

Message Notes

“Remember where you came from”

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *“Previously on 24, er, Church in Crisis: a study of 1st Corinthians!”*

The Ten Problems in Corinth

Paul’s Heart for the people

“the cross emptied of its power”

Christ Crucified - foolishness and scandal or power and wisdom

This week - Paul’s further attempt to kill divisions

Remember where you came from

1 Corinthians 1:26

Getting a God-centered perspective on who you are - 1 Corinthians 1:27-28

God’s Economy = Upside Down!
Luke 1:46-56

Why would God do pick the weak to shame the wise? - 1 Corinthians 1:29

1 Peter 5:5-7

So, how smart really is God?

1 Corinthians 1:30

Jesus Christ - Wisdom from God

Our benefits

The only possible, acceptable response!

1 Corinthians 1:31

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Application - *“Do the verbs!! Are you thinking and boasting?”*

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**CHURCH IN CRISIS:
A STUDY OF FIRST
CORINTHIANS**



Welcome to the
Church in
Corinth:

The Bridezilla
of Christ!

10 issues Paul has to deal with in this letter to the church in Corinth

- Divisions

- Affairs

- Many in the church who think this is great! “Freedom in Christ”
- People taking advantage of others, even taking each other to court
 - Some like to visit prostitutes in the pagan temples

- Asceticism (not even married sex!)

- Big debates about their pagan religious background

- Worship was mess – disorder, cultural issues regarding men and women, and people getting drunk on the communion wine!

- Charismania and bedlam in their meetings

- Some people in the church do not actually believe that Jesus bodily rose from the dead.



How Paul deals with all of this...

Let 'em have it, Paul!!

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – ⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

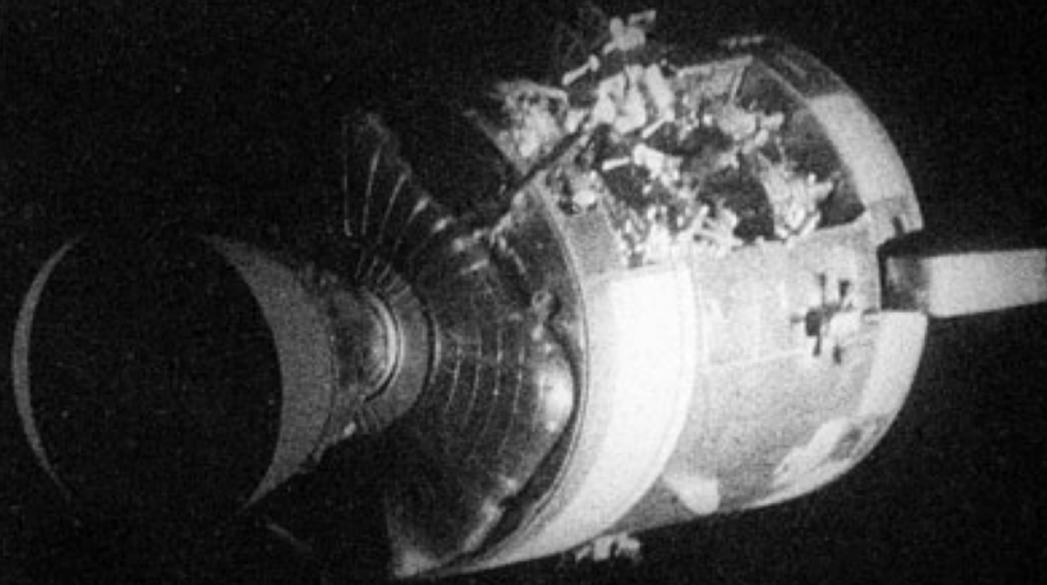
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¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

I follow Paul!!



I'm an Apollos man!!



Cephas was mentioned in Matt. 16:18!!

Ok, let's forget about 5 verses later...



*“Oh Yeah! We’ll I’m better than all of
you. I follow Christ!”*


HOLIER
↑ THAN ↑ THOU


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¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized into my name.

¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” [Isaiah 29:14]

²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.

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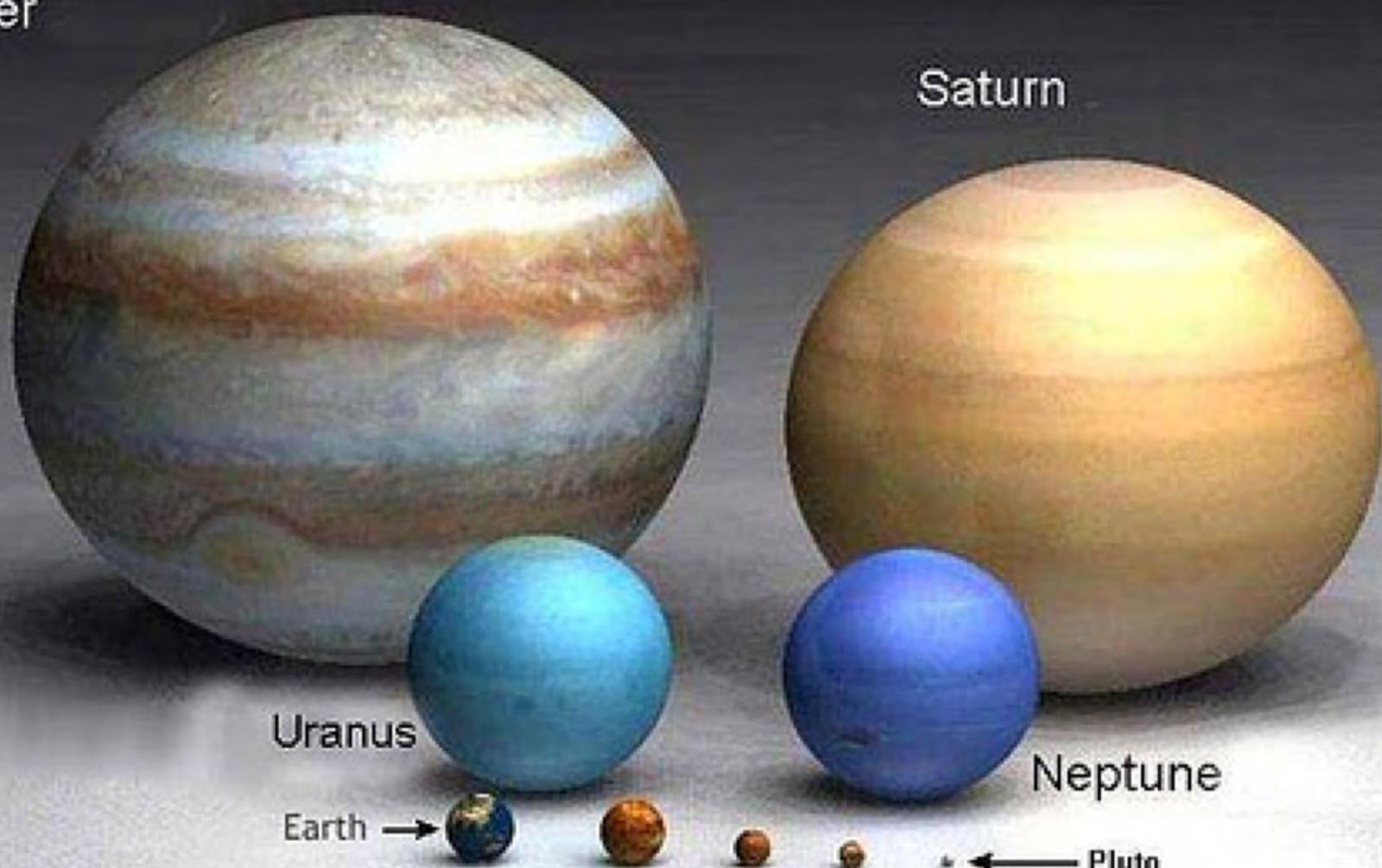
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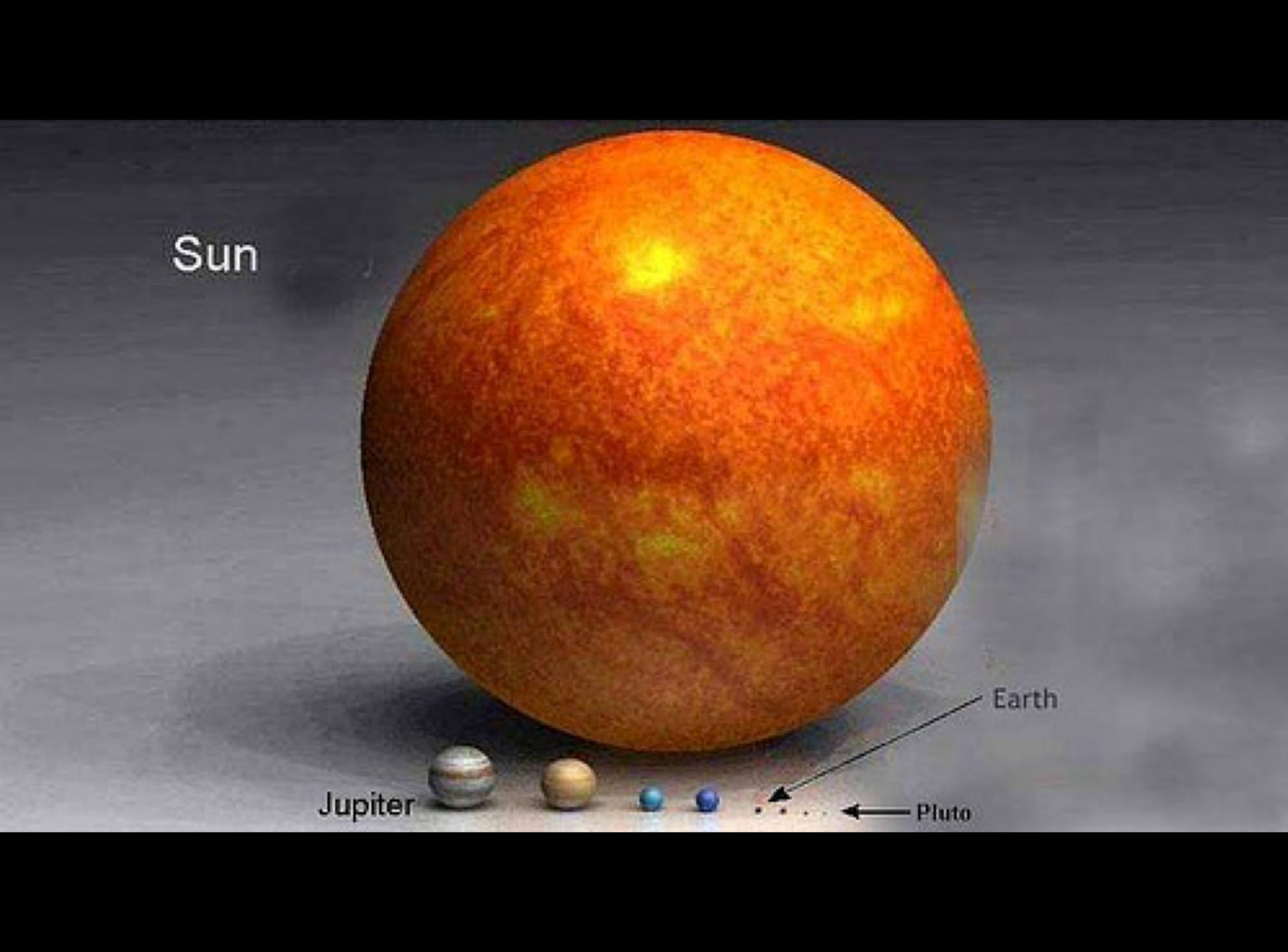


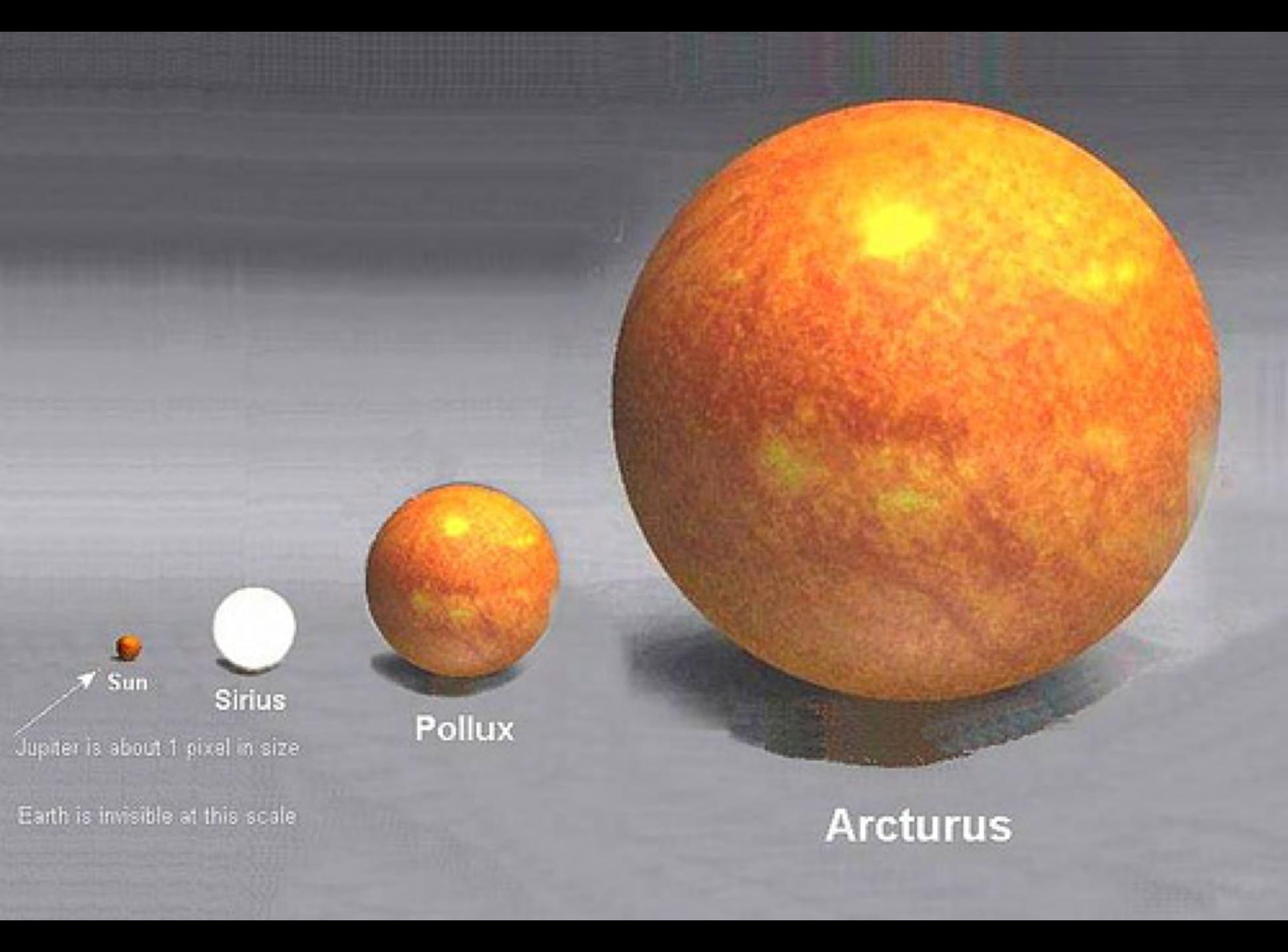
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Application – do the verbs!

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