Astronomers involved in a new online project to create a digital map of the heavens have discovered that most galaxies rotate anti-clockwise from the viewpoint of an observer on earth. A robotic telescope based in New Mexico has been taking images of the million brightest galaxies for the Sloan Digital Sky Survey. The images are then made available online at the Galaxy Zoo website, where people from all over the world can categorize them as either spiral or elliptical shaped galaxies. The website has received millions of hits within a few days, enabling them to carry out the work in a short space of time. The astronomers were surprised to note that most spiral galaxies rotate in the same direction, in a clockwise fashion around the earth.

Quote: *"The survey has revealed that the collections of millions of stars, dust, gas and planets in galaxies prefer to rotate anticlockwise from the viewpoint of an observer on Earth. Traditionally astronomers have believed that galaxies would spin either clockwise or anti-clockwise in equal proportion. But these observations would seem to suggest that either a mysterious force is acting on them or that the universe is in some way lopsided.*



There is a third explanation, that the Milky Way is somewhere near the centre of the universe. The traditional evolutionary view is that the earth is an insignificant planet, in an insignificant solar system, located in an insignificant galaxy which formed a few billion years after the "big bang". It is interesting that Doppler red-shift, light that is stretched due to stars moving away from us, is also apparently observable in every direction. I'm not a scientist and I haven't studied astronomy, but I believe according to Scriptures that the earth is right at the centre of God's creation. I love to think about the galaxies, and the hundreds of billions of stars and planets there may be out there. We are not told in Scripture that there is life on any of them. The Bible states that the earth was created first, and the heavens were created on the fourth day. So the earth occupies a special place in God's creation, and in His heart. But there is something of more value than all of these things to God... you and me. God left heaven and came to earth for us. He took upon Himself the form of a man and died upon a cross, so that worthless people like us could have a relationship with Him - the King of the universe. How can we have a relationship with God? Through His Son Jesus Christ. Just come to him as a sinner in need of a Saviour, and put your trust in Jesus Christ for salvation today. He has promised that all who come to Him, He will in no wise cast out (John 6:37).

I believe God may have also created the heavens so we could enjoy them forever. I think that the Lord has put a desire in man's heart to explore His creation. That was the commandment given to Adam and Eve in the beginning, to fill the earth and subdue it (Genesis 1:28). Perhaps after the Lord returns, we will be able to witness God's wonderful universe first-hand.

2nd Peter 3:11-14
Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Isaiah 65:17-18
For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

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