

Colossians 1:15-23  
**Believe The Truth About Jesus**



Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary

The false teachers in Colossae, like the false teachers of our own day, would not deny the importance of Jesus Christ. They would simply dethrone Him, giving Him prominence but not preeminence. In their philosophy, Jesus Christ was but one of many “emanations” that proceeded from God and through which men could reach God.

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# 1. Jesus Perfectly Expresses The Father (v15)



F.F. Bruce

To call Christ the image of God is to say that in Him the being and nature of God have been perfectly manifested —that in Him the invisible has become visible.

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## Hebrews 1

NLT

**3** The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

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## John 1

NLT

**17** For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.

**18** No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.



## John 14

NLT

**8** Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

**9** Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?”



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# **1. Jesus Perfectly Expresses The Father** **(v15)**



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## **2. Jesus Is The Creator And Purpose Of All Things** **(v15-17)**



## Philippians 2

NLT

- 9** Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,
- 10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## **2. Jesus Is The Creator And Purpose Of All Things** **(v15-17)**





Hubble captured this detailed view of Saturn while the planet orbited 839 million miles from Earth.  
Credit: NASA 2020

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Earth as viewed from the Cassini spacecraft.  
Credit: NASA 2013

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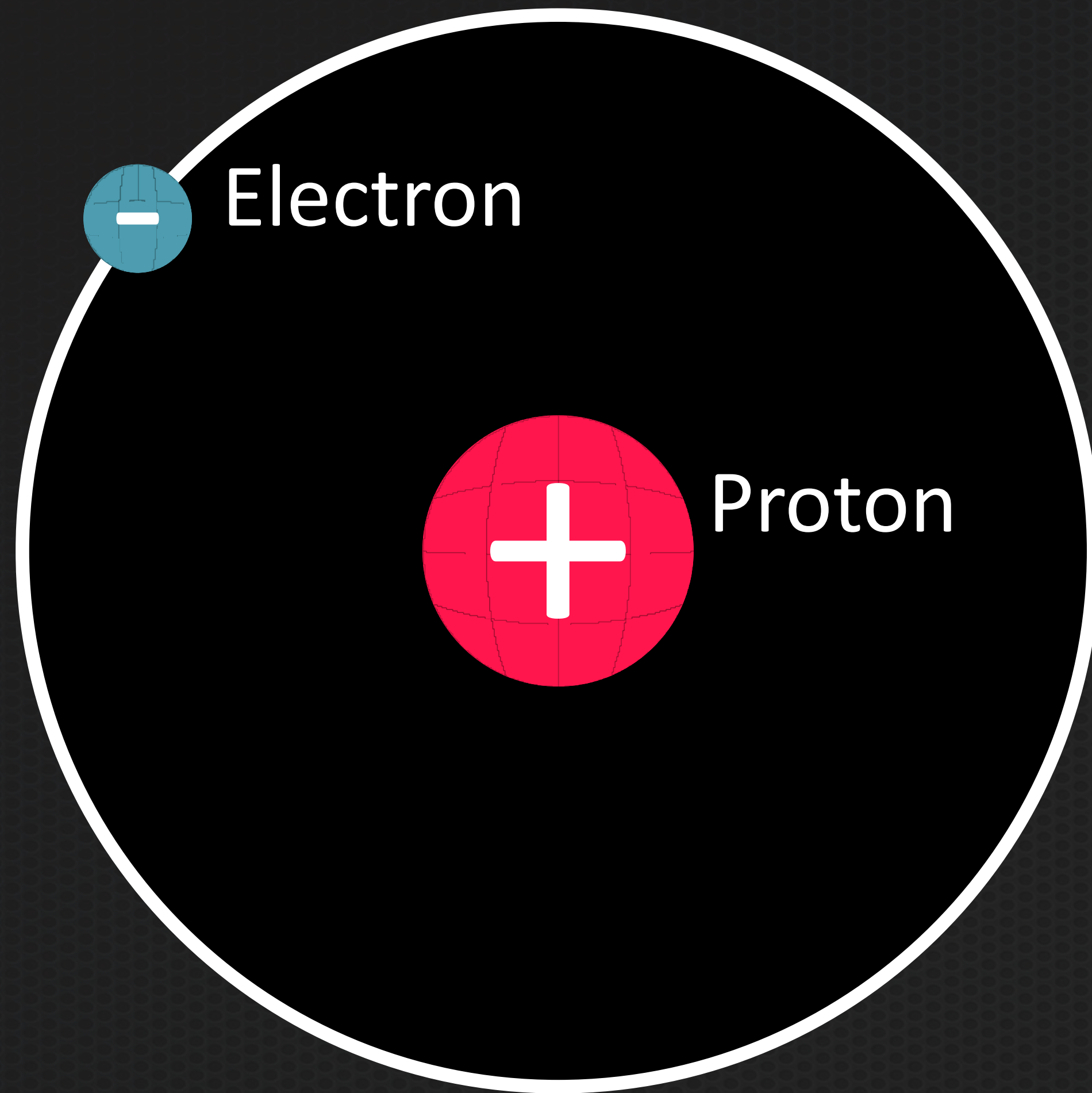


More than 20,000 tiny galaxies appear across the black background of space.  
Most galaxies are so distant they appear as single points of light.  
Credit: NASA 2023, James Webb Telescope

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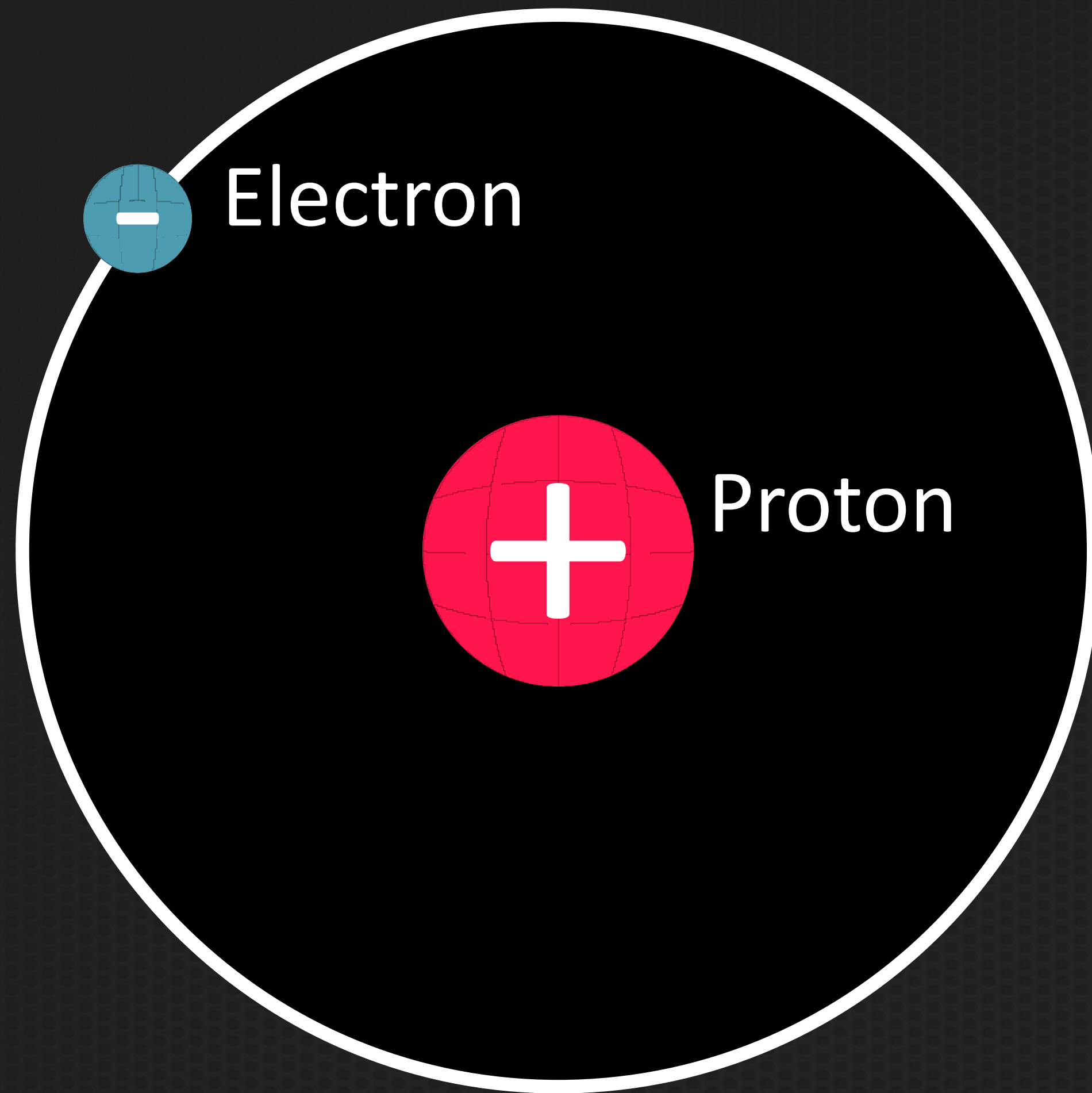


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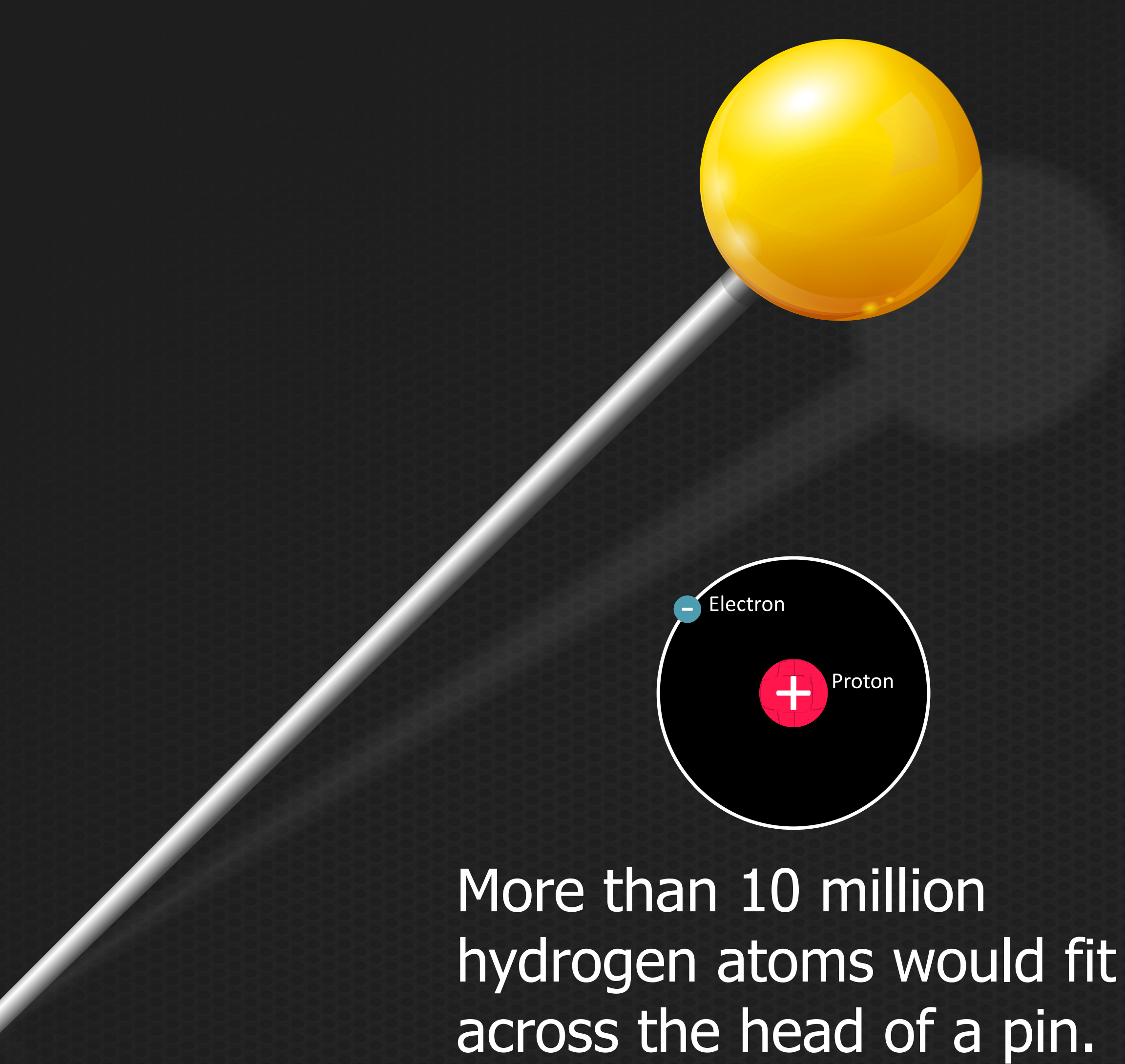
# Hydrogen Atom



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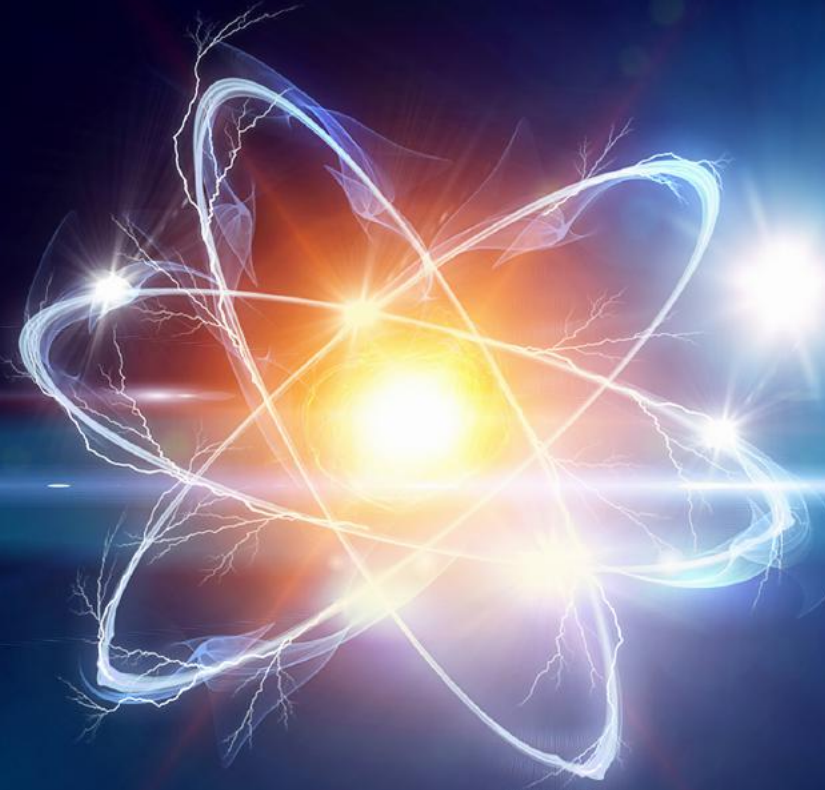
More than 10 million  
hydrogen atoms would fit  
across the head of a pin.

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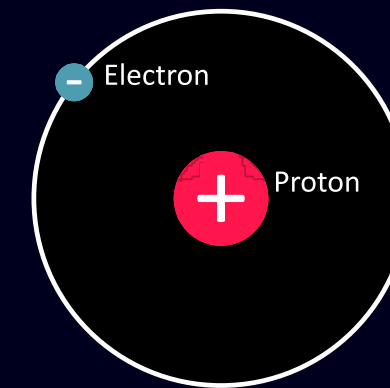
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Atoms in an average adult: 7 Octillion  
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aka Seven Billion Billion Billion



Hydrogen atoms in an average adult:  
4,600,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000



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# **3. Jesus Is The Head Of The Church For Eternity** **(v18)**



Each Christian is a member of this spiritual body, and Jesus Christ is the Head. In Greek usage, the word head meant “source” and “origin” as well as “leader, ruler.” Jesus Christ is the Source of the church, His body, and the Leader.



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# **4. Jesus Lives In Full Deity And Full Humanity** **(v19)**



## Colossians 2

NLT

**9** For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

**10** So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

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**4. Jesus Lives In Full Deity And Full Humanity**  
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## Hebrews 4

NLT

**15** This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

**16** So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.



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# **5. Jesus Is The Only Path To Peace With God** **(v20-23)**



## John 14

NLT

**6** Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

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The church today desperately needs the message of Colossians. Some people try to take the best from various religious systems and manufacture their own private religion. To many people, Jesus Christ is only one of several great religious teachers, with no more authority than they. He may be prominent, but He is definitely not preeminent.



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## Hebrews 2

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**1** So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

**2** For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished.

**3** So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak?

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The strongest faith in self-effort, or in the church, or in religious observances would leave the soul forever lost. But the feeblest faith in the Christ who died and rose again saves eternally.

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