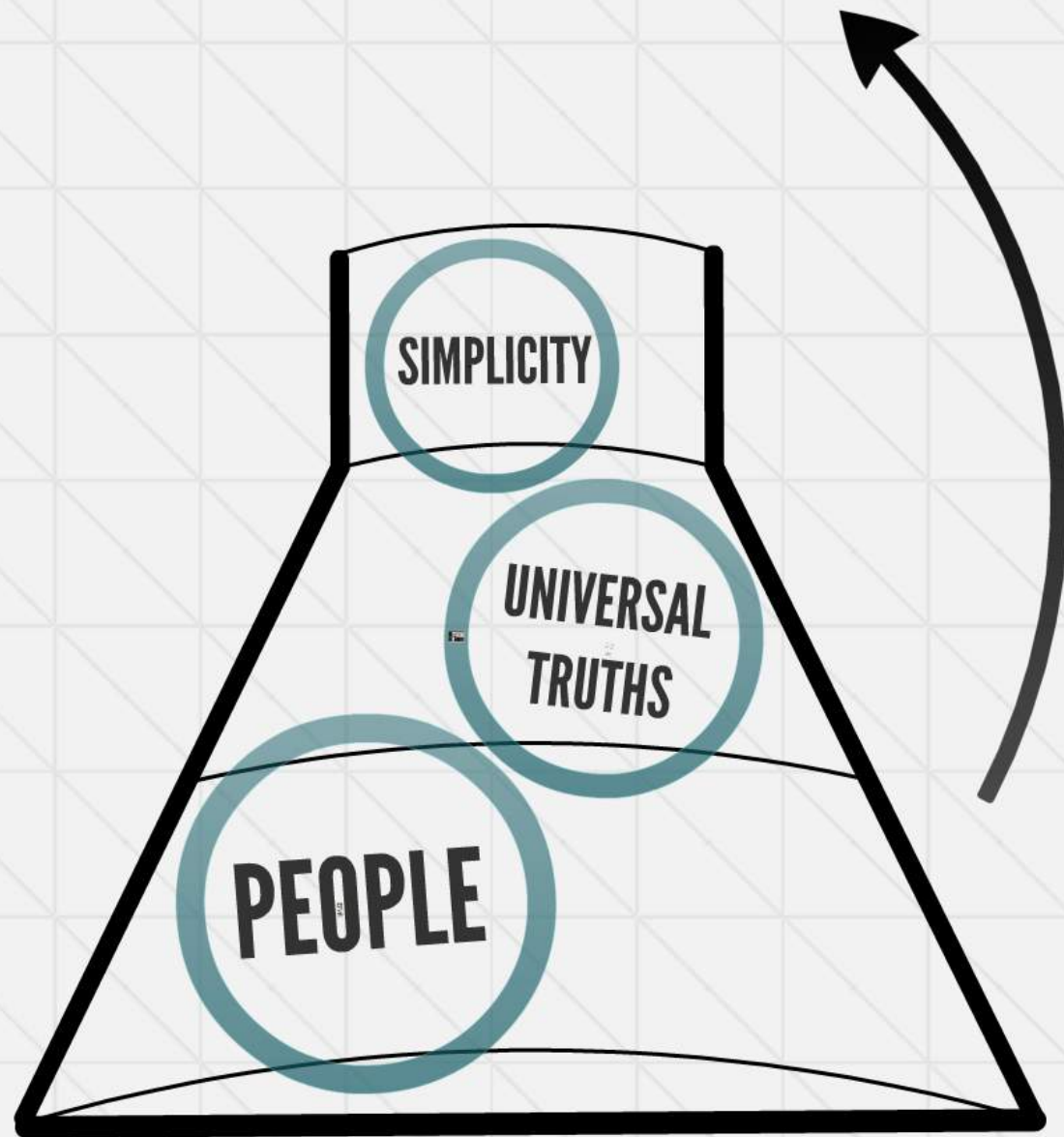
"Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler."







**THE NITROGEN IN OUR DNA,
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WERE MADE IN THE INTERIORS
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WE ARE MADE OF STARDUST.
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