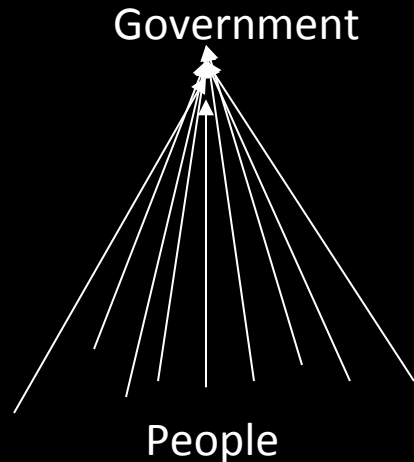

Citizens in the Kingdom of Christ

*“For He has rescued us from the
domain of darkness, and transferred
us to the kingdom of His beloved
Son.” (Colossians 1:13)*

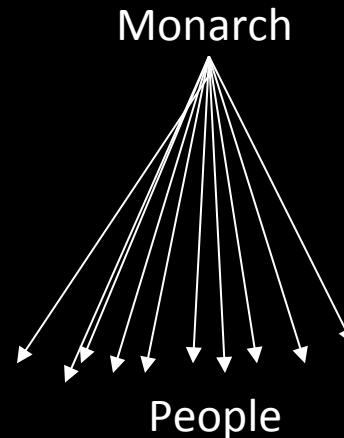
Democracy



People have all authority and set up whatever government they choose.

Our Constitution was written so that laws can be changed as the thinking of the people changes.

Kingdom

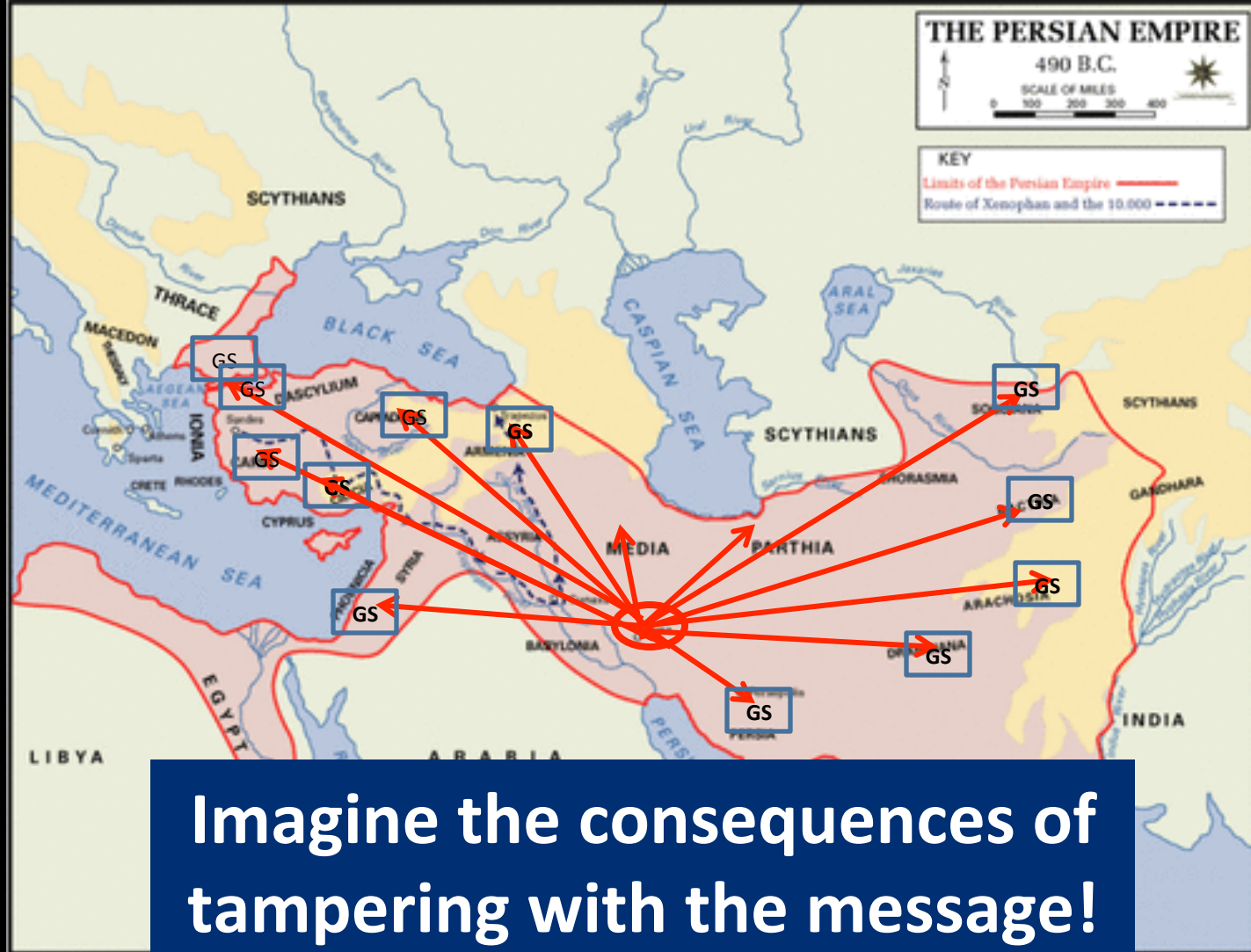


The monarch has all authority and the people have only such rights as he chooses to give them.

He makes the laws and the citizens must obey them whether they approve or not.

Jesus is a Monarch

- **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”**
(Matthew 28:18)
- **He is reigning now from heaven**
(Acts 2:34-36; 1 Cor. 15:25-26)
- **Example of monarch in Persia**
(Esther 3:8-15)



King in Susa Messengers carried message
Scribes Wrote on clay tablets, Governors, Satraps/Executed

When Jesus was Crowned as King

- He gave gifts to men
(Ephesians 4:8-12)
- **Apostles and Prophets** = Scribes
- **Evangelists** = Messengers
- **Pastors and Teachers** = Local
servants to execute His will

Apostles and Prophets = Scribes

- **Jesus sent them the Holy Spirit**
(John 14:26; 16:12-14)
- **He did not entrust them to speak until the Holy Spirit came** (Acts 1:4,8)
- **They would be given God's words**
– **His commandments**
(1 Cor. 2:13-14; 14:37; 2 Pet. 3:1-2)

Evangelists = Messengers

- **The Apostle Paul's instructions to Timothy and Titus, the evangelists**
 - **2 Timothy 1:6-7**
 - **2 Timothy 2:2**
 - **2 Timothy 4:2**
 - **Titus 2:15** (10 times – “Speak these things”)
 - **1 Peter 4:11** (“Speak as the oracles of God”)

Pastors & Teachers = **Local servants to execute His will**

Pastors

- **Made overseers by the Holy Spirit**
(Acts 20:28)
- **They have no legislative authority**
(Titus 1:9)
- **Some would speak perverse things**
(Acts 20:30)

Pastors & Teachers = **Local servants to execute His will**

Pastors

- **Cursed if they change what God said** (Galatians 1:8-9)
- **They must give account, sheep are to obey & be submissive** (Heb. 13:17)
- **They are responsible for edification** (Ephesians 4:12-16)

Jesus is an Unchanging King

■ **Laws of men change as the thinking of the people changes**

- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Abortion
- Homosexuality
- Divorce

Jesus is an Unchanging King

- **Laws of Jesus Christ DO NOT change with changing culture**
 - Hebrews 13:8
 - No provision for human councils to make or change laws for His kingdom
 - Jude 3
 - Revelation 22:18-19

**Are Spiritual Laws made 2,000
Years ago still Relevant?**

**Are the Laws of Nature still
Relevant after More
Thousands Of Years?**

They were made by the same lawmaker

Wisdom Evident

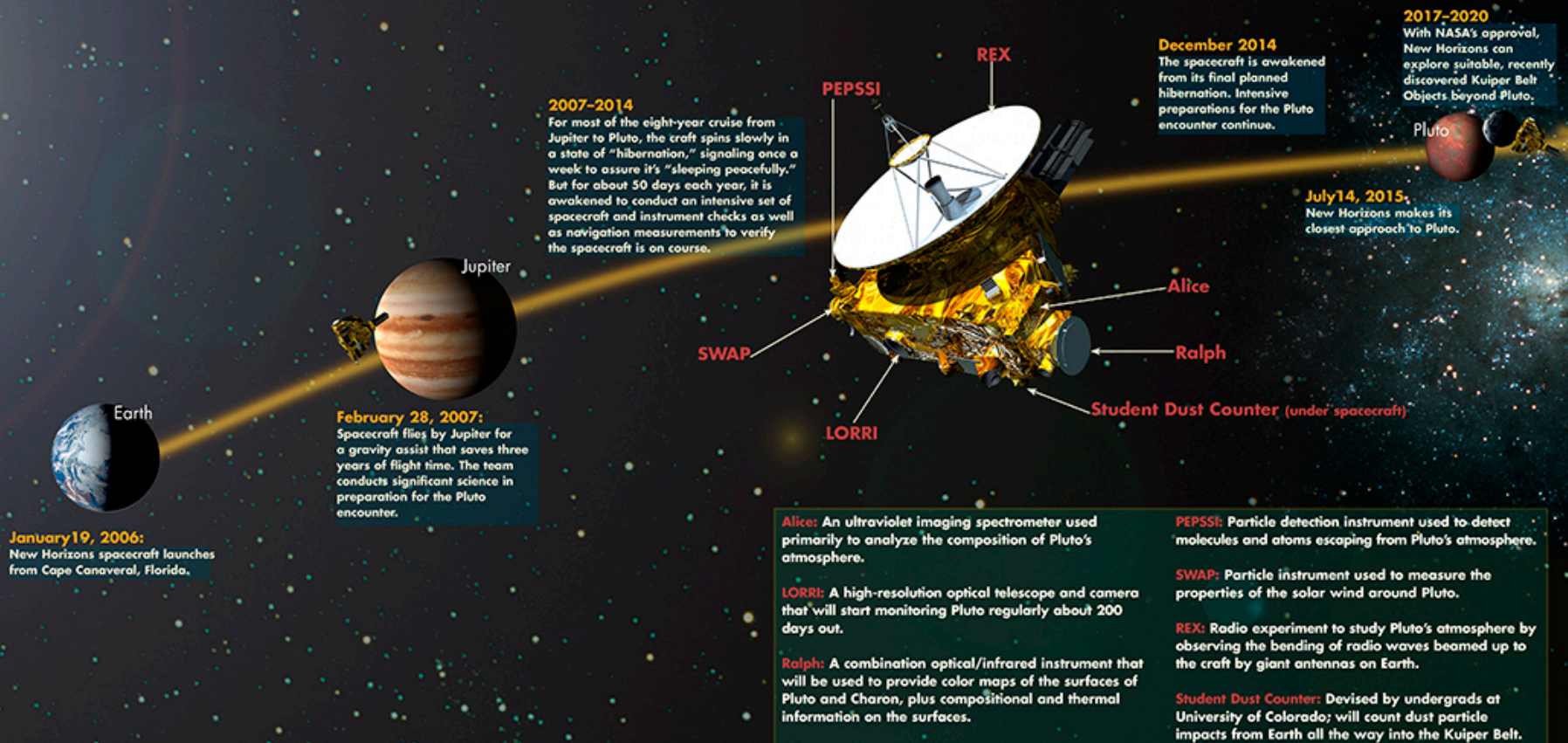
- **John 1:3**
- **Hebrews 1:3**
- **Romans 1:18-20**

Laws Unchanging

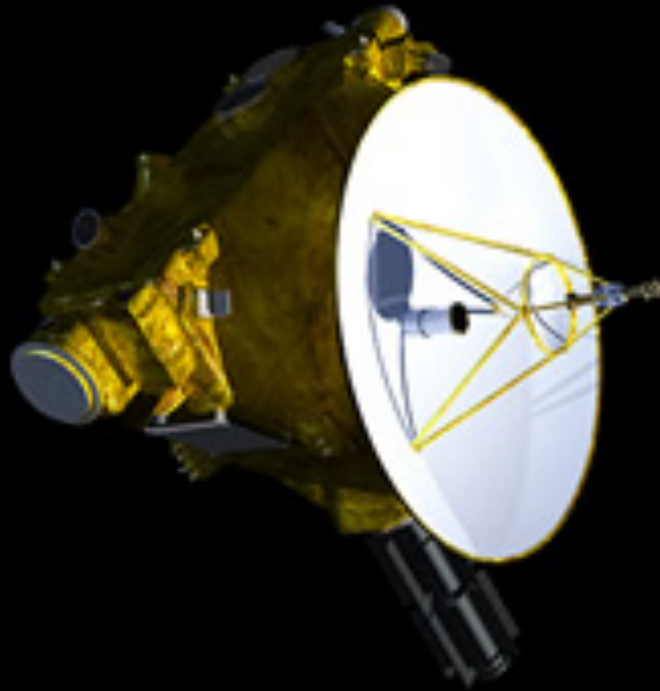
- Space exploration is made possible by dependability of Nature's laws.
- Man is helpless to change them.
- They do not need to be changed.
- No mercy for violation of natural law

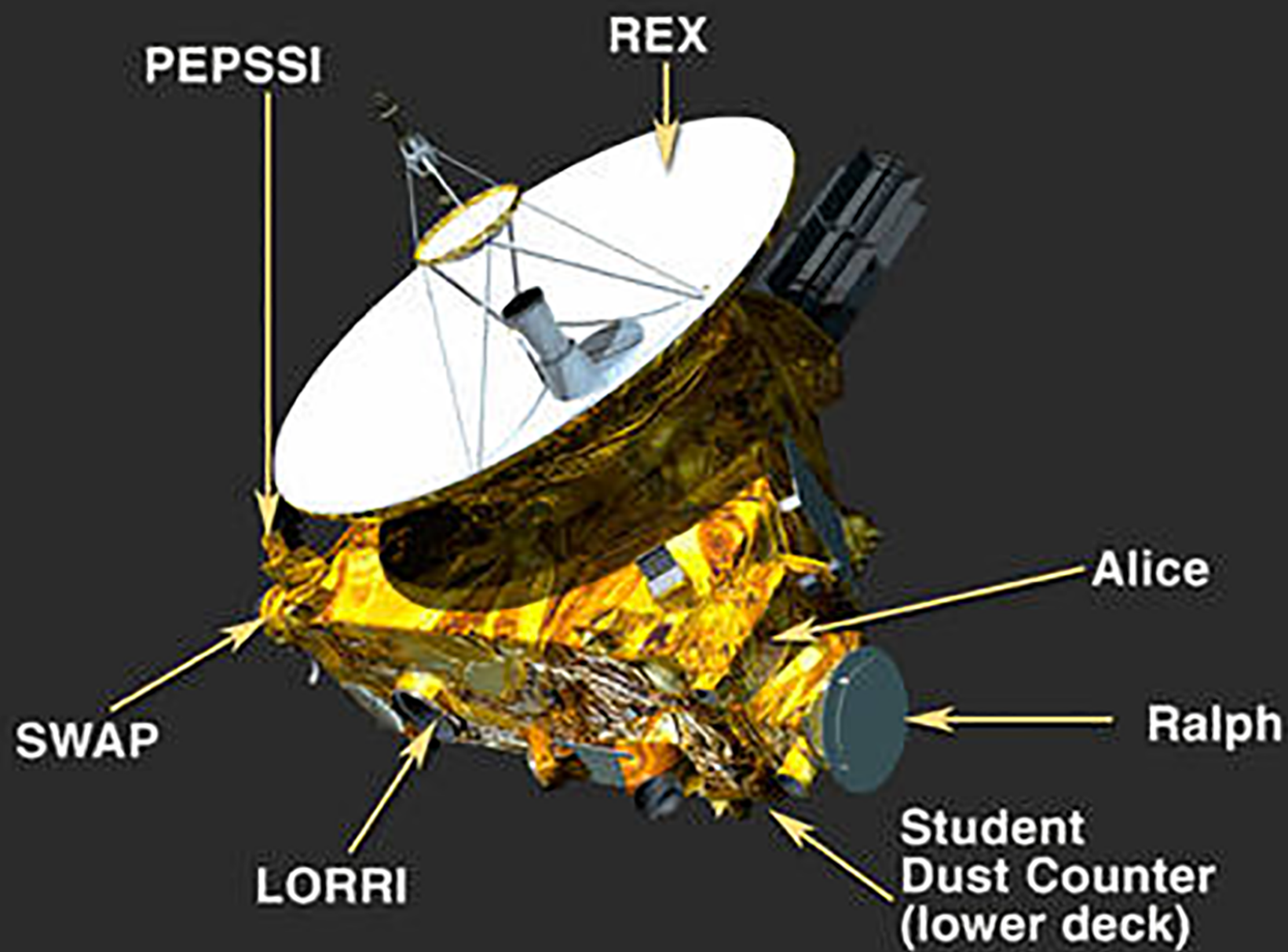
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Ten Years and Three Billion Miles...



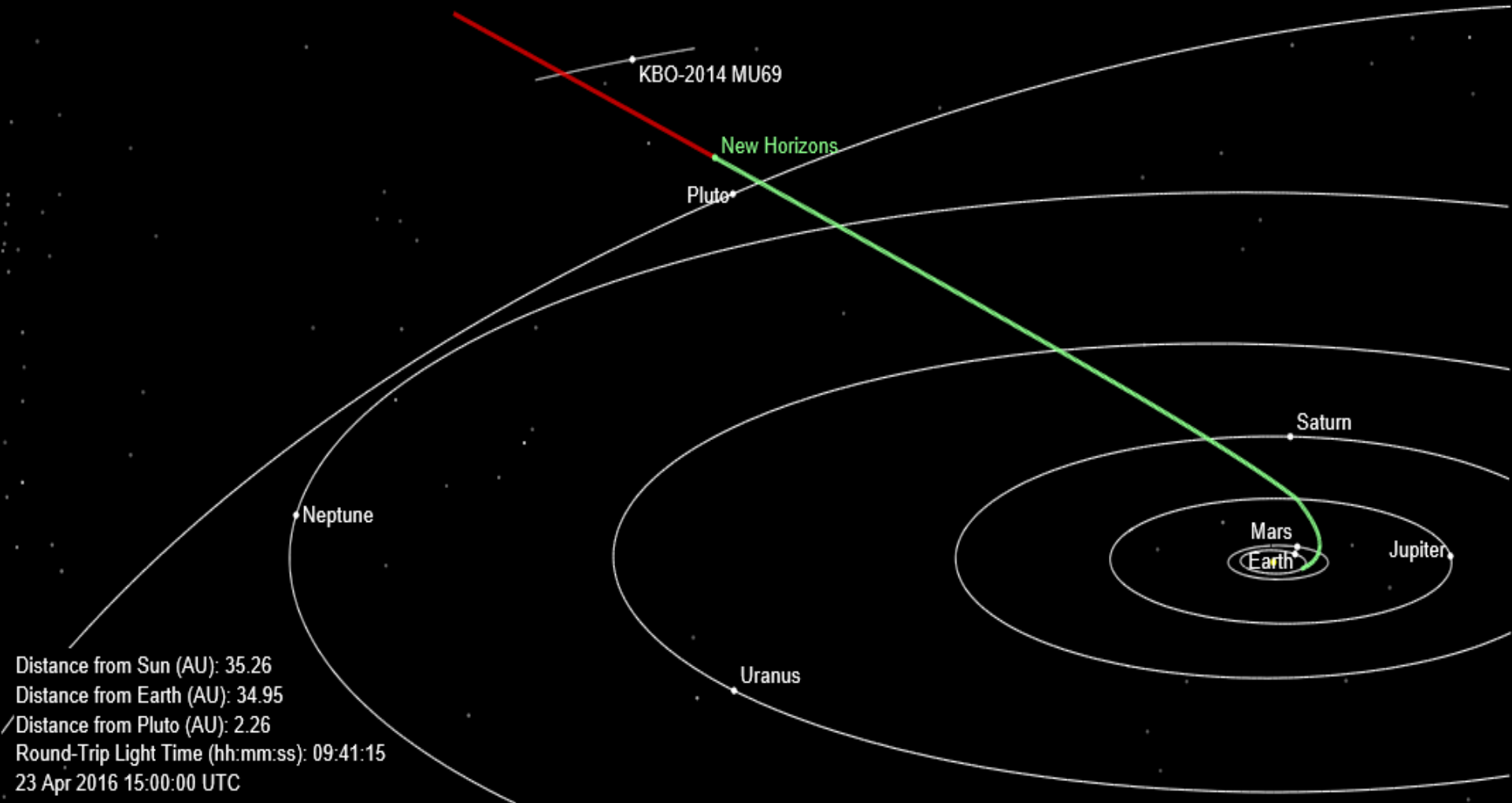
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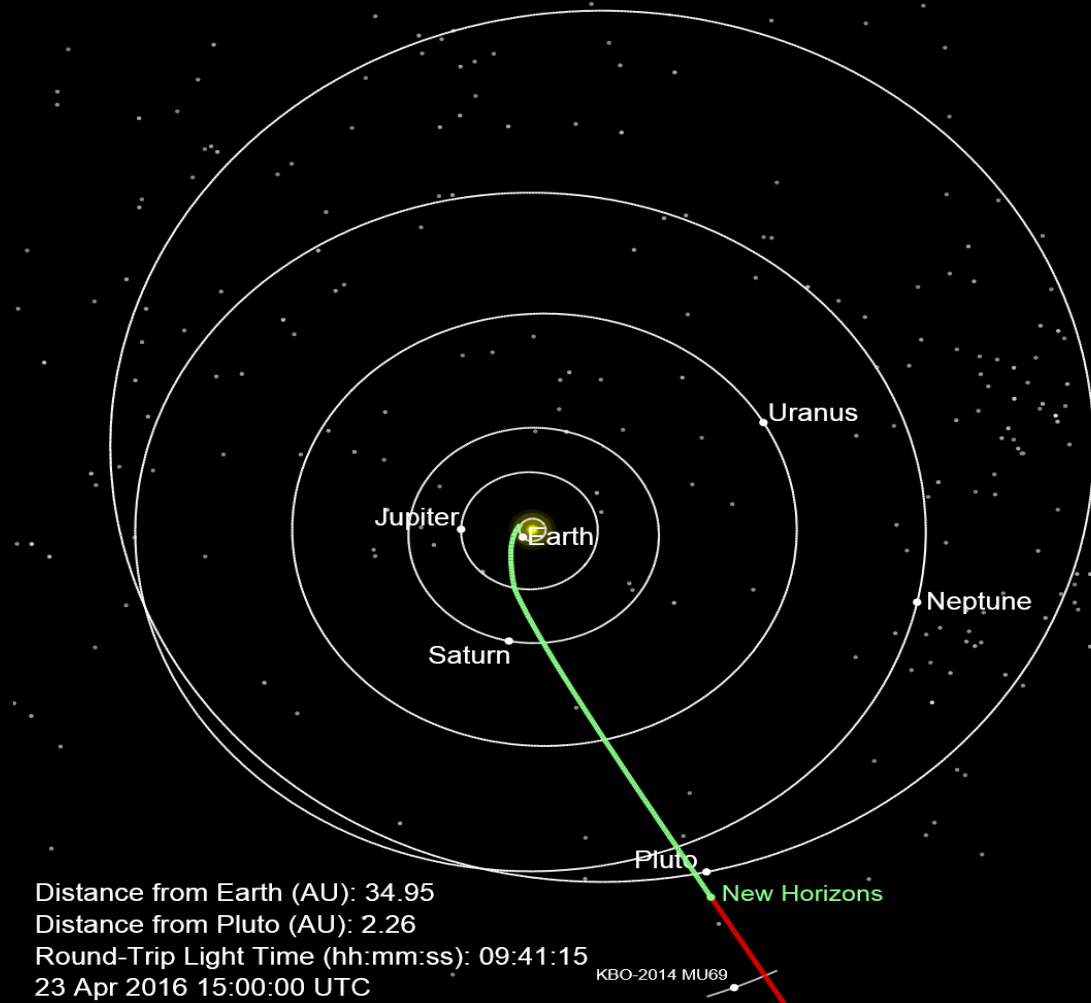
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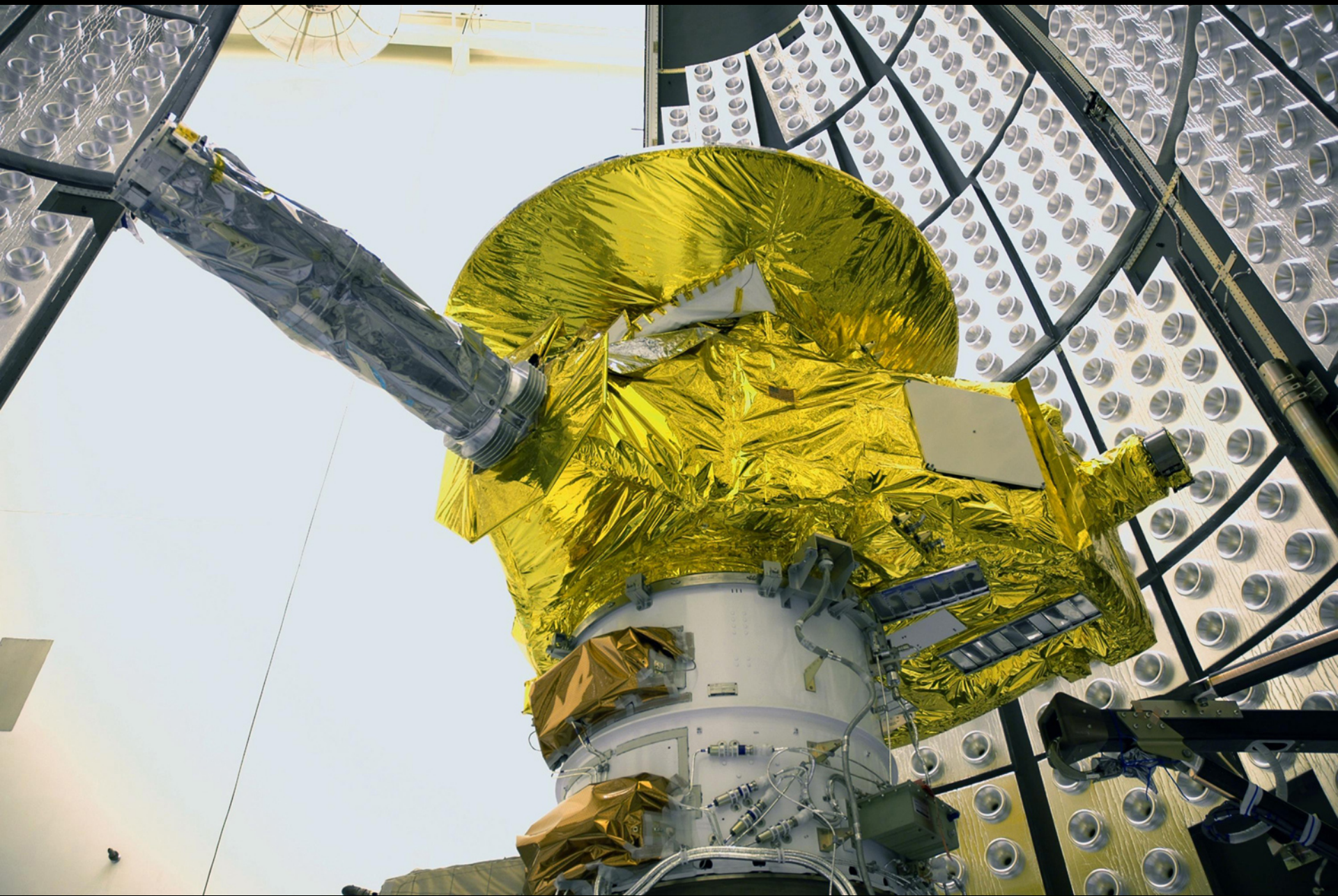


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New Horizons Full Trajectory - Overhead View

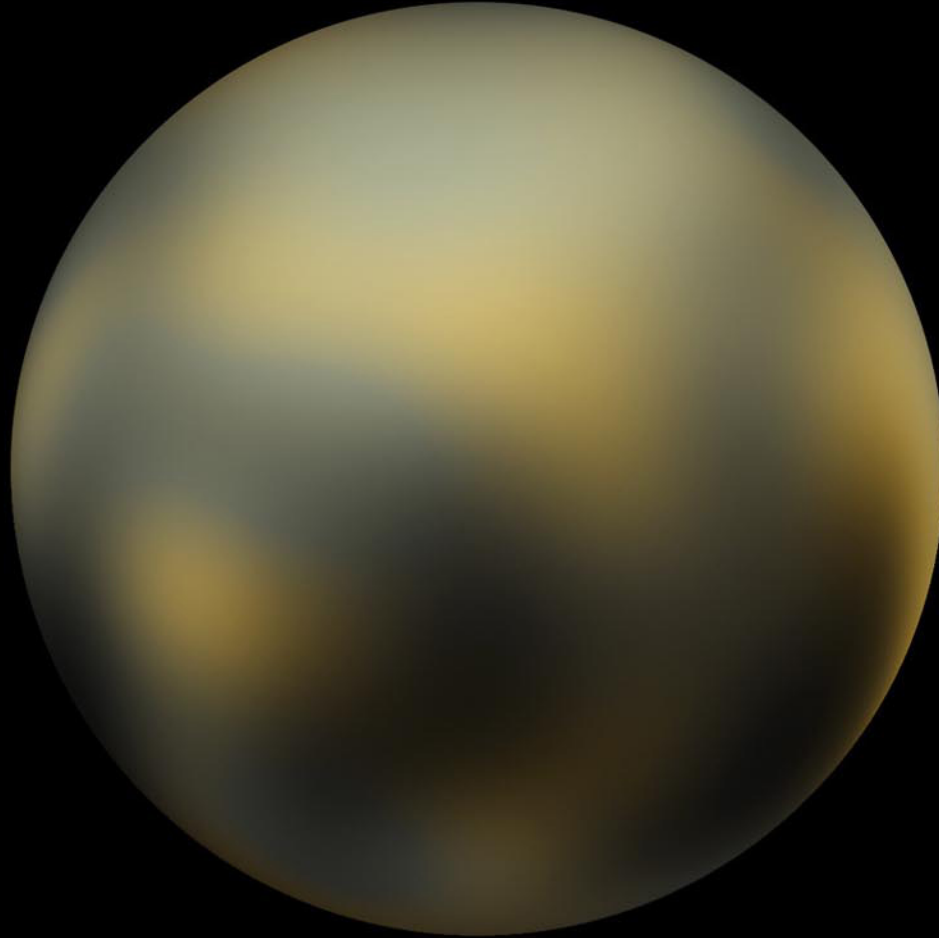
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Clearest Image of Pluto in 2003

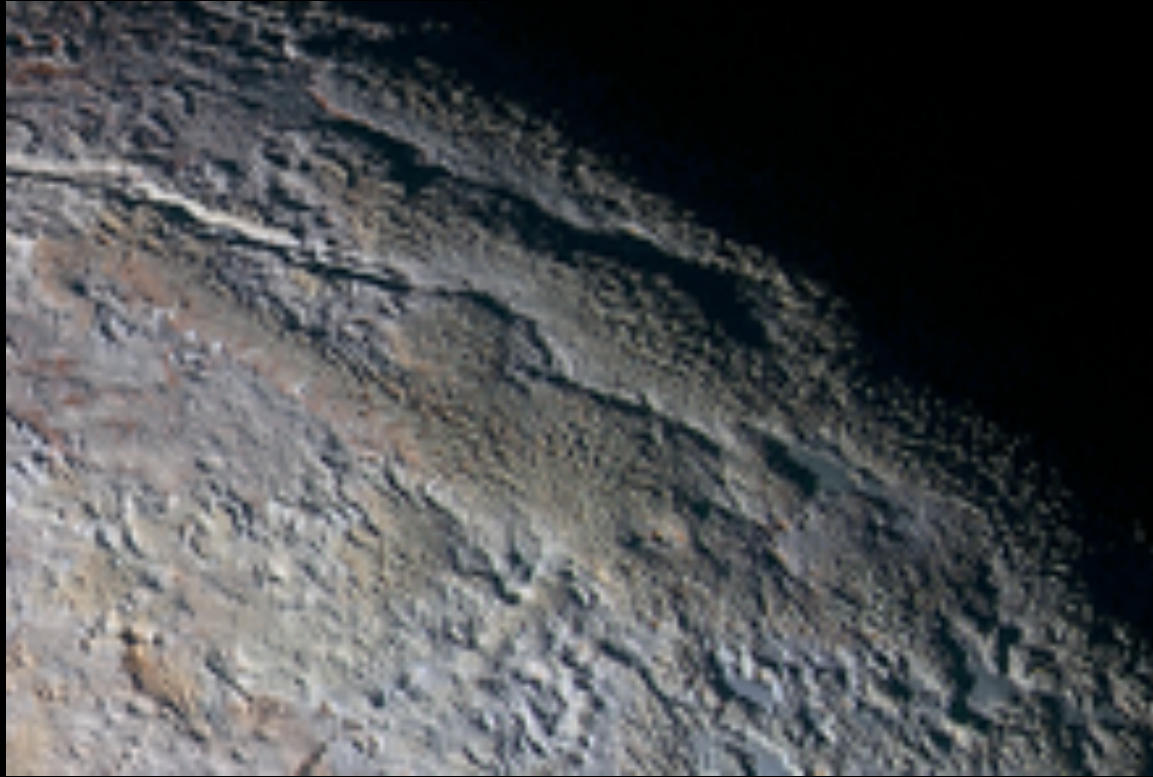


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Image of Pluto from New Horizons
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Snakeskin Terrain on Pluto
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**If God could make Natural laws
suitable for all ages, why not
Spiritual Laws?**

**The Need is not to Change God's
Laws to fit Man's Limited Wisdom**

**The Need is to Change MAN
to fit God's perfect LAWS**

**God sends a “strong delusion” to those
who do not believe the truth but have
pleasure in
unrighteousness.” (**
2 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

**Some “untaught and unstable
people twist [Paul’s writing] to their
own destruction, as *they* do also the
rest of the
Scriptures.” (**
2 Peter 3:16)

Two Ways to Study the Bible

Studying to
Justify What

We

Want to Do

Studying to
Learn What

The King

Wants Us to
Do