

Countdown to 3I/ATLAS: When Will This Cosmic Visitor Be Closest to Earth?

We are approaching the final days before 3I/ATLAS gets closest to Earth.

According to a report by ABC News, the mysterious space object will “pass within 167 million miles” of Earth on Friday, which is the peak point that it will near our world. The outlet also notes how NASA is currently estimating the comet to be in the measurement sizes between 1,444 feet and 3.5 miles.

This interstellar object, which has kept everyone talking for months, will be “much closer to Jupiter in March,” as ABC stated, and will not find its way back out to interstellar space until the mid-2030s.

Harvard professor Avi Loeb, who has been heavily invested in the appearance of the interstellar object, discussed in a recent post on Medium that the “anti-tail” of 3I/ATLAS is currently still in place. Loeb writes that it is “not a perspective effect,” but rather this is a “real physical jet, with a glow extending from 3I/ATLAS towards the Sun.”

Loeb also recently noted that one of the recent “post-perihelion” photos of the unique space object showed colors of “blue, green, orange and red” with “its peak brightness on the nucleus 3I/ATLAS” and “The color of the glowing halo appear[ing] green.”

As 3I/ATLAS makes its closest approach, we are reminded that

the heavens themselves declare the glory of God. While scientists marvel at its size, trajectory and brilliant colors, the true purpose of keeping our eyes on the skies is to lift our hearts higher—to Jesus, the One who holds the universe in His hands. The heavens may awe us, but it is Jesus who guides us, and it is in keeping our eyes on Him that we find direction, hope and peace in the final days.

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