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Everything in the Universe is Terrible. Here's Why That's Awesome.

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Space is big. It's too big for us to really go anywhere. And it's filled with all sorts of horrible things that want to kill you. And why can't we travel through time? Or use wormholes? Why are we so alone? Compared to the wildest imaginations of our science fiction, why is our Universe so isolating and boring?

Join renowned science communicator Brendan Mullan for a discussion of our Universe's bitter shortcomings and how they are paradoxically its greatest strengths. Find out why the most disappointing realities of the cosmos are actually crucial to our existence. You might discover that life on the unforgiving cosmic frontier is not so bad after all.



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