

## What Is Nothing?

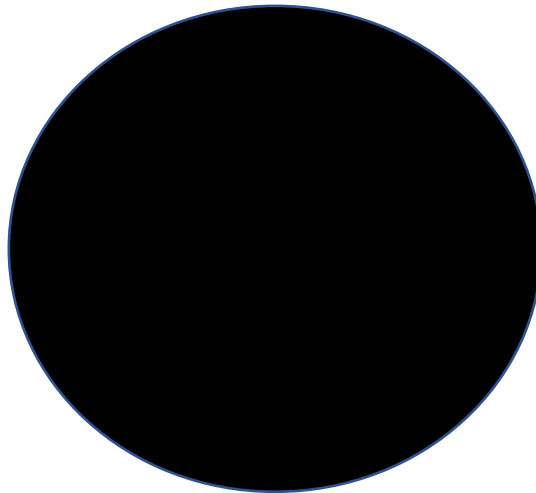
does spacetime exist  
if there is no “stuff” in it?  
—I’m just wondering

if there is no “here”  
where could “there” possibly be?  
—no distance between

if there is no “now”  
when could “then” possibly be?  
—no future, no past

what might it “look” like  
if there’s no one to see it,  
or imagine it?

if every “thing” left,  
if the Universe went blank,  
what is left over?



These questions might appear frivolous, even silly. But “What is nothing?” is perhaps the most fundamental and perplexing question in cosmology.

Image: A metaphorical depiction (i.e., “something”) of “nothing.”

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